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Clarence Darrow's Search for Justice

Please join Justiceworks, Ltd., the UWSP Political Science Department, and the UWSP Student Legal Society for an entertaining theatrical one-man show: **"Clarence Darrow's Search for Justice" on Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 pm** at the UWSP Noel Fine Arts Center, Lecture Hall 221.

The performance spotlights American iconoclast, Clarence Darrow, his greatest trials, and controversial legal topics of the 20th century. Nationally renowned actor, Gary Anderson, captures the taut atmosphere of the adversarial process, explores legal ethics, illustrates court dynamics, and gives unique insight into prosecution and defense strategies.

Autographed copies of the new biography, "Clarence Darrow: An American Iconoclast", by Andrew Kersten will be auctioned off at the event. The Library Journal review states that the book is "A richly detailed but accessible account of Clarence Darrow's complicated life ... Unlike many Darrow biographies, this one shows how much more there was to the man than law and politics. Highly recommended."



To reserve tickets, call the UWSP Box Office at 715-346-4100 or 1-800-838-3378 or order tickets online at tickets.uwsp.edu. General seating admission is \$22.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students and, with professional CLE 2.5/5 ethics credit, \$52 for admission. All proceeds support the Justiceworks Endowment Fund.

From the Executive Director

Please mark your calendars for exciting Justiceworks' events ahead, beginning in November with *Clarence Darrow's Search for Justice* theatrical performance and continuing in January with a performance by the UW-Madison Theatre for Social and Cultural Awareness at Justiceworks' annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration. More information on these events is enclosed in this newsletter.

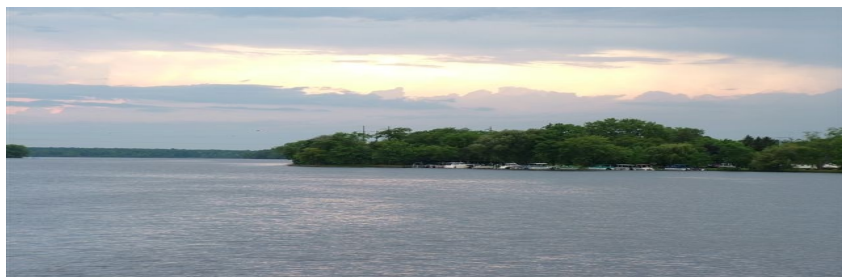
In addition to providing community education forums on justice issues, Justiceworks delivers direct services to community members—high school and college students, adults, victims and offenders-- through our Family Law Information Center, offender mentoring programs, and our victim-based conferencing and mediation programs.

Justiceworks, Ltd. is a non-profit, community-based justice organization founded on restorative justice principles. Justiceworks embodies the work of volunteer members working together to resolve justice-related issues in our community. Our programs are volunteer-based and supported by diverse funding sources, including competitive grants and fund raising initiatives.

Our new board member, Jeff Ebel, is spotlighted in this edition. His comment "There but for the grace of God goes I" strikes home during this tough economic time, reminding us that we can offer community support one day and become the recipient of its services the next. Because of the volunteer work of people like Jeff, and others, in Justiceworks' programs, many lives have been positively impacted. Please consider volunteering. We guarantee a positive result—for you and for others!

Katherine Munck





Clouds Break fothe Annual JustRun

Runners, walkers, musicians, and volunteers triumphed over rain and lightening this year to organize and participate in the Justiceworks fundraiser Just Run Half-Marathon and 5K Run/Walk, held in conjunction with the Riverfront Jazz Festival in early September. Beginning in the dark on Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend, volunteers set up the course, start/ finish line, and registration tables in a torrential downpour with lightening overhead. The unexpected force of the rain and winds in the early morning hours impeded volunteer efforts to get all the signage out on the course. But the rain and clouds broke when the Sweet Adelines opened the day with the Star Spangled Banner. Despite some missing mile

markers, a storm delay of one-half hour, and high humidity, walkers and runners made it to the finish line with excellent results. A big thank you to our event participants is in order for their patience and understanding on race day. Race volunteer organizers were very appreciative of the top-notch assistance



they received from the Stevens Point Police Department and Ministry Medical Group emergency staff to address race complications due to the weather. Together, new race coordinator Shannon Steinbach, event volunteers, and race participants made this year's event an overall success. Next year, we'll be back storm-proofed and better than ever on Saturday, September 1, for the 2012 Just Run Half-Marathon and 5K event.

***JustRun* Sponsorship Recognition**

Justiceworks Board of Directors and Staff wish to thank the community sponsors and volunteers who helped make our annual fundraiser run/walk a great success this year. Just like the half-marathon distance, your contribution goes a long way.

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And a special hats-off goes to our invaluable volunteer race workers and event coordinators—thank you for your time and talent!



Justiceworks Works for Youth

Justiceworks, Ltd. is committed to providing educational initiatives that encourage community understanding of the justice system and community justice issues. As part of that commitment, Justiceworks provides learning opportunities for students through its academic internship programs and educational forums. Justiceworks' also responds to troubled juveniles and young adults through a myriad of direct service programs, including its offender-mentoring programs, victim-offender conferencing and mediation programs. Without participation in community-based justice intervention and alternative sentencing programs, many of these at-risk juveniles and young adults would statistically be at higher risk to re-offend.

