

# Life s or E veryone TIME

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK—STEVEN BRODY



The recent November elections were not good to us in the Right to Life movement.

In Colorado, the Pro-Life Personhood Amendment would have defined personhood as beginning at conception. It was defeated by a large majority.

South Dakota voters defeated a ban on abortion by a 55-45 margin.

Voters in Michigan narrowly passed by a 52-48 margin Proposition 2, which amends the state constitution to expand the ability of researchers to create embryonic stem cells with human embryos from fertility clinics. The proposition stipulates that the embryos must have been scheduled to be discarded and are not more than 14 days old.

The state of Washington voted to allow assisted suicide. Initiative 1000, the Washington "Death with Dignity Act", which allows physicians to prescribe a fatal dose of medication to patients whom a doctor feels is likely to die within six months, passed in the state 59-41.

Our President-elect, Barack Obama, has told Planned Parenthood that the first piece of legislation he will sign is the Freedom of Choice Act, which will remove all

abortion restrictions and conscience protections across the country. His transition team has already announced plans to reverse several Executive Orders put in place by President Bush. This involves removing federal restrictions on embryonic stem cell research and the Mexico City policy, which forbids U.S. money from supporting groups overseas that promote or perform abortions.

The first thing we need to do is accept the will of the voters. The second thing we need to do is pray for our nation and our elected officials. The third thing we need to do is realize that our work is cut out for us.

I ask that you remain steadfast in your support and participation in all our activities and endeavors. Please take a moment to read the insert in this month's newsletter on how you can continue to assist Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.

Thank you to Dave Larson for organizing the October Life Chain, all of you who participated in Life Saver Sunday at your church, and all those schools who hosted Jason Jones and Jason Evert.

May God bless you and your families during the Christmas season. Never forget that Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ, and embrace His love as we continue to protect the rights of the unborn.

## DECEMBER MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us for our next meeting on **Thursday December 4th** for **Christmas Caroling** at the Dubuque Nursing and Rehab Center, 2935 Kaufmann Avenue. We had planned to do this last year but had to cancel due to the weather, so we pray that the weather will cooperate this time. **Festivities will begin (and end) at our Office and Education Center** at 7:00PM 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 and carpooling. We thought it might 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). 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 and hot chocolate!

**EDUCATIONAL PICKETERS NEEDED:** Our campaign against Planned Parenthood requires a constant presence outside the Dubuque facility. We need volunteers to stand outside every day and every hour they are open. If you can spare 1-2 hours at a time, please contact Ellen Markham at 563-580-1436, or email her at [protestpp@mchsi.com](mailto:protestpp@mchsi.com).

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.

**“THERE’S AN OLD SAYING IN WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESS LISTENS TO WHO’S TALKING!”**



**PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:**

The addresses and phone numbers for your members of Congress are:

**U.S. Senate**  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
Phone: 1-202-224-3121

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Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. does not endorse any legislation, candidate or political party.  
Our goal is to provide the public with information with which to make an informed decision.

**World Headlines:**

Talk a Woman out of Abortion in the UK? Two Years Jail ..... (LifeSiteNews.com, August 26, 2008)  
Mexican Church to Create “Sanctuary for the Victims of Abortion” ..... (LifeSiteNews.com, September 8, 2008)  
Argentine Court Rejects Mom’s Attempt to Force Abortion on 12-year old Daughter ..... (LifeSiteNews.com, Sept. 19, 2008)  
Brazilian President Luiz Lula Defends Abortion, Gay Unions ..... (LifeSiteNews.com, September 18, 2008)  
Costa Rica Report Indicates Number of Illegal Abortions Supposedly Rising ..... (LifeNews.com, September 23, 2008)  
Ecuador Approves Constitution with Pro-Abortion, Pro-Homosexual Language ..... (LifeSiteNews.com, September 30, 2008)

**Oregon Tells Patients State Will Pay for Assisted Suicide, Not Health Care (LifeNews.com, July 30, 2008)**

It’s happened again—another Oregon resident has heard from state officials that it will happily pay for an assisted suicide but will not pay for the medical treatment he needs. **For the second time** in just over a month, a patient has said the state health insurance plan has promoted death over medical care.

**Abortion Decline in US Leads to Long-Term Reduction in Infant Mortality Rates**

WASHINGTON, DC, July 31, 2008 (LifeNews.com) - Americans received good news back in January when new figures from Planned Parenthood’s research group showed the number of abortions nationwide have fallen to their lowest point in 30 years and have declined 25 percent since 1990. That has resulted in a drop in the nation’s infant mortality rate. The Alan Guttmacher Institute report found just over 1.2 million abortions in the United States in 2005, down nearly 25% from their high of 1.6 million in 1990.

**Embryonic Stem Cell Research Racks Up Another Failure, Immune System Issues**

Palo Alto, CA August 28, 2008 (LifeNews.com) - Embryonic stem cell research presents a host of moral and ethical concerns for pro-life advocates because it involves the destruction of human life. However, the science has never advanced to the point it can be used in humans because it has a myriad of efficacy issues. Now, new reports are coming in showing embryonic stem cell research still has the same old problems when it comes to the immune systems of recipients of the cells rejecting the injections. Stanford researchers have verified that embryonic stem cells implanted into mice are resoundingly rejected by the immune system and destroyed. That stands in contrast to a new success in adult stem cells that have no moral or efficacy issues.

