

## POTENTIAL SPEAKERS:

**Intro to Ordway's production of Shen Yun**, coming back in February 2019. Pingping Yu provides insight to the ancient Chinese culture, what makes Chinese culture unique, challenges facing the traditional Chinese culture in the Communist era and an introduction of Shen Yun, one of the best-selling classical performance shows in the world. The show features classical Chinese dance, ethnic dances, stories from legends, mythology and history. All dances are accompanied by a live symphony orchestra composed by Shen Yun artists. As part of its global tour, Shen Yun will present 4 shows at the Ordway from February 16-18, 2019. Pingping Yu can be contacted by email: [pingping.yu@genmills.com](mailto:pingping.yu@genmills.com) or by phone: 517-505-1027.

**Chris McArdle**, of the Salvation Army headquarters in Roseville wants to talk about what they do and how we can get involved, from emergency disaster support to helping people overcome poverty, to teaching kids at summer camps. It's more than just bell ringing.

**Andra Watkins**, featured in The Rotarian January 2017, she is one of the few living people to walk the 444-mile Natchez Trace, a life-changing adventure she took with her 80-year old father. She is the author of To Live Forever: An Afterlife Journey of Meriwether Lewis and Not Without My Father: One Woman's 444-Mile Walk of the Natchez Trace. She is also a Rotarian! [andra@andrawatkins.com](mailto:andra@andrawatkins.com) or 843-870-0888 or [www.andrawatkins.com](http://www.andrawatkins.com).

**Bob Showers**, author The Twins in the Dome, focusing on interviews with legends such as Tom Kelly, Kent Hrbek and Torii Hunter. [Showers34240@msn.com](mailto:Showers34240@msn.com) or 952-884-7574.

**Ten Thousand Villages**, a nonprofit, fair trade retailer of artisan-crafted home décor, personal accessories and gift items from around the globe, they would love to tell their story. They have a retail outlet located at 520 Selby Ave., St. Paul. Contact Kathy McGinley at [stpaul@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:stpaul@tenthousandvillages.com) or 651-225-1043.

**Melanie Allen or Moira Grosbard, Attracting new members.** These speakers are willing to explain how to attract and keep new members by making the Club feel more inviting and making them feel welcome.

Melanie: [allens4617@yahoo.com](mailto:allens4617@yahoo.com)

Moira: [mgrosbard@networkcareersinc.com](mailto:mgrosbard@networkcareersinc.com)

**Brooks Clifford, Digital Currencies**, Brooks has been involved with bitcoins since 2013 and speaks around the Twin Cities about how they can be used for both individuals and businesses. He has worked with organizations such as MN Secretary of State to help better understand this technology.

**Mike McFadden, Business and Community Leader**, shares the story of how the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis has effectively educated minority students from low-income families and put them on a trajectory for success in college and in life. You may recall his name as the Republican nominee for US Senate against Al Franken. Currently, Mike is the Co-Founder of Pathfinder Companies, a Minnesota-based investment firm. He formerly practiced law with Cravath, Swaine & Moore. Contact him at: [mike@mikemcfadden.com](mailto:mike@mikemcfadden.com).

**Patrick Donohue, Hill Capital Corporation, President and CEO.** Hill Capital Corporation was founded by people who share the vision of creating a pool of capital to invest in small businesses

and support entrepreneurship. Hill Capital is conducting a direct public offering of common stock to create a regionally focused investment fund. [pd@hillcapitalcorp.com](mailto:pd@hillcapitalcorp.com) (651) 452-8448

**Shaun Irwin, President of the Anderson Agency.** His rags-to riches story is as literal as needing a job to feed his family so he started in the mail room, to eleven years later ... he bought the agency! A nationally recognized author, speaker, consultant, and consumer advocate, he supports a variety of community and civic organizations. [www.shaurirwin@andersonagencyins.com](http://www.shaurirwin@andersonagencyins.com). 612-236-1784.

**Dakota Communities for a Lifetime** offers two presentations:

- where individual can age in place or
- planning for your later years, a presentation to help individuals of all ages better prepare for their long-term care needs, such as staying in their home, finding community services, and how to finance various long-term care options.

Please contact Jess Luce if you are interested in scheduling a presentation at [jess.luce@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:jess.luce@co.dakota.mn.us) or call 651-554-6104.

**Mike Otto** is CEO of Fair & Square Remodeling. He started in home improvement at the age of 8, working side by side with his father to build custom cabinets. He honed his skills in cabinetry, high-end trim and masonry and has become a leader in establishing new ways to improve the home remodeling experience. He is also a professional speaker and occasional improvisational comedian, and shares his stories and experience about concrete methods for building trust and successful relationships with clients. Since he is a member of the Minneapolis Rotary Club, he is pleased to speak to other Rotarians at no cost. To schedule Mike as a speaker, contact Jennifer Schwartz, Admin. Asst. at 763-220-2504.

**Janel Anderson**, a speaker/coach/consultant with Working Conversations, is available to talk about creating straightforward, authentic communication. Anderson, who holds a doctorate in communications, talks about managing difficult discussions, effective communication in a virtual world, and more. She can be reached at 612.327.8026.

**John Braddock** has worked with a local church since 2011 to provide dental care to the uninsured poor. Currently 3 local dentists are volunteering to provide the care to local residents. He is available to talk about this program, and would bring a dentist to the meeting to participate. Reach John at 507-208-5614.

**Rick Shefchick**, author of From Fields to Fairways, is a former Pioneer Press writer. He's written several novels. He can be reached at [rshefchik@comcast.net](mailto:rshefchik@comcast.net).

**Scott Welle** presents on "Health, Happiness and High Performance" to Rotary Clubs throughout the Metropolitan area. Excerpts from a recent presentation are available on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/VVs0J2X0dhw> Welle can be reached at [sw@scottwelle.com](mailto:sw@scottwelle.com) or 612.990.1756. More at [www.scottwelle.com](http://www.scottwelle.com).

**“Farming Today”** presentation covers how farmers raise better food while improving animal care and protecting the environment, how farmers contribute to the economy, how they’ve become leaders in the global food chain, and how farming continues to evolve with the help of science and technology. Farming Today is brought to you by Minnesota Farm Bureau, Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council. If you have any questions, call Barbara at 800-711-0747 or e-mail at: [barbara@eidsonandpartners.com](mailto:barbara@eidsonandpartners.com)

**Store To Door, Services to Help Elderly Age in Place:** Mary Jo Schifsky, executive director of Store to Door, is available to talk about how the organization provides services to help the elderly age in place. The nonprofit, which also has ample volunteer opportunities for Rotarians, provides every-other week grocery delivery for seniors. Last year, Store to Door made more than 21,000 deliveries to 1,712 elders. Schifsky is available by email at [maryjo@storetodoor.org](mailto:maryjo@storetodoor.org).

**First Financial Merchant Services** can address awareness and protection of assets of the credit card holder as well as the credit card acceptor. Daniel Christianson. 863.231.9633

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For patients with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, and other life-threatening diseases, a cure exists. We are a community of donors, volunteers, health care professionals and researchers who deliver cures by helping patients get the life-saving marrow or cord blood transplant they need. Our passion to save lives drives us to help more patients survive each year.

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