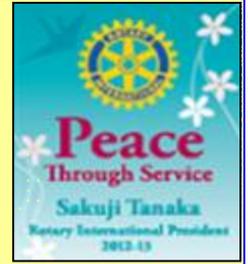


# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## Meeting Report - 25 March

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**Club Meetings**  
Kimberley Club  
Monday  
12:45 for 13:00

**Bulletin Editor**  
Barry Downs

Corlia was on Fellowship Duty and welcomed us all in grand style. After which Corporal Chris opened the meeting with Grace, the Four Way Test and a toast to South Africa.

President Pete reminded his Board of their forthcoming meeting, and also reminded all of us that there would be no meeting on 1 April since it is a public holiday.

We are all delighted to learn that PP Tom McGhee (formerly a member of this club) has been nominated for the position of District Governor of our new District 9370 for the year 2015-16.

Our Golf Day at Magersfontein Golf Club is on track for 18 May.

There will be a report back on our involvement with CANSA's recent *Relay For Life* in the next week or two.

Serjeant Gill saw to the Dates and Duties, and Ken announced our attendance as 18/23 for 78.3%.

Corporal Chris entertained us with a selection of legal matters, thereby enhancing our contribution to Foundation. Finally, he closed the meeting with his tail piece, a note of which your incompetent scribe failed to make.

**Whom am I going to invite to Rotary?**

**Last meeting's attendance—78%**

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## **Peter Thomas' contribution for ending armed conflict the world over.**

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing ass-backwards.

Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some asshole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the hell. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch.

If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd have forgotten where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys.. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

Hoever, they could lighten up on the obstacle course. I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He hasn't even figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with bad attitudes and automatic weapons, who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting Women over 50 in menopause!!! You think MEN have attitudes?? Ohhhhhhhhhhhh my!!! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!

## And another one from Peter...

As a combat vessel, the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides—a USA ship) carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (ie fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log:-

"On July 27, 1798, the USS Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of...

- 475 officers and men,
- 48,600 gallons of fresh water,
- 7,400 cannon shot,
- 11,600 pounds of black powder and
- 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping." [*boo and hiss — ed*]

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on...

- 826 pounds of flour and
- 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with...

- 550 pounds of beef and
- 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days [*and this is where Peter's story enters the realms of fantasy—ed*] she defeated five British men-of-war ships, and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland where her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

After a seven month long mission, the USS Constitution arrived back in Boston on 20 February 1799 with...

- no cannon shot,
- no food,
- no powder,
- no rum,
- no wine,
- no whisky,
- and 38,600 gallons of water.

GO NAVY!



# Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

(Meetings: 12:45 Monday lunchtime at the Kimberley Club—unless otherwise stated)



## April—Magazine Month

1 Family Day

## May—No Rotary designation

9-11 Family Health Day function with Kimberley South

18 Golf Day @ MMGC

## June—Rotary Fellowships Month

31 The last day of District 9320

## July—No Rotary designation

1 The Birth of District 9370

## August—Membership and Extension Month

### Dates & Duties

If you are unable to perform a duty, please make sure you arrange a replacement.  
(and please advise Barry by email or SMS of any changes)

### Fellowship

12:30 Welcome Rotarians & Guests. See that Rotarians wear their name tags and that guests are welcomed.

- Apr 8 Amanda van Zyl & Barry Downs
- Apr 15 Andries & Sharon Erasmus
- Apr 22 Dwayne Evans & Liesel Evans
- Apr 29 Allison Fletcher & Jannie Jacobs

### Corporal

Grace, 4-Way Test, Toast to SA – Fines – Tailpiece.

- Apr 8 Philip Maritz
- Apr 15 Judy Morrison
- Apr 22 André Oberholzer
- Apr 29 Hugh McGibbon

### Birthday Greetings

- Apr 9 Philip Maritz
- Apr 16 Gill Downs
- Apr 19 Paul Harris (1868)
- Apr 29 Lizanne van Niekerk

### Wedding Anniversaries

- Apr 26 Hentie & Lizanne van Niekerk
- May 17 Philip & Shirley Maritz
- Jun 28 Barry & Gill Downs
- Jul 16 Gordon & Shirley Dally (Honorary)

### Induction Anniversaries

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|--------|-------------------|------|
| Apr 29 | Ken Quinn         | 1993 |
| May 17 | Corlia van Tonder | 2010 |
| Jun 2  | Janine Snyders    | 2008 |
| Jun 3  | Philip Maritz     | 1981 |

### Coffee Club



10:00 at the "Hole in the Wall"

- Apr 9 Liesel Evans
- Apr 16 Peter Thomas
- Apr 23 Jannie Jacobs
- Apr 30 Hugh McGibbon

### Coffee Club Birthday Greetings

Changes—please advise Barry Downs

- May 10 Ron Wilson
- Jun 14 Piet vd Merwe
- Jul 15 Mark Harding
- Aug 8 Derek Preece

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### Griqua Goodies

Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth.  
—Oscar Wilde