



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## JAPANESE DIPLOMAT EARNS ROTARY AWARD

The recipient of this year's Rotary Alumni Global Service Award is Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar and a past United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Born in Japan to a family of diplomats, Ogata was drawn to studying international relations after Japan's defeat in World War II. When she began graduate studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., USA, in 1951, she was part of the second class of Rotary Scholars from Japan.

"During that period, I also learned about the importance of community service and broadened my perspectives and experiences thanks to various exchanges with Rotarians," she says. "The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me ever since."

After completing her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, Ogata returned to Japan to teach at International Christian University, which now hosts a Rotary Peace Center, and Sophia University, where she taught until accepting the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (head of UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency) in 1991. She also represented Japan at the UN General Assembly, served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and chaired the UNICEF executive board.

During her decade-long tenure with UNHCR, Ogata helped refugees who fled the Gulf War, the ethnic conflicts in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and Cold War-era strife in Afghanistan and former Soviet satellites. She has been credited with expanding UNHCR's budget and staff and strengthening its relations with the UN Security Council by emphasizing the link between refugees and international security.

"Protecting refugees is, by its nature, controversial," Ogata has said. "Carrying out this dynamic and action-oriented function requires us to challenge the sovereign preserve of states to deal with non-citizens and, in some instances, their own people."

Since leaving UNHCR in 2000, she remained active in government and international affairs, serving as co-chair of the UN Human Security Commission and as a special representative of the Japanese government in Afghanistan. She led the Japanese International Cooperation Agency for two terms and advised then-Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Her government work has shown her the power of private citizens and civic groups to effect change.

"We live in a rapidly changing world," Ogata says. "As the world is confronted with threats more complex than ever before, the role of civil society and the linkages among people has become more important than ever."

By Sallyann Price - <https://www.rotary.org/>

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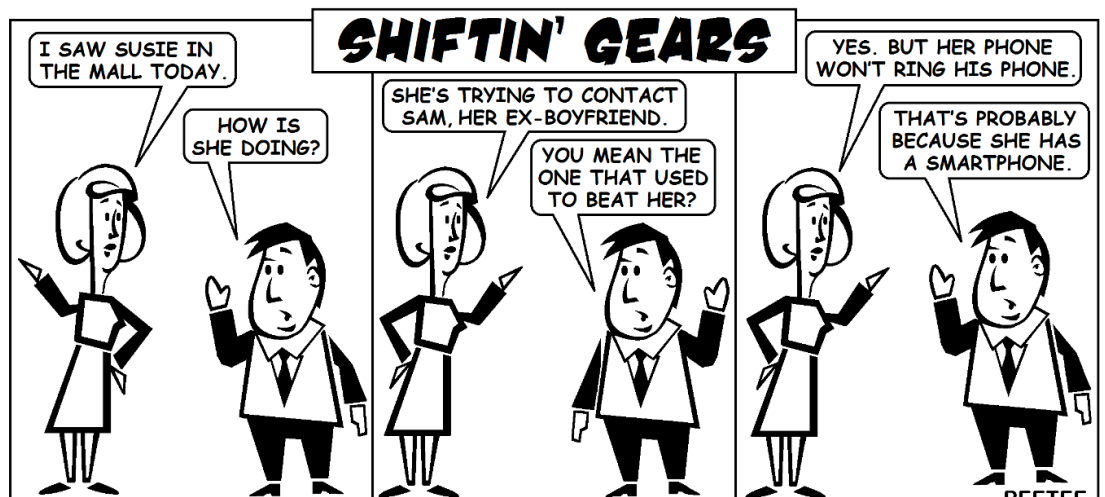
Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club  
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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## Congratulations to André & Annine Oberholzer on the birth of Clara Yvonne on 4 March.



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## MARCH

### Literacy Month

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

**“The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.”**

*Mahatma Gandhi*

## DUTIES

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

### WEEK OF 13 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: BOARD MEETING – No Duty  
CORPORAL: BOARD MEETING – No Duty  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl

### WEEK OF 20 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Corlia v.Tonder & Pete v.Zyl  
CORPORAL: Brenda Booth  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

### WEEK OF 27 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Brenda Booth & Barry Downs  
CORPORAL: Barry Downs  
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## APRIL

### Magazine Month

3 Apr: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
10 Apr: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
17 Apr: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
24 Apr: 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

26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

23 Apr 2013 Jannie Jacobs  
29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

28 Mar George Lodder  
31 Mar Charles Burton

## MEME OF THE WEEK

I'm only responsible  
for what I say ...  
not for what  
you understand