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## *Injustice: My Story*

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I am a 62 year-old widowed father for 14 years of a now 17 year-old son. I am a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. I have treated victims and perpetrators of violence successfully. I have published articles on this very subject in professional peer review journals.

I discovered that the women I was meeting after my wife died were not interested in a man who had a child full time. Most single parents are really not single parents. They have an ex to give the child to and or other family to help out. I had none of these. I was truly a single parent. When I tried to join other single parents (if the group was women) there would be an immediate change in the conversation. I would be closed off or resentment would build if I was or was not coming on to anyone.

I decided to look overseas to find a partner. The information I was reading was that foreign women valued marriage and family more than the traditional American women and that they would be quite happy to come to America with an American husband.

I wrote several women in the Philippines with this in mind. I then went to the Philippines and met a woman I took for an honest, decent person. She had a Masters in Education from a Catholic school. Her father was an undercover drug agent. I must now admit I did not know her well at all.

For about 6-7 months I sent her money for her to live and complete certification so that she would be able to teach in America and money for various health problems she told me she was having and for her mother. For me this was a lot of money.

Finally she came to America. I hoped for a decent life, and a woman that I thought was at least ball park honest and decent. I thought that if I treated her well and with respect things would eventually work out. She, however, had other plans.

At first she avoided me whenever possible and refused to consummate our relationship. She insisted we get married and that she would then change, saying her morals were such that she felt uncomfortable having a complete relationship with my son in the house.

We married, she insisted we take the license to the state offices immediately. Nothing changed in our relationship. In fact things got much worse. She was trying to aggravate me as much as possible. I tried to view these things as cultural differences and age differences. She was significantly younger than me.

After about two and a half months I suggested to her that we needed to see a marriage counselor or to have the marriage annulled. I suggested we talk that evening about the situation. Instead that evening she falsely accused me of domestic violence and had me arrested. I did

not understand at all what was happening. When the police came to my house I had no idea what was happening. They asked me a few questions. I had no idea it related to anything to do with violence. Then the handcuffed me and arrested me in front of my son and a friend of his who was staying over night.

The next day I was released from jail and began my defense, calling an attorney etc. A few days later I was called by Russ Schultz who told me about how my wife had been bragging to him, his wife Emily and other Filipinas that she was pulling a scam on me and had nothing but contempt for me.

He, and then Emily, told me about how she learned about the Violence Against Women Law and related laws that would allow her to accuse me of domestic violence and the to get orders for protection kicking me out of my house so that she could get a green card/citizenship.

She accused me of the most terrible crimes any man can be accused of. Fortunately for me she got her green card a couple of weeks after she initiated, and since she was busy now scamming others she did not want to be tied down prosecuting me. So eventually all of the

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– *RAY CLARE, LIBRARIAN*



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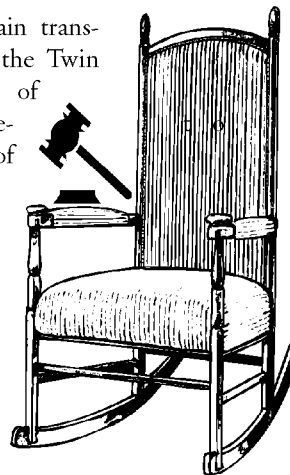
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**Greetings from the Chair**

**G**reetings to all members, friends, families, and allies of the Twin Cities Men's Center.

As the season is once again transforming, so are the faces of the Twin Cities Men's Center Board of Directors. I for one am grateful for the opportunity to be of service and to do so along side powerful and committed men. It is the mission of the TCMC that creates and allows men to courageously take steps forward. Whether they are leaps or tiny movements, progress and integrity are the outcome.

I am also happy to sit with men, to be supportive, and to discuss what the TCMC might look like as we all continue to work towards our personal and collective growth.



Thank you to all who have offered your time and strength. My journey as a board member has proven to be inspirational. As a result, I continue to advocate for what this group of men represent and continue develop.

My hope is that many others will find us and learn to reward themselves once again. All who volunteer at the TCMC are that beacon that thrives in this community. And I sometimes sit in awe as another man begins down that path towards the love of self.

It has been a pleasure thus far to experience this place of growth in body, mind, and spirit. I look forward to being with you in circle.

**RON STRANGER HORSE  
BOARD CHAIR**

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charges were dropped or I was found not guilty.

The judges (referees) at the two trials I got either would not allow any of my witnesses to testify or the judges attacked them without any reason to do so other than prejudice against men. One of the witnesses, Jesse Cruz, had flown up from Texas to testify was accused of being a paid witness by the judge. He was scared to be there because my wife had called him attempting to bribe him, saying a friend of her father would stop by with the money. He was scared for his family. It was obvious to him and myself we were dealing with organized crime. A month later he had a massive heart attack, open-heart surgery, and was out of work for 6-7 months.

The judge also attacked Emily Schultz saying her husband was forcing her to testify. Although this was not true at all, the judge had her prejudices all lined up and nothing was going to penetrate.

I am not so much angry with my wife. I was a fool and she was/is a criminal. She does/did what criminals do. I am angry at the judicial system for the laws that are unconstitutional (i.e., VAWA) and the complete disregard for objectivity and fairness by those in the judicial system.

I am currently going bankrupt because of the legal fees. I had excellent credit up until this time. In order to get the divorce I was ordered not to report a felony. The judicial system is working for the criminals, not the decent citizens. Something needs to be done ASAP. I was found not guilty or the charges were dropped. So in a way I am considered to have won. The incredible injustice moves me out of a desire to prevent others from being victimized by this system that appears to work for criminals.

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The seminar is open to all men (and their significant others) who have taken or facilitated the Anger Management Class through the Men's Center. John Hesch, the Anger Management Coordinator says, "It's a great opportunity to review principles of anger management and meet David Decker."

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- Co-habitation
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- Property Division
- Spousal Maintenance
- Financial Settlements
- Your personal issue

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