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*Mother's Day Dinner
"Moms Matter"*

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011
San Marino Club, Troy*

*Guest Speaker, Evelyn Van Sloten
Crossroads Pregnancy Center, Auburn Hills*

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News Notes

May He Rest In Peace

In the mid to late 1970s Dr. Nathanson was the operator of the largest abortion clinic in the U.S., located in New York City. It operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Dr. Nathanson was a leader of the NARAL organization (National Association to Repeal Abortion Laws, or, sometimes, National Abortion Rights Action League). He admitted freely that the numbers of illegal abortions and the number of women harmed by such abortions were fabricated by the leaders of NARAL in order to further their push to repeal abortion laws in our country. We all know that while they were certainly deceitful, they were also certainly successful.

Sometime in the late '70s or early '80s, the use of ultrasound images became available. After seeing such ultrasounds, and over a period of some months, Nathanson became convinced that the unborn child was just that, a living, growing child. He later stated that he now understood that he had been responsible for some 60,000 deaths, including his own child.

Dr. Nathanson stopped doing abortions and said at first it was not because of religious reasons (he claimed to be an avowed atheist) but because it was killing the babies. He later explored several formal religions and ultimately converted to the Catholic faith and was baptized.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN invited Dr. Nathanson to speak on at least two occasions, one being our 1998 Mother's Day Dinner. His talk was, to say the least, riveting.

I had the opportunity to speak with him at some length during his visits. While he had indeed become a champion of life, my sense was that he was truly a haunted man. He seemed to have little joy in his life and I know he spent a great deal of time in prayer, seeking forgiveness for his past activities. I remember feeling a great deal of sorrow for the man. He had compassion, he was a good doctor, he cared about his patients—but until

his conversion, he used these attributes in all the wrong ways. When he came to understand the needs of a woman in crisis and the beauty of new life, the obvious guilt he felt was almost palpable.

In the end, he did all he could to change the hearts and minds of others who would wound women and destroy babies. We are not to judge anyone—that is up to our compassionate Creator. We will, however, say a reverent and sincere, "Rest in peace, Dr. Nathanson."

—Diane Trombley, *Right to Life-LIFESPAN Media Relations Director*

U of M Overcharges

The Alliance Defense Fund sent a letter recently to the University of Michigan over what it says are unconstitutional fees it assessed to a pro-life student group after it sponsored a speaking event with Dr. Alveda King, the pro-life niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students for Life hosted a two-part speaking event featuring King in October. Upon learning that a few students opposed to King's views planned to protest at the event, the university insisted on providing Department of Public Safety officers even though Students for Life believed such security was unnecessary.

Approximately 250 people attended the evening portion of the King event. Only four or five pro-abortion protesters showed up and no incidents occurred at that time or at the invitation-only breakfast the following morning. Yet, following the event, the university billed Students for Life more than \$800 for the security personnel despite the group's objections.

"Pro-life student groups should not be singled out to pay fees that others do not have to pay. The type of fee assessed to Students for Life has been repeatedly ruled unconstitutional," said ADF Senior Counsel David French. "A very basic and clear constitutional principle is that the government cannot place this sort of price tag on free speech simply because that speech might offend somebody."

The ADF letter explains: "The Supreme Court has made clear that the government may not charge speakers for the security costs driven by listeners' response to that speech." Quoting the Supreme Court, the letter continues, "'Speech cannot be financially burdened, anymore than it can be punished or banned, simply because it might offend a hostile mob.' This mandate is based on the principle that 'the government may not regulate speech based on its substantive content or the message it conveys.' Thus, when the University charges a speaker for the security presence necessary to control a potentially hostile audience, it runs afoul of this constitutional command, because 'listeners' reaction to speech is not a content-neutral basis for regulation.'"

—Excerpted, *LifeNews.com*, February 16, 2011

Legendary GI pin-up Jane Russell dies—ABC Omits Pro-Life Views, Cites Her 'Back-Alley Abortion'

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes star Jane Russell, a stunning beauty whose eye-popping curves made her a screen siren for a generation of American troops at war, died February 28, at the age of 89. Film critic Leonard Maltin wrote that Russell had tried hard to lose the sex-symbol image. Russell "was much more interesting than she was ever allowed to be onscreen. She embraced religion years ago but never tried to force it on people she met... She was genial and good-humored," he wrote. In famously liberal Hollywood, and despite her sex symbol image, she was a rare defender of Christian and Republican values.

Russell described herself as vigorously pro-life, after having undergone a botched abortion at 18 that left her unable to have children. She and her first husband, American footballer Bob Waterfield, adopted three children.

In the 1950s, she founded the World Adoption International Fund to help match families with children at a time when adopting foreign children was uncommon in the United States.

—Michael Thurston, *NewsBusters.org*
March 1, 2011



Right to Life - LIFESPAN'S
Mother's Day Dinner
"Moms Matter"

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Silent Auction 5:45 p.m. • Dinner 7:15 p.m.

San Marino Club • 1685 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy



Evelyn Van Sloten was born in Ontario and moved to Michigan with her husband Alan and four daughters in 2000. She has worked with Crossroads Pregnancy Center as a volunteer counselor, young mom support mentor, and classroom educator for the past eight years. She now directs the SHaRE (sexual health and relationship education) program for the center which is currently in 32 area middle and high schools. Evelyn loves working with students and also does parent seminars on why parents matter and their role in helping youth today develop high standards and convictions so they can mature with integrity and character. She loves being a wife and mother to her daughters and working with others in the journey of parenting. She brings to us her experience from these roles and what she sees in and out of the classroom from speaking to youth of all ages and the important role that moms have been given. She will share her perspective with us on how "Moms Matter."

Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Students (under 21) \$25 per person.
Advance reservations required by Wednesday, April 27.

Yes, I (We) plan to attend. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations. (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. **Tickets will be held at the door.**)
Seat with _____

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Table seating will be determined by date of receipt of paid reservation.)

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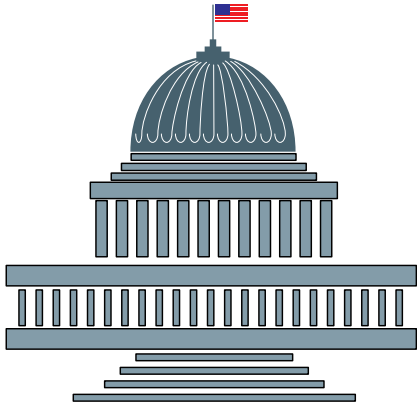
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Democrats Vow to Oppose Any Bill De-Funding Planned Parenthood

As the Senate works to pass a House-approved short-term bill funding the federal government and debate begins on a long-term measure, a group of Senate Democrats have promised to not support anything de-funding Planned Parenthood.

