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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### RED & YELLOW, BLACK & WHITE

. . . we are all God's children in His sight. . . .

This children's song came to mind as I was thinking of various issues that are forefront in my life these days - the war, the polarization of our two main political parties, the exceptions (amendments) to good pro-life legislation, the future of the pro-life movement, our future as an organization. I was talking with a good friend about how some of us see everything in black and white while others of us see everything in shades of gray. If I know enough - or think I know enough - about an issue, I happen to be a black and white type. (I'm sure that's no surprise to those of you who know me!) He shared a bit of food for thought with me. His comment was, "But when you look at the shades of gray, you are closer to understanding the person with the opposite viewpoint."

That certainly makes sense. And, what an important concept! At a recent Toastmasters' meeting, our Table Topic was to "walk a mile in (someone else's) shoes". It was done 'in fun', but again - the same important concept. It is important to at least try to see another's point of view. It isn't easy. But doing so makes it easier not to judge, "lest we be judged". And it is so hard not to judge. I often joke that the "radical religious right to lifer" label fits me to a T. Since I study this issue full time now, I have some insights that support our claims about life issues that others aren't privy to. Not that its a secret, but often information is slanted, under-reported or simply not reported in the mass media. And I wonder why others "just don't seem to get it." A few examples come to mind: the "morning after pill" is NOT a contraceptive in spite of Planned Parenthood's advertising claim to the contrary; RU486 is not safe in spite of approval by the FDA; several studies link abortion to breast cancer in spite of the National Cancer Institute's denial.

We are an educational organization. We are dedicated to the protection of all human life from conception on. We will not compromise on that. But we know why women get pregnant and have abortions, we understand why some people think assisted suicide is merciful. We don't agree. But we understand. Some of us have walked in those shoes. Some of us have not.

Sometimes the waters get muddy and the issues seem unclear. Often economics is the ruling force. The consumer rules the world - a product is only good if it sells. People ask what an action will do to their pocketbook. The pro-life person, however, needs to ask the question, "Is what I say or do going to support life or not?" That makes the issue black & white.

# LIFE DINNER 2003

The Board of Directors of Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc.  
Cordially invites you to join us for our eleventh annual  
L.I.F.E. Dinner

With the articulate, high-energy speaker

Mr. David Bereit

Friday, April 25, 2003

Bittersweet on the Bluff

East Dubuque, Illinois

6:00 Social Hour

7:15 Dinner

RSVP by April 18

\$25 per person

Mr. David Bereit is an outspoken Pro-Life Advocate. He founded the *Coalition for Life* to battle Planned Parenthood's decision to do abortions in his hometown of College Station, Texas. Mr. Bereit received his BS degree in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M. He spent 11 years in sales & marketing for the pharmaceutical industry. As Executive Director of the *Coalition for Life*, he now spends his time spreading the pro-life message and is a regular media spokesperson on Pro-Life issues throughout Texas. Mr. Bereit was recently featured on the Dr. Laura radio show. His hometown was featured on ABC's "Nightline" as one of the two American communities that is shaping the abortion debate. He & his wife, Margaret, have two children.

### Listen to what others have said after hearing his talk:

"... I was so impressed, there are really no words to express it" - Judie Brown.

"God is using you in a mighty way!" - Carol Everett.

"I only regretted that you had a time limit on your talk. You could have held an audience for hours." - Joe Scheidler.

His presentation "*A Future and a Hope,*" is sure to inform and inspire us.

### L.I.F.E BREAKFAST

Mr. David Bereit, LIFE Dinner Speaker, will be at  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
(2145 JFK Road)  
on SATURDAY, APRIL 26 AT 9:00 A.M.  
ROLLS AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

### BOYCOTT UPDATE:

We are pleased to report that the **American Express Company** and the **Walt Disney Company** are no longer boycott targets. To date, at least 87 companies have quit funding Planned Parenthood, at least in part, because of our boycotting efforts.

### Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

in memory of the following: from Bernadette & David Wernke for **Jerry Schueller**, from D.J. Jaeger for Jerome **Schueller**, **Imelda Alt**, **Werner Sigwarth**, **David Woods**, **L. Vorwald Family**, **Mary Ann Backes**, & **Alicia Lochner**; from Ronald & Patricia Donovan for **Mary Vaassen**; from Bill & Doris McDermott for **Stanley Dosta**; from Paul & Ruth Fransen, Lois & John Smith for **Jared Weber**; from Duane & Jane Meyer for **Sr. Rosalie Whalen**; from Virgil & Marian Bourek, Barbara & Dan Nicholson for **Mike O'Meara**; from Dan & Anne Bohle, Patti & Brad Burgmeier, Andy & Terri Dolter, Paul & Ruth Fransen, Jim & Cathy Giese, David & Carol Kluck, Walter & Beatrice Kunnert, JR, John, & Barbara Ludescher, Tania & Mike McClain, Brian & Lisa Meyer, Paul & Ruth Meyers, Marijo O'Brien, Dr. & Mrs. Piekenbrock, Timothy & Jane Piggott, Matt & Ann Scherr, Robert Scherr, Daniel Schmitt, Lisa & Todd Stevenson, Dave & Deborah Tschiggfrie, & Jacqueline Weitz for **Chris Anderson, Jr.**

and in honor of: from Ronald & Patricia Donovan for **Merlin & Carol Timmerman's** 40th anniversary; from Steve & Connie

## **UPDATE ON THE MARCH OF DIMES BOYCOTT:**

With Walk America coming soon, let me remind/explain the right to life movement's continuing boycott of the March of Dimes' (MOD) fundraising efforts. The boycott started back in 1972. At that time, the MOD sponsored a major seminar on genetically handicapped unborn babies. It pioneered the technique of diagnostic, mid-trimester amniocentesis. Once diagnosed, 95% of these babies would be killed by abortion. Note: we assume that the MOD has never paid directly for a single abortion. They merely made it possible to pinpoint handicapped babies and stood aside. Originally, in SOME testing centers, the women signed an agreement to abort the child, if found to be handicapped. As the boycott spread, the MOD changed this policy and told its grantees they could no longer require that an abortion be done.

Information from a 1990 MOD conference describes indications for fetal reduction; another paper talks about the "constitutional right to abortion," and another concludes that the "counselor must validate the parents reason for their decision, if they decide to terminate the pregnancy." Since then, the MOD has worked hard to assert an abortion-neutral position. However, they have supported fetal tissue research throughout their history. The MOD foundation invests its resources in fetal tissue research as appropriate. [information from: J.C. Wilke]

This year, in announcing its major fund-raising effort, MOD claims a 27 percent rise in premature births "is a mystery." Yet the organization should know that at least 48 published studies have shown a history of abortion places women at significantly higher risk of premature birth and low-birth-weight. In fact, the doubling of risk may fully explain the full rise in premature births over the last 30 years. The only real mystery surrounding the alarming increase in premature delivery rates among the post-Roe generation of women is why the MOD has failed to call attention to this major risk factor. Your help is needed to bring this hypocrisy to light, because March of Dimes is exploiting the "mysterious" rise in dangerous preterm deliveries to raise hundreds of millions of dollars while concealing one of the primary causes of premature birth -- a prior history of abortion. [information from: David C. Reardon, Ph.D Director of Elliott Institute AfterAbortion.org]

Something must be done, and I'm inviting you to take action! The local March of Dimes Walk is scheduled for April 26th at Eagle Point Park. When asked to walk, or to contribute, politely decline and be sure to explain why. Then, please write to Chairman Gary D. Forsee [MOD Donor Service Center, P.O. Box 78348, Phoenix, AZ 85062-8348] and ask that his organization live up to its claim to being a leading source of information on prevention of birth defects by telling all the facts. Let him know that until they tell the full truth and start putting protection of the health of unborn children first, you will withhold your financial support.

While the MOD has done much good, we cannot in good conscience support such an organization because we recognize the unborn child as a human being. Good ends never justify the deception of women or the destruction of their children.

