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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



HOW PRO-LIFE ARE WE?

I recently read a commentary titled, “Yet We Claim to be Pro-life.” The author, Jonathan Tuttle, suggested that we consider making a pro-life examination of conscience. Since Lent is always a good time for self examination, I decided to share some of his thoughts with you. We often complain of others, saying “they aren’t as pro-life as they should be.” Well, maybe we aren’t either. Consider the reality. Does your healthcare insurance pay for abortions? Some don’t; but are ruled out because they are more expensive. Most of us buy products from companies that also produce abortifacient pharmaceutical drugs. Should we be boycotting? Do we purchase stock in companies that perform abortions or are otherwise involved in the abortion industry? Do we continue to buy products from companies who support Planned Parenthood? (see related article inside– Boycott Update). Do we encourage mothers of small children with a smile or a helping hand? Have we offered any financial assistance to an unwed mother? Do we pray for the conversion of abortionists and others clinic workers? Do we fast in reparation for the sin of abortion? Most of us criticize others for being in favor of abortion or for being apathetic, but most of us are too embarrassed, too busy or too afraid to evangelize them. Yet, we claim to be pro-life. Words lose meaning without actions to back them up. How pro-life are we?

If you haven’t been by our new Office & Education Center, you need to get here! We are so delighted to have this place. The building itself is wonderful—we can’t say thank you enough—but the sign is icing on the cake! Speaking of the sign, please call us with your ideas. We plan to keep our messages informative and change them frequently. The message center has the capability to do so much and all suggestions will be carefully considered. Remember, about 14 thousand cars pass us each day—help us keep the people in them informed about life issues. Call 563-556-5960 to submit your ideas.

Dates for the upcoming visits to pray at the abortion mills are: Saturday, April 15th and Tuesday, April 18th . Call (563-556-5960) if you can join us.

Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Watch for our **upcoming programs**, scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M, Upcoming programs feature **LIFE TALK NEWS**, Life Dynamic’s monthly video magazine, the Justice Foundation **Faces of Abortion** and local programming. Please keep watching to get updated on life issues and events.



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PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

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

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Senator Charles Grassley (R), 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. E-mail: <http://www.grassley.senate.gov>. Phone: 202-224-3744 in Washington; 319-232-6657 (Waterloo); or 319-363-6832 (Cedar Rapids).

Senator Tom Harkin (D), 731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. E-mail: <http://harkin.senate.gov> (contact me) Phone: 202-224-3254 Washington; 319-365-4505 Cedar Rapids; or 563-582-2130 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 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.

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant & Parenting Student Services Act S1966 & HR 4265 sponsored by Rep. Melissa Hart, (PA-R) would establish a pilot program and grants for universities that operate pregnant and parenting student services offices. It would help college women who are pregnant, have already given birth, or are placing a child for adoption. The bill authorizes \$10 million annually for five years to provide a total of 200 grants and colleges must match the grant to participate in the program. With the programs, the hope is to see the abortion numbers decline as women concerned about financial and educational issues along with a pregnancy see their needs met. Let your Senators & Representatives know your thoughts on this.

The Right to Life Act, HR 552 would protect the unborn by prohibiting any state or federal law that denies the personhood of the unborn, thereby effectively overturning Roe v. Wade. Let your Senators & Representatives know your thoughts on this. The American Life League is currently seeking co-sponsors for this bill.

South Dakota passed a ban on all abortions in the state! Watch for similar legislation in other states. Bills have already been proposed in Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas.

Judicial—on February 28th the United States Supreme Court ruled that applying the Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act to protest activity would violate the First Amendment’s free speech guarantees. The N.O.W. Lawsuit against Pro-Life Action League took 20 years to resolve - but the result is gratifying. We may now continue our peaceful, prayerful presence at abortion mills without fear of ridicule, false arrest or persecution.

BOYCOTT UPDATE:

This month our featured **Boycott target company** is **Walt Disney** (OPERATIONS-apparel/accessories, broadcasting (cable/satellite—ABC Family, E!, ESPN, Fox Kids, Lifetime, Music Choice, Sirius Radio Ch. 115) (Radio-IL:94.7 Oldies & WI:WAOW,WBAY,WISN,WKOW, WQOW, WXOW), electronics, games/toys, home items, insurance, live theater, motion pictures/videos/television production, music, pet products, publishing, restaurants, sports, travel, websites. CONTACT; Mr. Robert Iger, President & CEO, The Walt Disney Co., 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521-1010 or 818-560-1000. Please write or call to express your disappointment with their funding of Planned Parenthood. Your note can be as simple as “I refuse to continue doing business with you until you no longer fund Planned Parenthood.” In this case, you might add that is unfortunate that you can’t take your children (grandchildren) to vacation at their theme park and that when they are old enough that you will explain why!