On March 15, the House approved the latest short-term continuing resolution on a 271-158 vote margin that does not de-fund Planned Parenthood. The Senate is expected to approve the bill and the battle over Planned Parenthood funding remains.

Some 54 Republicans voted against the measure because they wanted to see the Pence Amendment de-funding Planned Parenthood and the pro-life riders that stop abortion funding in various instances included in the measure.

However, Senate Democrats have balked at those pro-life provisions and Republicans hoped to avoid being blamed for a government shutdown by insisting they be included in the short-term bill.

Going beyond voting against the first long-term bill House Republicans sent them with the Pence Amendment, 19 Senate Democrats sent a letter to Vice-President Joe Biden vowing to vote against any federal funding bill that contains the Pence Amendment.

"We wanted to offer our support in rejecting the ideological, divisive riders passed by the House of Representatives, which serve only a purely political agenda," according to a report in *The Hill*.

The stalwart pro-abortion Democrats say the Pence Amendment would "effectively shut down health centers that serve three million women each year and provide nearly one million lifesaving screenings for cervical cancer, more than 830,000 breast exams and nearly four million tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV."

Senators signing the letter include Daniel Akaka (Hawaii), Max Baucus

(Montana), Mark Begich (Alaska), Richard Blumenthal (Connecticut), Barbara Boxer (California), Sherrod Brown (Ohio), Dianne Feinstein (California), Kirsten Gillibrand (New York), and Frank Lautenberg (New Jersey). Others signing the letter include Patrick Leahy (Vermont), Carl Levin (Michigan), Robert Menendez (New Jersey), Jeff Merkley (Oregon), Barbara Mikulski (Maryland), Bernie Sanders (Vermont), Charles Schumer (New York), Jeanne Shaheen (New Hampshire), Debbie Stabenow (Michigan) and Ron Wyden (Oregon).

However, the letter ignores the fact that a new report the Planned Parenthood national abortion business recently released shows the embattled agency did more abortions in 2009 than it has done in any prior year. The report also shows it providing fewer pregnant women with non-abortion services.

This document, dated February 2011, shows Planned Parenthood affiliates nationwide did 332,278 surgical abortions or abortions using the dangerous RU 486 abortion during in 2009. That's 2.5 percent more abortions than the September 2010 report the abortion business released covering 2008. With approximately 1.2 million abortions done annually in the United States via surgical abortions or the mifepristone abortion drug, Planned Parenthood has increased its share of the abortion industry to 27.6 percent of all abortions done annually.

The new document the abortion organization posted shows Planned Parenthood provided prenatal services to merely 7,021 women and referred only 977 women for adoption services. These numbers were a 25 percent drop in prenatal care clients and a whopping 59 percent decline in adoption referrals from the 2,405 adoption referrals in 2008. The abortion business helped only 9,433 prenatal clients in 2008, down substantially from the 11,000 women it provided prenatal care to in 2007—showing health care given to pregnant woman has fallen substantially over the years.

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RISING ABOVE ROE V. WADE

Maybe politics isn't the place to start

Are babies better than abortions?

That's not a question we are accustomed to hearing. For the most part, abortion—America's most divisive issue—plays out as a question of competing rights. So it will be this weekend [January 22-24] as pro-life and pro-choice legions each mark the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision on abortion.

Yet a simple figure released [in January] by the Chiaroscuro Foundation, a private nonprofit organization, provokes a different question. After crunching the latest statistics from New York City's Health Department, the foundation reported that 41% of pregnancies (excluding miscarriage) in New York ended in abortion. That's double the national rate.

So again the question: As a society, does this figure say anything about the choice between a baby and abortion? Even for those who believe the choice for an abortion belongs to a woman alone and ought to be unfettered by city, state or federal law, is there any ratio such a person would say is too high?

The question becomes even more compelling when broken down by race. For Hispanics, the abortion rate was 41.3%—i.e., more than double the rate for whites. For African-Americans the numbers are still more grim: For every 1,000 African-American live births in New York, there were 1,489 abortions.

These numbers can make *Roe* seem very distant. Years ago, Bill Clinton famously summed up the pro-choice argument as “safe, legal, and rare.” What can the qualifier “rare” mean, however, unless it means that in some fundamental sense, a baby is better than an abortion?

Some, of course, will argue that what they mean is that America ought to devote more resources to helping women prevent getting pregnant in the first place. Whether or not that's as easily done as said, a focus on not getting pregnant does nothing for the woman who is pregnant and finds herself with a hard choice.

So how is New York responding? Earlier [in January], the Chiaroscuro Foundation put together a high-profile press conference that brought the archbishop of New York and the leader of the one of Orthodox Jewry's most distinguished organizations (Agudath Israel of America) together with the African-American pastor of a large, Harlem church and a Latina who serves as a spokeswoman for Democrats for Life. As the *New York Sun* pointed out, notwithstanding all this ecumenical focus on New York's distinction as America's abortion capital, it elicited nary a peep from the mayor.

Meanwhile, the speaker of the City Council, Christine Quinn, is pushing a bill designed to make it harder for people who are trying to help women keep their babies. Bill 371 targets Crisis Pregnancy Centers, and would require them, among other things, to advertise on site that they do not perform abortions or provide abortion referrals. It tells us something that there appears to be no interest in requiring that, say, Planned Parenthood post in their clinics some telling information of their own: 324,008 abortions nationwide against only 2,405 adoption referrals in 2008, the most recent year for which it reports statistics.

Rather than rehash the allegations against Crisis Pregnancy Centers—e.g., that they often disguise themselves as medical clinics, that they are not upfront about whether they offer abortion—let's stipulate for the sake of argument that they are all true. In the end, a woman who wants an abortion can still walk out and get one, as many do. A woman who doesn't necessarily want an abortion, however, can find all kinds of help: a place to live if her family or boyfriend has kicked her out; training for mother care; and, not least, the friendly face of a caring volunteer.

No doubt there are mothers who regret having their children. Occasionally you even read of one suing a doctor for not alerting her to a disability in her child that would have led her to abort if she had known. Far more common, however, are the websites with women repeating this heart-rending lament: “If only one person had encouraged me to keep my baby . . .”

