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Dear Friends of Life:

This is my first letter to you as the new president of Dubuque County Right To Life. Although I have worn this hat before, it has been sometime. I follow in the very large footsteps of Art Gilloon, who has served as president for the last four years.

Art's commitment to and his passion for the cause of the preborn began in January 1973, while he was still a college student. Since that infamous decision to legalize abortion on demand, Art has been involved in some way to help stop this travesty. He was one of the original group that began DCRTL in 1985 and has remained as the one constant on our board since then, serving in a number of positions. His commitment to the mission of DCRTL has never wavered. Art was the one who led this organization on the long journey from 1205 Cleveland to our beautiful new building at 2205 Carter Road. Fortunately for us all, Art will continue to serve as a member on the Board of Directors. We are grateful to him for his years of service.

Mike Scherr, a member of the board since 1996, retired from the board. During his decade of service, Mike not only served as President but also has been very instrumental in broadening knowledge about the issue of abortion and the mission of DCRTL to the community at large. We appreciate his efforts at making the L.I.F.E. dinner a success each year and thank him for his continued generosity to DCRTL.

We also added two new members to the Board at our November meeting: Stacy McKeon MD and Michael Lattner DDS. We are very excited about the addition of these two new members.

DCRTL is an educational group. We look for every opportunity to inform the community on the issues of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. We are the primary resource for information on these issues as well as chastity, embryonic stem cell research, corporate sponsorship of abortion, and post abortion trauma. In order to do this, we rely on memberships and gifts from those who support our mission.

One of our goals for 2007 is to increase the number of people who count themselves as members. I am asking that you help us with this. If you are not yet a member or have not renewed your membership, please consider doing so. Memberships are the lifeblood of DCRTL.

Sincerely,

Maureen Ward, President

COME ONE, COME ALL

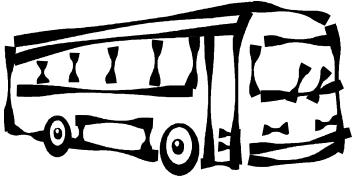
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE. We will meet at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 20 in Washington Park near the Gazebo. There will be a short program followed by a walk past the Courthouse to the KC Hall for the CHILI LUNCHEON. This marks the 34th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision by the Supreme Court of the United States which legalized abortion throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. We encourage you to participate in our peaceful protest of the slaughter of millions of preborn babies.

The annual chili luncheon is sponsored by the Loras College Right To Life group. Proceeds are used to help fund their trip to the annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. This year they have 18 students attending! In addition, the Wahlert High School Right to Life Club is providing the desserts. We thank both of these groups for their efforts on behalf of the unborn. Please come and be generous in your support of these upcoming pro-life leaders. Once again, we thank Steve Fuerst for chairing this event.

The Loras group is seeking plastic containers to use in order to sell any left over chili—if anyone has extra that they might have, please drop them off at our office between 9 A.M. & 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday sometime before the 20th.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JANUARY. INSTEAD, WE ASK YOU TO COME TO THE WALK ON JANUARY 20th. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2007. NOTE: THAT IS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BECAUSE we have invited Allan Parker to be our guest speaker. Allen is the lead attorney working to overturn Roe vs. Wade. More details in our next newsletter. For now, mark the dates on your calendar. You won't want to miss out.

January is sanctity of Life month. If you would like a speaker, video or pro-life literature for your church, school or other organization during January or at any other time, please call DCRTL. We can also give you, free of charge, brochures about our ministry to put in your church on a ongoing basis.



There are still SEATS AVAILABLE on our bus to DC for the annual March for Life. If you can join us, please call to sign up. CALL QUICKLY IF INTERESTED!! [\$250, January 20—24, 2007]

If you aren't going to make it the **March For Life in DC** this January, try to make it to the **Prayer for Life Rally** at the State Capitol building in Des Moines on January 22, sponsored by the Iowa RTL Committee and Iowans for LIFE. The Rally will be held at 12:00 noon on the first floor in the Rotunda. There will be prayers and a speaker (testimony on the morning-after-pill) and afterwards you can tour the capitol and meet your legislators, encouraging them to help protect life.



Our **visit to the abortion mill** in January will be on Tuesday, **January 16th**. We will not go on Saturday, **the 20th**, because of our Walk for Life. Tuesday's visit will be to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women, leaving from the Resurrection parking lot after 7:00 A.M. Mass. Call Tom (563-588-1635) if you are able to go.

VACCINE UPDATE—We thank you for your comments to the FDA regarding their guidelines for vaccine manufacturing and want to let those of you who submitted your comments through our office know that we gathered, copied and sent them to the FDA in time for the December 28th deadline. And, we received word that other groups are working on this. For example, the National Catholic Bioethics Center sent a letter urging revision of the policy to “explicitly prohibit the use of tissue from directly aborted fetuses and destroyed embryos in the future, in the development of vaccines to be approved by the Federal Drug Administration.” Now, we ask you to pray that they listen and respond in favor of our request for ethical products!

CORPORATE BOYCOTT UPDATE: Two major corporations, **Altria** and **Wal-Mart**, are no longer boycott targets. Please remove them and their subsidiaries/products/services from *The Boycott List* and *Checkbook List*. To thank them for no longer giving money to Planned Parenthood **Contact:** Mr. Louis C. Camilleri, Chairman & CEO, Altria Group Inc., 120 Park Avenue, 11th Fl, New York, NY 10017-5592, (917) 663-4000; altria.com & **Contact:** Mr. H. Lee Scott, Jr., President, Director & CEO, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716-8611, 479-273-4000; walmart.com or walmartstores.com. This month's boycott target is **Williams**—operations: energy (natural gas, Northwest Pipeline, Transco, Gulfstream, Milagro, Hazelton), real estate (The Williams Center); **Contact:** Mr. Steven J. Malcolm, Chairman, President & CEO, The Williams Companies Inc. 1 Williams Center, Tulsa, OK 74172-0172; (800) 945-5426 or (918) 573-2000; williams.com
[Life Decisions International may be contacted at P.O. Box 75161, Washington, D.C. 20013; by telephone @ (540) 631-0380; or by email @ fightpp.org. Call for your own copy of *The Boycott List* (available for a modest donation).]
CHARITABLE DONATION BOYCOTT: The **Children's Miracle Network** follows all federal/NIH policies (they will do any research that is legal). Generally less than 10% of their funds support research. **Contact:** Children's Miracle Network, 4525 South 2300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117 (801) 278-8900

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