

Former Abortionist Says Why He Stopped

SHEBOYGAN — The Sheboygan County “40 Days for Life” campaign began on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and it will continue through Palm Sunday (April 13).

Each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. volunteers stand on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of S. Taylor Dr. and New Jersey Ave. in Sheboygan (outside the Planned Parenthood headquarters).

Last Saturday they got a pep talk from Dr. Haywood Robinson, a former abortion provider, who spoke at a rally hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. More than a hundred people attended and they needed to set up more chairs in the church hall.

“We pray for an end to abortion,” says Sheboygan organizer Germaine Souik. “We ask God to put an end to abortion by changing hearts and minds to value the sanctity of life from conception. Every abortion ends a human life.

“We pray for vulnerable expectant mothers and fathers, and for healing for those who regret prior abortions. We look for opportunities to tell others of the life affirming, compassionate care offered at Anchor of Hope just across S. Taylor Dr. from Planned Parenthood,” she continued.

“People in Sheboygan have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect pre-born children and their mothers from abortion,” Robinson said. “I’m honored to be able to join these folks in prayer. Their efforts illustrate why we’re seeing historic changes — more mothers choosing life, more abortion workers experiencing conversions and leaving the abortion industry, and more abortion centers closing their doors for good.”

Robinson, a native of Los Angeles, earned his bachelor of science degree from the California Institute of Technology, followed by a medical degree at the University of California at Irvine, and a family practice residency



Dr. Haywood Robinson is introduced by Germaine Souik, leader of the 40 Days for Life campaign in Sheboygan County.

at Martin Luther King/Charles R. Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Haywood and his late wife, Noreen Johnson, M.D., met as residents at King/Drew Medical Center, where they learned to perform the abortion procedure.

“I learned to do a procedure called D&C, dilation and curet-

tage,” he said. This procedure is usually performed to treat women who suffered miscarriages but can be also used to abort a healthy pregnancy.

Robinson said they were trained to conduct abortions in the same hospital. In 1979 they began working together as abortionists after hours and on weekends. Money was the main mo-

tivation as they were paying off substantial college debt.

Shortly after marriage and completing their residency programs the couple realized they were working as hired killers of unborn children. Robinson clearly remembers his spiritual awakening during a Christian music concert on March 2, 1986.

“We became aware how serious this war against babies is,” he explained.

They eventually moved to Texas and got involved in pro life work. He and Noreen practiced medicine together until retirement in 2019. Noreen died from COVID complications in 2021.

The doctor has since remarried. He and his wife, Daphne Robinson, serve together in family, life and pregnancy care ministry and missions. Collectively, they have eight children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Robinson states that his pro life convictions are rooted not only in Scripture, but what medical science has always known: that the life inside a mother’s womb is real life.

“We know abortion is not just an American phenomenon; this is a global attack on the innocent,” said Robinson, who later specialized in neonatal palliative care for crisis pregnancies at a clinic he and his wife started.

“It didn’t start in 1973, otherwise it wouldn’t have been addressed in the Hippocratic Oath that was written in about 400 B.C., ‘Do no harm.’ Abortion is not something new at all. This is something our eternal enemy, the devil, (caused) since the time he influenced the first murder, when he told Cain to slay his brother, Abel. That is who we are up against.”

Robinson told his Sheboygan audience that more than 2,000 abortions take place every day in the U.S. The World Health Organization estimates that about 200,000 abortions take place each day around the world.

“You guys have decided you are going to do something,” he said. “You’re part of the 40 Days for Life family. Keep doing what you’re doing.”

He estimates that up to 75 per cent fewer abortions are performed at centers where a pro life vigil is maintained.

Robinson had some harsh words for the medical community. “This is the greatest betrayal of the public trust you could imagine,” he said. “A preborn child has the same rights of all of us: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

“Lungs aren’t designed for smoke,” the physician continued. He said that’s why people often cough when smoking their first cigarette. “Then you become desensitized to smoke,” he said.