On the moral claims and counterclaims on abortion, we have a vast chasm. Yet the moral divide can blind us to the possibilities that exist in all human communities. Might that start with recognizing that a 41% abortion rate means that many pregnant women are not getting the social help and encouragement they need to have their babies?

We all know people whose absolutism on a woman's legal right to choose does not prevent them from celebrating and supporting a pregnant woman within their midst who announces she is going to have a baby. So put aside *Roe* for a minute. And ask yourself this: What kind of America might we have if all pregnant women—especially black and Hispanic women who are disproportionately aborting—could feel from society that same welcome and encouragement?

Would it be too much to say “better”?

—*The Wall Street Journal*, January 18, 2011

Phill Kline: Kansas Supreme Court Obstructed Abortion Justice

By Cheryl Sullenger

After eight days of testimony, the first part of an ethics hearing against former Kansas prosecutor Phill Kline has concluded.

Kline is being charged with two counts of ethics violations for his handling of abortion clinic investigations. Only count one has so far been heard. The hearing will resume on July 19, where the second count of the complaint will be addressed.

The hearings themselves were conducted under conditions that can only be described as punishing. In some cases the court days began at 8:00 AM and concluded after 6:00 PM. Yesterday, the lunch break was only 30 minutes, and participants and observers were forced to either quickly gobble down their food in the lobby or go without. Breaks were few and far between. Once the court room was closed, there was no entering or exiting except in the case of emergency.

"It is reprehensible that a man that simply tried to do his duty and enforce the law is being treated this shamefully," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman.

Over the eight days, Kline spent nearly 23 exhausting hours on the stand giving testimony, dispelling false assumptions, and revealing a concerted political effort to obstruct his investigations into claims of unreported child sex abuse and illegal late-term abortions.

The complaint against Kline was originally filed by attorney Dan Monnat, who was at the time representing George Tiller, a late-term abortionist who was charged by Kline with 30 criminal counts of illegal abortion before that case was dismissed on unfounded jurisdictional grounds as part of a politically motivated effort to obstruct justice. Tiller was later charged and tried on a weaker case and was acquitted.

The case is being tried by Disciplinary Administrator Stan Hazlett, an appointee of the Kansas Supreme Court whose bias against Kline appeared in court to take on personal overtones. The Kansas Supreme Court is comprised of mostly appointees of former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, a radical supporter and protector of abortion, who during her tenure, packed state agencies and regulatory boards with those who would not only look the other way concerning abortion abuses, but would actively cover up crimes and obstruct investigations.

Of the three Disciplinary Board members serving as judges over the case, two gave campaign contributions to Kline's political opponents during what court witnesses described as contentious political races that focused on the abortion issue and were filled with personal animosity.

To compound the situation, Kline is represented by two attorneys appointed for him by former Attorney General Steve Six, also a fierce political enemy of Kline's who took overt steps to impede his abortion investigations.

One of those attorneys is Mark Stafford, former chief counsel for the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts who was forced to resign in disgrace after legislative dissatisfaction and scandals involving Board ineptitude and cover-ups. Stafford was involved in the politically motivated cover-up in the KSBHA investigation into the death of Christin Gilbert during a botched third trimester abortion at Tiller's Wichita abortion clinic in 2005.

"It seems that his most ardent political enemies have stacked the case against him in every way possible. Prosecutors, judges, and one of his own attorneys have politically opposed Kline at some point," said this writer, who attended some of the hearings. "Hazlett is acting more like the pro-abortion Kansas Supreme Court's flying monkey than a professional. He has even disregarded his own investigators' findings that Kline did not act unethically. I also am very concerned about the representation Kline is receiving and certainly have no trust that these proceedings have any interest in justice."

Kline spent most of his time on the stand in his own defense attempting to clear up numerous erroneous assumptions found in the Kansas Supreme Court's published findings in three related cases. Two of the cases involved once-secret lawsuits filed by abortion clinics against Kline to halt the criminal investigations against them and bury all the evidence of their criminal conduct. The third case involved an appeal by Planned Parenthood to oppose subpoenas issued by Kline during his investigations.

Based on evidence gathered by Kline as Attorney General and as Johnson County District Attorney, 107 criminal counts have been filed against Planned Parenthood for illegal late-term abortions then manufacturing documents to cover it up. That case is still pending. Attorneys for Planned Parenthood have viciously attacked Kline through the sympathetic Kansas Supreme Court and in the court of public opinion to halt Kline's investigation and derail Planned Parenthood's prosecution.

Kline indicated that the Kansas Supreme Court obstructed his abortion investigations and took actions that completely derailed his ability to ensure that girls under 15 who had abortions in Kansas were not in danger of continued sexual exploitation.

There were hundreds of cases where underage girls received abortions in Kansas, but were never reported to the correct authorities as suspected abuse. The obstruction of the Supreme Court and other agencies prevented law enforcement from being able to locate these girls to make sure they were safe.

During a lunchtime interview, Kline accused the Kansas Supreme Court of obstructing justice and indicated that Justices Carol Beier and Lawton Nuss had conflicts of interest and should have recused themselves from participating in the abortion cases.



There were additional revelations during the testimony:

- Even though Kline was sued in his official capacity, then Attorney General Morrison denied him legal representation. Kline was forced to personally fund legal bills to the tune of \$200,000 defending against the suits filed by the abortion clinics. That was necessary to keep the evidence against Planned Parenthood from being turned over to the abortion business and destroyed.

- Kline told the panel that he was ordered to surrender all of his sensitive investigative materials to former Attorney General Paul Morrison which were then improperly given to attorneys for the abortion clinics, compromising the integrity of the investigation.

- Animosity that Morrison held for Kline was so intense that he “poisoned” the Johnson County District Attorney’s staff against Kline to the point where three attorneys who tried co-operate with the transitional period prior to Kline taking office were branded as traitors.

- Even though it repeatedly ruled in his favor and declined to sanction him, the Kansas Supreme Court continually threatened Kline. Justice Beier wrote repeatedly that sanctions could come against him at some later date. “Perhaps this is that day,” Kline said.

The copying, transport, and storage of Kline’s investigative files that included working copies of redacted abortion records were also the subject of much discussion. Kline has been accused of mishandling the records and jeopardizing the privacy of patients. However, expert witness Tom Stanley, Deputy District Attorney of Reno County testified that in his opinion, the records were handled properly under the circumstances.

