



Athenian Dialogue

Friday, October 9, 2020

9:00 am—4:00 pm

Judy Garland Museum
2727 South Pokegama Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

The most compelling lesson from the story is *persistence*!

Toto's Reflections

Running with the Big Dogs! In *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy's Toto was clearly a dog of character. He knew when to sit still, when to bark, and when to make a fuss. He was simply a real dog with real observations about real situations. And the Oz experience reinforced what his parents taught him as a small pup: Care deeply. Bark only when necessary but then, forcefully. Be curious. Express yourself. Embrace the world and have no fears. The story of Dorothy's journey to Oz has captivated generations of children and adults alike since it was first published by L. Frank Baum in 1900. Dorothy's adventures have been analyzed from virtually every perspective—psychological, historical, economic, and the like—except from the perspective of the only other character that was with her every step of the way: Toto! Dorothy's little dog wrote this book and buried his manuscript in a can with an old bone on the original Gale farmstead. Dr. Fickenschner came upon it quite accidentally and was given the opportunity to edit Toto's original thoughts on the Leadership Lessons from *The Wizard of Oz*, which he now shares with you. Of course, there are the usual thoughts on brainpower, heart, and courage, but in this book, there is much, much more. The many lessons of Oz will captivate your imagination and, no doubt, serve as a guide in your quest to become a better leader! *Toto's Reflections* will help you contribute to making a difference in the world, and challenge you to consider what you can do, starting right now, to make the world a better place!

Facilitator: Marita Rhude

Marita Rhude has been the City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Barrett, MN since June 1998. She has been an active member of the Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MCFOA) of Minnesota since 1998 and holds the designation of Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk (MCMC) which she earned in 2009; and Minnesota Master Municipal Clerk (MMMMC) which she earned in 2015. She has served MCFOA on their Executive Board from 2015 to present, serving as the Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President and now as Past President. Marita is very passionate about Municipal Clerk's education serving as chair of the Institute Committee for 8 years and a member of the Advanced Academy Committee, including Chair, for 3 years. Beginning in 2016, she started facilitating a Budget and Fund Accounting Roundtable at the Minnesota Clerks Institute.

Marita became a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) in 2012. She was awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) in 2014 and awarded the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) in 2016. In 2017, she was inducted as a Fellow in the Athenian Leadership Society. She loves to read and so far, has participated in 17 Athenian Dialogues. The Athenian Dialogue approved book list is her go to source for reading.

*****IMPORTANT—attendees are required to purchase their own book and read PRIOR to the dialogue*****

Toto's Reflection is available through Amazon (about \$8.95 paperback)
Support MCFOA by selecting :

Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Minnesota at: smile.amazon.com.

Cost: \$75 includes lunch and entrance to the Judy Garland Museum (does not include the book)

Registration limited to 30 attendees. RSVP by October 2, 2020 or until full!

To register, RSVP to: maryroy@cityofcoleraine.com

Questions call: Mary Roy (218) 245-2112 office or (218) 360-1590 cell

Name: _____
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