



ROTARY GRIQUA

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NEXT WAVE IN FELLOWSHIP

Renata Valente is trying to keep her marshmallow from falling into the fire. The Brazilian-born Rotaractor, and past Exchange Student, is at the beachside Crown Point Park for an event organized by Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship (SURF), one of Rotary's newest fellowships. The sun has set, but the faces of more than 30 attendees — Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and guests — glow in the light of the bonfire as they make s'mores and enjoy some music.

"It's Friday night, and this is exactly what my friends and I wanted to do," says Valente. "It's exciting knowing you are going to be able to have fun and be with your friends, but also do something that impacts your community." Valente learned about SURF in October 2017, when volunteers from her Rotaract club travelled to Ensenada, Mexico, to help fix up an orphanage. One morning, SURF founder Brett Morey and other members of the fellowship took the volunteers and orphans surfing. Valente has been an active member ever since.

Morey, a member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, grew up bodyboarding and surfing. Last year, he decided Rotary needed a fellowship centred on surfing. He assembled a prospective leadership team, and at the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, he collected the necessary signatures — on his surfboard — to petition the RI Board.

The fellowship has already grown to more than 450 members in over 20 countries. Its mission: introducing people to surfing, attracting young people to Rotary, building connections, and mentoring. SURF members span the globe from Argentina to New Zealand, including countries that have no access to oceans, such as the Czech Republic and Hungary.

"The thing I think about is making Rotary relevant to this generation," says Morey. "We talk all the time about bringing youth into Rotary. This is the type of social event that allows us to grow our Interact clubs and Rotary." Rotarians can join SURF for \$20 a year; Interactors and Rotaractors join for free. It's all about building understanding between people. And that is exactly what the purpose of Rotary is."

In May, SURF members took part in "Standup for the Cure" in nearby Newport Bay, taking to paddleboards to raise money for breast cancer research. They've also volunteered at Life Rolls On events, which give people with disabilities a chance to surf by means of adaptive surfboards.

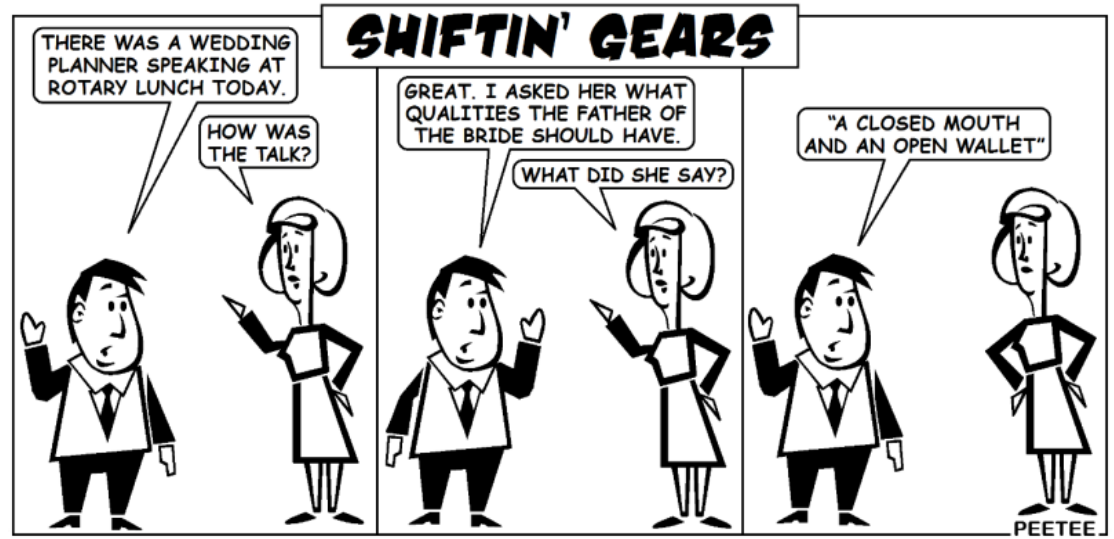
Johnny Lee joined SURF after moving to San Diego from Fremont, California, and attending the La Jolla Golden Triangle club with Morey. "I've done quite a few Rotary events, but this is especially fun," says Lee. Shortly after joining, he learned to surf at one of the fellowship's events. "It was both harder and easier than I expected," he says. "Harder, because I didn't realize I would be nearly drowning a good bit of the time. But easier because, once you stay above the water, it's not hard to ride the wave."

"As a young Rotarian, I want to do things both globally and locally. This is helping out our community, and it is creating something exciting," he says. "Surfing is a great activity for bringing in young people."

Ack: Arnold R. Grahl



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CALENDAR & DUTIES

OCTOBER

24 October – World Polio Day

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

29 Oct: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

*“To live is the rarest
thing in the world.
Most people exist,
that is all”*

Oscar Wilde

DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 22 OCTOBER

FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duty

CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duty

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia – for Hein Knoke

WEEK OF 29 OCTOBER

FELLOWSHIP: Ken Quinn

CORPORAL: Hein Knoke (for Peter Thomas)

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

WEEK OF 5 NOVEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Peter Thomas

CORPORAL: Brenda Booth

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

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NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

5 Nov: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

5-11 November – *WORLD INTERACT WEEK*

12 Nov: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

19 Nov: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

26 Nov: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

24 Oct Corlia Van Tonder

27 Oct Kevin Fairweather

02 Nov Beryl Bradnum (Honorary)

04 Nov Mike Bradnum (Honorary)

11 Nov Hein Knoke

17 Nov Charlene Daubney (Honorary)

26 Nov Peter Daubney (Honorary)

09 Dec Shirley Maritz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01 Nov Hein & Frances Knoke

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

14 Nov 1991 Peter Thomas

02 Dec 1982 Barry Downs

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

5 Nov Pem Rodger

21 Nov Danie Theron

2 Dec George Astley

20 Dec Alec Woodrow

27 Dec Chris Marnitz

MEME OF THE WEEK

**MY OLD MAN NEVER
LIKED ME. HE GAVE ME
MY ALLOWANCE IN
TRAVELER'S CHEQUES!**



**Rodney
Dangerfield**