Stanley described the animosity that pervaded Morrison’s office during the transitional time that Morrison and Kline engaged in an unusual “job swap.”

As Johnson County District Attorney, Morrison had defeated Kline for Attorney General in a contentious political campaign with the help of an estimated \$1 million dollars from Tiller and other abortion groups. Kline was

then appointed by the Republican Party to serve out Morrison’s term as Johnson County District Attorney.

Kline had wanted to transfer investigative files to the Johnson County DA’s office where he planned to pursue criminal charges against Planned Parenthood. However, Morrison had denied Kline’s request for a secure office space during the transition period. The evidence room was not considered a secure location because two keys existed, and one of which was readily accessible by any number of hostile staff members. Morrison was later forced to resign as Attorney General in disgrace after it was learned that he attempted to use his illicit lover still employed by the Johnson County District Attorney’s office to help him impede Kline’s abortion investigations.

Kline testified that when the copies of the files that ended up in Johnson County were made at Kinkos, his investigator Tom Williams secured a copy machine away from the others and copied the records in a way that no one else had access. The copies never left the custody of William’s protection. After that they were placed in a plastic bin and stored at the apartment of former investigator Jerad Reed.

Deputy DA Stanley testified that because Reed was the only person who accessed that apartment during the time the files were stored there, it was by far a more secure location than the Johnson County evidence locker.

Stanley also discussed in detail the duty of law enforcement to protect the integrity of their investigations.

Kline is accused of using deception to obtain information from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) since Tom Williams did not disclose the full scope of the investigation to them.

However, Stanley testified that the full scope of an investigation is never revealed to anyone, not governmental agencies, phone companies, banks, or any other group from which records are required in the course of an investigation. To tell such entities details of such an investigation would compromise the investigation.

Stanley indicated that deception may be necessary and completely ethical and acceptable under the law in order to protect the integrity of the investigation.

Hazlett, on cross examination, parsed words with Stanley and indicated to him that not telling the full truth was a lie. In response, Stanley replied, “As long as I have been a prosecutor, law enforcement has been allowed to lie.”

Kline was allowed only one day to present his defense after the prosecution took seven days to present its case. Some witnesses, including Deputy DA Stanley, were bound by pre-hearing orders that prevented them from fully testifying about their expert opinion of the facts. Kline’s attorney Reid Holbrook went on the record saying that the ruling by the Disciplinary Panel impeded his client’s ability to properly defend himself.

Kline will return to Virginia where he is employed as an assistant law professor at Liberty University. The ethics case will resume in Kansas on July 19.

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Showers of love and thanks

Lifespan held its 22nd annual Baby Shower throughout metro Detroit in March. Hundreds of beautiful baby items were donated to local pregnancy aid centers.

One of the reasons some mothers decide to have an abortion is because they say they can't afford another child. Because of all those who donated, we can now reach those moms and let them know that we are here to help financially so they will be able to keep their beautiful babies.

The following Detroit churches participated this year: Assumption Grotto, Christ the King, Sts. Augustine and Monica, Brightmoor Bible Missionary Church and St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park. Thank you all for your continued support, and may God bless you for all you do for His little ones.

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Spring and Easter—what a beautiful time of year—can they really be just a few weeks away? Hope so!

If Valentines Day is synonymous with love—Easter must surely stand for hope and new life.

Have you ever noticed that when the winter coats finally come off—there are so many pregnant women bustling about? They are busy buying cute baby clothes and supplies, filling a new basket with rattles, pacifiers and rubber duckies, picking out a beautiful maternity outfit to wear on Easter and all the time filled with so much hope for the new life

Membership drive

Detroit is now in the process of a membership drive. Please help us reach our goal by asking all your pro-life family and friends to belong to LIFESPAN. Right to Life - LIFESPAN has been your local pro-life organization for over 40 years. As you know, through our newsletter, we keep you updated on all the pro-life issues. We do not receive any Federal money. Our membership dues are our backbone. We cannot continue to keep the Detroit Office open if our membership continues to drop. A Membership application is on page 15 of this newsletter. Please feel free to copy it and pass it out to all who can help, or call the office and request a membership package which will include a membership envelope and a current *Lifespan News*. Thank you, and God will bless you for your efforts.

Humility

A primary factor contributing to this nation's rampant pro-abortion mentality is a lack of humility. Scientific advances, a widely proclaimed right to control our own destinies and the absence or shallow level of belief in a "Higher Power" all have led us to believe that we are in charge, that we, in effect, can play God and decide who lives and who dies. Science has us believe that we can even become "Creator God" by cloning a human in the near future and destroying human embryos in the name of scientific research. If this is going to be the "Brave New World" of the future, I pray, and ask everyone of faith to pray, for the future of our children and grandchildren.

they are carrying and the "new life" that lies ahead with their precious baby.

My moms who call Wee Care are trying to get ready for Easter and their Spring babies too, but when they call, instead of hearing joy and hope in their voices, I hear fear and desperation. They have nothing for their little ones and are so fearful of the days that lie ahead with no diapers, clothes or formula for their precious babies.

Because of you—our doors are open, and we can direct them to WIC for their formula and are able to provide diapers, wipes, lotions, soft blankets, tiny clothing and so much more. They leave our office, not only with their beautiful package, but also with a little sense of hope for the special child they are carrying and for the new life that lies ahead. Knowing that strangers care and are praying for them means all the world to them.



Thank you for all you do to help every mom feel hopeful and to look forward to her new life with her cherished child. May your Spring and Easter be filled with sunshine, love, laughter and all the happiness that you give to others! God bless you!

Love, Karen

All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.

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We continue to request your email address because of the increasing amount of time-sensitive information we are receiving. It is never our intent to send you emails every day or even every week. But when something that would benefit from action on your part—a crucial vote in Washington or in Lansing on an issue that impacts on human life, for example, needs that action right now, email is the best way of getting that information to you. We frequently have very little notice of some of these things and need to reach you quickly.

Do you remember the old “telephone tree”? That’s how we used to get such messages out to you. They just don’t work anymore because, first of all, no one is ever home during the day and, secondly, we have no way of knowing if a message left on an answering machine is actually heard!

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Bake Sale needs bakers

A Mother’s Day Bake Sale for Lifespan will be held at St. Raphael Church in Garden City (west side of Merriman Rd., just north of Ford Rd.) on the weekend of May 7 and 8. Lifespan members, even those who live outside the parish, may help with this event. Baked items may be dropped off at the Lifespan office in Livonia (address above), on Saturday, May 7th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., or at the church after 3:00 p.m.

