



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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25 JULY 2016

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## THE WOUNDED HEROES PROJECT

The deafening roar of motorcycles was the only sound audible on the morning of 9 July, as a sea of leather jacket and bandana-clad bikers revved up their rides in the parking lot of Wayne County Community College District's Downriver campus in Taylor.

In a two-abreast formation, a succession of bikes began to leave the college, making their way onto North Line Road for a ride that was not only fun, but also served a purpose.

The Rotary clubs of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Taylor, along with the Dearborn Heights Kiwanis Club, were among the organizations that sponsored the second annual Wounded Heroes Motorcycle Ride.

At 10 a.m., 150 bikers left WCCCD to cruise through the Downriver communities, as well as Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, ending at Fritz Enterprises in Trenton. The fundraiser was created to assist Army Sgts. Eric Lund and Patrick Tackett, who were severely wounded when their Humvee vehicle was attacked by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan on 20 May 2012.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Lund, Tackett and three other soldiers were on their way to an abandoned village when the IED detonated underneath the truck, flipping the vehicle over. Lund was found lying under the Humvee with his arms crushed, a leg fractured and his face slashed. His arms eventually were amputated. Though Tackett's injuries were not as severe, he still suffered from nerve damage in his arms and legs, two fractured vertebrae in his back, a mild brain injury and ruptured eardrums.

Almost a year after the ambush, Michigan natives Lund and Tackett were released from duty, returning to their Ludington and Madison Heights homes. After undergoing rehabilitation, Lund now has prosthetic arms to help him with everyday activities.

The Michigan chapter of the organization Wounded America selected the two veterans for the fundraiser, said Larry Wright, a member of the Taylor Rotary Club. A Rotarian for more than 30 years, Wright helped organized the event. Wright said the idea for a motorcycle ride for wounded veterans seemed like a "natural thing" since the Rotary Club organizes other types of fundraisers throughout the year. In addition, Wright has a love for motorcycles, having ridden them since he was a teenager, and is a member of a motorcycle chapter the Motown Harley Owners Group. Several members participated in the charity ride, along with the American Legion Riders and Vietnam veteran bikers.

Before the motorcyclists took off on their charity ride, the Rotary Club set up a table for pledges. A pledge of \$250 sponsored a motorcycle, member Therese Maggioncalda said that if a person or organization sponsored four bikes, one person could travel with the motorcade.

The Taylor Rotary donated \$2,500, with the help of another sponsor, Fritz Enterprises, according to Wright. The goal for the event is \$20,000, with all of the proceeds going to Lund and Tackett.

*Ack: The News Herald – The Voice of Downriver*

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

Chartered 20 August 1951

Rotary District 9370

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Ass Gov: André Oberholzer

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Ken Quinn  
Peter Thomas  
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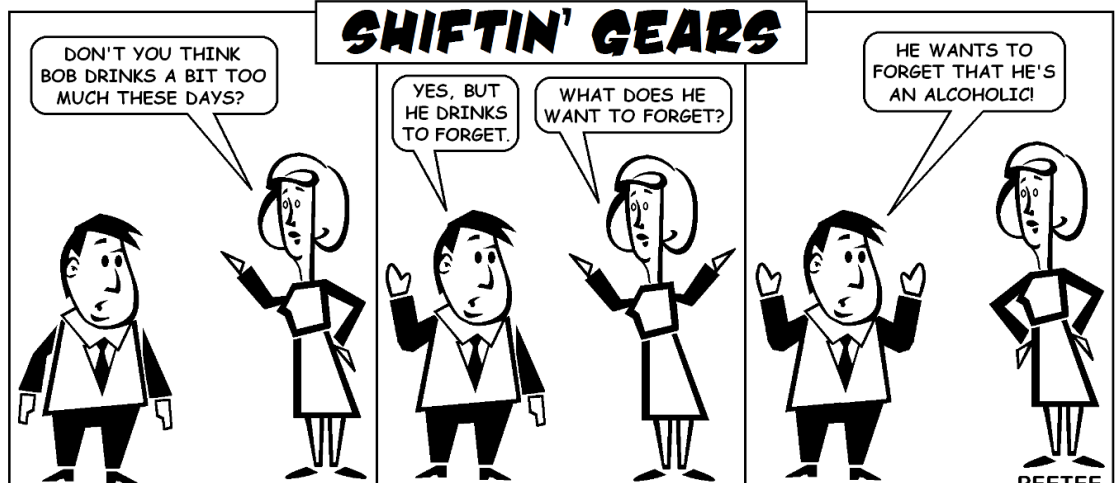
Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club  
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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## REMEMBER: NO MEETING ON 8 AUGUST



