



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## 6 TIPS TO MAKE READING FUN, NOT FRUSTRATING

For some kids, reading is like doing the hokey pokey upside down, underwater, in a clown suit. It's freakishly hard and not at all fun. We can help make reading fun.

**FUN RULE #1: READ THE RIGHT BOOKS.** Nothing is more discouraging than trying to read Dostoyevsky when you're better suited to Rick Riordan or Dr. Seuss. Be sure your child is reading books that are appropriate for his reading level, not books that are too challenging. Challenging equals discouraging.

**FUN RULE #2: LET KIDS CHOOSE THEIR OWN BOOKS.** Your kids love being in charge of their lives. That's why I say to let them load up on books that look interesting to them (this is much cheaper at the library – even if you do have to pay overdue fines).

**FUN RULE #3: GO BEYOND THE (TRADITIONAL) BOOK.** Do you know that it counts to read an audiobook? Yes, it is listening but here's why it counts: it builds vocabulary and background knowledge about topics and literary devices. And what's even better, it helps kids find the magic in the story itself. This is the KEY to loving to read and what kids miss when they're overwhelmed with reading itself.

Also, don't forget about reading books on devices such as an iPad or Kindle. Since many kids are mesmerized by technology, technology can make reading way enticing.

Finally, remember those magazines and comic books. Dare I sound repetitive when I mention that they also count as reading?

**FUN RULE #4: CREATE A TOTALLY AWESOME READING AREA.** Work with your child to make a reading area he'll want to hang out in. Think college-dorm cool: rugs, lamps, beanbags, posters. Set the mood for fun. Then bring in the books, and voilà – you've created great ambience for reading.

**FUN RULE #5: BE A LITTLE NAUGHTY.** Try these rule-breaking ideas:

- Allow your frustrated reader to stay up late with a super cool new headlamp and a good book.
- For reading time, you read to her – instead of the other way around. And maybe even read in your best silly or fancy voice.
- Let your child move while reading. Jump on the trampoline, sit on an exercise ball, or hula-hoop and read.

**FUN RULE #6: DON'T IGNORE THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.** If your child needs reading help, get it for her now. Testing, tutoring, whatever... Don't wait. It won't go away. Trust me. I've tried denial as a coping strategy and it does not work.

Ack: Melissa Taylor

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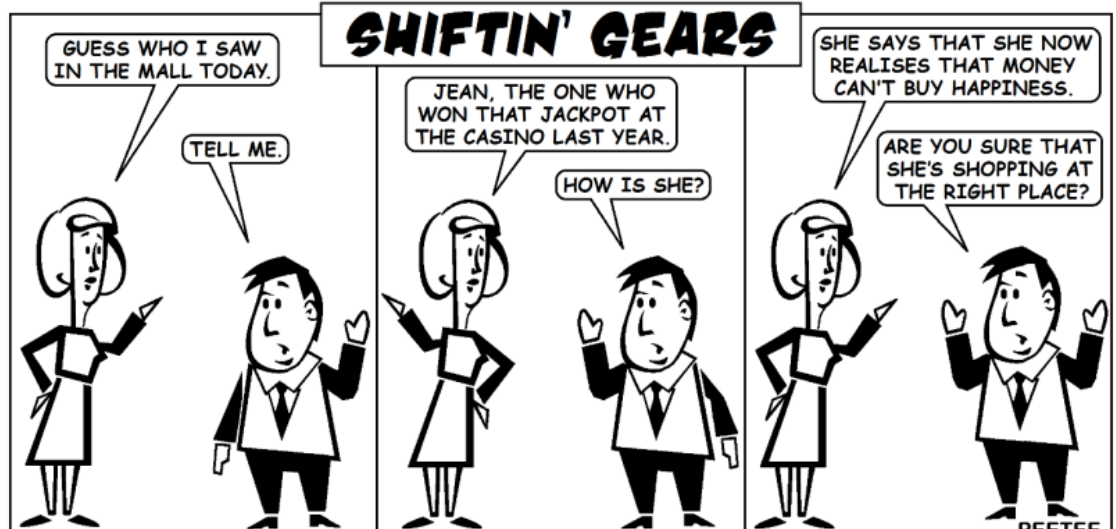
Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 082 898 3805

## REMEMBER: There's no Lunch Meeting on 24 Sept.



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## SEPTEMBER

### Basic Education & Literacy Month

17 Sep: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
 24 Sep: NO MEETING (Public Holiday)  
 24 Sep: HERITAGE DAY  
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*“Don't let the noise  
 of others' opinions  
 drown out your  
 own inner voice”*

Steve Jobs

### DUTIES

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

#### WEEK OF 17 SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen Fairweather  
 CORPORAL: Hein Knoke  
 TUES COFFEE CLUB: Hein Knoke

#### WEEK OF 24 SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Public Holiday – NO MEETING  
 CORPORAL: Public Holiday – NO MEETING  
 TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

#### WEEK OF 1 OCTBER

FELLOWSHIP: Hein Knoke  
 CORPORAL: Philip Maritz  
 TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

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## OCTOBER

### 24 October – World Polio Day

1 Oct: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
 8 Oct: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
 15 Oct: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
 22 Oct: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
 29 Oct: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

### CELEBRATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

22 Sep Gill Quinn  
 23 Sep Gordon Dally (Honorary)  
 29 Sept Marie Parsons (Honorary)  
 04 Oct Peter Hohne (Honorary)  
 13 Oct Pete Van Zyl  
 14 Oct Colleen Fairweather  
 24 Oct Corlia Van Tonder  
 27 Oct Kevin Fairweather

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

27 Sep Corlia & Dries Van Tonder  
 14 Oct Colleen & Kevin Fairweather

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

05 Oct 2010 Corlia Van Tonder

#### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

13 Oct Peter Gibbs

## MEME OF THE WEEK

**I LIVE IN A TOUGH  
 NEIGHBORHOOD.  
 THEY GOT A  
 CHILDREN'S ZOO.  
 LAST WEEK, FOUR  
 KIDS ESCAPED!**



**Rodney  
 Dangerfield**