



ROTARY GRIQUA

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7 JUNE 2021

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ROTARY'S RAINBOW

Fellowship has created a global home for LGBT members and friends.

During a breakout session on “Welcoming the LGBTQ Community into the Family of Rotary” during the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Michelle Wilson, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise, Ohio, had a question. “I asked, ‘Why doesn’t Rotary have a group for LGBT+ people?’” When she added, “We should start one,” she says, “the response was overwhelming.”

Before the session had even ended, Sean O’Hara, a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Charles Happy Hour, Louisiana (and later the fellowship’s first president), had opened a Facebook group for LGBT people. Wilson left the meeting with a stack of business cards from people who wanted to be part of the new group. The LGBT Rotarians and Friends Fellowship was born.

In between regular Zoom events held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, members like Wilson — who is the group’s current president — are talking to clubs about promoting diversity and telling the story of being LGBT in Rotary.

The fellowship is seeking to work with clubs on projects that support the LGBT community and to offer resources to clubs that want to be more diverse and welcoming to all.

“I’ve been a Rotarian for over 20 years, and Service Above Self is in my DNA. I’m 66 and came out at age 61. Serving the LGBT community is an acknowledgment that many others went before me, and it’s now my time to be of service.” Ronald Schoenmehl, Rotary Club of San Diego Downtown Breakfast, California

“To have a fellowship where I can meet and visit — virtually now — with other gay Rotarians in a completely “out” environment really affirms that we are now completely included in Rotary.” Valleri Crabtree, Rotary Club of Wellston, Ohio

“I was one of the first openly transgender presidents of a Rotary club in the world. When I was president, we had a Rotary/LGBT community information exchange meeting. None of those things could have happened 10 years ago.” Monica Mulholland, Rotary Club of Queenstown, New Zealand

“I’m optimistic that in the post-pandemic future, a couple of the Rotary clubs in our community will come together to participate in Pride events and support the LGBT community in other ways. Our clubs also need to identify LGBT community organizations that need our support, friendship, and mentorship.” John Culshaw, Rotary Club of Iowa City, Iowa

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REMEMBER President’s Induction Lunch - Kimberley Club 20 June - 12:30 for 13:00

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

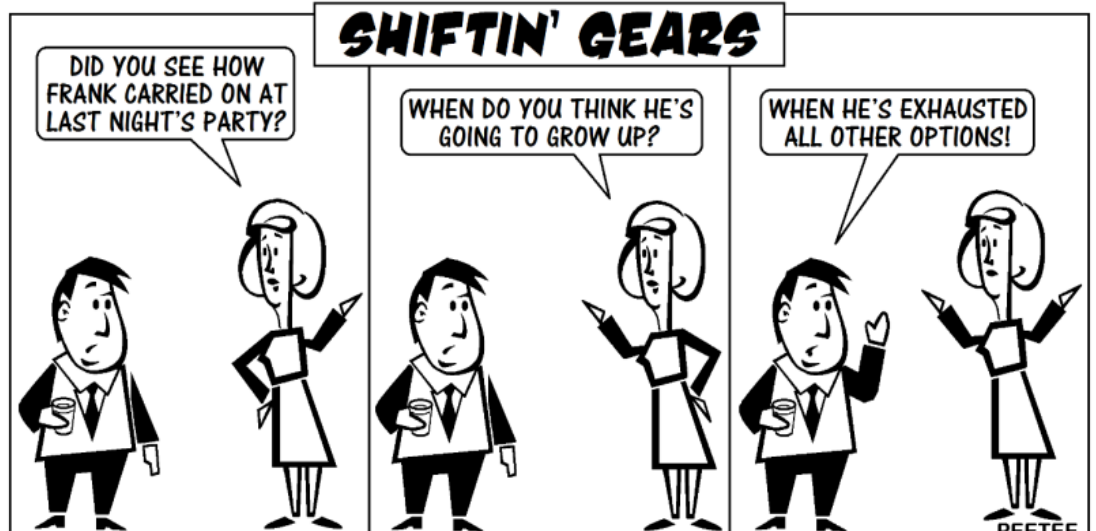
Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 084 688 0508



CALENDAR & DUTIES

JUNE

(Rotary Fellowships Month)

- 07 Jun: MEETING – Kbly Club 07:15 for 07:30
12 Jun: MONTHLY TRAINING - Club Admin
08h30 to 12h00 - Online
14 Jun: NO MEETING
20 Jun: PRESIDENT'S INDUCTION LUNCHEON
Kimberley Club 12:30 (Sunday)
21 Jun: NO MEETING
28 Jun: NO MEETING

JULY

(New Rotary Year Begins)

- 05 Jul: MEETING – Kbly Club 12:45 for 13:00
10 Jul: MONTHLY TRAINING - Membership
08h30 to 12h00 – Online
12 Jul: NO MEETING
19 Jul: MEETING – Kbly Club 12:45 for 13:00
26 Jul: NO MEETING

I'm normally quite docile – but the moment I walk into a spider web, I turn into a karate black-belt

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DUTIES

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

WEEK OF 7 June (Kbly Club – 7.30)

FELLOWSHIP: Philip Maritz
CORPORAL: Barry Downs
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 14 June

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

SUNDAY 20 June (Induction Luncheon)

Kimberley Club – 12.30 for 13.00)
Duties to be Announced

WEEK OF 21 June

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

WEEK OF 28 June

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

WEEK OF 5 July (Kbly Club – 13.00)

FELLOWSHIP: Gill Quinn
CORPORAL: Colleen Fairweather
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 26 June Hanlie Louw
08 July Shirley Dally (Honorary)
24 Jul Dries van Tonder

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Jun Peter & Charlene Daubney (Honorary)
28 Jun Barry & Gill Downs
05 Jul Brenda & Herbert Booth
16 Jul Gordon & Shirley Dally (Honorary)

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Jul 1981 Philip Maritz
13 Jul 2015 Brenda Booth

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 13 June Jock Robey
14 June Piet V.D. Merwe
15 July Mark Harding
17 July Robbie V.D. Nest