

Upcoming Speakers

8/10 - Danny Carroll, Kentucky State Senator
8/17 - Bob Leeper, McCracken County Judge Executive
8/24 - Lynn Ashton, Executive Director, Kentucky Colonels
8/31 - District Governor, Stuart Alexander

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Brian J. Laczko
August 07
Wayne M. Shelton
August 09



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Merryman House Crisis Center Getting New Home

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In the near future, Paducah will be home to one of the most unique domestic crisis complexes in the state. At the center of it all will be the Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center.



Merryman House Executive Director Mary Foley briefed Rotarians on plans for a new location for the crisis center, as well as, plans for an entire campus of crisis treatment providers. Last year, the center reached an agreement with the McCracken County Board of Education to occupy the Board's former administration site on Berger Road in Paducah. The move will allow the Merryman House to move from its current location and expand from 24 to 36 beds.

Foley said work at the new site should begin in early 2017 and estimated the project will take nine months to complete. In the meantime, the center's Board of Directors has launched a \$3.7 million fundraising campaign for the project. \$1.7 million has already been collected or pledged, Foley said. Gina Leeper serves as Volunteer Campaign Chair. Former Paducah Mayor Gerry Montgomery, and local business leaders Billy Harper and Meredith Schroeder are serving as honorary chairs of the fundraising campaign.

Foley said the move to a new, larger campus has attracted other complementary services to locate nearby. Among them, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center which operates substance abuse treatment centers across the state. Mountain Comprehensive is purchasing 13 acres of the campus for their center. Foley says that will allow the Merryman House complex to offer trauma services, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment all in one cluster of facilities. The close proximity of those services will be a first in Kentucky.

Foley said the move will result in fewer service denials because of lack of space, and eventually create 14 additional jobs.

The Merryman House, founded in 1978, serves victims of all types of domestic violence. The center served 750 clients in 2015, 493 of whom were found to be in an actual state of immediate crisis when they reached out to the center. In addition to McCracken County, the center operates outreach offices in Marshall, Calloway, and Graves counties and will soon expand to Fulton County.

For more information about the Merryman House, go to www.merrymanhouse.org. For information on the fundraising campaign contact Leeper at ginaleeper@merrymanhouse.org.

Announcements

August 3rd, 2016

Steven A. Fowies

August 11

John G. Barker

August 12

Lance Allison

August 14

Bill Glenn Holsapple

August 15

Kevin Peck

August 15

James Patrick Mobley

August 16

Jeff V Stewart

August 19

Frank Shelton

August 23

Lisa Long

August 24

The latest shipment of engraved pickets for the Rotary Playground fencing has arrived. The supplier pre-cut the pickets, so installation is the only requirement. Volunteers are needed for a work session Sunday afternoon (8/7/16) at 1:30 at the playground. If possible, you are asked to bring your own tools ... specifically an impact driver with a 1/8" bit.

The club membership survey was sent via email Friday July 29th. About 60 members have replied. Please answer the brief survey as soon as possible before it is taken down August 11th. If you did not receive the survey, or have lost the link, email the Rotary office for a resend.

We are currently trying to make our club Facebook page more useful and relevant, both to our membership and the community. Currently, the page only has about 30 "Likes". If you are a Facebook user, please "Like" the page and encourage others to do so. Our goal is to consistently post club news and reminders, plus articles of interest about our club, others in the region, and Rotary International. With the cross-over popularity of the Playground Facebook page (800+ Likes), this could help with membership recruitment and club public relations.