

# LIFE TIME

Life for Everyone

*Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization dedicated to preserving and fostering respect for human life from conception to natural death. We educate the public about the dangers of abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide.*

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



### PRO-LIFE POLITICS

For political junkies, it must be exciting to be an Iowan. However, all the campaigning and its associated rhetoric can be confusing. There are pro-life candidates out there. It is up to us to select someone that meets our criteria. What is their position on a Human Life Amendment? Do they support or oppose *Roe v. Wade*? Are they for or against embryonic stem cell research?

It can be difficult to discern who is the most pro-life. It is hard to know which candidate really believes what he is saying about the life issues. More importantly, it is almost impossible to know what they will do once in office. Will they nominate "strict constructionists" for the Supreme Court? Will they veto tax payer funding for embryonic stem cell research? Will they take our money (tax dollars) away from Planned Parenthood? Who will they put on their staff? Will they be "social conservatives"?

I know. I know. It's just one issue. But as my able assistant says, "If I make a cake and put the freshest eggs, the finest flour, the sweetest sugar and the creamiest frosting and add arsenic, would you eat it? After all, arsenic's just one ingredient." That's what she feels like saying to those who tell pro-lifers to look at the big picture; that abortion is just one issue. Yes, it's one issue. *One life and death issue*. One deal-killing issue. The candidate can have the finest stands of all the other issues, but to be pro-abortion is the arsenic in the cake. All I want to know is who is going to do the most to save the most lives! Is that too much to ask?

Next month our newsletter will include candidate positions on the life issues. Hopefully it will help you answer some of these questions in preparation for the caucuses in January.

Thanksgiving, the feast will be over when you get this letter but I am looking forward to it as I write this. Although not the best timing for this, it is never too late to say thank you! Thinking of you, our supporters, we (see names at left) can't help but thank God for the people in our lives. Without you we couldn't accomplish the things we do. And without you, it wouldn't be such a pleasure to work toward the accomplishment of our mission to end abortion, infanticide & euthanasia. Pleasure doesn't seem like the right word to describe the work and all the frustrations that accompany it but it certainly fits as a description of the relationships we form with the pro-life community. So, please accept our sincere thanks for all you do for life, what ever that entails—be it large or small, be it time or money or merchandise, be it thought, word or deed. We thank you for your support!

Specifically at this time we thank all who helped out with our October activities. John & Sue Lukasik and their helpers—Fr. Shea & the seminarians at Divine Word College, Fr. Parker, the East Dubuque Knights of Columbus & other parishioners, Pastor Dennis Schmitt & members of the Dubuque Community Church, LaSalle Catholic 8th Graders of Holy Cross and Loras Right To Life Club members—who displayed the Cemetery of Innocents. Our Lifesaver coordinators, Alexia Yaklin, Diane Brehm, Jean Blaser and Mary Seipp and all the helpers at the participating churches. Poster contest coordinators—Anita Sullivan, Nancy Bandstra, Mary Burbach, Sue Lukasik, Theresa Valentine-Bahl, Jean Mescher, and Sara Brehm. Dave Larson and all who helped him with the crosses for the Life Chain. THANK YOU!

PLEASE NOTE in this issue details about activities for you to participate in on December 6, 8, 9, 15 & 18th. In addition, you may still sign up for the bus trip to D.C. Next month will be our annual WALK for LIFE on January 19th, details will be in our next newsletter. For now, just make your calendar so you won't miss out.

## MARCH FOR LIFE 2008

**THERE IS STILL ROOM ON THE BUS!!** PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. JAN. 19 - 23 FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE. THE FEE IS \$280. SEND YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL AND ROOMMATE(S) DESIRED (UP TO 4 PER ROOM) TO DCRTL @ 2205 CARTER ROAD, DUBUQUE, IA 52001. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DCRTL. THE BUSES LEAVE DUBUQUE IN THE EVENING JANUARY 19 AND RETURN AFTER LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD. CALL TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID! ANYONE UNDER AGE 18 NEEDS A CHAPERONE.



CLARIFICATION: Money donated to DCRTL for the purpose of assisting youth in need of additional funding in order for them to attend the March for Life will be used for *any* student in need.

