**Rotary Club Vocational/Classification Talk**

**What is the Classification Talk?** Each new Rotary member or transferee is asked to give a "classification talk" after they have been in our Club for 1 - 6 months. You were assigned a classification when you joined relating to your business and position. This is your chance to tell members about yourself and your business. It shouldn't be a big chore because you should already know all the answers. Please make this Classification Talk your own and truly representative of you.

**Time Frame:** 5-10 minutes, leave some time for questions at the end of your Talk!

**Suggested topics, in no particular order:**

* Reasons for joining the Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park
* What you like best about our Rotary Club
* Your profession:
	+ - * Where you work now and what you do
			* What the business sells
			* Why you chose your particular business or profession
			* Parts of your job you find most rewarding and most difficult.
			* Forecast employment opportunities in your field for the coming decade.
			* Advice you would give persons entering your career field.
			* How your profession is being impacted by technology, government regulations, and environmental factors.
			* Ethical issues you face at work, and how the Rotary 4-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct helps you deal with them.
* Interesting previous job or experience
* Where you grew up
* Educational background
* Family – about your spouse, children, and pets
* Where you live/have lived
* Hobbies
* Countries visited
* Most Incredible Thing You’ve Ever Seen or Done
* Last Thing – something that no one knows about you
* Questions from the members

**Some presentation hints:**

* Speak clearly and in an audible tone – stick to your prepared text or outline
* Use hand movements sparingly – avoid nervous habits such as coughing or twitching.
* Maintain eye contact with your fellow Rotarians and always face your audience.
* Avoid the urge to rush though your 5-10 minute talk to “get it over with.”
* Try to relax as much as possible and put genuine emotion into your voice.
* Visuals such as PowerPoint can enliven your talk.

**Finally:** How you share information about your profession is up to you! Relax and enjoy your opportunity to educate your fellow Rotarians about who you are and your vocation.