



## **Rushmore Rotary Classification Talk Guidelines**

### **The Classification Talk**

We want to learn something about your vocation or classification but also about your specific job and you personally. The following list is a hodgepodge assembled from the classification talk guidelines of many other Rotary clubs. You may not be able to include all of the bullet points in your talk, but perhaps they will give you an idea of what to talk about. Feel free to add other information that will help us get to know you. Your classification talk should be approximately 5-7 minutes long.

### **Vocational**

- What it is exactly that you do: if you are not self-employed, the company you work for and your position in it, as well as what the company as a whole does
- Why you chose your particular business or profession (if you previously had a different job or career, why you changed career paths)
- Parts of your job you find most rewarding and most difficult
- Forecast employment opportunities in your field for the coming decade
- What kind of education and experience are required to get into your vocation
- Advice you would give persons entering your career field
- How your profession is being impacted by technology, government regulations, and environmental factors

### **Personal**

- What brought you to this area if you were not born here
- Your family—if applicable, your spouse's name, where you met, how long you've been married, number and ages of children, etc.
- Your hobbies and special interests
- Interesting travel (for business or pleasure) or any other experiences that might be of interest to fellow Rotarians

### **Rotary**

- Other Rotary clubs you've belonged to, if any
- Why you joined this club