



ROTARY GRIQUA

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REFLECTIONS FROM EARTHQUAKE STRICKEN ITALY

I wanted to write about how much love and support Rotary is bringing to the areas of Italy devastated by the recent earthquake. But my words fail me, so I have to first write from the heart about what I have seen.

I feel as if death has entered me. My lungs inhale the dust of the earth. My feet walk amid debris. My hands touch stone that suddenly gave way, smashing hopes and dreams.

I trudge through streets where, a few days earlier, joyful children were walking with their grandparents, spending time during their summer vacation in the town where their parents grew up before moving on to start a family elsewhere.

Geraniums which once brought joy now are a sad reminder of a happy home that is no more. Outside, near the rubble-strewn lawn, is a crushed car, parked by the driver who returned home a few hours before the earthquake.



Geraniums hang from the railing in front of a house destroyed by the earthquake in central Italy

The faces of the people reflect pain and their skin bears the marks of devastation. Eyes roam about looking for something to bring peace of mind, but our thoughts are weighed down by those who are no longer here.

In the small village of Saletta, a family's mailbox which used to hold letters from loved ones remains attached to a gate that now serves as a fragile barrier against trespassers. But you can still see inside the courtyard where among the debris sits a crushed car and two knotted sheets hanging from a window, sheets that helped two people escape to safety.

I want to thank my fellow Rotarians from around the world who, with their support, are helping us get through this terrible moment. We are men and women of action and with Rotary, every mission is possible, even the most desperate. We can go beyond what seems impossible because we are serving humanity. We have always been doing it and we will keep doing it forever.

Here, where the earth is still shaking, we have to think about the future. We can use our expertise and professional skills to help rebuild the future for those in need. We will be able to help the affected communities start over by giving them not only hope in this moment, but also the certainty that we will leave no one behind. We will take them by the hand and accompany them into the future.

We are present and taking action in the local community because even more than being members of a charitable organization, we are reflecting the true character of Rotarians: helping with our hands and heart.

By Luca Della Volta

Charter President of Rotary E-Club 2042 Italia

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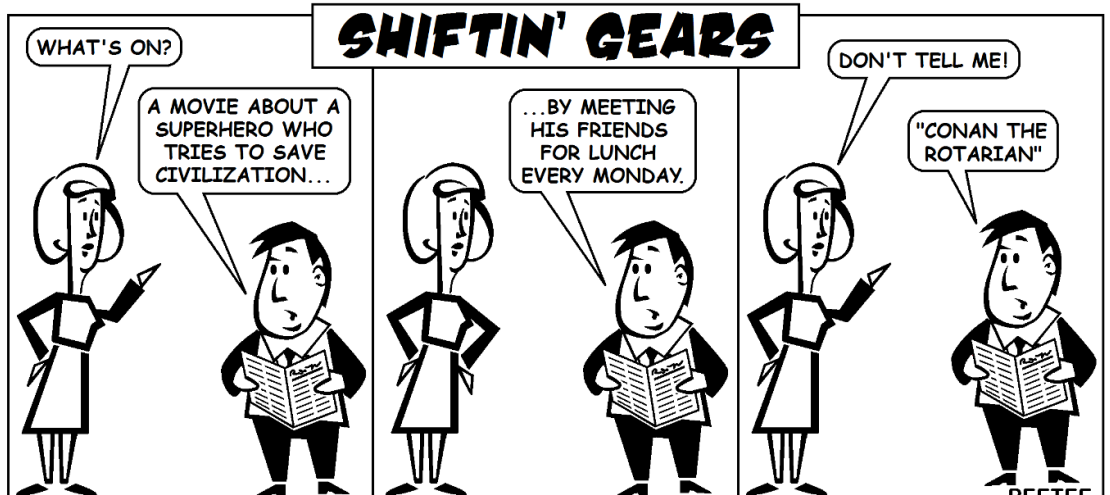
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Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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DIARISE... Rotary Night Cycle Race: 21 OCT 2016



PEETEE

CALENDAR & DUTIES

SEPTEMBER

New Generation Month

19 Sept: Club Board Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
24 Sept: PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Heritage Day)
26 Sept: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

DATES TO DIARISE

12-14 Oct: Rotary Family Health Days
21 Oct: Night Cycle Race and Run
28-29 Oct: Yonder Fête
28-29 Oct: R.L.I. Training - Bloemfontein
4-6 Nov: Rooifontein Fellowship Weekend
12 Nov: Foundation Training – Ladybrand

DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 19 SEPTEMBER

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

WEEK OF 26 SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Barry D & Colleen F
CORPORAL: Peter Thomas
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Clayton Daubermann

WEEK OF 3 OCTOBER

FELLOWSHIP: Luzaan Hoffman & Jannie J.
CORPORAL: Corlia van Tonder
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 10 OCTOBER

FELLOWSHIP: Philip Maritz & Gill Quinn
CORPORAL: Amanda van Zyl
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Colleen Fairweather

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

22 Sept: Gill Quinn
23 Sept: Gordon Dally (Honorary)
29 Sept: Marie Parsons (Honorary)
04 Oct: Peter Hohne (Honorary)
08 Oct: André Oberholzer
10 Oct: Corlia Van Tonder
13 Oct: Pete Van Zyl
14 Oct: Colleen Fairweather

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

23 Sept: Peter & Charlene Daubney (Honorary)
27 Sept: Corlia & Dries Van Tonder
08 Oct: André & Annine Oberholzer
10 Oct: Jannie & Lida Jacobs
14 Oct: Colleen & Kevin Fairweather

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

26 Oct 2012: Dwayne Evans

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

13 Oct: Peter Gibbs

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MEME OF THE WEEK

