

*Dear Friends of Life:*

*A quick update regarding the building purchase we announced at the Life Dinner in April. Things are proceeding fairly well, and we hope to have plans finalized by the end of this month. There have been a few minor roadblocks in the way, and hopefully they can be handled. Keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement of our campaign drive soon! We are on a mission to advance our mission!*

*Thank you to all of the workers at the Dubuque County Fair. It was a grand success and a big thank you goes out to Anne Schmieder. For several years running, Anne has chaired the Dubuque County Fair booth and coordinated those educational efforts. We owe her a big debt of gratitude for her time and energy. As you know, Anne is a former member of the Board of Directors. Since she left our Board, she continues to work as hard as ever for the cause of Life!*

*Many exciting things are coming down the road for Dubuque County Right to Life. First, the new building is a labor of love still in process. As usual, we have Respect Life Month coming, and volunteers are needed. Call the office if you can help. Lifesaver Sunday is October 5, and I believe we also have the Life Chain that same Sunday! Dave Larson is spearheading the Life Chain effort, and you should call the office if you can help.*

*I am done asking for help. Let me leave you with this thought of Clarke D. Forsythe. He is an attorney and President of Americans United for Life:*

*" Given the state of public opinion and the fact that 75 percent of Americans believe that abortion is at least the taking of human life, if not murder itself, effectively changing public attitudes will require a shift of emphasis and resources to educating Americans about abortion's impact on women. The most direct and effective response to the myth of abortion as a "necessary evil" is to raise public consciousness concerning the damage abortion does to women. If Americans come to realize that abortion harms women as well as the unborn, it will not be seen as "necessary," and the "necessary evil" may be converted into evil pure and simple. In this way, we may lay the foundation for a dramatic shift in public opinion in the years ahead."*

*I could not agree more. We have a lot of work to do, so let's get to it.*

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

UPDATE ON OPERATION OUTCRY - SILENT NO MORE: YOUR **PRAYERS ARE NEEDED!**

THE MOTION FOR NORMA MC CORVEY WILL BE FILED AUG. 26 IN LOUISIANA AT 15TH CIRCUIT US COURT OF APPEALS . THE **CHIEF JUDGE** IS CAROLYN KING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR ALL THE **JUDGES**, SINCE ANY OF THEM COULD HEAR THE CASE. THEY ARE: PATRICK BOTHAM, EUGENE DAVIS, EDITH JONES, JERRY SMITH, EMILIO GARZA, RHESA BARKSDALE, JAQUES WEINER JR., JOHN DERHE' JR., EDWARD PRADO, REYNALDO GARZA, TOM REAVLEY, WILL GARWOOD, BENAVIDES, GRADY JOLLY, EDITH CLEMENT, JAMES DENNIS, CARL STEWART, FORTUNATO R., HAROLD DEMOSS JR. WE ARE ALSO ASKED TO PRAY FOR THE **LAWYERS** WHO ARE PREPARING THE BRIEFS WHICH MUST BE FILED BY SEPT. 5.

WATCH THE NEWS TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH DOE (SANDRA CANO) VS BOLTON , ROE'S COMPANION CASE. PRAY FOR ALL INVOLVED THERE, ALSO.

THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PROMISED TO PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF DCRTL MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY. ON EACH FIRST FRIDAY ST. JOHN'S PEOSTA OFFERS CONFESSIONS STARTING AT 7 PM, MASS AT 8 PM & BENEDICTION AND ADORATION UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE THE 12 AM MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RUTH @ 563-588-1192.

## LIFE CHAIN

Join pro-lifers from the Dubuque area as we participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Life Chain\* on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003 from 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

### Here's how it works:

We will line the sidewalk on Highway 20, starting at Bluff Street holding pro-life signs. The LIFE CHAIN is not a picket. It is a time for prayer and meditation - for the millions of children killed by abortion, for our churches, for our Christian leaders and for all public officials. We will spend time in quiet prayer as a visible witness for life. There is no cost. You do not need to pre-register - Just park in the lot at the corner of Bluff Street & Hwy 20 or at Central Alternative School. Pick up a sign and walk the line.

### Here's why:

- To show support for the innocent victims of abortion
- To be a visible witness of our belief in the sanctity of life
- To take time to pray for the end of abortion

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. @ 563-556-5960

#### \*National Life Chain

Is sponsored by the "Please Let Me Live Ministry" in Yuba, CA  
Cities across the country will be participating.

Locally sponsored by:

**Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc.**

### **ABORTION MILL VISITS**

On Tuesday, September 16th, Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) will be leading a group to Madison. He will meet you in Resurrection Church parking lot after 7:30 Mass (around 8:00 A.M.)

On Saturday, September 20th, Mike Meyer (563-588-1556) will be going to Iowa City. Meet him in the parking lot of Nativity Church at 7:00 A.M.

It is helpful (although not mandatory) if you can let us know if you will join us. For more information, call our office (563-556-5960).

Please join us in prayer and sacrifices for the unborn. We must all do our part to end abortion. Why are we standing by and allowing over 1,200,000 babies to die through surgical abortions every year? Are we thinking that someone else will stop the carnage?

