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the pro-life message in Metro Detroit

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

San Marino Club  
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Silent Auction begins 5:30 PM

Dinner served 7:15 PM

Dinner Reservations: \$60 per person/\$550 per table of 10  
Students (under 21), \$30 per person

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner  
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Advance reservations by Friday, April 24, 2015

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$60 per person or \_\_\_\_\_ table of 10 at \$550 each.

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(On reserve side of this card, please list names for whom reservations are made.  
Submit one check only for full table reservations.)

Enclosed is a check payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I am unable to attend, but have enclosed a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

# Rest in Peace, Jack Willke

*Editor's Note: We join with Dave Andrusko, National Right to Life and all pro-lifers in mourning the passing of Dr. John (Jack) Willke.*

**By Dave Andrusko**

I was driving through a snow-storm today when I learned that Dr. Jack Willke, a towering figure in the formation and growth of the Pro-Life Movement, had died. I checked several sources to be sure the sad news was true. How could it be true? Jack, although 89, was like the Rock of Gibraltar, only sturdier.

Along with Barbara, his wife of seemingly forever, Jack provided the Movement with some of its earliest and most persuasive educational materials. Barb, who was also instrumental in the founding of Cincinnati Right to Life, passed away in April 2013.

He was president of NRLC for almost the entire decade of the 1980s and was pivotal in the expansion of the Washington office of the nation's preeminent grassroots pro-life organization. I first met Jack in the summer of 1981 when I interviewed for the job of editor of *National Right to Life News*.

But in a sense, like countless others, I already "knew" Jack. For those of us whose involvement extends back to the early days, none of us went to any speaking engagement without "the Willke slides." And had any of us learned the ABCs of abortion without having devoured the Willkes' "Handbook on Abortion"?

During the ten years as NRLC President (1980-1983 and 1984-1991), he appeared on countless radio and television programs and went abroad many, many times as a goodwill ambassador for our Movement.

When NRLC presented "The Henry Hyde Award for Lifetime Achievement" to the Willkes, we published a short summary of what the Godfather and Godmother of our Movement accomplished in the NRLC Convention Yearbook: co-authoring 12 books on abortion and human sexuality; speaking in 64 different countries; and creating audio and visual materials used around the world and translated into 30 languages on five continents.

Paula Westwood, executive director of the Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, beautifully encapsulated Jack's contribution in a statement released following Jack's death.

"Dr. Willke was the leading statesman addressing the second civil rights struggle of our nation. He met with presidents and popes and crossed the globe, but his passion was always to ensure the right to life for helpless unborn children and other vulnerable people."

Thank you, Jack and Barbara, for all you did. Your legacy will live on forever.

—National Right to Life News Today, February 21, 2015



Dr. and Mrs. John Willke

# 2015 poll shows that more Americans want stricter laws on abortion

By Sarah Terzo

"In 2015, 34% of Americans say they are satisfied with current U.S. abortion policies. This is the lowest percentage since Gallup first asked the question in 2001. Americans who say they are dissatisfied with current abortion policies were asked a follow-up question to learn if they are dissatisfied because they want current abortion laws to be stricter or less strict. This year, of those who are dissatisfied, twice as many prefer stricter rather than less strict laws: 24% want stricter laws, while 12% want current abortion laws to be less strict."

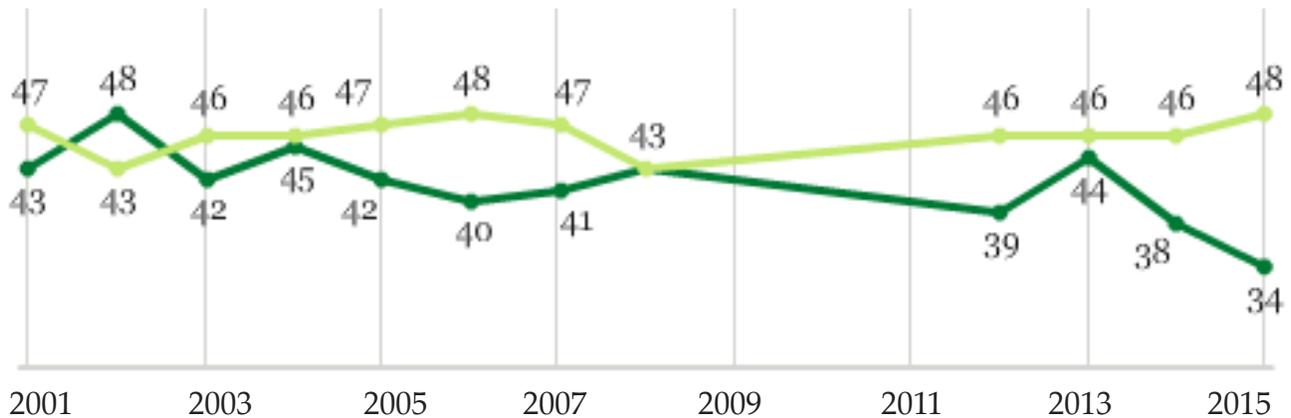
Rebecca Riffkin, "Fewest Americans Satisfied With Abortion Policies Since 2001," Gallup poll, February 9, 2015. This appeared at <http://clinicquotes.com/2015-poll-shows-that-more-americans-want-stricter-laws-on-abortion>. For more about the Gallup Poll, see <http://nrlc.cc/1EnfnU6>.

