



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## 1 MAY - WORKERS' DAY

**International Workers' Day has come to represent the struggle of the international labour movement to achieve workers' rights.**

It is celebrated on the 1st of May, the anniversary of the Chicago Haymarket Massacre, which took place in 1886. Over one million American workers demonstrated for an eight hour day; despite being fired on by Chicago police, they succeeded in their demands.

Over one century later, May Day retains its relevance, specifically in South Africa, where workers continue to face the legacy of exploitative labour practices. Strike action was popular in the early twentieth century, but public demonstrations such as the 1922 mineworkers strike were severely repressed by the state.

A turning point for South African trade unionism took place in 1973, when a series of spontaneous strikes in Durban led to a new wave of resistance - resulting in the emergence of the modern workers' movement. The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) was established in 1982. This was one of the biggest affiliates of the Congress of Trade Unions (Cosatu) when it formed in December 1985, becoming a major ally of the United Democratic Front (UDF) in the common struggle to end apartheid.

Today, South Africa's trade union movement forms a significant element of the ANC government's administration, and new legislation secures workers' right to fair labour practices. This legislation includes the Labour Relations Act, the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, the Mines Health and Safety Act, and the Employment Equity Act. The trade union movement continues to represent workers in redressing inequalities and effectively implementing this new legislation.

**The following countries have a public holiday named Workers' Day: Angola, Bulgaria, Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, France, Italy, Portugal, Malta, Marshal Islands, Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**

**In China it is celebrated as International Labour Day and is celebrated over 3 days.**

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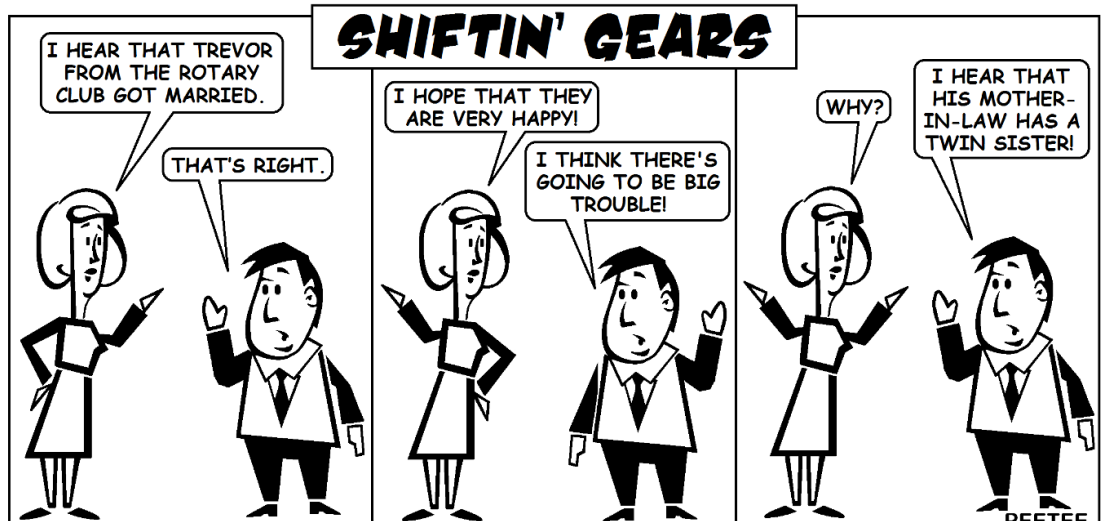
#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club  
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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## REMEMBER

**No Lunch Meeting on Monday 1 May**



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## APRIL

### Magazine Month

24 Apr: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

“In the end, though, maybe we must all give up trying to pay back the people in this world who sustain our lives. In the end, maybe it's wiser to surrender before the miraculous scope of human generosity and to just keep saying thank you, forever and sincerely, for as long as we have voices.”

Elizabeth Gilbert (Eat, Pray, Love)

## DUTIES

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

### WEEK OF 24 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duty

CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duty

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

### WEEK OF 1 MAY

WORKERS' DAY – NO MEETING

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl

### WEEK OF 8 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: André O. & Gill Q.

CORPORAL: Philip Maritz

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

## MAY

### Recognition & Conference Month

1 May: WORKERS' DAY – No Meeting

8 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

12 May: Joint Meeting with R.C. Kbly South  
(Guest Speaker: Bettina Daubermann)

15 May: No Meeting – Moved to Fri. 12 May

19 May: INTERACT CONFERENCE WEEKEND

22 May: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

26 May: DISTRICT CONFERENCE WEEKEND

29 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

08 May Ken Quinn

16 May Barry Downs

23 May Liesel Evans

26 May Dwayne Evans

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

17 May Philip & Shirley Maritz

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

03 May 2008 Amanda Van Zyl

04 May 1952 Lawrie Shuttleworth

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

04 May Johan Aucamp

## MEME OF THE WEEK

Remember back in the day when you got home and your wife had your slippers, your pipe and your dinner waiting for you??? Me neither.



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