



ROTARY GRIQUA

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Introduction to Sierra Leone

The Republic of Sierra Leone is a country on the southwest coast of West Africa. It has a tropical climate, with a diverse environment ranging from savanna to rainforests. The country has a total area of 71,740 square kilometres and a population of 7,075,641 (as of the 2015 census).

The country's capital and largest city is Freetown and the country is made up of five provinces.

On 27 April 1961, Sir Milton Margai led Sierra Leone to independence from Great Britain (a little more than a month before South Africa).

However, the country's modern history has been overshadowed by a brutal civil war that ended in 2002 with the help of Britain and a large United Nations peacekeeping mission.

The country is also rich in diamonds and other minerals. The trade in illicit gems, known as "blood diamonds" for their role in funding conflicts, perpetuated the civil war. The government has sought to crack down on the trade.

Sierra Leone has experienced substantial economic growth in recent years, although the ruinous effects of the civil war continue to be felt.

Sierra Leone is a Muslim-majority country at 78%, although there is an influential Christian minority at about 21%. Sierra Leone is regarded as one of the most religiously tolerant states in the world and religious violence is very rare.

The country has a special significance in the history of the transatlantic slave trade as the departure point for thousands of west African captives. The capital, Freetown, was founded as a home for repatriated former slaves in 1787.

Julius Maada Bio of the opposition Sierra Leone People's Party won a run-off election to become president in April 2018. He narrowly beat governing All People's Congress candidate Samura Kamara. Mr Maada Bio has criticised the outgoing government's close ties with China, and pledged to heal the country's divisions and invest in education.

There are dozens of radio stations, most of them privately owned. In addition, many newspapers are published in Freetown, despite low literacy levels. Challenges facing broadcasters include unreliable power supplies, poor funding and low advertising revenues.

Media freedom in Sierra Leone has its limits. High-level corruption is said to be a taboo topic, with officials using libel laws to target journalists.

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ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

2018-2019

Chartered 20 August 1951

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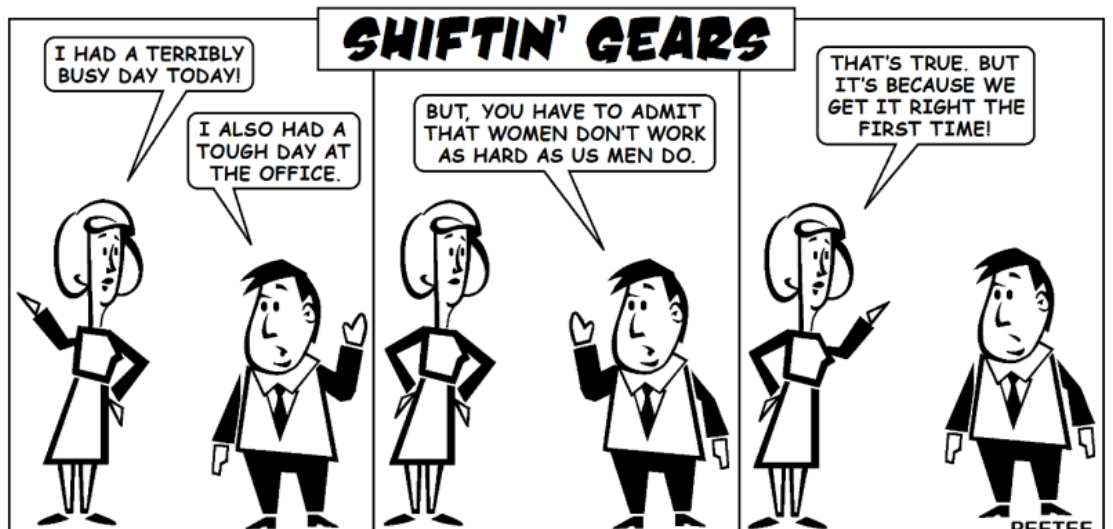
Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 082 898 3805

We are pleased to announce that Ken Quinn is the incoming Club President for the 2019/2020 Rotary Year



CALENDAR & DUTIES

FEBRUARY

Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution Month

- 11 Feb: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
Guest Speaker: Laura Arnold
 18 Feb: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
 25 Feb: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

*"I will go
anywhere as long
as it's forward"*

David Livingston

DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 11 FEBRUARY

- FELLOWSHIP: Peter Thomas
 CORPORAL: Brenda Booth
 TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

WEEK OF 18 FEBRUARY

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

WEEK OF 25 FEBRUARY

- FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duty
 CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duty
 TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

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MARCH

Water and Sanitation Month

- 4 Mar: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
 11 Mar: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
 18 Mar: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
 25 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 17 Feb Brenda Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons (Honorary)
 26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 26 Feb Rob Hollings
 28 Feb Sam Goldblatt
 27 Mar Keith Diener
 28 Mar George Lodder
 31 Mar Charles Burton.



LAST LAUGH



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**"This is the new man, Hawkins. Teach him
everything you know, then pick up
your severance check."**