



ROTARY GRIQUA

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STRANGE PLACE NAMES IN S.AFRICA

How many of these places have you been to - and are they as strange as their names suggest?

Die Hel

The pass leading to the Gamkaskloof valley in the Swartberg region is incredibly steep, dropping almost 580 meters before the settlement. One theory is that Die Hel was derived from the Afrikaans word "helling" which means "steep incline". Die Hel also translates to 'The Hell', providing a more sinister connotation which angers local residents. Nobody knows exactly how the area got its name, but clearly it refers to the treacherous journey undertaken to reach the valley.

Los-my-cherry

This Mpumalanga settlement may well have the funniest name in South Africa, yet the reasoning behind its description is unclear. Los-my-cherry is colloquially translated to 'leave my girlfriend alone'. It makes the imagination run wild – was it named by a jealous boyfriend? Nobody knows the true answer, and while the mystery persists, the area is now better known as Tjakastad.

Darling

The quintessential South African small town, Darling has the rural charm which has led to many theories on how it got its name. It could be the darling of the Western Cape – or even the darling of famous performer, Pieter-Dirk Uys, and his alter-ego, Tannie Evita, whose museum and theatre is a main attraction in the town. But no – the town is actually named after Sir Charles Henry Darling, a British lieutenant-governor, who founded a farm in the area circa 1853.

Lekkersing

Lekkersing was established in 1926 by Ryk Jasper Cloete. The Afrikaans residents named the town after a natural fountain, which would create a beautiful sound when flowing – directly translated, Lekkersing means 'to sing joyfully'.

Tietiesbaai

Besides being one of the most scenic bay areas of the West Coast of South Africa, Tietiesbaai also has the ability to produce giggles due to its name. Tietiesbaai translates to 'boobs bay', and while that may seem funny, the reality is far blander. The isolated seaside campsite has nothing to do with breasts but is instead named after Frenchman, Jacques Titius, who was a trader in the area many years ago.

Douse the Glim

Not so much a town as a humble farmstead, this Western Cape ranch was briefly home to a Scottish regiment during the Anglo-Boer War. But what does that mean? While stationed there during the war, soldiers were told to extinguish their fires as to avoid detection from enemy forces, hence 'Douse the Glim'.

Klein Mier

A tiny Northern Cape town, where the only thing smaller than the settlement itself, is maybe its name – which translates to 'small ant'. Only 449 people live in the town – which borders the largest saltpan in South Africa, Hakskeenpan - another strange place name which translates to 'heel pan'.

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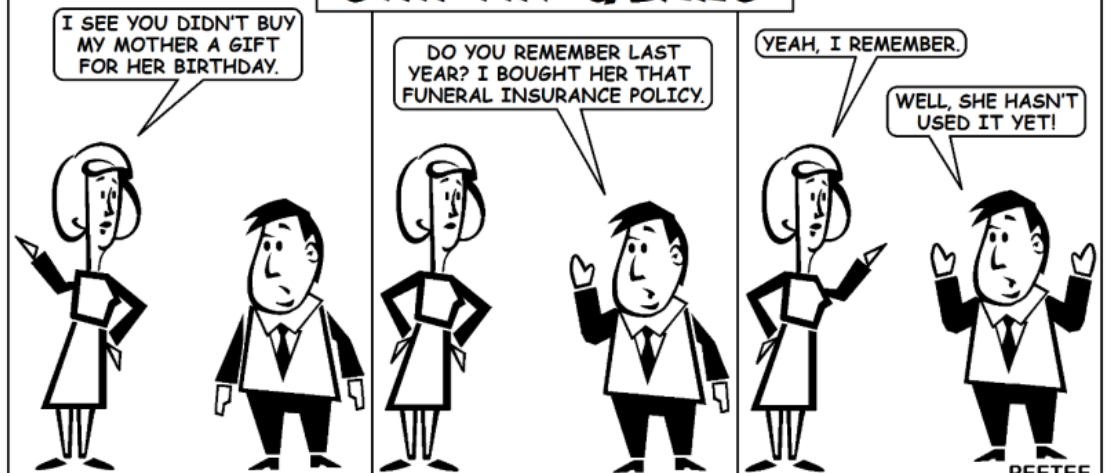
Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 084 688 0508

DIARISE: 23 Dec: Fellowship Lunch – Whistling Kettle 12.30

SHIFTIN' GEARS



CALENDAR & DUTIES

DECEMBER

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

- 9 Dec: NO LUNCH – Club Walk-About - 12:45
Sol Plaatje Univ (Part 2)
- 16 Dec: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING
- 23 Dec: FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - 12:30
Whistling Kettle
- 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

FEBRUARY

World Understanding Month

- 3 Feb: SOCIAL MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00
Guest Speaker to be Confirmed
- 10 Feb: NO LUNCH – Club Walk-About
Details to follow
- 17 Feb: BUSINESS MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00
- 21-22 Feb: POETS CONFERENCE
- 24 Feb: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING



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DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 9 DECEMBER

CLUB WALK-ABOUT – No Duties
TUES COFFEE CLUB BREAKFAST: Ken Quinn

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

WEEK OF 6 JAN. (Social Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: Corlia van Tonder
CORPORAL: Willem Badenhorst
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 13 JANUARY

CLUB WALK-ABOUT – No Duties
TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 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
05 Feb Peter Thomas
17 Feb Brenda Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Jan Peter & Maryna Thomas
22 Jan Ken & Gill Quinn

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Dec. Alec Woodrow
27 Dec. Chris Marnitz
7 Jan. Dave Thomas
13 Jan. Jannie Jacobs