He said that American society has become desensitized to the fact that each abortion takes a life. “And that spills out to the rest of your life,” he stated.

Today Robinson is director of medical affairs and education for 40 Days for Life. He wrote his story in a 2023 book: “The Scalpel and the Soul: Our Radical Transformation as Husband and Wife Abortion Doctors.”

“We’ve got to stop thinking that a preborn child is something that is not human and should have the opportunity to be born and enjoy the beauty of a life — because God has a purpose for their life, and indeed, each and every human being adds to the beauty of our world,” Robinson states.

Note: the Knights of Columbus from Kiel came to stand outside of the Sheboygan Planned Parenthood site on March 29 so the local volunteers could attend Robinson’s talk.

• For information about the Sheboygan campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan.

To get involved in Sheboygan or for more information, contact Germaine Souik at ggsouik@gmail.com or 920/458-9120.

Learn about Historic Bars, Brewers

GREENBUSH — The Timeless Tales Speaker Series has two more dates coming up at the Wade House Historic Site.

There will be a Q&A at the visitor center, an opportunity to purchase a book signed by the author, and following the talk a beverage or food tasting at the Wade House Stagecoach Inn.

The cost is \$8 for adults and teens, \$6 for seniors (65 plus) and \$6 for children (5-12). Reservations are highly recommended.

Go to wadehouse.org for further information or call 608/264-4848.

• **Sat., April 5, 1 to 3 p.m. — Jim Draeger, author of “Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin’s Historic Bars & Breweries”** — Learn about the innovative architecture and rich history of more than 70 Wisconsin breweries and bars from State Historic Preservation Officer Jim Draeger, who is co-author of the book.

Draeger will discuss the rise of brewing culture, the impact of Prohibition, and, later, the development of both mega- and micro-breweries that continue to shape our cultural landscape today.

Sharing stories and photographs, he will paint a picture of the place bars and taverns hold in our social and cultural history,

and how they serve — both figuratively and literally — today.

Draeger will point out how the taverns and breweries in his book represent diverse architectural styles, from the 1850s Wade House taproom, the Bavarian-inspired Empire Tavern (Legend Larry’s) in Sheboygan and the Art Deco inspired Diedrich’s Tavern in Chilton to the Queen Anne-style Klawun’s Saloon (Chasers) in Oshkosh and the well-known Wolski’s Tavern in Milwaukee.

Guests will see images of bars in barns and basements, and brewpubs in former ice cream factories and railroad depots, as well as hear about ice harvesting, barrel making, bar games, bar fixtures and the queen of the bootleggers.

After the discussion, there will be a book signing — and an opportunity to visit the historic taproom of the 1850 Wade House Stagecoach Inn to sample local craft beer.

• **Sun., May 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Jane Conway and Randi Julia, authors of “Extra! Extra! Eat All About It! Recipes and Culinary Curiosities from Historic Wisconsin Newspapers”** — When did oysters and coconuts become part of Wisconsin cuisine?

Did the Badger State really once lead the nation in commercial pea canning? And how did bakers learn to gauge the temperature of pre-modern wood-burning stoves?

Conway and Julia answer all of these questions and more following the publication of their Wisco-themed culinary cookbook, revealing exactly how quirky food fashions and regional traditions made their way to 1800s Wisconsin.

By exploring the importance of food to Wisconsinites and highlighting historic recipes in Badger State newspapers, Conway and Ramsden offer a new look at the meals and gastronomy traditions that people hold most dear — and their humble, if often strange, origins.

After the discussion, there will be a book signing — and an opportunity to visit the historic dining room of the 1850 Wade House Stagecoach Inn to sample breakfast party recipes highlighted in the book.

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‘Fun Bingo’ Continues at St. Paul

“Fun Bingo” sessions are continuing every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 705 Grand Ave., Random Lake.

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