



ROTARY GRIQUA

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DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT?

A collection of some weirdest and craziest events in the history of warfare

In 1821, Greece was under the control by the Turks. In Greece's fight for independence, a Turkish garrison was besieged by Greek fighters on the Acropolis. When the Turks were running short on bullets, they began to dismantle the marble columns to use the lead within as bullets. The Greeks sent them ammunition with the message: "Here are bullets, don't touch the columns."

Early in the Spanish Civil War, there was a Nationalist garrison under siege. Having local air superiority, Nationalists decided to airdrop supplies. Their chosen method of making sure the packages got to the ground without being damaged? They didn't use a parachute, but instead they strapped a turkey to each package. It couldn't carry the load, but it could slow it a bit on the way down and, unlike a parachute, you can eat a turkey.

In the 1300s, some fellows from Modena stole a bucket from Bologna (both in Italy), resulting in a great deal of humiliation for the Bolognese. They declared war, had a battle with around 2,000 casualties (split between both sides), and failed to reclaim the bucket.

Caligula (Roman Emperor) once marched his entire army towards the English Channel in an effort to invade Britain. Upon arrival to the channel, he decided that he no longer wished to invade Britain so he ordered his men to collect sea shells before heading home.

Between the announcement of Germany's surrender during WW2 on radio, to Joseph Stalin addressing of the nation 22 hours later, Russia literally ran out of vodka.

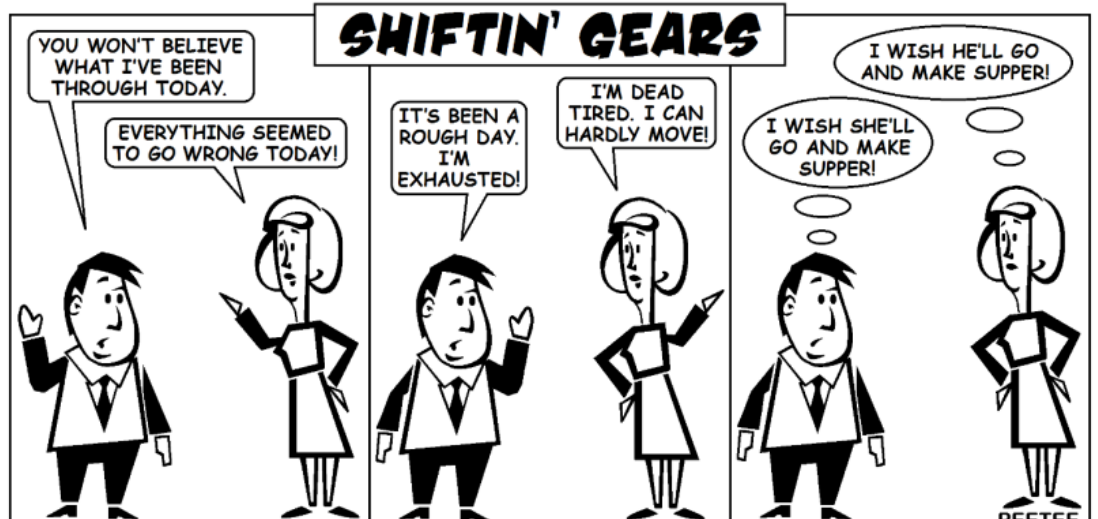
The direct cause of World War 1 was Archduke Ferdinand of Austria's assassination. What many people don't know is that the initial assassination attempt failed when the bomb blew up the car that was travelling behind Ferdinand's. The man who threw the bomb did not know that it had a 10 second timer. It gets better... He drank cyanide to kill himself after the attempt - but it had expired, so he just ended up throwing up a bunch.

During World War 2, Russia used bombs that were strapped to dogs to destroy enemy tanks. Since the Russians used their own tanks to train the dogs, they would often run under Russian tanks and blow them up.

In WWII, two bombing squadrons were sent by American to the same location to bomb it, except one of them accidentally showed up thousands of feet lower down than the other one. Neither of them saw each other until they had already started bombing. Miraculously, none of the lower planes were hit by the higher planes, and the Germans all thought that the Americans had come up with an ingenious bombing strategy to bomb an area twice as much. It scared the Germans that the Allies had this level of skill.

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DIARISE: 9 Dec: Walkabout – Sol Plaatje Univ. (Part 2)



CALENDAR & DUTIES

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

25 Nov: BUSINESS MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00

DECEMBER

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

- 2 Dec: SOCIAL MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00
Guest Speaker to be Confirmed
- 9 Dec: NO LUNCH – Club Walk-About
Sol Plaatje Univ (Part 2) - Details to follow
- 16 Dec: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING
- 23 Dec: FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - 12:45 for 13:00
Details to follow
- 30 Dec: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING

JANUARY

Vocational Services Month

- 6 Jan: SOCIAL MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00
Guest Speaker to be Confirmed
- 13 Jan: NO LUNCH – Club Walk-About
Details to follow
- 20 Jan: BUSINESS MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00
- 27 Jan: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING

“I’m bored. I think I’ll go to the mall, find a great parking spot and sit in my car with the reverse lights on”

The Grumpy Pensioner

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DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 25 NOV. (Business Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: Philip Maritz

CORPORAL: Gill Quinn

TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

WEEK OF 2 DEC. (Social Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: Gill Quinn

CORPORAL: Peter Thomas

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

WEEK OF 9 DECEMBER

CLUB WALK-ABOUT – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

WEEK OF 16 DECEMBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

WEEK OF 23 DEC. (Fellowship Lunch)

FELLOWSHIP: Peter Thomas

CORPORAL: Corlia van Tonder

TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

WEEK OF 30 DECEMBER

NO MEETING – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

26 Nov Peter Daubney (Honorary)

09 Dec Shirley Maritz

3 Jan Frances Knoke

9 Jan Charles Parsons (Honorary)

15 Jan Maryna Thomas

22 Jan Amanda Van Zyl

22 Jan Herbie Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12 Jan Peter & Maryna Thomas

22 Jan Ken & Gill Quinn

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

02 Dec 1982 Barry Downs

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

2 Dec George Astley

20 Dec Alec Woodrow

27 Dec Chris Marnitz

7 Jan Dave Thomas

13 Jan Jannie Jacobs