



ROTARY GRIQUA

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ROTARY FIGHTING MODERN SLAVERY

An estimated 40.3 million people around the world live in slavery, involving either sexual exploitation or forced labour. A Rotarian Action Group and Freedom United are giving Rotarians a chance to do something to stop it.

Dave McCleary was volunteering at a youth conference in 2012 when a young woman named Melissa explained how she had ended up in the sex trade. She was living in a nice suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, USA, when a young man knocked on her door and offered her a job as a model. The man turned out to be a pimp, who lured her into prostitution through a combination of drugs, threats, and coercion.

McCleary is now co-chair of the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery, which has been coordinating Rotary clubs' efforts to fight slavery since 2013. A big challenge for the group has been motivating clubs to act. The immense scale of the problem can be daunting. The Global Slavery Index estimates that, worldwide, 40.3 million people are subject to some form of slavery: bonded labour, forced labour, child slavery, sex trafficking, or forced marriage.

But what impact can my small club possibly have? One answer could come from the group's recent collaboration with Freedom United, a non-profit organization that has mobilized millions of partners, activists, and advocates through online campaigns to convince governments and companies to end slavery. Through Freedom United's website, Rotary clubs of any size can sign up to form "freedom rings," which raise community awareness of slavery while sharing information with one another through an online platform. Freedom United helps the club plan a two-hour community event by arranging speakers that can include experts, survivors, and local non-profits that are already fighting modern slavery.

"These rings are inspired out of a Rotary club but also pull from the larger community," says Joe Schmidt, CEO of Freedom United. Schmidt, who advises Delta Airlines on its anti-trafficking strategy, met McCleary through Delta's involvement with Georgia Rotarians, including during the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta.

Ian Rumbles, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Clayton, North Carolina, heard Schmidt speak at his district conference in April. His club is in the beginning stages of forming a ring. "What resonated with me was hearing about the amount of domestic slavery and the number of people forced to work in farm fields in my own state," says Rumbles. "The fact that people in our country were modern slaves made me think that I can only imagine the amount of slavery around the world."

"Rotary's patience in committing to a cause and its track record with polio have shown that Rotarians are willing to take mature, committed action toward long-term global change, even if it doesn't give immediate gratifying results," says Schmidt.

"The great thing about Rotary is that even though we are international, we are community-based," he adds. "So if there's a need in a community, we have Rotary clubs there to make it happen."

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Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 082 898 3805

27 Nov: District Governor's Visit



CALENDAR & DUTIES

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

- 12 Nov: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
19 Nov: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
26 Nov: NO LUNCH MEETING
27 Nov: D.G.'s Visit – Details to be Announced

"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not"

André Gide

DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 12 NOVEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Peter Thomas
CORPORAL: Brenda Booth
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl

WEEK OF 19 NOVEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Brenda Booth
CORPORAL: Barry Downs
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

WEEK OF 26 NOVEMBER

MON 26 Nov: NO LUNCH MEETING
TUE 27 Nov: D.G.'s Visit – Details to Follow
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

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DECEMBER

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

- 3 Dec: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
10 Dec: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
17 Dec: PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Details to be announced
24 Dec: RECESS – No Meeting
31 Dec: RECESS – No Meeting

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 17 Nov Charlene Daubney (Honorary)
26 Nov Peter Daubney (Honorary)
09 Dec Shirley Maritz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Jan Peter & Maryna Thomas

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Nov 1991 Peter Thomas
02 Dec 1982 Barry Downs

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 21 Nov Danie Theron
2 Dec George Astley
20 Dec Alec Woodrow
27 Dec Chris Marnitz

MEME OF THE WEEK

**I HAVEN'T SPOKEN
TO MY WIFE IN YEARS.
I DIDN'T WANT TO
INTERRUPT HER!**



**Rodney
Dangerfield**