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ROTARY WYNBERG'S TRIBUTE TO MADIBA

As Rotarians we are inspired by the life of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, the father of a democratic South Africa, and of all in our wonderful country.

He understood with enormous clarity what it means that all are made in the image of God and deserve equal respect and dignity. It was an idea he hoped to live to enjoy, but it was also an idea for which, if necessary, he was prepared to die. He was a man of peace, until it became clear that the South African authorities would not see reason. Despite being imprisoned for 27 years, he was forgiving, warm, loving and kind. He was self deprecating, a man of humour with a characteristic smile.

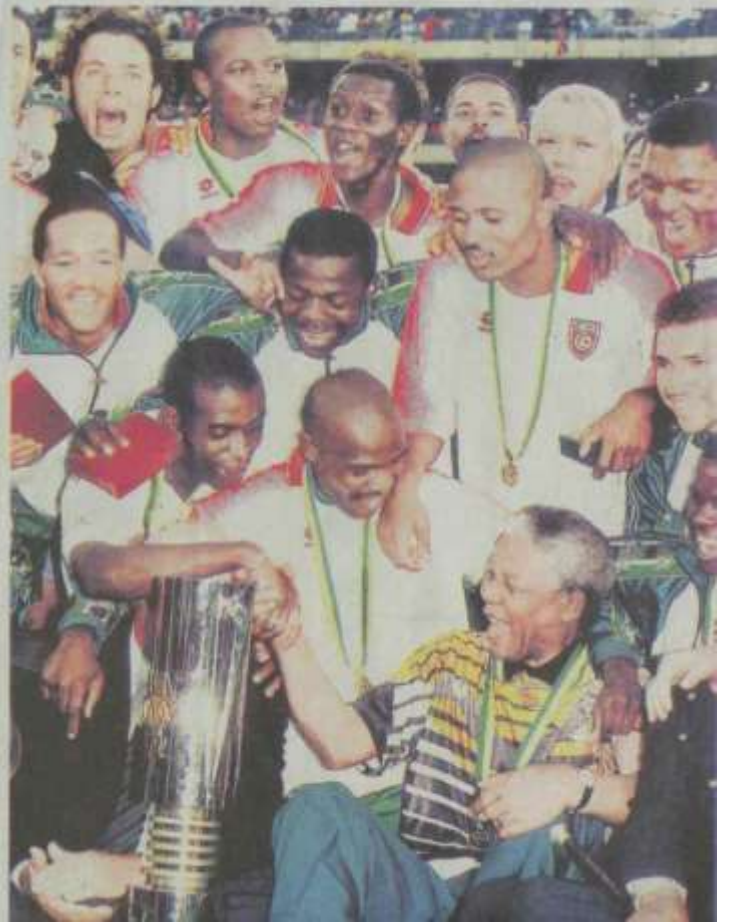
He reached out to his enemies so as to engage with them and make them partners in creating a different South Africa. He embraced his own culture and the culture of others, except where either dehumanised people. He embraced the world, and was embraced by a world which sorely needs a man of his stature, when necessary speaking truth to the most powerful men and women on the globe.

He freed black people from subjugation and oppression, and he freed white people of prejudice, fear and guilt. He understood the human condition- he recognised that people were not born to hurt and hate one another, but did so out of ignorance and prejudice, and that all people were capable of change for the good. He loved and committed himself to children.

He understood better than most what "Service above self" really means, and embodied the tenets of the 4 way test. As Rotarians we are challenged by his example to reach greater heights in service to and in partnership with our fellow South Africans.

Family Month





THE TRIBUTES POUR IN FROM AROUND SOUTH AFRICA:

Finally, one man closed his eyes so that the rest of us could open ours. Tata, like a diamond. your Legacy will forever shine. *Browns. The Diamond Store.*

“The purpose of freedom is to create it for others.” *The Coca Cola Company*

Vodacom joins the nation as we grieve the sad passing of our beloved Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Madiba, Tata, Father, Peacemaker. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time. *Vodacom*

A tribute to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: The children's Champion.

To a man who made our land his life
And forgiveness his focus
Who turned hatred into humility
And made peace with the past
Who made his captors his comrades
And his prison cell his podium
Who turned imprisonment into freedom
And a divided people into a nation
Who made children his cause
And love his legacy. *Nedbank*

Lala ngoxolo, Tata. You've left behind a nation inspired by hope. Rest peacefully. *Barclays. Absa.*

When a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace. I believe I have made this effort and that is, therefore, why I will sleep for the eternity. Siyabonga Tata Madiba. Hamba kahle. *Sasol*

“The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.” Lala ngoxolo Tata. From everyone of us at *MTN.*

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” *Samsung*

May you rest in the peace you gave us. *SAA*

Thank you for changing the world, Madiba. We'll continue to be the catalyst for change. Lala ngoxolo, Yem Yem, vela bambhensele. Robala ka Kgotso. Rest in peace. From all the workers at *Lonmin.*

Every morning, we pass by your canvass. Every morning, we are inspired. To do better, to be better, to make our country what you dreamed it will be. Every morning you are with us. Rest in Peace Tata Madiba. From the employees of *British American Tobacco South Africa.*

We mourn his passing. We celebrate his legacy. The nation and the world have lost the consummate servant leader. We honour Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and celebrate his life and legacy by empowering the people of South Africa and serving humanity. *UNISA*

SOME HEADLINES: (from the Sunday Times and Weekend Argus)

SA prepares for one of the largest funerals the world has known as it mourns its favourite son.