—National Right to Life News Today, March 17, 2015

## Satisfaction With U.S. Abortion Policies

Next, we'd like to know how you feel about the state of the nation in each of the following areas. For each one, please say whether you are—very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. How about the nation's policies regarding the abortion issue?

■ Total % satisfied    ■ Total % dissatisfied



GALLUP

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Fact: Less than 1% of all abortions are performed to save the life of the mother.**

Since every abortion kills an innocent human being, it is morally abhorrent to use the rare cases when abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother as justification for the millions of on-demand "convenience" abortions.

While he was United States Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop stated publicly that in his thirty-eight years as a pediatric surgeon, he was never aware of a single situation in which a preborn child's life had to be taken in order to save the life of the mother. He said the use of this argument to justify abortion in general was a "smoke screen."

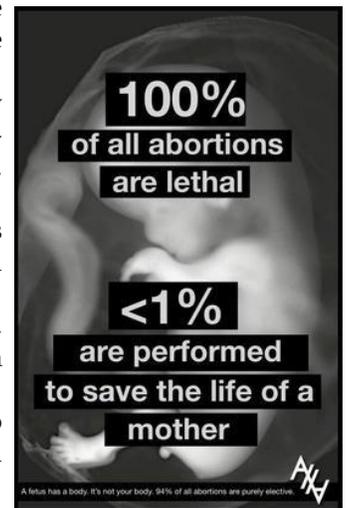
Due to significant medical advances, the danger of pregnancy to the mother has declined considerably since 1967. Yet even at that time Dr. Alan Guttmacher of Planned Parenthood acknowledged:

"Today it is possible for almost any patient to be brought through pregnancy alive, unless she suffers from a fatal illness such as cancer or leukemia, and, if so, abortion would be unlikely to prolong, much less save, life."

Just for the record, go ahead and re-read that quote again and pay close attention to the source. To repeat, the person making the quote is Dr. Alan Guttmacher of Planned Parenthood.

Less than 1 percent of all abortions are performed to save the mother's life. Are the overwhelming majority of abortions performed on an elective basis? Yes. The most common reasons for having an abortion are all financial and convenience related.

—[abortionfacts.com](http://abortionfacts.com)





# Lifespan Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

## Volunteer Luncheon

It was so nice to see so many volunteers at our luncheon and really impressive to see the number of young people who attended. They probably get tired of hearing how glad we are that they are with us and that they are truly the pro-life generation, but it is true!

## Mother's Day Carnations

Our Carnation Project is scheduled for May 9th, the Saturday before Mother's Day. This is a wonderful way to thank our moms for the gift of life they gave us. If your faith community has never done this and you think you would like to, call us, 248-816-1546—we can explain it and get you started.

## Jeopardy Game for Life

SAVE THE DATE! Jeopardy for Life is coming back! You will find more information on page 6 about the August 8th pro-life teen Jeopardy game to be hosted at Madonna University. Just like the real game with buzzers, answers and questions, this game will feature pro-life information. Participants will be given study guides beforehand and the winning teams will receive prizes. We need helpers to finalize plans, assist the day of the game, track down prizes and several other things. If you can give us a hand during the

planning or the day of the game, please call Lynn Gura at the Oakland/Macomb office, 248-816-1546. If you know of a business that would like to donate a small prize, \$5-\$10 in value, that we could award to our winners, please put us in touch with them!

