

The Clarence Darrow Commemorative Committee

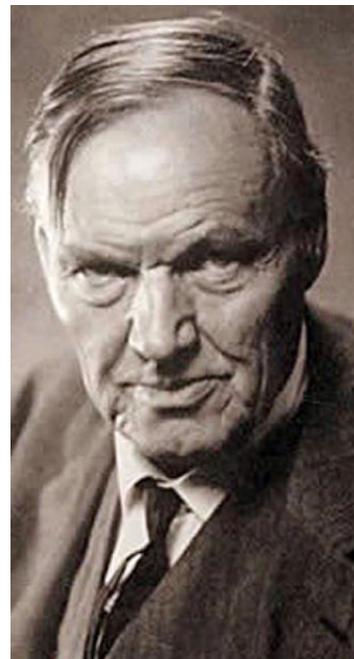
invites you to participate in its annual wreath-tossing and symposium commemorating Darrow

Sunday, March 13, 2016

10 a.m.-noon

A tribute on the anniversary of Darrow's death

Cook County Jail: Then and Now
The Impact of Poverty and Racism
Speaker: **Hanke Gratteau**



In 1902, Darrow wrote: [People] are in jail simply because they cannot avoid it on account of circumstances which are entirely beyond their control”

Today, many of the inmates of Cook County Jail are locked up because they cannot afford \$5000 bail, because they committed crimes of survival, because they are mentally ill.

Join us as Hanke Gratteau, director of the Cook County Sheriff's Justice Institute, describes today's jail population and efforts underway to shift the paradigm. Under Gratteau's leadership, the Institute mines data to expose the consequences of criminalizing homelessness, mental illness, drug dependency and the devastating effects of generational poverty. The goal: to enlighten policies and practices regarding incarceration and evictions.

Gratteau is a former award-winning journalist, including the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Journalism. She also served as Executive Director of the John Howard Association, a corrections watchdog group, and Vice-President for Public Affairs at Ounce of Prevention.

This year's event includes Clarence Darrow's own words from his 1902 address to prisoners in Cook County Jail, as read by Fawzia Mirza.

Fawzia Mirza is an actress and producer, for stage, TV and film. "I love to use performance, personal storytelling and comedy to break down stereotypes across a multiplicity of identities: race, religion, sexual orientation and gender and defy the concept of the 'model minority' often portrayed in the mainstream," she said.



Please join us at 10 a.m. just EAST of the Clarence Darrow Bridge in Jackson Park (the bridge is under construction) for the traditional tossing of flowers and brief speeches to commemorate Darrow; the Symposium begins at 10:45 a.m. in the Museum of Science and Industry: The Rosenwald Room (formerly the New Columbian Room). Beverages and rolls will be served. (The Darrow Bridge is behind the Museum of Science and Industry: Driving south on Lake Shore Drive, pass the light at 57th Drive and turn right at the next light [Science Drive]. You will come almost immediately to Columbia Drive. If you turn left and follow Columbia Drive there is parking near the bridge. You may park near the OmniMax Theater and walk south to the bridge. Parking is by the bridge.)

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