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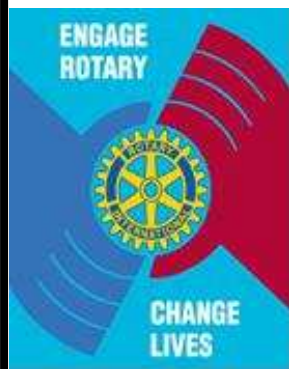
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**MARCH IS
LITERACY MONTH**



EDITORIAL

Submitted by Candice Klotz-Gleave

Moving Speech on Beauty by Oscar Winner, Lupita Nyong'a

Newcomer Lupita Nyong'o was honored with the Best Breakthrough Performance Award at the 7th annual [Black Women in Hollywood](#) Luncheon for her work in critically acclaimed film, *12 Years a Slave*. The following is part of her acceptance speech:

I want to take this opportunity to talk about beauty. Black beauty. Dark beauty. I received a letter from a girl and I'd like to share just a small part of it with you: "Dear Lupita," it reads, "I think you're really lucky to be this Black but yet this successful in Hollywood overnight. I was just about to buy Dencia's Whitenicious cream to lighten my skin when you appeared on the world map and saved me."

My heart bled a little when I read those words. I could never have guessed that my first job out of school would be so powerful in and of itself and that it would propel me to be such an image of hope in the same way that the women of *The Color Purple* were to me.

I remember a time when I too felt unbeautiful. I put on the TV and only saw pale skin, I got teased and taunted about my night-shaded skin. And my one prayer to God, the miracle worker, was that I would wake up lighter-skinned. The morning would come and I would be so excited about seeing my new skin that I would refuse to look down at myself until I was in front of a mirror because I wanted to see my fair face first. And every day I experienced the same disappointment of being just as dark as I had been the day before. I tried to negotiate with God: I told him I would stop stealing sugar cubes at night if he gave me what I wanted; I would listen to my mother's every word and never lose my school sweater again if he just made me a little lighter. But I guess God was unimpressed with my bargaining chips because He never listened.

And when I was a teenager my self-hate grew worse, as you can imagine happens with adolescence. My mother reminded me often that she thought that I was beautiful but that was no consolation: She's my mother, of course she's supposed to think I am beautiful. And then Alek Wek came on the international scene. A celebrated model, she was dark as night, she was on all of the runways and in every magazine and everyone was talking about how beautiful she was. Even Oprah called her beautiful and that made it a fact. I couldn't believe that people were embracing a woman who looked so much like me as beautiful. My complexion had always been an obstacle to overcome and all of a sudden, Oprah was telling me it wasn't. It was perplexing and I wanted to reject it because I had begun to enjoy the seduction of inadequacy. But a flower couldn't help but bloom inside of me. When I saw Alek I inadvertently saw a reflection of myself that I could not deny. Now, I had a spring in my step because I felt more seen, more appreciated by the far away gatekeepers of beauty, but around me the preference for light skin prevailed. To the beholders that I thought mattered, I was still unbeautiful. And my mother again would say to me, "You can't eat beauty. It doesn't feed you." And these words plagued and bothered me; I didn't really understand them until finally I realized that beauty was not a thing that I could

acquire or consume, it was something that I just had to be.

And what my mother meant when she said you can't eat beauty was that you can't rely on how you look to sustain you. What is fundamentally beautiful is compassion for yourself and for those around you. That kind of beauty enflames the heart and enchants the soul. It is what got Patsey in so much trouble with her master, but it is also what has kept her story alive to this day. We remember the beauty of her spirit even after the beauty of her body has faded away.

And so I hope that my presence on your screens and in the magazines may lead you, young girl, on a similar journey. That you will feel the validation of your external beauty but also get to the deeper business of being beautiful inside. There is no shade to that beauty.

<http://www.essence.com/2014/02/27/lupita-nyong'o-delivers-moving-black-women-hollywood-acceptance-speech/>

MEETING OF 13 MARCH 2014

ATTENDANCE

Membership:	28
Present:	8
Make Ups:	8
Apologies:	6
Attendance:	60%

Attendance to Biffy 0813259570 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za.

HAPPY 46TH BIRTHDAY ROTARACT



PRESIDENT’S QUOTES

No quotes either this week. The club that has the most FUN was having too much FUN.

ROTARY CORNER

GET CONNECTED

Rotary is all about building lifelong friendships — connecting with fellow Rotarians across communities, cities, countries, and cultures. Just one connection can lead to a great partnership.