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## JULY – Administration Month

25 July: Club Board Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
29 July: STEP Student Anne Wendelken arrives  
29 July: STEP Student Franziska Kraus arrives  
31 July: Christmas in July Dinner

*“Friendship is a natural and willing servant. There is no reason why the great power of friendship should not be harnessed to do its part in the world’s work.”*  
Paul Harris - 1912 Rotary Convention, Minnesota, USA.

## AUGUST – Membership Month

1 August: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
1 August: STEP Student Jonathan Singer arrives  
3 August: PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Election 2016)  
8 August: NO CLUB MEETING  
9 August: PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Women’s Day)  
12 August: DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S VISIT  
15 August: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
22 August: Club Board Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
29 August: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

## DUTIES

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

### WEEK OF 25 JULY

CLUB BOARD MEETING – NO DUTIES  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

### WEEK OF 1 AUGUST

FELLOWSHIP: Luzan Hoffman & Jannie J.  
CORPORAL: Jannie Jacobs  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Clayton Daubermann

### WEEK OF 8 AUGUST

NO MEETING

### WEEK OF 15 AUGUST

FELLOWSHIP: Philip M. & André O.  
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

### WEEK OF 22 AUGUST

CLUB BOARD MEETING – NO DUTIES  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Colleen Fairweather

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

26 Jul: Luzan Hoffman  
13 Aug: Lida Jacobs  
18 Aug: JJ Hoffman  
20 Aug: Rotary Club of Kimberley (1951)

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

29 Aug: Mike & Beryl Bradnum (Honorary)

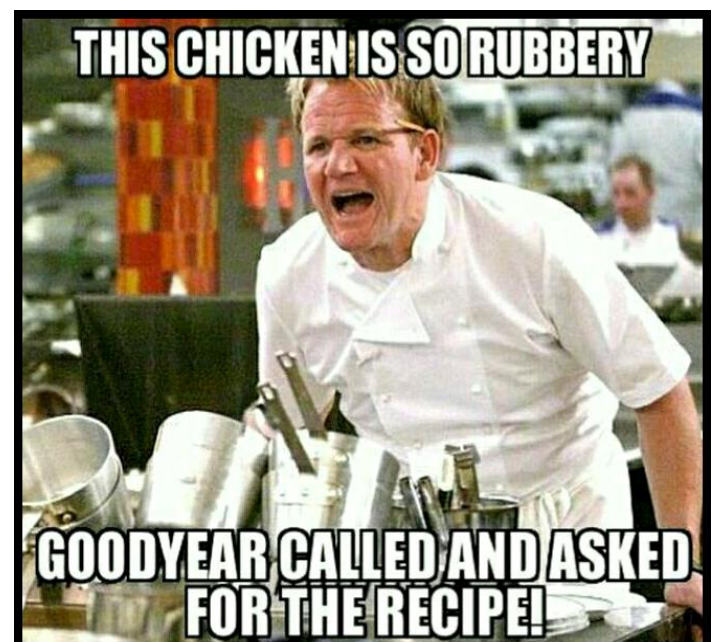
### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

30 Aug 2009: Pete Van Zyl

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

08 Aug: Derek Preece  
24 Aug: Trevor Urry

## MEME OF THE WEEK



SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ROTARY GRIQUA ARE WELCOMED. PLEASE E-MAIL TO:  
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