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| <p>PRAYER - God the Father, with the Son and the Spirit, you brought about the salvation of the world, which we celebrate this Easter season. Today especially, we thank you for the gift of women who labor in love, making sure that the necessary things of life get done with grace. In them we know your motherly concern for the world. Through them we learn that brothers and sisters must love one another and work together for the good of the family. Bless our mothers, keep them always close in your life-giving love. Amen.</p> |
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**“THERE’S AN OLD SAYING IN WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESS LISTENS TO WHO’S TALKING!”**



**PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:**

**The addresses and phone numbers for your members of Congress are:**

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**Washington, D.C. 20510**

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**House of Representatives**

**Washington, D.C. 20515**

**Phone: 1-202-225-3121**

**Capitol Switchboard toll free number: 1-888-723-5246**

E-mail addresses for **Representatives** can be found at <http://clerkweb.house.gov> (and then go to “Write your Representative”). Phone numbers are listed above. Rep. Jim **Nussle**, 303 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-2911. Fax: 202-225-9129. E-mail: [nussleia@mail.house.gov](mailto:nussleia@mail.house.gov). Dubuque office: 563-557-7740, Waterloo office: 319-235-1109, Mason City office: 515-423-0303, and the Manchester office: 563-927-5141.

E-mail addresses for **Senators** can be found at <http://www.senate.gov>.

You can **reach any senator** by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

Senator Charles E. **Grassley** (R), 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. E-mail: [chuck\\_grassley@grassley.senate.gov](mailto:chuck_grassley@grassley.senate.gov)/ Phone: 202-224-3744 in Washington; 319-232-6657 in Waterloo; or 319-363-6832 in Cedar Rapids.

Senator Tom **Harkin** (D), 731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. E-mail: [tom\\_harkin@harkin.senate.gov](mailto:tom_harkin@harkin.senate.gov)/ Phone: 202-224-3254 in Washington; 319-365-4505 in Cedar Rapids; or 563-582-2130 in Dubuque.

To contact your IOWA Congressmen:

Call the State House to reach your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Secretary of Ag., Auditor, and Attorney General @ (515)281-5211. To reach your State Senators, call 515-281-3371. To reach your State Representatives, call 515-281-3221. The toll free number to the Iowa Capitol Building is 800-375-7097.

To write: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Office of the Governor or Senate Chamber or House Chamber, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Begin letters with Dear Governor \_\_\_\_\_ or Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_, or Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_.

To FAX: House - 515-281-6108; Senate 515-281-5868

To E-mail: [firstname\\_lastname@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:firstname_lastname@legis.state.ia.us) Please note: an underscore character must be typed between the first and last name. When e-mailing your legislator, please let them know where you live in their district. There are various e-mail addresses for legislators.

**FEDERAL UPDATE**

**1. Partial Birth Abortion Ban Passes Senate** Final Passage 64-33; Grassley voted YES Senator Harkin not only voted *NO*, but *he proposed* an amendment (SA 260) with language to change *Roe v. Wade* from a court decision into federal law. His amendment is now attached to the bill. The bill now moves to the US House. It is predicted that the amendment will be removed from the bill. Call your U.S. Representative regarding the passage of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban of 2003 as introduced on February 13th by Congressman Steve Chabot.

**2. Senator Brownback (R-KS) introduced Bill to Ban All Human Cloning** - Brownback's legislation is identical to a bill just recently (2-27-03) passed in the House of Representatives -- the Weldon Stupak bill. Consideration of this legislation is now moving to the Senate. Call your Senator to let him know how you feel about this true ban on all human cloning.

**3. More pro-life legislation will be coming from the 108th Congress.** We expect both the **Abortion Non-Discrimination Act** to protect the rights of conscience for hospitals, doctors and nurses who refuse to perform abortions and the **Child Custody Protection Act**, to protect minor children from exploitation and to preserve parental rights by stopping the interstate transportation of minors to avoid parental consent and notification laws to be brought up.

**Status of Judicial Nominations:** "The U.S. Senate held a special meeting to discuss their constitutional role to 'advise and consent' on presidential nominations. During the discussion, they acknowledged that Miguel Estrada is well qualified for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals but refused to allow a vote on his confirmation" ..... All seven living former solicitors general, have written the Senate to oppose the request for access to the documents. In their letter, they warned that allowing the legislative branch of government to view deliberative materials of the executive branch would cause irreparable harm to the separation of powers and make it impossible for the Justice Department to fairly represent the United States government before the Supreme Court in the future. Priscilla Owen, is scheduled to have her second judiciary committee hearing. Owen is considered conservative it is believed that the her rejection in the last session was because of her views on abortion. On March 6, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of Timothy Tymkovich to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, by a 10-6 vote, with three senators voting present. The Human Rights Campaign, an influential and powerful GLBT organization is raising questions about Tymkovich's views on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. The nomination awaits action by the full Senate. The Human Rights Campaign is also opposing two other nominees - Jeffrey Sutton and Jay Bybee. The committee approved Sutton, who was nominated to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, on Feb. 13., and Bybee, who was nominated to the 9th Circuit Court, on Feb. 27. Both of these nominees await action by the full Senate.

