



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## ARE YOU READY FOR FRIDAY THE 13th?

**The origin of why Friday the 13th is considered such an unlucky day goes back hundreds of years and is shrouded in mystery.**

1. For a start there is 13 October 1307, the date from where the modern basis for the Friday the 13th superstition is most likely to come from. It was on this day that the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, in combination with the King of France, sentenced a monastic military order known as the Knights Templar to death and ordered the torture and crucifixion of their leader.

2. The sixth day of the week, Friday, and the number 13 are each considered to be unlucky in their own right, and when combined they are doubly bad. The reason why Friday is considered such an unlucky day could date as far back as biblical times. Many negative biblical events took place on a Friday, including the ejection of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, the start of the Great Flood, and the crucifixion of Jesus.

3. Friday's position as the unlucky day may have been strengthened by it being the day of execution of criminals for many years, commonly called Hangman's Day. The number 13 has also been associated with bad luck for hundreds of years.

4. Scandinavians believed 13 signified bad luck because their 13th mythological demigod Loki was an evil one who brought great misfortune upon humans.

5. Christians look to the Last Supper for their suspicion of the number 13. Thirteen was the number of guests at the table, the 13th person being Judas the traitor.

6. Meanwhile, some say the number 13 was purposely vilified by the priests of patriarchal religions because it represented femininity. Thirteen corresponded to the number of lunar (menstrual) cycles in a year, and the number was revered in prehistoric goddess-worshipping cultures.

7. Hindus believed that it was unlucky for 13 people to gather in one place.

Of course, all these possible explanations are just speculation and guesswork, but that does not stop a lot of people cowering away whenever a Friday the 13th comes around.

Most people do not take it too seriously, but there are some who dread the date. By the way, the word paraskevidekatriaphobia means fear of Friday the 13th!

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

2017-2018

Chartered 20 August 1951

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Kimberley Club

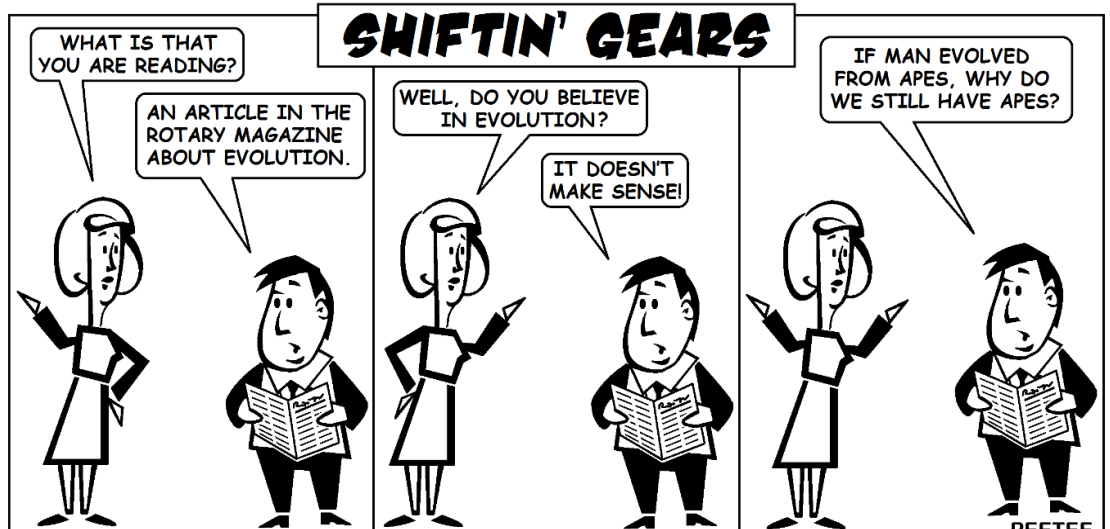
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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### SAVE THE DATE

## 16 October: District Governor's Visit

### SHIFTIN' GEARS



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## OCTOBER

### Vocational Service Month

- 9 Oct: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
14 Oct: Wine Tasting Fellowship - Rooifontein  
16 Oct: NO LUNCH MEETING  
16 Oct: D.G.'s Board Meeting and Dinner  
23 Oct: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
24 Oct: WORLD POLIO DAY  
30 Oct: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

WORLD POLIO DAY

24 October

## DUTIES

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

### WEEK OF 9 OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING – No Lunch Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

### WEEK OF 16 OCTOBER

DG's DINNER – No Lunch Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

### WEEK OF 23 OCTOBER

FELLOWSHIP: Philip Maritz & Gill Quinn  
CORPORAL: Peter Thomas  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl

### WEEK OF 30 OCTOBER

FELLOWSHIP: Ken Quinn & Peter Thomas  
CORPORAL: Amanda van Zyl  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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## NOVEMBER

### Foundation Month

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

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Oct Pete Van Zyl  
14 Oct Colleen Fairweather  
24 Oct Corlia Van Tonder  
27 Oct Kevin Fairweather  
02 Nov Beryl Bradnum (Honorary)  
04 Nov Mike Bradnum (Honorary)  
17 Nov Charlene Daubney (Honorary)  
18 Nov Lawrie Shuttleworth  
26 Nov Peter Daubney (Honorary)

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Oct Colleen & Kevin Fairweather

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Oct 2012 Dwayne Evans  
14 Nov 1991 Peter Thomas

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Oct Peter Gibbs  
5 Nov Pem Rodger  
13 Nov Meng Chan Yan  
21 Nov Danie Theron.

## MEME OF THE WEEK

I think I'll just put an  
**OUT OF ORDER**  
sticker on my forehead  
and call it a day!