

*Dear Friends of Life:*

*This letter is short, but it is important. We have very, very exciting news to announce at our L.I.F.E. Dinner. I cannot tell you what it is right now, but it is the kind of thing that happens to an organization like ours only once in a great while. It is an opportunity that has presented itself in a beautiful way to coincide with our organization's underlying charter and mission.*

*In order for this opportunity to yield its full realization, it is imperative that everyone reading these words come to the L.I.F.E. Dinner. You have to trust me, but I can promise you that you will be as excited as I am to hear the news.*

*It would also be wonderful if you could bring one or two friends to the L.I.F.E. Dinner. I can say this without hesitation ... this will be one of the most important pro-life events you have ever attended.*

*The future of our organization depends in a large part on how you respond to this invitation.*

*I hope to see you at our L.I.F.E. Dinner on Friday, April 25.*

*Sincerely,  
Arthur F. Gilloon, President  
Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.*

**L.I.F.E. DINNER 2003**  
Friday, April 25, 2003,  
Bittersweet on the Bluff, East Dubuque, IL  
6:00 Social Hour, 7:15 Dinner  
\$25 per person; RSVP (563)556-5960  
Guest speaker: Mr. David Bereit  
"A Future and A Hope"

**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.

**STATUS OF JUDICIAL NOMINEES:**

Texas judge **Priscilla Owen** won approval for a federal appeals court seat from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday 3/27/03. Owen, a Texas Supreme Court justice, was approved on a 10-9 party-line vote by the same committee that rejected her nomination on an identical party-line vote last year. Owen's nomination now goes to the Senate floor, where a final vote on **Miguel Estrada** has been blocked. The filibuster of Miguel Estrada's nomination to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia hit its 55th day March 31st. Other nominations have been stacking up behind his. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge **Carolyn Kuhl**, President Bush's nominee for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, is the latest to receive criticism for her pro-life views. The committee is expected to vote on Kuhl's nomination this month. (April) On April 10, President Bush put forward **Bill Pryor**, Alabama's pro-life Attorney General for a seat on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. A hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee hasn't been scheduled yet, but the entire process could take months. ACTION: Contact President Bush and encourage him to make recess appointments to bypass the Senate gridlock. The Constitution empowers him to make appointments when the Senate refuses to fulfill its constitutional obligation of "advice and consent."

**Stop the Presses! Abstinence Works!** Source: Family Research Council Washington Update - April 14, 2003

Call it a blinding flash of the obvious. A new study released today finds that abstinence is the major reason for the falling birth and pregnancy rates among single teenagers. The study, published in the journal Adolescent and Family Health, is the most extensive yet on this issue. The researchers found that abstinence is the primary reason for the decline in births and pregnancies among teens. Among unmarried girls abstinence accounted for 67 percent of the drop in pregnancies. Previous studies linked falling birth and pregnancy rates to greater use of condoms. This landmark study is important because Congress is getting ready to debate renewal of the Welfare Reform Act of 1996. In view of these findings, the \$50 million included in the 1996 act for abstinence education should be increased significantly. It's simply common sense to fund what works best. The abstinence-until-marriage message is getting through to the kids, while the safe-sex deception and condom handout schemes increasingly are understood to be failures.

**VISIT THE MILLS:** The **2 opportunities** to pray at the abortion mills in March are: Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) will go to Madison on **May 20th**. He will leave from the Resurrection church parking lot after 7:00 Mass. Sara Brehm (563-557-7041) will go to Iowa City on Saturday, **May 31st**. She will leave from New Melleray Abbey (6500 Melleray Circle) in Peosta after 7 A.M. Mass there. [take U.S. 20 to Sundown Road, go south to Monastery Road and follow signs.] Please call Bill, Sara or the office (563-556-5960) if you plan to go along.

**WHY PRAY AT THE MILLS?** "Also in March, we had an encouraging call from the director of a pregnancy help center in the Twin Cities Metro Area. She informed us that one of her clients had been to an abortion center last year but left without having an abortion because the presence of the sidewalk counselors bothered her. Her baby is due at the end of April. She had not taken literature or talked to anyone on that day, so if she had not told her story to the director, we never would have known of this baby's life being spared. **Wherever you are, and whatever you're doing to further pro-life efforts, please don't be discouraged if you don't see immediate fruit. Know that you are having a positive effect.**" (emphasis mine ) (from: Brian Gibson, Pro-Life Action Ministries)

Our **next meeting**, planned by Anne Banwarth, will be a prayer service in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer which falls on the first Thursday of May each year, same as our meeting. **Join us at 7:00 P.M. on May 1** in the mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery (10378 Military Road), Key West, IA. There will be prayer, music, and reflection based on the scripture: Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation. . . but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Last month we discussed the power of prayer in this spiritual battle of the war on the unborn. This will be a special opportunity for us to participate in prayer for the unborn and for our county. Our Memorial to the Unborn is located nearby. Use this opportunity to visit it; then spread the word that it is available to all those who grieve the loss of loved ones - from conception on.

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