## Summer Casino Trip

We are considering a day trip to one of our Detroit casinos. We would go by charter bus, receive some free tokens, enjoy a buffet luncheon (sorry, each player must buy their own lunch) and be brought home on the bus. We really need to know how many of you might be interested. If it sounds like fun, call one of our offices and let us know.

## Thought for the Day

"The truth is the truth even if nobody believes it, and a lie is still a lie, even if everybody believes it."

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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## Human Trafficking = Pro-Life Issue?

1865—*Slavery abolished in the U.S.A.*

2015—*The number of people enslaved in the U.S.A. is the highest that it has ever been in our history.*

Why is Human Trafficking another concern for us, as pro-lifers? "Human trafficking victims face physical risks, such as drug and alcohol addiction, contracting STDs, sterility, miscarriages, forced abortions..."<sup>1</sup> and a large group being targeted for recruitment into human trafficking includes young girls with Down Syndrome.<sup>1</sup>

This is just another affront on innocent human life. Unfortunately, it is happening right here in Michigan. From Rep. Kurt Heise, in the 2013 Report on Human Trafficking: "...given our international border and location along major national highways. Just this summer, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted a nationwide sting operation, freeing victims and arresting pimps across the country. The Detroit area ranked second in the nation in the number of arrests."

Watch for further information on this disturbing assault on human life in upcoming LIFESPAN newsletters, the 2015 LIFESPAN Resource Book, church bulletin notes, www.miLIFESPAN.org and our Facebook page.

<sup>1</sup>Skinner, E. Benjamin. 2008. *A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery*. New York, NY: Free Press.



## Attention: Kroger Shoppers!

Shop at Kroger ♦ Support LIFESPAN ♦ Save lives  
We'll help you sign up!

April rolls around and we hope for flowers, sunshine and SPRING!

The other thing that we hope is that you will support LIFESPAN through Kroger Community Awards, if you are a Kroger shopper. Every April, **you must re-select Right to Life - LIFESPAN Ed Fund as the recipient of your Community Rewards.**

If you are new to the program or have questions about how to re-select LIFESPAN for Community Rewards, just stop by our office with your Kroger Savings Card and we will help you through the process.

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## Wee Care

Dear Friends,

This past month, LIFESPAN coordinated 43 baby showers, and Wee Care was blessed to be one of the 18 pregnancy centers that benefitted from this yearly event.

I can't tell you enough how grateful I am. It is the gifts from this event and from the Christmas collections that supply the majority of the overwhelming amount of items we are able to give to our moms. The thousands of sleepers, onesies, blankets and so much more that are given out each year is a miracle in itself. If you have helped in anyway—whether purchasing a gift, crocheting a beautiful afghan, making a monetary donation or planning the collection—I thank you from the bottom of my heart!



Although I am writing this when the weather is still very cold—I don't want to miss the chance to wish all of our mothers a beautiful Mothers' Day—to our mothers, grandmothers and our beautiful daughters who are moms—to the pregnant moms who despite so many obstacles are choosing life for their babies—to the moms who are making the ultimate sacrifice and giving their babies up for adoption—to all of you—may you be surrounded by all the love you have given to others throughout the years!

*Love, Karen*

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**BE A CHAMPION OF LIFE!**

Students ages 12-19 show their knowledge of the pro-life issues of our day as they vie to become Pro-Life Champions of their generation!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015**

**HOSTED BY  
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

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# Canada's Supreme Court Mandates Assisting Suicide for People with Disabilities

By Burke J. Balch, J.D.

People with disabilities must be killed when they consent under a February 6, 2015, decision by Canada's highest court striking the Canadian law protecting against assisting suicide.

Unlike doctor-prescribed suicide laws in Oregon, Washington and Vermont that theoretically are limited to those with terminal illness, the sweeping ruling allows killing any Canadian who "has a grievous and irremediable medical condition (including an illness, disease or disability) that causes enduring suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition."

"Irremediable," the court stressed, "does not require the patient to undertake treatments that are not acceptable to the individual."

Even this broad language, which leaves it hard to identify any circumstances in which a subjective statement by an individual that she or he thinks life is not worth living would fail to authorize assisting suicide, may in the future be expanded. The court explicitly stated, "We make no pronouncement on other situations where physician-assisted dying may be sought."

