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FREEDOM DAY — 27 APRIL

Freedom Day is the celebration and commemoration of the long struggle for democracy in South Africa

Freedom Day is a day of respect and commemoration. Celebrated on 27 April each year, Freedom Day honours the anniversary of South Africa's first non-racial election of 1994 and pays homage to the country's liberation from Apartheid rule, where the minority exercised prejudice political power over the majority of the country.

Apartheid was officially implemented in South Africa in 1948; however, colonialism and oppression of the African majority had plagued various countries throughout the African continent since as early as the 1600s.

Under Apartheid, people of colour in South Africa were denied the right to vote and hence did not have a say in the political governing and running of the country. During Apartheid, the majority of South Africans were excluded from any form of political power or influence.

Freedom Day honours those who fought for our country's liberation, and the many men and women who suffered through incarceration, on behalf of the oppressed during Apartheid.

The First Democratic Election

On Wednesday, 27 April 1994, the nation cast its vote in the first democratic election. For the first time, all races in the country were allowed to vote for a government of their choice. Nineteen political parties participated in the non-racial election, and 19.7 million people across the country voted.

The African National Congress (ANC) won the election with 62.65% of the vote, and the party's frontman, the revered Nelson Mandela became the first black president of the country on the 10th of May. Contrary to fears of political violence, the election took place in a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

NIGHT CYCLE RIDE - 30 APRIL

This coming Friday evening, we are holding our annual Rotary Night Cycle Ride at Rooifontein. This is our Rotary Club's main fundraising event of the year, and we appeal to every Rotarian to assist at the event.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY 2020-2021

Chartered 20 August 1951 Rotary District 9370

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CALENDAR & DUTTES

APRIL

(Maternal and Child Health Month)

26 Apr: MEETING - Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

27 Apr: Freedom Day

30 Apr: ROTARY NIGHT CYCLE RIDE

MAY

(Youth Service Month)

01 May: Workers' Day 03 May: NO MEETING

10 May: MEETING - Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

17 May: NO MEETING

24 May: MEETING - Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

31 May: NO MEETING

"It is great to know that you have the ability to bring joy to someone's life... either by your presence or by your absence"

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ROTARY GRIQUA ARE WELCOMED. PLEASE E-MAIL TO: petertee@vodamail.co.za





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DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 26 April (Kbly Club)

FELLOWSHIP: Barry Downs

CORPORAL: Gill Quinn (for Peter T.) TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 03 May

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 10 May (Kbly Club)

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen Fairweather CORPORAL: Gill Quinn (for Peter T.)

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda B. (for Peter T.)

WEEK OF 17 May

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

WEEK OF 24 May (Kbly Club)

FELLOWSHIP: Hein Knoke CORPORAL: Corlia van Tonder

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

WEEK OF 31 May

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

08 May Ken Quinn 16 May Barry Downs

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

17 May Philip & Shirley Maritz

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

11 May 2020 Maatje Brand

21 May 2018 Hein Knoke

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

27Apr Brian Turner

04 May Johan Aucamp

05 May David Allen

25 May Bill Fair