The *40 Days for Life Campaign* (September 26 -November 4) that we invited your participation in last month is over, but not forever—it will happen again. The organizers have sent numerous testimonies from various participating groups about the successes they had and their commitment to continuing the fight against abortion. (That in itself spells success!) You may view them @ <http://www.40daysforlife.com>. Here are Colleen's comments/reflection on the visit to Madison:



Eleven of us were gathered in the dimly lit church at 10 pm on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. We prayed a short prayer before our Eucharistic Lord and received a blessing from Fr. Parker before heading, en masse, to Madison to pray before the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign. I wondered if that's how it was for the early Christians. Surely they, too, gathered for prayer so they were strengthened to go out and witness against their culture of death? Somehow, we're part of something bigger, I thought.

As we approached Madison it began to rain and the wind picked up. My first thought was, "Thank you God for sending us an additional mortification!" That was not the consensus in the van. When we pulled up to the clinic, the men whose shift was ending said that the rain and wind stopped just as we pulled up. "Thanks, God" the rest of the riders said out loud. Kurt, one of the men from Madison, said he'd be with us for the next two hours as his shift didn't end until 2 am. After introductions and instructions, we started praying the Rosary. We prayed other prayers, sang songs, and did a Jericho March around the clinic. I thought that we'd take breaks, but no one ever got tired or cold. Suddenly, someone asked, "What time is it?" It was 3:25 am. We had been there 3 1/2 hours and only had 35 more minutes left on our shift! No one could believe it. The time flew by. Our Eucharistic Lord gave us a great grace that night - grace to stand and pray and spiritually fight the forces of death while staying warm and awake for all four hours.

### Memorials to DCRTL:

**Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:**

**In memory of:** Alice Althoff from Jean Soat; Michael Auer from Scott & Dana Charland, Nancy Crowley, Anthony & Glade Freeland, Tom & Cathy McGovern, Janet Pfohl, Doug & Jenny Send, Bill & Lori Tange-man and Ila Wyatt; Dennis Benda from Steve & Connie Hardie and Dan & Barb Nicholson; Ann Michelle Burds from Mr. & Mrs. Don Burlage; Marge Conlon from Jim & Kathy Conlon; Marian Ferring from Catherine A. Schoofs; Mary Fleckenstein from the family of Mary Fleckenstein; Dr. Charles Griffin from Larry & Irene Scherrman; Jerry Houselog from Paul & Betty Dolter; Violet Jaeger from the family of Vi Jaeger; Wilfred Meyerhofer from Mary & Dennis Cosley; Elizabeth Rogers from Mary Ellen, Fred, Mike & Jim Rogers; Orly Shaw from Mary & Dennis Cosley; Lloyd Sweeney from Mary Mormann; Eric Welter from Virgil & Marian Bourek; Wayne Walsh from Mike & Sara Brehm and Bruce & Nancy Klostermann; Joseph A. Williams from Mr. & Mrs. Don Burlage; and Jerry Schuller, Dick Schuller & Gerry McDonough from Bernie Wernke.

**In honor of** the following: Ron & Pat Donovan's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Patrick & Jennifer Donovan and Paul & Mary Ann Vaassen; for Jetta Shuhert's Birthday from Bill & Sue Schuckert.

*When 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.*

Please join us for our next meeting on **December 6th** for **Christmas Caroling** at the Dubuque Nursing and Rehab Center, 2935 Kaufmann Avenue. **Festivities will begin (and end) at our Office & Education Center** at 7:00 P.M. where we will conduct a short business meeting before heading over to spread Christmas cheer to the residents. If you prefer to meet us there, come at 7:30! If you wish to ride with us, we'll be leaving some cars here and carpooling. We thought it would be fun to take some gifts along for the residents. So, for anyone willing and able, please bring a wrapped & marked (male or female or ok for either) gift with you. The staff has suggested items such as crayons, color books, scarves, stretchy mittens, socks, pens/note paper or other dollar store items but NOT lotions or soaps (provided). Rumor has it that Santa will be there to distribute the gifts. Bring the whole family for a festive fun filled night.



Will you have started your Christmas baking by then? Let us know if you are willing to bring some goodies to share with the group after we finish caroling. We'll provide the coffee & hot chocolate!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS: Dates for the upcoming visits to pray at the abortion mills are: Saturday, December 15th (Iowa City) & Tuesday, December 18th (Cedar Rapids). Call for information if you can join us.**



**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**— On **December 8th** there will be a Eucharistic Adoration at Resurrection Church from 8P.M.—12:00 midnight. We will be joining others from around the country in prayers for life. The national hour of unity will be from midnight to 1:00 A.M. EST, which will be from 11:00—12:00 here. If you can join us, please call the office (563-556-5960) to sign up for (a) prayer hour(s) or feel free to show up at any time during these hours. Thanks to Deacon Tim Lobianco for assisting us in this project.