ONLINE

Update your Rotary profile at www.rotary.org to receive information tailored to your interests and connect with members who share those interests.

Use your Rotary profile to connect with club leaders and get the information you need to participate in projects and your community.

Discover inspiring stories of fellow Rotarians at Rotary Voices, the official Rotarian blog.

Learn about service projects worldwide at Rotary Showcase and put your club’s projects on display, too.

Explore Rotary grants at www.rotary.org/grants to learn how to apply for global and packaged grants for international humanitarian projects.

Use social media to reach out and start conversations. Inspire others to follow your lead and spread the word about Rotary.

OFFLINE AND IN-PERSON

You don’t have to use a computer to make a connection. Outside of your club meetings, there are lots of opportunities to meet with other Rotarians in person. Here are a number of ways to get started.

Make Rotary a family affair. Explore Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange opportunities for your kids and invite your spouse to your club’s meetings.

Attend the RI Convention. Meet and celebrate with other members from around the world and learn how to expand our impact.

Go to meetings at other Rotary clubs anywhere in the world to find international service partners and form new friendships.

Learn about another culture. Spend time abroad in a Rotarian’s home through a Rotary Friendship Exchange.

Join a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. Meet other members who share your interests and passions.

OTHER RESOURCES

Watch Rotary Video Magazine and read your Rotary magazine, Rotary news, and newsletters for stories about remarkable projects, helpful tips, and inspirational ideas.

Explore special-interest publications available at shop.rotary.org.

START MAKING YOUR CONNECTIONS TODAY!

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	20 March	27 March	3 April	10 April
Sergeant	Murphy	Van Eeden	Gowdy	Van Wyk
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Klotz-Gleave	Michalowsky	Munday	Murphy
Minutes for Wynpress	Danckwerts	Wetmore	Cleveland	Danckwerts
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Wetmore	Cleveland
Door Duty	Lidgley	Michalowsky	Gavin	Munday
Grace	Murphy	Gavin	Du Plessis	Schrieber
Loyal Toast	James	Schonegevel	Jackson	Lidgley
International Toast	Gowdy	Hovstad	Howard	Jackson
Speaker Introduction	Van Wyk	Van Wyk	TBA	Munday
Speaker Thanks	Barnard	Bird	Bredenkamp	Gowdy

JACKPOT:

No jackpot this week.

PROGRAMME

March 2014	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, van Niekerk
15 & 16 March	Proms at the City Hall. NB All hands on Deck!!
19 March	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
20 March	Normal meeting – speaker: Susan Wishart: ‘Toading & the Leopard Toad’
21 March	Human Rights Day / Public holiday
27 March	Retreat Rotaract meeting
27 March	Normal meeting – speaker: Drs Mark van Rensburg & Cathy Spargo: ‘Myths & other things you should have asked your doctor about or should never have asked’
28 March	School holidays start
April 2014	Committee: Knight, Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis
2-4 April	Rotary Family Health Days
2 April	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
3 April	No meeting
7 April	Board meeting / School term starts
10 April	Retreat Rotaract meeting
10 April	‘Wine Tasting – Truths and Lies’: Dennis Gowdy and Fred Kuys
11-13 April	Interact Camp – <u>WRC on duty on Sat 12 April</u>
16 April	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
17 April	Business meeting
18-21 April	Easter
24 April	Retreat Rotaract meeting
24 April	Normal meeting – Mercy Ships
27 April	Freedom Day
28 April	Public holiday
29-30 April	School holidays
1 May	Workers Day public holiday / No meeting
1-4 May	District Conference

ARGUS





I am told that the cyclists loved "the guy on the loud speaker" at this intersection. Give the man the job for life !!!

TAILPIECE



Only a Farm Kid.....

When you're from the country, your perception is a little different to the big city person.
 A Queensland farmer drove to a neighbour's farmhouse in his Holden ute, and knocked at the door.
 A boy, about nine years old, opened the door.
 "Is your Dad or Mum home?" asked the farmer.
 "No, they went to town", said the boy.
 "How about your brother Howard. Is he here?" asked the farmer.
 "No, he went with Mum and Dad," answered the boy.
 The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, mumbling to himself.
 "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message," said the boy.
 "Well," said the farmer uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad.... It's about Howard getting my daughter Susie pregnant."
 The boy thought for a moment.....
 "You would have to talk to dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the pig, but I don't know how much he charges for Howard."