



Rotary

Club of Sunriver-La Pine
Serving South Deschutes County



Sunriver-La Pine Rotary Member Classification Talk

What is the Classification Talk?

Every Rotary member or transferee is urged to give a "Classification Talk" after they have been in our Club for a few months, or longer.

A "classification" describes the principal activity of the company or business with which a Rotarian is connected.

For example, a police officer could be classified as "law enforcement", a school principal as "public education". The reason for classifications is to ensure a well-balanced club with members of many vocations.

As you know one of Rotary's four avenues of service is "vocational service", whereby we honor and respect our individual contributions to our community through our vocations.

This is your chance to tell members about yourself and your profession. It shouldn't be a big chore because you should already know all of the answers.

Please make your Classification Talk your own and truly representative of you.

The following is a rough guideline for giving your classification talk:

1. State your name, where you currently work, and what you do there.
2. Give a brief history of yourself. This can include where you were born, childhood interests and family statistics, people that had an influence on you, major life events such as military service or travel.
3. Talk about your work history, training and education. This can include why you chose your profession (or perhaps why it chose you).
4. If desired, you can share your present hobbies, interests, values and beliefs. This could include why you joined Rotary, what you hope to gain from it, and what you feel you can contribute.
5. Finally, the best part, it should take no more than 10-15 minutes, but leave time for questions at the end of your talk. It is a great opportunity to share information about yourself. Relax and enjoy!
6. Visual aids such as PowerPoint or Handouts can enliven your talk.