Resource Book 2011

Last call to be listed as a *Patron* in the book of Life, better known as LIFESPAN’S annual “Resource Book.” Featured ads are: Gold Patron \$100; Silver Patron \$50; Bronze Patron \$10 and Memorial \$10.

You can introduce a new family member, kids and grandkids, to our Lifespan family by purchasing a *Photo Album* ad, that is, 1/8 page (3.5”x2.5”) for just \$35. Deadline for ads is Wednesday, April 13. Please consider buying or selling just one ad to make this a successful fundraiser for the Main Office of Lifespan. Call 734-422-6230 or go to www.rtl-lifespan.org, click on “Events” for an ad form.

The ever-increasing postage expenses are also driving our request. It seems that the cost of mailing increases almost every day. Individuals do not always get the same increases that businesses do and if we could cut some of that expense, it would help so much. Our email server is secure; you will not get phished or spammed if we send you emails. Please email us your email addresses. Our email address is oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org.

Planned Parenthood

It would appear that the Planned Parenthood clinic will be opening in Auburn Hills. The city council advised a group of some 200 people that there was really nothing they could do (the council, that is) to prevent it. The coalition of pro-life groups, Lifespan among them, presented the council with more than 10,000 petition signatures asking the city council to prevent the largest abortion provider in the United States from opening a clinic in Auburn Hills. It is expected that abortions will be done at the site on Opdyke Rd., as the national leaders of Planned Parenthood have told their clinics that all affiliates WILL perform abortions.

Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Dyan Vrazo who received the 2011 Jane Condron Volunteer of the Year Award at our volunteer luncheon on February 26th. If we need it done, Dylan is always ready to help get it done!

Mother’s Day Dinner

Come, spend an evening with pro-life friends. Our guest speaker will be Evelyn Van Sloten, Crossroads Pregnancy Center, Abstinence Education Director (see page 3.) We plan on having transportation available to take dinner guests to the San Marino Club in Troy. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Call for cost and pick-up points. Join us; the evening is planned for YOU!!!

Mother’s Day tribute

Now is the time to order silk-like, long-stemmed roses for your church. They are tagged, “Thanks Mom, for Life.” They come in various colors and can be taken on consignment. A rose, the symbol of Life, is a tribute to mothers on their special day.

Father’s Day recognition

We will be offering candy bars on Father’s Day for a donation. The wrapper will be labeled, “Thanks Dad, for Life!” along with “Happy Father’s Day!” Pens will also be available with the same sentiment. If you’d like your church or school to participate, call ASAP so enough items are purchased.

Email addresses

Please email us at wwdr@rtl-lifespan.org so we will have your email address to send important “late-breaking” news items to you.

Do You Think They Are Beginning To Get It? Pro-Abortion Leader: “We’re Losing”

By Jill Stanek

Frances Kissling was the founding president of the **National Abortion Federation** from 1977-1980 and president of **Catholics for Choice** from 1982-2007.

I’m always interested in what Kissling has to say, because these days she often spends her time taking her own side to task, insightful in that regard. This was no different in Kissling’s op ed piece in the *Washington Post* on February 18. It was fascinating.

Kissling admits her side is losing. But it seems to me the actions she suggests will only hasten the day when preborn human life is preserved again in America. In other words, I don’t think that her side has any way out. There is no path to success.

Excerpts:

In the nearly four decades since the Supreme Court ruled that women have a fundamental right to decide to have an abortion, the opposition to legal abortion has increased dramatically. Opponents use increasingly sophisticated arguments—focusing on advances in fetal medicine, stressing the rights of parents to have a say in their minor children’s health care, linking opposition to abortion with opposition to war and capital punishment, seeking to make abortion not illegal but increasingly unavailable—and have succeeded in swinging public opinion toward their side.

*Meanwhile, those of us in the abortion-rights movement have barely changed our approach. We cling to the arguments that led to victory in *Roe v. Wade*. Abortion is a private decision, we say, and the state has no power over a woman’s body. Those arguments may have worked in the 1970s, but today, they are failing us, and focusing on them only risks all the gains we’ve made.*

The “pro-choice” brand has eroded considerably. As recently as 1995 it was the preferred label of 56% of Americans; that dropped to 42% in 2009 and was

45% in 2010, according to Gallup polls. And abortion rights are under attack in Congress...Meanwhile, 29 governors are solidly anti-abortion, while 15 states passed 39 laws, most of them restrictive, relating to abortion in 2010 alone...

[U]nfortunately we’re not going to regain the ground we have lost. What we must do is stop holding on to a strategy that isn’t working, and one that is making the legal right to abortion more vulnerable than ever before.

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We can no longer pretend the fetus is invisible. We can no longer seek to banish the state from our lives, but rather need to engage its power to improve women’s lives. We must end the fiction that an abortion at 26 weeks is no different from one at 6 weeks.

These are not compromises or mere strategic concessions, they are a necessary evolution. The positions we have taken up to now are inadequate for the questions of the 21st century...

The fetus is more visible than ever before, and the abortion-rights movement needs to accept its existence and its value. It may not have a right to life, and its value may not be equal to that of the pregnant woman, but ending the life of a fetus is not a morally insignificant event...Abortion is not merely a medical matter, and there is an unintended coarseness to claiming that it is.

We need to firmly and clearly reject post-viability abortions except in extreme cases...

Those kinds of regulations are not anti-woman or unduly invasive. They rightly protect all of our interests in women’s health and fetal life...

Finally, the abortion-rights movement needs to change the way it thinks about

the state. Right now government is mainly treated as the enemy...The public is ambivalent about abortion. It wants it to be legal, but will support almost any restriction that indicates society takes the act of abortion seriously. For the choice movement to regain popular support and to maintain a legal right to abortion, it has to work with the state...

We have been demanding that the state mind its own business. That lets government abdicate all responsibility for funding reproductive health care. We need more responsible and compassionate state policies.

But respect for fetal life also requires that men and women take every step possible not to create fetuses they will have to abort...

The moral high ground on abortion is not to be found in asserting an absolute right to choose. Instead, it is to be found in the movement’s historic understanding that when abortion is illegal, it is poor women who suffer...

These shifts I am suggesting are not about compromising or finding common ground with abortion opponents.

Compromise assumes that there are two parties prepared to give up something in return for settling an issue. Neither opponents nor advocates of legal abortion are willing to do that. But, for pro-choice advocates, standing our ground will mean losing ground entirely...