Welcome to Justiceworks'

Student Intern Tegan Anderson

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior, Tegan Anderson, joins the Justiceworks crew this fall as student intern in the Justiceworks office. Tegan is assisting with organization of the special event, "Clarence Darrow's Search for Justice", as well as spending time learning about restorative justice and the justice system through courtroom observations, work with the Family Law Information Center and Justiceworks' victim-offender conferencing program. Tegan, a native of Waukesha, WI is studying Public Administration and Policy Analysis at UWSP. She was introduced to the concept of restorative justice and victim-offender conferencing through her job as director for Peer Court with the Boys and Girls Club. Tegan states, "I am so fortunate to be given this opportunity to learn and grow within this organization. I am excited to learn more." In turn, the Justiceworks staff and board members are excited to have Tegan with us this semester.

Justiceworks' Volunteer Spotlight

New this year to the Justiceworks Board of Directors is community volunteer and retired business owner, Jeff Ebel. Justiceworks is privileged to have Jeff on board. His enthusiasm and commitment to the mission of Justiceworks has served as an inspiration to others working with him on the Board and with Justiceworks' reentry program, Teamwork for Employment Access through Mentoring (TEAM).

Jeff is the founder and past president of Ebel Woodworking, Inc., an architectural woodworking company. Jeff has been very active in the community volunteering with many local non-profit organizations, including SCORE, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Toastmasters Club.

Currently Jeff is volunteering with Justiceworks as committee chair of the TEAM project, a reentry program helping ex-offenders successfully re-integrate into the community through mentoring and better access to community resources.



Jeff, a retired business owner, found that some of his best and most dedicated employees over the years were those with troubled pasts who received a second chance through employment in his woodworking business.

Jeff states, "There but for the grace of God go I. I made some stupid decisions in my life, but I was fortunate to learn from them early on before they trapped me in the revolving door of the justice system. Most gratifying to me is to see others reach their full potential. I'm proud to be able to help make that happen for others through my work and volunteer activities. We all have something of value to offer in the workplace and in our community."

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Event Welcomes
Patrick Sims, Founder of the UW-Madison Theater of
Cultural and Social Awareness,**

Mark your calendars for the Justiceworks' MLK community recognition event on January 16, at 7 p.m. in the Stevens Point Area Senior High School Auditorium. Patrick Sims, the 2012 keynote presenter, performs a chapter of history through a drama, focusing on civil rights activist, James Cameron, and his message of survival and reconciliation. The show also features choral performances by the Monteverdi Master Chorale and the SPASH Concert Choir. The performance is free to all community members and is organized through an interfaith coalition of volunteer representatives partnering with Justiceworks, Ltd and community sponsors. The event includes the Justiceworks' Justice Volunteer of the Year Award and refreshments provided at a post-event reception in the high school commons.



Congratulations to Hon. Frederic Fleishauer

Justiceworks, Ltd. would like to extend its congratulations to Judge Frederic Fleishauer for his dedicated service to the Portage County justice system and community members. Judge Fleishauer recently announced his plans to retire from the bench after nearly 31 years of service as a Circuit Judge for Portage County. He played an integral part in conceptualizing and laying the corporate groundwork for the non-profit, Justiceworks, Ltd. He continued to play a key role in the organization's progress after stepping off as President of the Board of Directors to serve as board adviser. Judge Fleishauer will continue to serve as board adviser in retirement. The Justiceworks' Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers wish Judge Fleishauer and family their very best.

MORE ON WORKER COOPS!

On May 25th Justiceworks and Prism started a community discussion about worker cooperatives in Wisconsin as response to crime. More recently, we have heard from Lise Ecclestone of Southern British Columbia, who discussed the workers cooperatives she manages there. Her discussion centered on the promotion of several small business entities under the roof of one cooperative organization. Most were self supporting through income generated through activities such as recycling mattresses and electronic waste, appliances, composting, and landfill wood recycling, cleaning and others. Then last week Sequane Lawrence from Prim Lawrence Group, Chicago and Saudia Abdullah, from the National Reentry Resource Center in New York spent the day with Justiceworks staff and community members discussing efforts to support work cooperatives and non-profit corporations involved with offender re-entry issues in Chicago and across the country.

Their observations recognized that Justiceworks has developed one of the leading programs in the country to support offender re-entry efforts. The federal government selected Justiceworks for its mentor supported employment program called TEAM to win a competitive "Second Chance Act" grant award. Less than ten percent of such grant applications were successful, and the Department of Justice considers the TEAM program as a potential national model for mentored employment to improve re-entry. All such programming has to be evidence-based, which requires that its success must be objectively measured. Ron Carlson heads the TEAM program for Justiceworks and has approximately 20 clients involved in the process with mentors at the present time.



We Started With Justice

“ . . . In 1789, only a few years into independence, the United States developed a new plan of government for their still new nation. Why did they do this? Well, a lot of them thought their original plan—after all, it was written while they were distracted, trying to win their independence—was not working out so well. This new plan of government, the Constitution, was drafted over several months by some of the greatest minds of the day: Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams and others. (Thomas Jefferson was not there, which was probably a good thing, but that's another story.) They took their time about it, this time without any other distractions than the heat and humidity of late summer Philadelphia.

As with the Declaration of Independence, they included in the Constitution a preamble that explained, strongly but succinctly, why there were establishing this particular form of government. In effect, they were explaining at the same time who we are as a people. They were enshrining our deepest values.

So why did they establish the Constitution? Along with only five other reasons, they listed the establishment of justice. Is it a coincidence they listed the establishment of justice second, even above providing for the common defense? They chose to list the establishment of justice even before the securing of liberty! Justice is only the *seventeenth* word in the entire constitution.

So it must be very important, even if it is, as we've already seen, sometimes complicated.

Its worth thinking about.”

Part of an article submitted by an involved citizen who happens to be an ex-offender.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” Gandhi



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quote for a quarter:

“Snowflakes are one of
nature's most fragile things,
but just look what they can do
when they stick together. ”

Vesta M. Kelly