**Iowa Planned Parenthood Gives Abortion Cocktail Via Webcam**

**Washington, D.C., September 12, 2008 (American Life League)** Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa is using a webcam to give the dangerous RU-486 drug, which is used to induce chemical abortions, to walk-in patients, reports Iowa Right to Life. Women come for the chemical abortion and instead of consulting an abortionist face-to-face, they face a screen connected to a person somewhere else in the state via web cameras. In addition, Planned Parenthood does not follow FDA Protocol for RU-486. Planned Parenthood gives women a single RU-486 pill, instead of the three recommended by the FDA. Then, the dosage of the less expensive Misoprostol, which expels the baby, is increased. Additionally, one of the FDA-recommended doctor’s visits is cut out.

**You can help.**

On 04/25/08 DCRTL held its Life Dinner with Speaker, Allan Parker, President of The Justice Foundation and lead legal counsel for Norma McCorvey who was Jane Roe of “*Roe v Wade*” and Sandra Cano who was Mary Doe of “*Doe v Bolton*” in the legal effort to overturn their landmark Supreme Court rulings that brought legalized abortion on demand. Allan Parker said that the U.S. Supreme Court cited to the written testimony of the women of Operation Outcry in upholding the federal ban on partial-birth abortion. But the Court said it did not know the size of the problem, so Allan Parker’s group has a goal to collect one million declarations to show the Court how many are hurt by abortion. Please encourage all you know who have had an abortion and regretted it to download the form “Declaration How My Abortion Affected Me” by going to [www.operationoutcry.org](http://www.operationoutcry.org), tell their story and send it to The Justice Foundation, Operation Outcry, 8122 Datapoint Drive, Suite 812, San Antonio, TX 78229. Questions call toll-free 1-866/468-8279.

P.S. Forms are also available at our office.

## Memorials to DCRTL — Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

**In memory of:**..... **Helen Alden** from Florian and Karen Steffen;  
**Leah Stahl** from Tony and Jeanita Grebner.

**In honor of:**..... **Lynn Kramer and Ron Connolly's wedding** from Don and Karen Banwarth.

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.

## BOYCOTT UPDATE:

*The Boycott List* identifies corporations that are boycott targets due to their support of Planned Parenthood (PP). It is published by Life Decisions International (LDI) after thorough investigation of the companies and confirmation that they have in fact funded PP. The CEO receives documentation of contribution, information about PP, and the opportunity to make PP ineligible for future support.

As you prepare to go Christmas shopping, please keep in mind:

**Levi Strauss**—Operations: **apparel** (clothing: Dockers, Levi's, Signature), **retail outlets**; Mr. R. John Anderson, President and CEO, Levi Strauss & Co., 1155 Battery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111-1230. (800) 872-5384. [levistrauss.com](http://levistrauss.com);

**NIKE**—Operations: **apparel (clothing [Converse], footwear [Converse, Exeter]), eyewear, recreation/sports** (Bauer Nike Hockey, Hurley), **retail outlets** (Cole Haan, Hurley, NikeTOWN); Mr. Mark G. Parker, President, CEO & Director, Nike, Inc., 1 Bowerman Dr., Beaverton, OR 97005. (800) 344-6453. [nike.com](http://nike.com).

New to the "**Dishonorable Mention**" section, which identifies **charitable organizations** that are associated with Planned Parenthood and/or its agenda:

**Salvation Army** defends abortion in cases of rape, incest, fetal deformity, etc. Commissioner Israel L. Gaither, National Commander, The Salvation Army USA, Inc., 615 Slaters Ln., Alexandria VA 22313. (703) 684-5500. [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).

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

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**— On **December 8th**, there will be a Eucharistic Adoration at St. Columbkille's from 8:00pm-12:00am. We will be joining others from across the country in prayers for life. The national hour of unity will be from 11:00-12:00am CST. If you can join us, please call our office to sign up for a prayer hour(s) or feel free to show up at any time during these hours. Thanks to Father Gabriel Anderson for making his church available.

On Sunday **December 14th**, we will be taking an image of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE to the Bettendorf Planned Parenthood. An image will be brought to as many abortion sites as possible in the country at 3:00pm asking Our Lady to intercede for the unborn. We would like you to join in this event by meeting at 1:30pm 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.

**THERE IS STILL ROOM ON THE BUS FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**— Please join us for our annual bus trip **January 20th-24th, 2009**. The fee is \$325. Send your name, address, phone number, email, and roommates desired (up to 4 per room) to DCRTL at 2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA 52001. Make checks payable to DCRTL. The buses leave Dubuque in the evening January 20th and return after lunch on January 24th. Call to sign up or for more information. You'll be glad you did! Anyone under age 18 needs a chaperone.

**BIRTHMOTHER SUPPORT GROUP:** This is a newly formed group in Dubuque for women who have made such a loving choice for adoption and to erase any shame surrounding their decision. The group will meet at 6:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hillcrest Wellness Center, 225 W. Sixth St. Please call Julie at 563-495-7887 for more details.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED WEBSITE

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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.

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