**Status of Planned Parenthood Cover-up:** Source: WorldnetDaily; March 15, 2003 -A legal petition addressed to the Justice Department accuses Planned Parenthood-sponsored abortion facilities of hiding sexual abuse of children under the guise of a teen-age girl's purported right to privacy. The petition - to be sent to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson - cites a number of local cases brought against Planned Parenthood, including a judgment by an Arizona court for failing to report the sexual abuse of minors as required by law.

**Status of RICO lawsuit:** The Supreme Court handed pro-lifers a **major victory** in a landmark case for the right to free speech and peaceful protest. By an 8-1 majority, the justices reversed a lower court judgment which had ruled that pro-life activist Joe Scheidler had committed extortion and had violated racketeering laws when protesting in front of an abortion clinic. In his statements, Chief Justice Rehnquist wrote that an individual's political activity does not qualify as extortion. The law in dispute is known as RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) which was aimed at crushing organized crime. The fact is, acts of violence directed at abortion clinics, abortionists or women seeking abortions are wrong and already against the law and should be prosecuted without recourse to RICO.

**Status of CEDAW:** There is a resolution in Congress endorsing the goals of the International Women's Day. Concerns are growing that the resolution could become a stalking horse for CEDAW, the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Some might seek to use the language of the House resolution, much of which is drawn from CEDAW, to push for Senate ratification of the treaty. Vigilance is in order here.

WAR: World War I cost 116,708 American lives. World War II cost 407,316 lives. The Korean War cost 54,246 lives. The Vietnam War cost 58,655 lives. In America, the war against the unborn (abortion) has already cost over 43,000,000 lives and the casualties are adding up every day. How many more must die??

## Iowa Legislative Update [HF: House File SF: Senate File]

**Real Alternatives** This is a request of appropriations from the Federal Government TANF grant funding. The purpose of the funding is to give earned dollars to pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies. Earned dollars means that there is a fee for service system. Dollars are awarded according to the number of women serviced. Through fee for service, the centers work toward reaching more women in need. This is an already successful program, which originated in Pennsylvania. **Update:** Still working for support from legislators.

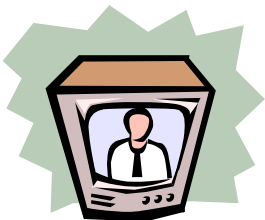
**SF 3 Statistical Reporting** Iowa currently has an abortion reporting law, however it does not keep track of the number of abortions done with RU-486, a chemical abortion, that takes several days and three visits to the abortion facility to accomplish. On most occasions, the abortion takes place in the young woman's home. **Explanation:** *This bill will only amend the current abortion statistical reporting code. IA code 144.29 does NOT keep track of the types of procedures used to induce abortions. This bill requires that information regarding the method RU-486 for an abortion be included in the Iowa abortion statistical reporting.* **Status:** Passed the Senate.

**HF 139/SF 95 Choose life License Plates** Original plans were to pass legislation for these plates. **Explanation:** *The purpose of the bill was to provide specialty license plates that will raise money to fund crises pregnancy centers and adoption agencies in Iowa. There are six other states with these plates.* **Status:** Because of funnel week, this legislation died before reaching a vote. Iowa RTL is working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to get an Iowa license plate with a choose life emblem. The only difference from an Iowa plate with an emblem and the plates through legislation is color. There are two snags to overcome: they must have 500 people pre-registered to buy the plate and a state department must sponsor the "Choose Life" plates. **ACTION needed:** sign up to buy (\$35) the special plates. Contact Kim Gordon 515-244-1012.

