

Classification Talk Outline

New Member "Who Am I"

Each new member of Rotary will be asked to give a new member "classification talk" after they have been in Rotary for 1 - 6 months. You were assigned a classification when you joined relating to your business & position. It is your chance to tell members about yourself and your business. It shouldn't be a big chore because you should already know the subject better than everyone else in the room!

Your talk can be 3 to 5 minutes long. Longer talks may require coordination with the program chairman. Your personal story can be elaborate or short. To help you, some things you might want to include are:

Introduce yourself

You live in (town)

Married or single (Spouse's name if applicable)

Children and ages

Schools they attend

Spouse's business if applicable

Any famous children or do they do something special

Where you lived before.

Where you grew up.

Where you went to school

Where you met you spouse,

Military Service?

Hobbies: (Fishing, Camping or RVing, Ham Radio, Stamps, Computers, etc)

Where you work now

Where you have worked before (optional)

What your business does or sells. .

How long you have been there.

What you do for the company or position.

Any special items you sell or special services your company does

What makes your company special?

Business History: how long it's been there

Any business travels to other countries or places. (With group, family, individually)

This is your big chance to "advertise" your company to Rotary members. We do want to know where your company is and what it does. Normally, we do not "advertise" in meetings.

You do not have to answer all questions above; they are intended to give an idea of what to say if you need help getting started. It is only intended as a possible outline.

The talk is not meant to embarrass you, but to let us get to know you, as you want us to. You are not expected to "come off" as a professional speaker. Most of us are not.

If you have something special to show us, you can bring it in.