If the choice movement does not change, control of policy on abortion will remain in the hands of those who want it criminalized. If we don’t suggest sensible balanced legislation and regulation of abortion, we will be left with far more draconian policies—and, eventually, no choices at all.

— February 22, 2011

Jill was a registered nurse in the Labor & Delivery Department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL. She discovered not only that abortions were being committed there, but that babies were being aborted alive to die without medical care. When hospital leaders said that they would not stop, Jill went public and has become a national figure in the effort to protect both born and pre-born infants. Jill writes on pro-life issues as a weekly columnist for WorldNetDaily.com. Jill also oversees her own blog, jillstanek.com.

Pro-Life Groups Upset by Obama's Weakening Conscience Rights

The decision by the administration of President Barack Obama to weaken the pro-life conscience protections President George W. Bush put in place for medical workers has leading pro-life groups upset.

In 2008, the Bush administration issued a rule that prohibited recipients of federal money from discriminating against doctors, nurses and health care aides who refuse to take part in medical procedures to which they have religious or moral objections. The rule implemented existing conscience protection laws that ensure medical professionals cannot be denied employment because they do not want to assist in abortions.

On Friday, Obama rescinded part of the protections, with the Health and Human Services Department scrapping a portion of the rule and calling it "unclear and potentially overbroad in scope." Obama officials put a new rule in place that leaves in place protections on abortion but offers no protection for medical workers who have moral or religious objections to dispensing or giving to women the Plan B drug or other emergency contraception that could act in some cases as an abortion drug.

Americans United for Life president Charmaine Yoest condemned the ruling and noted the Obama Administration had rescinded almost all of the regulation protecting conscience rights for medical professionals—except the provision to file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services.

"This must come to an end. No longer should the civil rights of medical professionals be held hostage to political interests. The Obama Administration acknowledged that it is a civil right not to participate in an abortion, but in the same breath weakened federal regulations designed to protect that right, Yoest said."

"This underscores the necessity for Congressional action; health care

providers must have an effective means to enforce their rights written in the law. The protection of the basic civil right to provide care without participating in life-destructive activities must not be dependent on the whims of an Administration that has made expanding abortion central to its mission," she said.

Family Research Council president Tony Perkins also condemned the decision to eliminate key provisions of a Bush administration regulation that enforced laws protecting the conscience rights of medical professionals who oppose abortion.

"This is a direct attack on the entire medical community's conscience and our oath to 'do no harm.'"

"Today's erosion of conscience protections for medical professionals is a blow both to medicine and the right to practice one's deeply-held convictions. I am troubled that the Obama Administration has issued a final rule that strikes key sections of 2008 conscience regulations and weakens their enforcement substantially," he said. "The President chose to reject the views of the vast majority of people—close to two hundred thousand—who provided comment in 2009 opposing any attempt to rescind the conscience regulations."

He told LifeNews.com: "It's a sad fact that discrimination against health care workers who object to participating in abortion is a continuing threat from both federally-funded organizations and the government. The previous conscience regulations were implemented to enforce the conscience laws passed over the last 35 years, and they required that federally-funded entities certify their compliance with three conscience laws. Removing the certification requirement will make enforcement harder, not easier."

"The rule also removes the definitions that ensured protections were maintained for individuals

working in federally-funded organizations. Rather than provide greater clarity to the law's protections for those who object to 'assisting in the performance' of abortion, the removal of these definitions creates greater ambiguity and will make enforcement more difficult," Perkins explained. "While we support the Office of Civil Rights investigating claims of discrimination and allowing people to file such complaints, this is insufficient to ensure such discrimination does not take place.

Although the new regulations may offer an imaginary fig-leaf of political cover on conscience rights, they severely limit the enforcement provision in the previous conscience regulations."

Perkins joined Yoest in calling for Congress to act and said the three bills in the House would help put conscience protections in place—the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (H.R. 361), the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3) and the Protect Life Act (H.R. 358).

Dominique Monlezun, a student at Tulane School of Medicine who is the national coordinator of Medical Students for Life, a division of Students for Life of America, also told LifeNews.com she is upset by Obama's decision on Friday.

"This is a direct attack on the entire medical community's conscience and our oath to 'do no harm.' The decision undermines the constitutional rights of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other medical professionals," she said. "Without the enforcement of the complete Bush Conscience Rule, many of our peers will be forced to participate in taking the life of human beings through medical abortion through drugs, like Plan B and ella, and engaging in other objectionable medical practices."

"Medical Students for Life stands with future pro-life medical professionals in opposing the Obama Administration's outrageous decision, and will continue to work to support and defend pro-life medical students," she added.

—LifeNews.com, February 21, 2011

Eggsploitation



Treating infertility has become big business, and biotech companies have made an industry out of recruiting young women to donate their eggs. Advertisements frequently appear online, in campus newspapers or the local classifieds. Women are promised big bucks—up to \$100,000—in exchange for this “commodity.” What isn’t well-known, however, are the physical consequences for donors. A shortage of eggs has placed vulnerable women in the path of the stampede to fill the demand.

A new film called *Eggsploitation* is blowing the whistle on this industry. Produced by the Center for Bioethics and Culture, the expose recently won Best Documentary in the California Film Festival. It’s a well-deserved honor.

The film interviews women who’ve donated eggs and experienced devastating medical problems. While

physicians apply a delicate balance of treatments to the infertile woman, egg donors are subjected to aggressive hormone surges in an effort to harvest multiple eggs. These women risk the loss of ovaries, stroke and even brain damage. Their testimonies show devastating impacts on their lives.

But because this marketing of body parts is largely unregulated, there is little to no recourse for women facing health complications. And since agencies are not required to maintain records as in traditional adoptions, children born from these eggs are typically unable to locate biological mothers or receive information relevant to genetic health. Those are small matters to an industry intent on big financial gain. To them, eggs are merchandise, and women the machines creating them.

With deceptive advertising and screening that targets particular ages, races, genetic backgrounds, IQs, and other desirable characteristics, there is great cause for concern.

More alarming is what happens after these donated eggs are fertilized. While some embryos are given the chance for life, many are frozen and forgotten, used for research or simply discarded.

It’s my hope *Eggsploitation* will be a catalyst to educate both women considering donating their eggs and the adoptive parents of these newly-formed tiny lives.