While the ruling on its face only applies to "a competent adult person who...clearly consents to the termination of life," the court hinted that it may later hold that surrogates have the right to kill people with disabilities who cannot speak for themselves and have never asked to die. After rejecting any distinction between rejecting life-preserving treatment and direct killing, stating that both hasten death, the court noted, "In some cases, [decisions to reject life-saving treatment] are governed by advance directives, or made by a substitute decision-maker."

The unanimous ruling in *Carter v. Canada* flatly rejected the position, advanced by the Canadian government, that a law against assisting suicide may be justified by the objective of "preserving life." Ironically, it actually held that the law violates the right to life because it has "the effect of forcing some individuals to take their own lives prematurely, for fear that they would be incapable of doing so when they reached the point where suffering was intolerable."

The only potentially allowable justification under Canada's constitutional Charter of Rights, the court held, would be "the narrow goal of preventing vulnerable persons from being induced to commit suicide at a time of weakness." Reversing a 1993 Supreme Court decision, *Rodriguez v. British Columbia*, that pointed to the danger of abuse while upholding the law against assisting suicide, the current court deemed preventing all assistance of suicide "overbroad" on the grounds that "vulnerability can be assessed on an individual basis, using the procedures that physicians apply in their assessment of informed consent and decisional capacity in the context of medical decision-making more generally."

"Concerns about decisional capacity and vulnerability arise in all end-of-life medical decision-making," the court wrote. "Logically speaking, there is no reason to think that the injured, ill and disabled who have the option to refuse or to request withdrawal of lifesaving or life-sustaining treatment, or who seek palliative sedation, are less vulnerable or less susceptible to biased decision-making than those who might seek more active assistance in dying. The risks that Canada describes are already part and parcel of our medical system."

The court acknowledged that "Some people with disabilities oppose the legalization of assisted dying, arguing that it implicitly devalues their lives and renders them vulnerable to unwanted assistance in dying, as medical professionals assume that a disabled person 'leans towards death at a sharper angle than the acutely ill—but otherwise nondisabled—patient'."

However, the court said it "saw no reason to reject" the trial court's conclusion that "rejected the contention that unconscious bias by physicians would undermine the assessment process."



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## From the President's Desk

### WOW, 45 YEARS!!

It just seems like yesterday that we met to discuss what to do about an abortion referendum that would be on the November 7, 1972 ballot. Michigan's pro-life law on abortion was being challenged. One meeting, called by Gloria Klein and six friends, became many meetings, and soon the number of people working on this referendum fight became hundreds.

At that time, LIFESPAN was known as PTAAA (People Taking Action Against Abortion). The odds were against us winning. We thought we would just have to educate the public, and everyone would immediately understand the gravity of this vote and vote NO! Thus, saying YES to LIFE. At the time we were so naive. We did not understand how the anti-life movement had already infiltrated our media, our educational institutions, our political bodies, and even in some cases, our clergy.

Fighting their well-organized movement would cost us a lot of time, money and man-power. What we did have were dedicated, hardworking volunteers—some of you are still with LIFESPAN today. We spent a lot of time educating the public with little or no support from traditional educational sources, i.e. radio, TV, newspapers. But, educate we did, and on November 7, 1972, we won—the people of the great State of Michigan said YES to LIFE and NO to death.

Then on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court came down with their infamous decisions that made abortion the law of the land and the procedure could be performed from conception to natural delivery. They said YES to killing (over 58 million to date) the most helpless of our citizens, the pre-born child. It was a very sad and dark day in our country's history.

My first reaction when I heard the news was utter disbelief. I thought it was just falsely reported, and then reality set in. But the pro-life community never gave up. We just regrouped, reorganized and became determined to fight this to the end. We changed our name to Right to Life - LIFESPAN knowing abortion would not be the only life issue we would have to fight. Unfortunately, we were correct about this as well. (Read article on assisted suicide on page 9.)

Our work has continued for the past 45 years and will continue as long as we have the support of our volunteers and members. This movement is also full of energetic young people who will continue the good fight that was started so many years ago.

As you see by this newsletter, we are having a Celebration of Life Dinner, commemorating our 45 years working in Southeastern Michigan, promoting the pro-life philosophy. I invite all of you to come and celebrate with us. Yes, it is a fundraising event, which will enable us to continue our work.

I thank you for all your support throughout these many years. Without your patronage, we would never be

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### Help Wanted!

