

Upcoming Speakers

August 2015

08/12 - Dana Jones and Guests, Quilts of Caohagan

08/19 - Chris Black, Black & Sons

08/26 - Josh Morehead, The Lakes of Paducah, Senior Living

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August 16

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Prayer, Purpose, and a LIFELINE

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Anna Berlekamp's day job at Kalleo Technologies could not have prepared her for what was in store when a fundraising meeting in 2012 with Paducah Lifeline Ministries Executive Director, Terrye Peeler, ultimately resulted in a position on the Board of Directors at the ministry. The opportunity to become involved in a life-changing local mission to help individuals with addiction resonated with Berlekamp. She had personally witnessed the devastation caused by addiction through her own family and the loss of two young cousins to alcohol addiction. A compassion for others was awakened and Berlekamp became a dedicated, passionate champion in the cause.

Paducah Lifeline Ministries is a non-denominational Christian ministry that seeks to provide local men and women with Christ centered solutions to drug and alcohol addiction. Beginning with a men's prayer meeting in 2000 that centered on the need for a faith-based rehabilitation facility, Paducah Lifeline Ministries has grown through prayer and purpose. In 2005, Ladies Living Free, a women's ministry with the same mission began. By May of 2007, the two merged to become Paducah Lifeline Ministries, with two separate locations in Paducah.

The 9-month client program has three phases, beginning with strict day long classes, church and counseling. At phase 2, clients re-enter the workforce and by phase 3 clients are required to attend weekly meetings and transitional housing is made available for those who need it.

Prayer is central to the daily operations, as are volunteers, donations and fundraising. Berlekamp states that the ministry operates 100% from individual donors and the community has been very supportive. Looking to the future and citing the economic, social and individual impact of the ministry, she looks forward to the goal of doubling the number of clients that can be served. Plans to expand over the next three years, as well as increasing community awareness, additional volunteers and compassionate service to clients will help achieve that goal.



Lifeline Ministry's Public Relations Director and former client, Carol Lipp, echoes the impact of the ministry and the hope it provides. A childhood marred by the effects of alcohol and drugs, Lipp's teen years were understandably tainted with fear and anger. She became a young mother with three children by the age of 19, had married poorly, and ended up in a local shelter for battered women. An addiction to methamphetamine in her 20's led to isolation and ultimately resulted in incarceration. Guilt-laden and filled with doubt, Lipp walked through the doors of Ladies



Living Free in January, 2009. Though peace, restoration, grace and mercy were unfamiliar terms to her, the unconditional love and acceptance she felt there overwhelmed her. Fast forward to 2015: Carol Lipp is a life transformed. Centered in Christian morals and values, she now works diligently to help others. A compassionate, courageous young grandmother with much to share and a testimony to the freedom that comes from surrender, Carol Lipp is what it's all about.

To learn more about Paducah Lifeline Ministries, visit www.paducahlifelineministries.com

Announcements

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President John announced that volunteer positions for the Playground project are filling up nicely, however there is still need for Crew Coordinators and Tool Coordinators along with a few others. He will update the Club at a future meeting on exactly the number of positions yet to be filled.

Polio Plus Update - As of this month, there have been no new cases of polio in Nigeria in a year. This is very promising, as Nigeria is one of only three countries left to eradicate polio.

Guests

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Miriam Muscarella, Steven Prese, Heather Thomas, Erin Sieberkrob, Katherine Brock, Courtney Walker and Alison Barker – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Janie Devers – guest of Marvin Devers;

Cindy Ragland – guest of Lorraine Schramke;

John Truitt – guest of Roger Truitt;

Terrye Peeler and Carol Lipp – guests of speaker, Anna Berlekamp

Visiting Rotarian - Chris Wooldridge, Rotary Club of Murray.