



ROTARY GRIQUA

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MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR CLUBS

The Council on Legislation is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

A \$4 per year dues increase was approved, based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. "We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future." Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions, the following will take effect on 1 July 2016:

- A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions — recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They'll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only. The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on Legislation to concentrate on enactments — changes to Rotary's governing documents.
- Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued that too few Rotaractors (around 5 percent) join Rotary. Sometimes it's because they don't want to leave their Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It's hoped that giving them more options will boost the numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.
- The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.
- The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.

- A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY
Chartered 20 August 1951
Rotary District 9370

RI President: K.R. Ravindran

District Governor: Tom McGhee

Assistant Governor: Gill Quinn

Club Pres: André Oberholzer

Club Board:

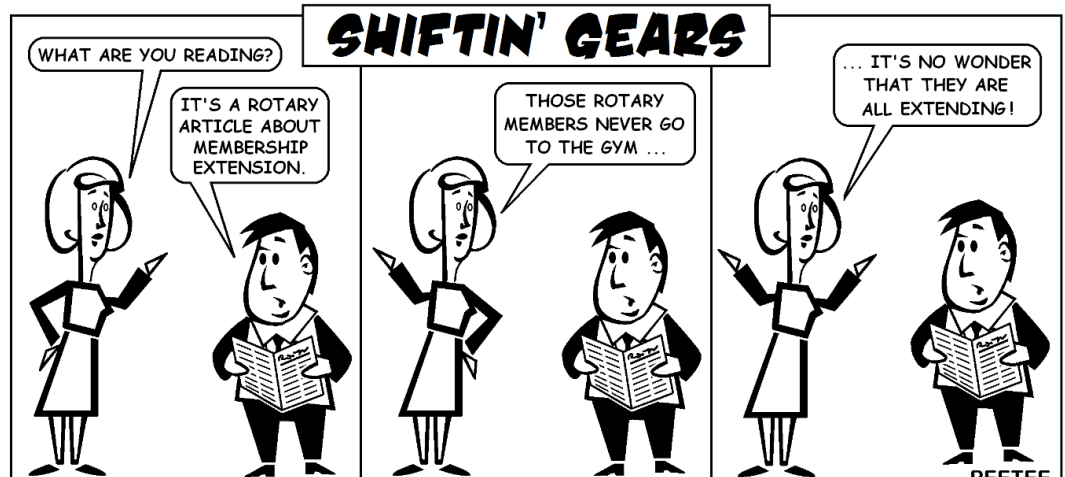
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Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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CALENDAR & DUTIES

MAY

9 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
(Guest Speaker – Wes Papenfus)
16 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
23 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
24 May: Maddy & Family arrives for visit
30 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

28 May – 1 Jun: 2016 RI Convention, Seoul
10-11 Jun: District Conference, Potchefstroom
11 Jun: Exchange Student Ahna's Birthday
15 June: Exchange Student Ahna Departs

DUTIES

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WEEK OF 9 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: Clayton D. & Barry Downs
CORPORAL: Ken Quinn
TUES COFFEE CLUB: JJ Hoffmann
AHNA FOR DINNER: Peter Thomas

WEEK OF 16 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen Fairweather
CORPORAL: Peter Thomas
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Luzaan Hoffman
AHNA FOR DINNER: JJ & Luzan Hoffman

WEEK OF 23 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: JJ & Luzaan Hoffman
CORPORAL: Corlia van Tonder
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas
AHNA FOR DINNER: Jannie Jacobs

WEEK OF 30 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: Jannie Jacobs & Philip Maritz
CORPORAL: Pete van Zyl
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder
AHNA FOR DINNER: Philip Maritz

WEEK OF 6 JUNE

FELLOWSHIP: Ken & Gill Quinn
CORPORAL: Brenda Booth
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl
AHNA FOR DINNER: André Oberholzer

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CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

May 08: Ken Quinn
May 16: Barry Downs
Jun 11: Ahna Chapman
Jul 08: Shirley Dally

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 17: Philip & Shirley Maritz
Jun 28: Barry & Gill Downs

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

May 17: Corlia van Tonder 2010
Jun 02: Janine Snyders 2008
Jun 03: Philip Maritz 1981

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

Jun 14: Piet v.d. Merwe

MEME OF THE WEEK



So tell me, how far
can you drive golf ball?



About 290 meters
on a good day!



Wow, I don't even drive
that far when I go
on holiday!