LIFESPAN is looking for volunteers to be on a **Garage Sale Committee**. Do you love garage sales? We have someone in Plymouth who has graciously given us the use of a prime location for a garage sale to benefit LIFESPAN. The date of sale can be anytime from April to October 2015. Volunteers are needed to plan the sale as soon as possible. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

LIFESPAN is also in need of a volunteer **Treasurer** to be on the LIFESPAN Inc. Board.

If you are interested in helping us with a garage sale or if the treasurer's position appeals to you, call 734-524-0162.

### LIFESPAN's 26th Annual Baby Shower was a complete success!

Forty-three Showers were held for 18 pregnancy help centers. In addition to the locations listed on the front page of the February/March edition of *Lifespan News*, we want to thank the following churches whose listing missed that printing deadline:

- Auburn Hills Christian Center – Auburn Hills
- Brightmoor Bible Missionary Church – Detroit
- Christ Our Light Church – Troy
- First Baptist Church - New Baltimore
- Guardian Angels Church – Clawson
- Northville Hills Baptist Church - Troy
- Oakland Woods Baptist Church - Clarkston
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs – Beverly Hills
- Ss. Augustine & Monica Church – Detroit
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - Troy
- St. Gerald Church – Farmington
- St. Mary of the Hills Church – Rochester Hills
- St. Mary of the Snows Church - Milford
- St. Thomas the Apostle – St. Mel – Garden City
- St. William Parish – Walled Lake



### Canada Mandates Assisted Suicide

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The court suspended the invalidation of Canada's law against assisting suicide for a year to allow "Parliament and the provincial legislatures to respond, should they so choose, by enacting legislation consistent with the constitutional parameters set out..."

However, in light of the court's insistence that deference to the judgment of physicians whether or not they ought to kill particular individuals fully meets any constitutionally valid interest in protecting "the narrow goal of preventing vulnerable persons from being induced to commit suicide at a time of weakness," it will be very challenging for Canadian legislators to craft laws that provide any realistic measures of protection.

*Burke Balch is director of NRLC's Powell Center for Medical Ethics.*

*—National Right to Life News Today, February 7, 2015*

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**President's Letter**

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able to celebrate this anniversary. It is a testament to all of you and your dedication to Life. You never quit, you never buckled under to the pressures of society. So come, and celebrate you! Bring your friends and families. It will be an evening of remembering, fun, good food and good conversation with fellow pro-lifers. This year we will not have a speaker—we want everyone to enjoy the evening without too many interruptions. Mark your calendar. I hope to see you there! LET'S CELEBRATE LIFE!

*Diane*

Diane Fagelman, President

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## Congratulations, Anne Marie Morin!

**L**IFESPAN is happy to share with you that Anne Marie Morin, a young adult, was the recipient of our *Jane Condron Steadfast Volunteer of the Year Award* at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, held at Joe Bologna's Trattoria, in Sterling Heights, on Saturday, March 7.

Anne Marie worked as a volunteer for LIFESPAN's Oakland/Macomb Chapter office on a regular basis throughout her senior year, wanting to be a part of a pro-life organization and work at the center of where it all happens—in the office! She was willing to do whatever task was placed before her and did everything well. She enjoyed her time with us and came back whenever she could throughout the summer until she and her family moved to Grand Rapids.

When she is back in town, visiting family and friends, she tells me so that if we have something for her to do, she can come in and do it. She also helped at the Celebration of Life Dinner and Used Book Sale last year as well as participated in two of our Youth Conferences in 2013 and 2014 and on our "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip in 2014 and 2015.

After the "Save the Storks" Youth Conference at Madonna University in April 2014, she volunteered for the pro-life organization that concentrates its efforts on saving unborn babies and their moms through mobile ultrasound "Save the Storks" buses parked outside abortion centers. She attended a summer Christian music festival where the "Save the Storks" team was present to promote their mission and buses. She assisted them at their pro-life booth.

Anne Marie hopes to manage a pro-life office one day and is taking college classes angled toward that goal.

It was also very exciting to have, at our luncheon, a full table of fourteen future pro-life leaders, 11-14 years old, who have helped with the book sale, carnation project, bus trip and office work. Our future is bright!

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne Marie and best wishes for a future full of hope, joy and love as you pursue your dreams!

—Lynn Gura, Youth Director



*Anne Marie Morin (center), Jane Condron Steadfast Volunteer Award Recipient 2015, with Diane Trombley, Media Relations Director and Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN*