

Rotary

Club of Oyster Point of Newport News



2/14/25 Meeting - Club Classification Talk

Classification Talk Guidelines

Following is some information to help you understand the concept of classifications and classification talks, along with some suggestions to help you prepare the talk, which should be just 5–7 minutes long.

The Classification Principle

The following selection from The ABCs of Rotary explains the classification principle.

Virtually all membership in Rotary is based upon a "classification." Basically a classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society.

The principle of Rotary classification is somewhat more specific and precise. In determining the classification of a Rotarian it is necessary to look at the "principal or recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company or institution" with which an active member is connected or "that which covers his principal and recognized business or professional activity."

It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by a particular individual. In other words, if a person is the president of a bank, he or she is not classified as "bank president" but under the classification "banking."

It is the principal and recognized activity of a business or professional establishment or the individual's principal and recognized business or professional activity that determines the classification to be established and loaned to a qualified person. For example, the permanently employed electrical engineer, insurance adjustor, or business manager of a railroad company, mining company, manufacturing concern, hospital, clinic, etc., may be considered for membership as a representative of the particular work he or she may be doing personally or as a representative of the firm, company, or institution for which the professional service is being done.

The classification principle also permits business and industries to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing and servicing. Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a large corporation or university within the club's territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering.

The classification principle is a necessary concept in assuring that each Rotary club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community.

The Classification Talk

When you give a "classification talk," strictly speaking you are not talking about yourself or your job or business but about the industry in which you are employed, the "principal or recognized business or professional activity of [your] firm, company or institution." For our purposes, we're going to take a slightly broader view. We want to learn something about your vocation or classification but also about your specific job and you personally. The following list is a hodge-podge 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.

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

Basically, the Club should get to know you!

Classification Talk example from The Rotary Club of Lawrenceville,
<https://lawrencevillerotary.org/resources/classification-talk-guidelines/>

Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Day - Volunteer Opportunity



Calling all volunteers! Be a part of the excitement at the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast's Cookie Count-n-Go on February 22nd, 2025! Help us distribute an incredible 65,000 cases of cookies - over 780,000 boxes to more than 350 troops at three bustling delivery centers. Join us for this one-of-a-kind event and make a big impact in your community!

Event is rain, snow, or shine!

Volunteers can choose from three locations:

- Virginia Peninsula Community College - 99 Thomas Nelson Dr, Hampton, VA 23666
- Hampton Roads Moving & Storage - 2006 Northgate Commerce Parkway, Suffolk, VA 23435
- Tidewater Community College - 1700 College Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23453

Volunteers can choose a shift or help all day:

- 1st shift is 7am to 10am
- 2nd shift is 9:30am to 1pm
- All day

Volunteers will be loading and counting cases of cookies into volunteer vehicles and must be:

- 15 years or older (minors must have their caregiver's permission)
- Prepared to work the entire shift selected
- Able to lift at least 30 pounds
- Able to be on their feet for at least 3 hours

Additional information:

- We'll provide water and snacks, but we recommend bringing your own water bottle as well
- Volunteers will receive a participation letter; the letter will be generally addressed ("Dear Volunteer") with a blank space for volunteer hours
- Volunteers will receive a box of Girl Scout cookies when checking out

Have questions or ready to volunteer? Contact Janelle Campbell at janellec@gsgccc.org to RSVP. Please make sure to RSVP by February 10 and include your preferred location and shift choice.

2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul

Healing in a Divided World

Led by Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February 2025, will be an opportunity for the Rotary community and our partners to build on Rotary's contributions to promoting peace by exploring:

- Peace in a polarized world
- Technology, media, and peacebuilding
- Environmental issues in peacebuilding
- Making peace last

The conference will also recognize the launch of the new Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

The three-day conference includes keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions that will highlight the many ways Rotary members, program participants, partners, and community leaders can advocate for peace; share stories, insights, and ideas about building peace locally and globally; and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace within our communities and beyond.

Don't miss this special, one-time event focused on ways to take action to advance the cause of peace and explore important issues of our time, including creating sustainable peace and healing in a divided world.

More details at <https://www.rotary.org/en/2025-rotary-presidential-peace-conference>

Calgary International Convention: Registration Open!

The Rotary International Convention is open to all Rotarians. Register [here](#) for an exciting opportunity to have fun with fellow members from our district and around the world.



MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Register today at convention.rotary.org

#Rotary25

In Person Breakfast Meeting + Zoom

The Rotary Club of Oyster Point is meets at the James River Country Club at 7:30 am for breakfast as well as in a [Zoom Meeting](#).

The Zoom meeting will start at 7:45 a.m. You can log in as early as 7:00 am to enjoy coffee and social time before the meeting starts. There is plenty of capacity to host visiting Rotarians, potential members, and guests. Bring a guest and introduce them to the Rotary Club of Oyster Point!

[Read More](#)

Rotary Month: February is Peace and Conflict Resolution Month

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Peace has been one of Rotary's top goals almost since the day Paul Harris founded it in 1905. In 1914, the convention adopted a resolution proposed by the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario, that the International Association of Rotary Clubs "lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world." In 1921, with memories of World War I fresh in their minds, delegates to the



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

Rotary International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, incorporated into Rotary's constitution the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service."

Events

February 7th, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lindsey Watson

Subject: My trip to Sri Lanka and the history and culture I learned about their country.

February 21st, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo Research Director, Wason Center for Civic Leadership

Subject: Post Election Analysis / ReCap

February 28th, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Chris McCormick Director of Development and Disability Training at Community

Subject: A nonprofit organization based in Newport News, VA, that promotes disability inclusion through skill-building programs and community partnerships.

February 14th, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Classification Talks

February 22nd, 7:00-1:00 PM

[Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Day Volunteering](#)

March 7th, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Carol A Green VP Milly in Motion

Subject: Milly in Motion, Inc. exists to support physical fitness opportunities for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities by empowering them to create their own path to better fitness and wellness.

Birthdays



[Thomas R Brooks](#)
February 1st



[Dale Goodman](#)
February 5th



[Andrew T. Dunn](#)
February 7th



[Eric R. Wildemann](#)
February 8th



[Amy B. Reineri](#)
February 28th



[Adam Creekmur](#)
March 4th

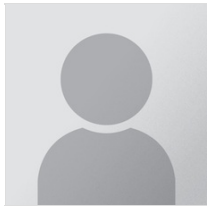
Years of Service



[Delp C. Givens](#)
35 Years



[Leslie A. Bryant](#)
21 Years



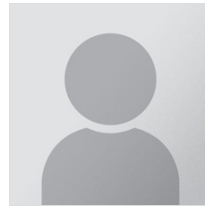
[Jack L. Anderson](#)
20 Years



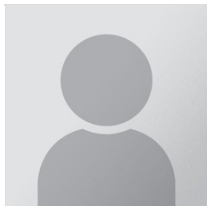
[Nelson E. Kelley](#)
18 Years



[Michael Daniels](#)
17 Years



[Abby Anderson](#)
12 Years



[Wesley A Rogers](#)
0 Years

Club Leaders



[Jeffery Andrew Trimbur](#)
President
Club Director



[Lindsey Watson](#)
President-Elect
Club Director
International Service Chair
Membership Chair



[Delp C. Givens](#)
President-Nominee
Club Director



[Feryl Marlin Stover](#)
iPast President



[Sarah M. Saville](#)
Club Director
Secretary
International



[Ed Maroney](#)
Club Director
Treasurer
Webmaster



[Robert A. Manzie](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

[Richard Brandt](#)
Club Director
Rotary Foundation



Service Chair
[Leslie A. Bryant](#)
 Club Director
 Community
 Service Chair
 Youth Services
 Chair



[Michael Daniels](#)
 Club Director



[Betsy Fink](#)
 Club Director
 Hospitality



Chair
[Philip L. Hatchett](#)
 Club Director



[Thomas P. Herbert](#)
 Club Director



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 Past President
 Club Director



[Dale Goodman](#)
 Interact Club
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 Club Programs
 Chair

Club Meeting

Oyster Point of Newport News

Meets at We are meeting in person at the James River Country Club and via Zoom. Please email the President for the link to join us.

1500 Country Club Road

Newport News, VA

Time: Friday at 07:30 AM