



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## ROTARY AND ITS FUTURE: Part 3

Germ was even more caustic: "Fictitious membership goes back to the leadership in the area, because there are checks and balances in the system. The name of the person who proposes is published in the local club publication. So it tells me that the president of the club is an immoral person if he has got fictitious members. Number two, the board of the club is not doing its job and saying these are fake members." Showing more members than actually existed just to garner more votes is "immoral and unethical," he added forcefully.

The future of Rotary, added Germ, is "very bright. The last CoL has allowed flexibility, and "we are having continuity at the Board level and the regional leadership level, and we'll see that the training we do, the exercises we go through will make us stronger."

In the session 'Great Opportunity', TRF Trustee Sushil Gupta, quizzed TRF Trustee Representative Gary Huang on what plans TRF had to leverage the good work Rotary was doing across the world to improve its public image. "We are 'this close' to ending polio and when that job is finished, we have to make sure we are remembered for it. Since we spend a lot of time, energy and our money to do good in the world, we need to make sure that all this attracts new members to join us." The biggest challenge in the short term would be choosing the right partners, he said.

On how Rotary will choose its partners, Gupta said, "We will have to see what the partner can bring to the table. My biggest strength is boots on the ground. Rotary is present almost in all parts of the world, so we do have a choice; whoever adds to our strength will be our partner. It is a business decision; we are working on 10 to 12 leads."

When asked if Rotary chooses a partner who is bigger or better known, will not its voice get drowned, the TRF Trustee said, "That is immaterial. What is important is are we going to eradicate polio or not, not who is getting more mileage."

Answering a question from a DGE on why CSR funds should be routed through TRF and as global grants when the CSR partner was ready to do it directly with the club or the district, Gupta said, "Because TRF is known for its integrity, it is important that we address every concern of our CSR partner. If those funds are not used judiciously and with proper stewardship, what happens? We will lose the partner for all time." So, it was necessary to ensure that the system that had been created is followed.

He added, "You'll be shocked to know that at the last Convention in Seoul, somebody commented: 'Oh, I have seen many graveyards of Rotary projects.' Surely we don't want that to happen."

PRID Yash Pal Das chaired the session on 'Rotary's Future.'

In his opening remarks in the session Great opportunity, RIDE Basker said the greatest opportunity that will take Rotary forward in the coming years is technology and "we will have to leverage this opportunity." The second opportunity was to understand the latest management techniques, "sharpen our skills by listening to eminent speakers at such meets and do more good in the world."

Chairing the session An idea is everything PRID P T Prabhakar underlined the importance of great ideas. When Paul Harris asked his friend -Donald Carter to join RC -Chicago as the fifth member, the latter asked him what do you -people do and Harris said "networking and fellowship". So his friend said if that was all they did, he wasn't -interested, but would join if -community services were included. So the bylaws of the club were amended and -community service was included. The rest is history.

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

Chartered 20 August 1951

Rotary District 9370

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District Gov: Bruce Steele-Gray

Ass Gov: André Oberholzer

Club Pres: Dwayne Evans

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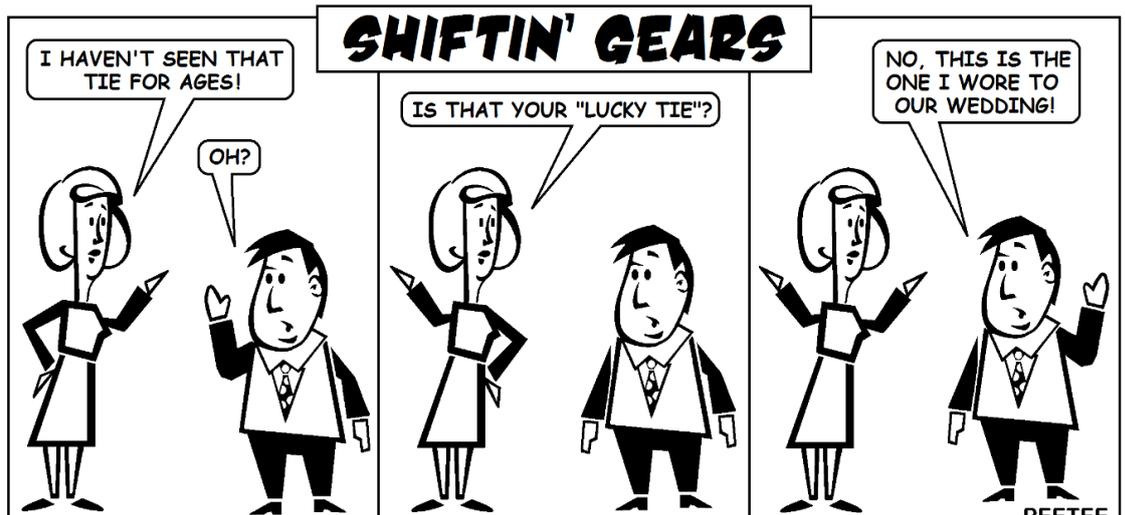
#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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PEETEE

# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## FEBRUARY

### World Understanding Month

- 6 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
11 Feb: ROTARY ECLIPSE BIATHLON  
13 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
20 Feb: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
27 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

*“When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know – but if you listen, you may learn something new.”  
Dalai Lama*

### DUTIES

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

#### WEEK OF 6 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Barry D. & Colleen F.  
CORPORAL: Ken Quinn  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

#### WEEK OF 13 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Jannie Jacobs & Philip Maritz  
CORPORAL: Peter Thomas  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Clayton Daubermann

#### WEEK OF 20 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: *Board Meeting - No Duties*  
CORPORAL: *Board Meeting - No Duties*  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

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## MARCH

### Literacy Month

- 6 Mar: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
13 Mar: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
20 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
27 Mar: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

### DATES TO DIARISE

#### WEEKEND OF 4 MARCH

P.O.E.T.S. & A.G. Training - Ladybrand

#### WEEKEND OF 20 MAY

Interact Conference - Kimberley

#### WEEKEND OF 26 MAY

District 9370 Conference - Grahamstown

### CELEBRATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

17 Feb Brenda Booth

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons (Honorary)  
26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

#### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

26 Feb Rob Hollings  
28 Feb Sam Goldblatt  
28 Mar George Lodder  
31 Mar Charles Burton

**MEME OF THE WEEK**

# Life\*

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