**HF 206 (replaced HF 133) Mandatory Reporting** Explanation: Currently Iowa's mandatory reporting law, that is designed to help protect children from continual sexual abuse, only mandates reporting for children 11 years of age and under. House File 206 changed the age limit to under 16. Status: The bill passed the House (75-22) and now awaits Senate (Human Resources) committee action. We anticipate passage out of the Senate committee.

*New* **HF 256 Licensing of Abortion Facilities** Currently abortion buildings are unregulated in Iowa. This bill will require licensing with specifications that will give a little more protection for women undergoing abortions. **Status:** Because of funnel week, this legislation died before reaching a vote.

**HF 111 Prioritizing Family Planning Dollars** -**Explanation:** If a state agency awards grants or contracts for family planning, pregnancy prevention, or reproductive health services, there shall be given a priority in the awarding of the grants. **Status:** Because of funnel week, this legislation died before reaching a vote.



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Our programs are scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. The upcoming **Programs** are from Life Dynamics video magazines. These programs are up-to-date, in-your-face documented research regarding what goes on in the abortion industry and what pro-lifers are doing about it. Each on is chock full of information. Stay tuned. . . .

### NATIONAL PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT DAY

American Life League's Rock for Life youth outreach is encouraging students to wear pro-life T-shirts to school on April 28. Their goal is to have every pro-life student in America wear a pro-life T-shirt to school that day. Several area students are participating and we invite all others to join them. If your school has a uniform or a dress code, be sure to get permission first. Rock For Life is trying to keep track of each person participating in the event. So, if you plan to wear a pro-life t-shirt on April 28, e-mail [shirtday@rockforlife.org](mailto:shirtday@rockforlife.org) with the following information: name/age/town/state/school/e-mail address. If you don't have access to e-mail, call our office and we will forward the information on to them. You may also call here for more information (563-556-5960).

### ABORTION-BREAST CANCER LINK DISPUTED

Recent news reports announced that the National Cancer Institute experts had found no credible link between abortion and breast cancer. Dr. Joel Brind, a biochemist and epidemiologist who has been the main promoter of the link in the scientific community, described his reaction as, "Disappointed, but not surprised." He said he had hoped for an in-depth discussion on both sides of the issue of induced abortion but that, "you ask a scientific question, you get a political answer." NCI didn't request any minority reports so any research showing the linkage between abortion and breast cancer never made it into the press. The general consensus among those who support an ABC link is that scientists disavowed their research because they receive NCI funding and feared losing their grants. Dr. Jane Orient, a physician based in Arizona, offers, "Even a physician who does not find the evidence persuasive is ethically bound to inform the patient, at a minimum, that by having an abortion she forgoes the protective effect of a completed pregnancy, an effect that is undisputed even if under-emphasized."

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

*The foundation of all that can be accomplished in the pro-life movement is prayer. "Without me," Christ said, "you can do nothing." Prayer is not just asking God to do something. That's a part of it, but it's more. Prayer is union with God. Prayer means we open ourselves so wide to God that He comes in and does something through us! Prayer and action are not two separate options, but rather two aspects of the same reality: union with God. -Fr. Frank Pavone*

A call to action:

Do you realize the importance of prayer? Have you been praying for the intentions of Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. and/or the intentions of the entire pro-life movement? Can you give an hour of your time to this cause each week? For more information, come to our April meeting or call Ellen @ 563-556-5960.

### PRAYER AT THE MILLS

**In April, we will be visiting Bettendorf & Iowa City abortion mills.** Bill McDonough will leave the Resurrection Church parking lot after their 7:00 A.M. Mass on Tuesday, **April 15th.** **Please call** the office (563-556-5960) or Bill (563-582-4436) to let us know you want to go. In addition, Dennis Mai (563-583-8933) will lead a group to Iowa City on Saturday, April 12th. They will leave from St. John's Church in Peosta at 7:00 A.M. **Please call** the office (563-556-5960) or Dennis (563-583-8933) to let us know you want to go. Please pray for

### PRAYER

(topic for our meeting)  
Join us on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M. in the Cathedral Center, where Fr. Thomas McAndrew will share his insight into the **power of prayer** in promoting life and in overcoming the culture of death. You will admire his wisdom, **sincerity** and spirituality. Please join us for our regular monthly meeting. Come to learn more about the power of prayer!!! You will be given the