March of Dimes (MOD) WalkAmerica 2006 is being held on Saturday, April 15 @ Eagle Point Park. As reported in the past, MOD has a long history of association with the abortion industry. It continues with their latest lobbying effort. The MOD is encouraging Congress to pass the “PREEMIE Act” which would expand federal research, education and health services to prevent preterm birth. Sounds laudable. However, at least 48 published studies have already shown at least one clue to the cause of premature birth. Women with a history of abortion have shown significantly higher risk of premature birth and low birth weight deliveries. The MOD has actually downplayed the risk in their fact sheets stating the women are only at higher risk for preterm delivery if they “have had more had three abortions or miscarriages.” Their medical director, Dr. Nancy Green calls the 27% increase in prematurity over the last few decades “a mystery.” One wonders if the plan to expand research is in hopes of finding another cause, not to discover scientific facts IF they are politically incorrect. Any legislation on prematurity risk needs to include research and education on the impact of abortion on raising the risk of preterm birth. Please share this with anyone soliciting your donations. For a pro-life alternative, contact the Michael Fund, 500 A Garden City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15146 or www.michaelfund.org.

CORRECTION—AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (AHA): In February, I reported that the AHA does not participate in embryonic stem cell research (ESCR). However, I have been informed that the information was not entirely correct. While they do not do the research itself, they do fund research involving cloning. Furthermore, they continue “to endorse government supported ESCR but with no association money or staff support.” Thus, it appears they are indeed funding “clone & kill experiments” and support experiments involving “transgenic” - exchange of human-animal genes. I sent a letter requesting further information on their policies regarding research but have not received a reply to date. Until further notice of a change in policy, they should also be boycotted.

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of the following: for **John Fern & Jeannine Gerlach & Lorin Kilburg & Dorothy Nicholson & Herbert Stonehouse** from Dan & Barb Nicholson; for **Lorin Kilburg** from Alice Kilburg & family; for **Don Kluesner** from Jeff & Theresa Chapman; for **C.J. Callaghan** from Norm & Gloria Hein; for **Mildred Gassman** from Terry & Dee Schilling; for **Rita McDonough** from Dave & Elaine Hansel; and Bill & Doris Mc Dermott; for **Ron Gibb** from Bill & Doris McDermott; for **Marie Carmody** from Bill & Doris McDermott; for Carole Kiefer from Richard Kiefer, John & Jeanne Kiefer, Javier & Lorlee Servin and Dennis & Susan Troester; for **Roman Droessler** from Mary Jane Tilp; and for **Bob Pasker** from Dewey & Jane Meyer

In honor of : **Kathy Reisdorf** (birthday) from Bill & Doris McDermott.

Whenever a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person or family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque which is displayed in our office.

St. John’s Church, Peosta is looking for volunteers to pray one hour per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the cause of LIFE. And for DCRTL. This can be done at any time, not necessarily at Exposition. Anyone interested should call Sara @563-557-7041. And all you pro-life Catholics should be interested! Mother Theresa said, “If everyone would spend one hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we would end abortion.”

Our **April 6th meeting** will be held at **7:00 P.M. in our new Office & Education Center!!!!** Plan to join us –we will begin with a short open house (tour & treats) and follow up with a short educational program on “Plan B—What’s Going On Around the Country with the Pharmacists?” by Art Gilloon, President.

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT DAY: American Life League is sponsoring this event for the fourth year. On April 25, ALL is asking pro-life students to wear a pro-life message to class. All are invited to participate. The official shirt is available online (<http://www.ProLifeGear.com>) for \$5 plus shipping and handling. Other details are available at <http://www.NationalProLifeTshirtDay.com>.

Do you use Google to search the Internet? If so, please consider using ProLifeSearch.com instead. It is powered by Google, but every time you use it, Google donates money to a pro-life group. Plus, there is a built-in filter than doesn’t allow objectionable sites to come up. Bookmark it on your computer, and help pro-life groups every time you search the Internet.

We are currently organizing our library and would like all loaned materials returned. Please check around the house & get DCRTL items back to us ASAP.

**Would you like to see your ad here?
Call DCRTL.**

COMING EVENTS - Plan now to join us!

- ◆ April 25th—Pro-Life T-shirt Day
- ◆ April 28th—Life Dinner.
- ◆ May 4—National Day of Prayer; DCRTL meeting
- ◆ Mothers’ Day Roses
- ◆ Open House



DCRTL’s WISH LIST:

- ⇒ Stamps
- ⇒ prayers for DCRTL
- ⇒ Speaking engagements
- ⇒ Printer ink cartridges Epson TO441 (black)
- ⇒ Kleenex
- ⇒ Sticky notes (2X3)
- ⇒ volunteers
- ⇒ Teachers willing to share their expertise with us. We hope to prepare pro-life informational packets to have available for use by grade school, junior high & high school students
- ⇒ Anyone interested in scrap booking—not necessarily skilled (you may practice on us!)

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