



ROTARY GRIQUA

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

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ROTARY'S HISTORY

ROTARY IN SPAIN SURVIVES DESPITE CHALLENGES

After successfully establishing a presence in Great Britain and Ireland, Rotary expanded by chartering of a club in Madrid on New Year's Day 1921.

To get the club started, the Rotary secretariat contacted Angel Cuesta, a cigar magnate originally from Spain who had helped to organize clubs in Cuba. Although living in Florida, USA, Cuesta was assigned as special representative in Spain in 1920 and worked closely with Ely Palmer, the American consul in Madrid.

Cuesta believed that once the Madrid club was well-established and the Rotary concept of service became known in Spain, it would be easy to organize in Barcelona. The club there received its charter in April 1922. The Zaragoza club followed in December 1925, then the San Sebastián club in February 1926.

The appetite for Rotary in Spain continued to grow. In the late 1920s, the Barcelona club hosted its first youth exchange, an activity that was emerging throughout the Rotary world at the time. In 1929-30, the R.I. Board of Directors included its first Spanish member.

The outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 quickly halted Rotary's expansion in the country. The Franco regime persecuted perceived "enemies of the state" and anti-Rotary rhetoric was pervasive. Rotary was banned in 1936 and the 28 clubs in the country had to disband.

With the death of Franco in 1975 and a return to democracy, Rotary clubs began to re-emerge throughout Spain, starting in Madrid. In 1976, a group in Madrid dedicated themselves to restarting Rotary and began meeting unofficially as a Rotary club. In May of that year, RI Pres. Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello and Vice Pres. Bernardo Guzmán travelled to Spain. Together with Jaime Enseñat, president of the new Madrid club, and other Spanish Rotarians, they had the honour of being received by King Juan Carlos de Borbón.

The 1977, Guzmán served as Rotary's special representative to organize the Madrid club. It was chartered on 6 June 1977, but due to the reason it had closed, was later granted its original charter date. Rotary celebrated its return with a charter signing and presentation at the 1977 International Convention.

NOTE

In the lockdown period, our Rotary Club meets On-Line. Rotarians and Friends of Rotary are welcome to join. Use the following link to join the meeting just before the published time – see our Calendar overleaf.

<https://www.gotomeet.me/D9370-GTM-Organiser/kimberley-gtm>

If you have any problems, please contact Barry Downs on 083 621 9911

ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

2020-2021

Chartered 20 August 1951

Rotary District 9370

RI President: Holger Knaack

District Gov: Maud Boikanyo

Assistant Gov: Rob Gibson

Club President: Ken Quinn

Club Secretary: Corlia van Tonder

Club Board:

Barry Downs

Gill Quinn

Colleen Fairweather

Peter Thomas

Amanda van Zyl

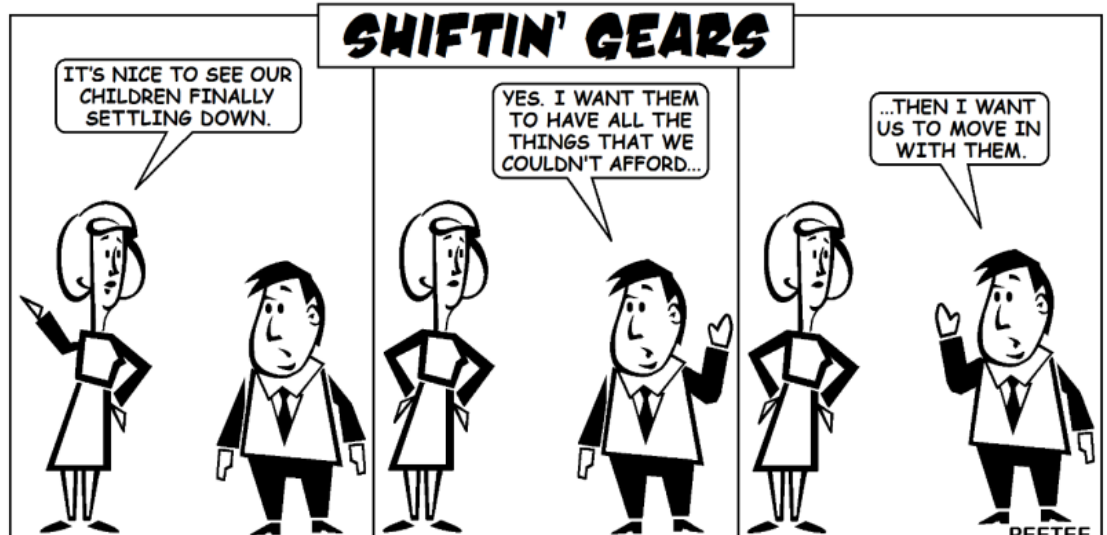
Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 084 688 0508



CALENDAR & DUTIES

JANUARY

(Vocational Service Month)

25 Jan: ON-LINE ROTARY MEETING – 13:00

FEBRUARY

(Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month)

01 Feb: NO MEETING

08 Feb: ON-LINE ROTARY MEETING – 13:00

15 Feb: NO MEETING

22 Feb: ON-LINE ROTARY MEETING – 13:00

MARCH

(Water and Sanitation Month)

01 Mar: NO MEETING

08 Mar: ON-LINE ROTARY MEETING – 13:00

15 Mar: NO MEETING

22 Mar: ON-LINE ROTARY MEETING – 13:00

29 Mar: NO MEETING

**So, what if I don't know
what "Armageddon"
means?**

**It's not the end of the
world!**

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ROTARY GRIQUA
ARE WELCOMED. PLEASE E-MAIL TO:

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 25 Jan (On-Line Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: No Duty

CORPORAL: Brenda Booth

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 01 February

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 08 Feb (On-Line Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: No Duty

CORPORAL: Maatje Brand

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 15 February

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 22 Feb (On-Line Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: No Duty

CORPORAL: Barry Downs

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 1 March

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

05 Feb Peter Thomas

17 Feb Brenda Booth

7 Mar Pottie Brand

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons

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.