—Bradley Mattes, Executive Director
Life Issues Institute, February 11, 2011

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As a result, 97.6 percent of pregnant women going to Planned Parenthood are sold abortions while less than 2.4 percent of pregnant women received non-abortion services including adoption and prenatal care. That’s up from 96.5 percent of pregnant women going to Planned Parenthood getting abortions in 2008.

Planned Parenthood has been on the receiving end of significant negative publicity related to undercover videos showing its officials helping investigators posing as sex traffickers obtain abortions and STD testing for underage girls who are victims of the sex trade. The abortion business has defended itself in part by attempting to show that abortions constitute a small percentage of its overall services.

The long-term bill the House passed, HR 1, had also reinstated the Mexico City Policy, stops abortion funding in the District of Columbia and de-funds the pro-abortion UNFPA, which works hand-in-hand with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions to enforce the one-child policy.

The latest short-term bill would fund the federal government mostly at current levels through April 8 and the idea is for House Republicans and Senate Democrats to come up with a long-term bill that both sides can agree to—or they may be forced to approve a third short-term continuing resolution to fund the government until they can reach an accord.

During the coming weeks, pro-life groups—some of whom opposed the short-term bill because of the lack of the pro-life provisions—will call on members of Congress to include them in a long-term bill.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor said GOP leaders are focused on passing another long-term bill, that pro-life groups hope will have the same amendments attached.

—*LifeNews.com, March 16, 2011*



Lifespan's cross display provides a vivid visual reminder of the tragic loss of life from abortion. Some say that they find the display disturbing. If that is the case, we must ask ourselves why actually seeing the impact of abortion is troubling. Perhaps it is because seeing really is "believing." The crosses are available by calling the Lifespan Oakland/Macomb office for scheduling—248-816-1546.

The Supreme Court's Back Alley Runs Through Philadelphia

How the abortion industry became the least regulated in America

By Clark Forsythe

We can thank, in large part, the Supreme Court, after 38 years of *Roe v. Wade*, for the lurid reports coming out of Philadelphia.

Since the fall of 2009, officials have investigated the conditions in an abortion clinic run by Dr. Kermit B. Gosnell.

The Philadelphia District Attorney has charged Gosnell with murder for killing an abortion patient and seven babies after they were born. The grand jury report found, among other things, that there had been reports of the exceedingly vile practices at the clinic for nearly 20 years without any action being taken. Philadelphia's clinic conditions and lackadaisical approach to regulating clinics are the direct result of the "fine print" in *Roe*.

Because the Justices who decided *Roe* foolishly believed that abortion had few risks and that doctors should have complete discretion to decide how to do abortions in the first trimester, they basically said that state and local officials can't regulate in the first trimester, when 90 percent of abortions are done, and that they can try in the second trimester—if they dare.

But the Justices then empowered the federal courts and attorneys for abortion providers to thwart every effort by public health officials to regulate.

Federal courts across the country spent the next decade implementing that edict, and by the end of the 1980s, the federal courts had struck down attempts by Chicago and many other cities to regulate clinics in the first trimester. As Edward F. King, the Deputy Director of the Chicago Medical Society told the *Chicago Sun Times* in 1978, "The courts very effectively knocked the Department of Health out of the picture.

We're not even entitled to cross the threshold of these clinics."

This is how the Justices have hobbled public health officials for the past 38 years in dealing with abortion clinic conditions, in Philadelphia and many other cities.

The Supreme Court compounded the problem in 1983 by extending its edict in *Roe* and invalidating regulations even in the early second trimester.

Roe also empowered any back-alley abortionist with an M.D. to go into court after January 22, 1973 to challenge clinic regulations as an "unconstitutional burden."

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In Chicago, for example, the federal appeals court struck down Chicago's clinic regulations, and three years later, in November 1978, the *Chicago Sun Times* published a 12-part series on terrible abortion clinic conditions, based on an undercover investigation with the Better Government Association.

When Illinois tried to enact new regulations to deal with the findings of the *Sun Times* and the BGA, an abortion provider again challenged those regulations and got the federal courts to strike them down in the 1980s.

The Justices also empowered abortionists to challenge clinic regulations in court and to speak for women about the care that women want and need, as though the interests of abortionists and those of women are identical.

Is that true for any other area of medicine?

On top of all that, a federal law (the Civil Rights Attorneys Fees Act of 1976) has been interpreted by federal courts to require that the attorneys for the abortionists get their attorneys' fees paid by state tax dollars when they get the clinic regulations struck down. That too inhibits public health

officials from doing anything unless the most extreme conditions in clinics are discovered.

Some states have some clinic regulations and there is, of course, some political and administrative discretion in enforcing some clinic regulations. The Philadelphia grand jury concluded that "...[t]he Pennsylvania Department of Health abruptly decided, for political reasons, to stop inspecting abortion clinics at all.... With the change of administration from Governor Casey to Governor Ridge, officials concluded that inspections would be 'putting a barrier up to women' seeking abortions."

But the Court ultimately holds all the cards and decides whether any laws on the books are actually enforceable. As Justice O'Connor pointed out in the Court's 1983 *Akron* decision: "As today's decision indicates, medical technology is changing, and this change will necessitate our continued functioning as the Nation's 'ex officio medical board with powers to approve or disapprove medical and operative practices and standards throughout the United States.'"

The problem is that the Court is a passive institution. It dictated this public health vacuum and now can't do anything about it. It can't regulate. It can't fill the vacuum it created. It can only wait on lengthy and expensive cases to get appealed to the Court, and it has imposed conditions that inhibit any case from getting to the Court.

If the history of the past 38 years is replayed in Philadelphia, as it has been in Chicago and other major cities, the current furor will die down, some legislative body might pass new regulations, the ACLU or the Center for Reproductive Rights will file suit, the federal courts will strike down the regulations, the state will use tax dollars to pay attorneys fees to the clinics, the papers will turn a blind eye, and the case will never get to the Justices.

—January 24, 2011

Clarke D. Forsythe is senior counsel of Americans United for Life.

Good news, Kroger customers!

Lifespan has enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! A percentage of the purchases of all those who register their Kroger Plus cards online will be rewarded back to Lifespan! This can be a great way to help fund our pro-life efforts, and we encourage everyone to *please register online for this program!*

To use the Kroger Community Rewards Program

Go online to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com and be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy to register your card. (If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.) Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on "Create an Account." Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering your email address and creating a password. Enter your zip code for the Kroger store nearest you. Enter your Kroger Plus Card number. Confirm your info and agree to terms and conditions. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email to activate your account. Log onto your account and use your email address and password to sign in. Click on "Edit Community Rewards Program" and input Lifespan's NPO number 83138, click "Search," select "Right to Life - Lifespan Ed Fund," and save selection.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for Lifespan until after you register your card online as described above. Also, Kroger requires that you re-register every year. If you need more information, see "frequently asked questions" on the Kroger website or call Lifespan at 248-478-8878.