Our people have lost a father.

Hero of children.

A sharp and tough negotiator of destiny.

A symbol of hope for all humanity.

Mandela helped to reconcile South Africa during dark times.

The resolute warrior behind the smile.

From prison warders to fellow prisoners, many people were touched by contact with Mandela.

He saw even his enemies as human.

The unique, warm voice of reason

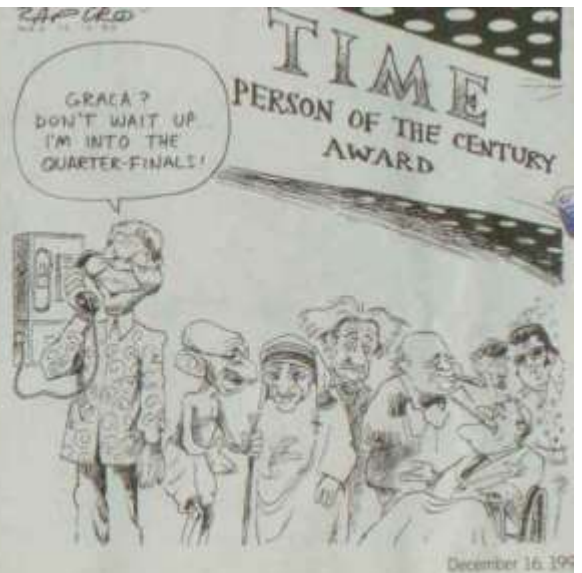
Representative of a humane order yet to be born



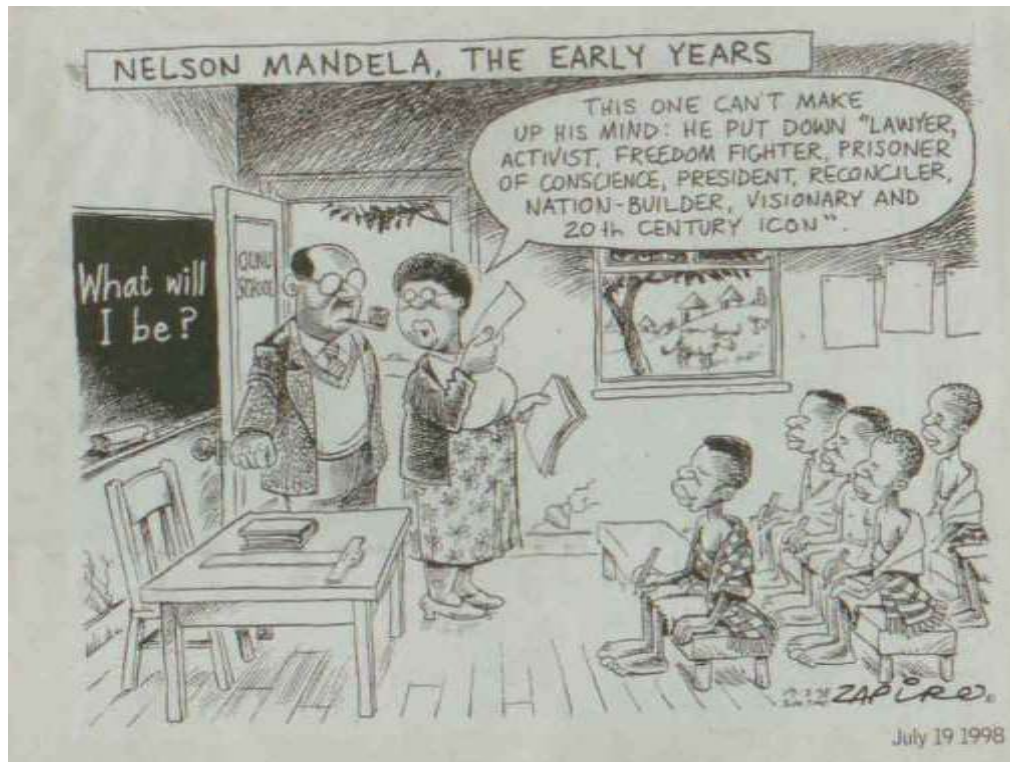
Best accolade... holding up the medal and certificate after he was jointly awarded the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with then president F.W. de Klerk.



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