



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## 2017-18 RI PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES HIS THEME... ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change is essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, Rotary: Making a Difference, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said. Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern."

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

**SECURING ROTARY'S FUTURE:** In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity. "Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

*By Ryan Hyland*

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

Chartered 20 August 1951

Rotary District 9370

RI President: John F. Germ

District Gov: Bruce Steele-Gray

Ass Gov: André Oberholzer

Club Pres: Dwayne Evans

Secretary: Corlia v.Tonder

#### Club Board:

André Oberholzer  
Barry Downs  
Colleen Fairweather  
Ken Quinn  
Peter Thomas  
Amanda van Zyl  
Pete van Zyl

Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club  
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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## Diarise: 3/4 March: P.O.E.T.S. in Ladybrand

( Presidents and Officers Elect Training Seminar )



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## FEBRUARY

### World Understanding Month

27 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

**“Carve your name on hearts,  
not tombstones. A legacy is  
etched into the minds of  
others and the stories they  
share about you.”**

**Shannon L. Alder**

### DUTIES

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

#### WEEK OF 27 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: André Oberholzer & Gill Quinn

CORPORAL: Corlia van Tonder

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Dwayne Evans

#### WEEK OF 6 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Ken Quinn & Peter Thomas

CORPORAL: Pete van Zyl

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Colleen Fairweather

#### WEEK OF 13 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: BOARD MEETING – No Duty

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TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

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## MARCH

### Literacy Month

4 Mar: POETS & AG Training - Ladybrand

6 Mar: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

13 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

20 Mar: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

27 Mar: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

### DATES TO DIARISE

#### FRIDAY 12 MAY

Joint Meeting with R.C. Kimberley South  
Bettina Daubermann is Guest Speaker

#### WEEKEND OF 20 MAY

Interact Conference - Kimberley

#### WEEKEND OF 26 MAY

District 9370 Conference - Grahamstown

### CELEBRATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

09 Apr Philip Maritz

16 Apr Gill Downs

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons (Honorary)

26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

23 Apr 2013 Jannie Jacobs

29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

#### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

28 Feb Sam Goldblatt

28 Mar George Lodder

31 Mar Charles Burton

**MEME OF THE WEEK**

**INSIDE  
EVERY  
OLDER  
PERSON  
IS A  
YOUNGER  
PERSON  
WONDERING  
WHAT THE  
HELL  
HAPPENED.**