### **ABORTION MILL VISITS**

Never been to the mills? Ever wonder just what its like? Afraid of trouble with the law? Want to know the 'ins and outs' of this peaceful type of protest? To get answers to these and other questions about visiting the abortion mills, come to the next DCRTL **MONTHLY MEETING**. KYLE COX, a faithful 'prayer warrior,' will be our speaker. He will share his insights on this peaceful ministry. We will meet on Thursday, September 4 @ 7:00 P.M. in the Cathedral center in back of the church at 231 Bluff Street.

The latest edition of *THE BOYCOTT LIST* is available at our office. This list, prepared by Life Decisions International, identifies corporations that have supported Planned Parenthood within the past five years and whose leaders refuse to cease funding them. This latest edition also identifies supporters of NARAL Pro-Choice America (NARAL) and the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL).

#### **WHY BOYCOTT?**

"If I think abortion is murder, then I should not enrich the companies that help fund it if I can possibly avoid it. 'Touch nothing unclean' from Isaiah 52:11, is a verse that comes to my mind. Boycotting may not make much difference to some companies but I think it makes a difference to God." —K.W. (from: The Economic Boycott -2002 Life Decisions International)

We must all do whatever we can, to the best of our abilities, to end abortion.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL**  
**LEAF RIDE FOR LIFE**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2003**  
**Graf Park 12 – 3 p.m.**

DUBUQUE COUNTY RIGHT TO L.I.F.E. is having a bike ride as a fundraiser and an awareness event. Can you help us by sponsoring a rider? Maybe your family would like to come out to the beautiful countryside and show your support for the unborn. You can join the fun by collecting pledges or making a donation.

**Three routes will be made available:**

- ◆ **The Challenge**– 14 mile route from Graf Park on Girl Scout Rd. to Bankston and back to Graf Park via Asbury Rd.
- ◆ **The Long Ride**– 16 mile route from Graf Park on the Heritage Trail\* to Farley (Y13) and back to Graf.
- ◆ **The Short Route**– 8 mile route from Graf Park on Heritage Trail\* to Epworth (Gun Club Rd) and back to Graf Park.

\*All riders 12 years and older will need a pass (\$1.10 per day pass) for the Heritage Trail.

Check points will be set up for the riders' assistance with water stops at the midpoints of these routes. We want everyone to have fun and be safe!

**Riders can start at 12 noon at the Graf Park and all should finish the ride by 3 PM.**

- ❖ A prize will be awarded to the person collecting the most pledge \$.
- ❖ All participating riders will be entered in a drawing to be held at 3 PM. – many prizes!
- ❖ You may stay for the drawings at 3 PM or pick up your prizes at the Dubuque County Right to Life office.
- ❖ Refreshments will be served at the end of your ride.

Make it possible for DCRTL to continue their efforts to educate everyone and build a culture of life in this nation. Plan to ride in the Leaf Ride for Life or sponsor a friend to ride in your place.

You may use the pledge form in this newsletter or pledge sheets will be available at the following locations:

**Dubuque County Right To L.I.F.E. Office - 1205 Cleveland**  
**Bike Shack - 3250 Dodge -Dubuque**

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2004** - Iowans for Life will again be hosting hundreds of Iowans as they march in Washington, D.C. to protest the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade*. Buses will be leaving from several Iowa locations (including Dubuque) on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 in the afternoon (most likely after school) or evening. We will travel overnight on the bus and arrive in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday. The March & Rally are on Thursday and Friday is a free day when we can see the sites of D.C. Friday evening we board the bus and head home, arriving back in Iowa Saturday evening. The cost of the trip is \$250. This includes bus and hotel fees (shared rooms). You will need additional money for food, souvenirs and subway tickets. We would recommend a minimum of \$120 in cash for meals and incidentals while in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Ellen (DCRTL) @ 563-556-5960 or Kim @ (Iowans for Life) 515-255-4113 or 800-727-2435. If you are a student in grade 7 - 12, ask us how you can win the trip. **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND -NOW!** Reservations are due October 31.

**FALL 2003 COMMUNITY DAY EVENT** formerly YOUNKERS HOLIDAY BENEFIT SALE - Younkens will once again be hosting its annual fundraising event and we plan to participate. It is an exciting and easy fund-raiser. Here's how it works: We sell tickets (\$5) The purchaser receives a packet with money saving coupons, one ticket worth \$5 off a single item (in essence, getting their money back) and a chance to win valuable prizes. We keep the \$5. **HOW YOU CAN HELP:** volunteer to sell tickets for us; volunteer to work the sale (November 22, 2003), and/or buy tickets from us. It would also be a good idea to let Younkens know we appreciate what they are doing.

**DCRTL 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL LEAF RIDE FOR L.I.F.E.**

*SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2003 12 – 3 p.m.*

Pledge Sheet

RIDER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT:** Make all checks payable to Dubuque County Right to L.I.F.E. or DCRTL. Pledges are fully tax deductible.

**For more information contact: DCRTL at 563-556-5960**

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MEMBERSHIP FORM: Please mail to DCRTL, 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa 52003

_____ \$300 Lifesaver	_____ \$50 Supporter	_____ Other
_____ \$250 Defender	_____ \$25 Family	
_____ \$100 Patron	_____ \$15 Individual	_____ \$5 Student

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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