[There will also be Adoration from 9 P.M.—1:00 A.M in the convent chapel across from the Basilica in **Dyersville**.]


**BOYCOTT UPDATE:** According to Doug Scott, President of Life Decisions International, at least 157 corporations have ceased funding Planned Parenthood since they began the Corporate Funding Project 15 years ago. Several companies have recently come **off the list: Allendale Pharmaceuticals, Chum, Circuit City, Comcast, Compass, George Weston, MacTarnahan's Brewing, Neiman Marcus, Park Grill, Sears/K-Mart, Tommy Hilfiger, Unilever, and Willis Stein!** Some of these were new to the list just published in July and are already off it. That means, they have agreed to stop funding PP in the short time since *The List* was published!

The following list of corporations is a continuation of the new-to-the-list companies named in our last newsletter. All of these companies appeared for the first time in the July issue of *The List*. It is important that you contact these companies as soon as possible. Then the corporate leaders "feel the heat" right away. This month's targets are: **OSI** (restaurants—Blue Coral Seafood & Spirits, Bonefish Grill, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Cheeseburger in Paradise, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, Lee Roy Selman's All-American Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Roy's Hawaiian Fusion Cuisine), contact Mr. A. William Allen III, COP, OSI Restaurant Partners Inc., 2202 N. West Shore Blvd., Ste. 500, Tampa, FL 33607, (813)282-1225, osirestaurantpartners.com; **SIGMA-ALDRICH** (chemical production) contact Mr. Jai P. Nagarkatti, President, CEO & Director, Sigma-Aldrich Corp., 3050 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103; (800) 521-8956 or (314)771-5765, sigmaaldrich.com; **SONIC** (restaurants) contact Mr. J. Clifford Hudson, Chairman, President & CEO, Sonic Corp., 300 Johnny Bench Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, (866)657-6642 or (405)225-5000, sonicdrivein.com; **STANBIO LABORATORY** (medical devices/diagnostics/drug manufacturing/management/research) contact Mr. William R. Pippin, President, Stanbio Laboratory Inc., 1261 N. Main Street, Boerne, TX 78006, (800)531-5535 or (830)249-00772, stanbio.com; and **STRUEVER BROS. ECCLES ROUSE** (real estate) contact Mr. C. William Struever, President & CEO, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse Inc., 1040 Hill Street, Ste. 200, Baltimore, MD 21230, (443)573-4000, sber.com.

The new Boycott List includes a revised and significantly expanded "**Dishonorable Mention**" section, which identifies **charitable organizations** that are associated with Planned Parenthood and/or its agenda. As non-profits, they are not boycott targets per se, but pro-life advocates should be aware of their activities. Among the groups new to this section are: the **Audubon Society**, the **Alzheimer's Association**, the **American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)**, the **Children's Defense Fund**, and the **Council of Churches (Church World Service & Crop Walk)**, among others.

More information about the CFP, visit <http://www.fightpp.org>.

On Sunday, **December 9** we will be taking an image of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women. An image will be brought to as many abortion sites as possible in the country at 3:00 P.M., asking Our Lady to intercede for the unborn. We would like you to join in this event by meeting at 1:30 P.M. at St. Columbkille's Church parking lot. We will pray for one hour and then return home. All are welcome. Please join us and bring your family and friends. Call us at 563-556-5960 to let us know you plan to attend.



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16. Watch for our **upcoming locally taped programs**, scheduled for Mondays @ 10:00 A.M., Fridays @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M. We now are able to present other programs on Cable Channel 15. The scheduled times for **LIFE TALK NEWS** are: Mondays @ 9:00 P.M., Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 3:30 P.M. and Thursdays @ 2:00 P.M. The scheduled times for **Faces of Abortion** are Tuesdays @ 8 P.M. & Wednesdays @ 1:00 P.M. Please keep watching to get updated on life issues and events. Mediacom now has 24 hour programming so our shows will also make random appearances during the night and on weekends—so watch for our shows at other times than those listed above. This month we will feature **Cristina Condit, our Pro-life Awareness speaker: "It's Possible!"**



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- ⇒ Medium & tall size garbage bags
- ⇒ Speaking engagements
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- ⇒ Prayers



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