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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we work to stop abortion, the looming danger of euthanasia and infanticide persists and becomes more acceptable to our society.

It became front page news again with the report about Baby Joseph. Born with a disease that would soon take his life, Joseph is none the less loved and cared for by his family. His mom and dad have already experienced loss and sadness when a previous child passed away from this same disease. They understand very well what will happen to their dear Baby Joseph, yet grateful to God for the time they will have with him.

As Baby Joseph's condition worsened, it was necessary for him to be hospitalized and be placed on a respirator. As time passed, it became clear that Baby Joseph's days on earth would be ending soon. His parents' hope was to take Baby Joseph home to die. To do this, a tracheotomy would need to be performed in order to take him home with a respirator. The Canadian hospital has refused to do this. They believe it is better to remove the tube and let him die peacefully in the hospital. Who are these people? This is the question. What is this committee which plays God as to who should live and who should die? What are their true intentions? Is it cost? Is it the intention of getting rid of "undesirables"? Is it the dehumanization of the handicapped that has allowed this lack of empathy? Or, is it just another option to get rid of a very uncomfortable situation fast!

If the hospital wins this fight, they will have committed passive euthanasia by removing the tube and allowing death to occur. This baby will struggle—morphine and other medication will be given, but it will not be a natural death. Baby Joseph would still have to fight for his life at home, but at home everything possible will be done for him by his mom and dad and those who love him. They will make sure he is comfortable in their arms and that everything done for him will be out of love.

Who is this hospital, to take away the family's choice to spend as much time as possible with Baby Joseph? It matters not if it be one hour, one week or one month. Whatever time they have left, they will have it together—at home.

Life is precious. All of us in the pro-life movement know this to be true. What is happening to Baby Joseph in Canada will surely happen in our own hospitals if the Obama health plan is not challenged and stopped. If left unchanged, it will take away our choice of health care.

Isn't it interesting that women are given the choice to kill, but Baby Joseph isn't given the choice to die at home. So much for Choice! The world is losing its soul.

Diane

Diane Fagelman, President

PS: As this newsletter was being prepared, we learned that out of all the hospitals in the United States which were asked to help give proper medical care to Baby Joseph—the Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, in St. Louis, Missouri—was the only one to "step up to the plate" and accept him. So, there is yet hope for this world.

**Donations have been made—
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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local Lifespan office.

Shhhh! Silent Auction...

Our Silent Auction, held during our Mother's Day Dinner, is in need of a few more items. Do you have a time-share you could donate? How about tickets to a sporting event or a play. Do you own or work at a spa that does manicures or pedicures that would donate some pampering time for mom? If so, please call the Oakland / Macomb office, 248-816-1546.

Used Book Sale

Lifespan will host its Used Book Sale this year on July 14-17. The location is yet to be finalized, so watch for more information in the next newsletter.

What a "win...win" fundraiser! We get to recycle used books (go GREEN!), encourage people to read more (go mind power!) and in the process, LIFESPAN gets the financial benefit (go save more babies!) Please start saving your books and possibly have a book drive at your church. All it would take is an OK by your pastor, an ad in your church paper for a drop off week-end, a couple of big boxes for deposit of books and a few volunteers to possibly sort and transport the books to our drop-off locations. Do you have a Book Club? What a fun, Christian Service activity this would be.



Book drop-off locations:
Detroit, call Mary, 313-885-8238; Oakland / Macomb, call Diane, 248-816-1546; Wayne West / Downriver, call Laurie, 734-422-6230.

Questions? Don't hesitate to call Mary at 313-885-8238. Thanks for helping us with this vital fundraiser. See you at the sale!

Is It Time Yet?

Can you hear what many Christians are saying to the community on abortion and life issues? Be very quiet and you can hear them... it's silence, and it's almost deafening! Many don't think there is anything they can do to stop abortion. Many don't think they should talk about abortion or speak to those who have been wounded by abortion. Many carry guilt because they have had an abortion.

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, will give a presentation on "A Time To Speak," at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 17051 24 Mile, Macomb on **Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m.** A dessert and coffee bar will be provided. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by Loving Arms Lutherans For Life, the Macomb County Chapter of Lutherans For Life. For more information, contact Donna, 586-781-3986.

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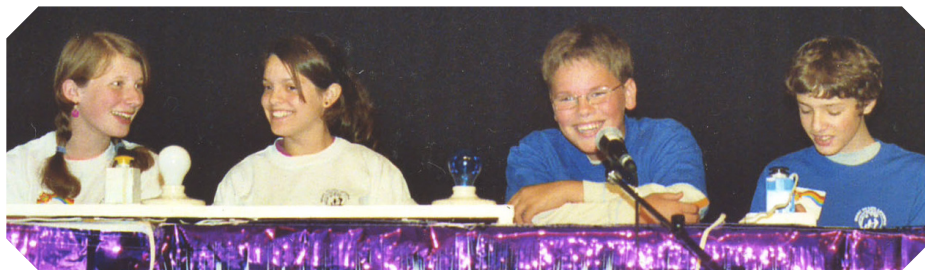


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GUESS WHAT'S MAKING A COME-BACK THIS SUMMER?...

The Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show!

For students 12 - 18 years old



When/Time: Saturday, July 30, 2011, 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.)

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth
(47650 N. Territorial Road, south of M-14, east of Beck Rd.)

Cost: \$10 per Contestant, \$5 per Guest, children under 5-years-old are free
(official Game Show t-shirts will be included in the cost for Contestants,
and pizza and beverages will be included in the cost for everyone)

Registration: April 1 - June 1, 2011

Teams: All Contestants will have a teammate, either one of their choice,
or we will match them up with someone their age

SPECIAL NOTES: Age groups for teams are 12-13 year-olds, 14-15 year-olds and 16-18 year-olds.
Study materials in the form of Cross Word Puzzles and Word Matches will be provided to all
Contestants after June 15th so they can come well-prepared for the competition!

Game Show Categories: Fetal Development and Terminology;
Abortion and Effects of Abortion; Abstinence; Modesty and Healthy
Relationships; Laws and Cases; Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia;
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