

# Lifespan *news*

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## Congratulations, Betty Queen!

*In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, we are honoring our Mother of the Year 2009, Elizabeth (Betty) Queen, of Roseville. Betty was nominated by her daughter, Jane Diamond. Printed below is the nomination letter which Jane wrote.*

**I**would like to nominate my mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Queen for Mother of the Year. My mother will be 93 years old this April.

My mother married my father, Archibald (Archie) Queen in April of 1937. My parents lived in Detroit and had four children, Barbara, Bill, Archie and Mary between 1939 and 1944. In 1958, they had their fifth child, me, Jane. My mother has 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

My dad died in September of 1997 after my parents had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. My mother also lost my oldest brother, Bill, in September 2002.

My mother has been there for all of us. She was there with prayer and support for my brother, Archie, during his lung transplant in 2000. She supported and helped me during the emotional time of infertility and adoption. When my husband and I adopted our first son, Anthony, she was always willing to help out or watch him. And, of course, she was there helping again during our second adoption of Christopher.

My mother now lives at the American House East in Roseville. She moved there in 2001. She became active there by typing the Gospel in large print for the priest to see the words better. She helps sort out playing cards from the casinos to send to the troops overseas.

My mother was always active in something. She was very active in our church, St. John Berchmans. She was president of the Christian Women for several years. Even after St. John Berchmans and St. Juliana combined parishes, she continued to be very active and supportive of the parish.

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# News Notes

## Patients in wheelchairs able to walk again because adult stem cells heal broken bones

The following report comes from Dr. David Prentice, the former biology professor at Indiana State University who is now a Fellow at the Family Research Council: Patients confined to wheelchairs have been able to walk or live independently again because their broken bones finally healed, thanks to a drug that stimulates their adult stem cells.

Preliminary results presented at the Orthopaedic Research Society meeting found 93% of those with an unhealed bone fracture had significant healing and pain control after treatment for only 8 to 12 weeks. Half of the 145 patients studied had non-healing fractures for 6 months or longer. The drug, Teriparatide (Forteo), was approved by the FDA in 2002 for treatment of osteoporosis. A team led by Dr. J. Edward Puzas at the University of Rochester Medical Center discovered that this drug can also boost the body's bone adult stem cell production to the point that adults' bones appear to heal at a rate typically seen for young kids. Australian researchers reported similar success in 2008 at treating non-healing fractures, using the patient's adult stem cells.

The U.S. team's results are the initial observations from a clinical trial led by Dr. Puzas. Out of an estimated 6 million fractures in the U.S. each year, approximately 5% show slow or incomplete healing, and a large portion of non-healing fractures occur in older adults. Discovery of this in-the-body adult stem cell therapy that can jumpstart the body's natural bone healing process will be a boon to many patients.

—LifeNews.com, April 15, 2009

## More Americans are pro-life

A recent Gallup Poll reported that 51 percent of Americans now call themselves pro-life rather than pro-choice on the issue of abortion, the first time a majority gave that answer in the 15 years that Gallup has asked the question.

The findings, obtained in a annual survey on values and beliefs conducted May 7-10, marked a significant shift from a year ago. A year ago, 50 percent said they were pro-choice and 44 percent pro-life. In the new poll, 42 percent said they were pro-choice. The new survey showed that Americans remained deeply divided on the legality of abortion—with 23 percent saying it should be illegal in all circumstances, 22 percent saying it should be legal under any circumstances, and 53 percent saying it should be legal only under certain circumstances.

The findings echoed a recent national survey by the Pew Research Center, which reported a sharp decline since last August in those saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases—from 54 percent to 46 percent.

Two more polls released in the past few weeks confirmed a definite shift in American public opinion towards the pro-life perspective on abortion. A new *Rasmussen Reports* poll joins surveys from *Gallup*, *Pew* and *Fox News* in confirming that Americans are taking a decidedly more pro-life position on abortion.

These polls have elated anti-abortion activists, who had been stung by the November election results that placed Obama and other abortion-rights supporters in power in Washington.

"Ironically, Obama's radical abortion policies and nominees may have helped make America more pro-life," said Wendy Wright, president of the conservative advocacy group Concerned Women for America.

—Altoona Mirror, May 16, 2009

LifeNews.com, May 20, 2009

*Editor's Note: The above article brings to mind an encouraging address to March for Life participants on January 22, 2008 by then President George W. Bush:*

*As we reach out to others and find common ground, we can see the glimmerings of a new America on a far shore. This America is rooted in our belief that in a civilized society, the strong protect the weak. This America is nurtured by people like you, who speak up for the weak and the innocent. This America is the destiny of a people whose founding document speaks of the right to life that is a gift of our Creator, not a grant of the state.*

*As you give voice to the voiceless, I ask you to take comfort in this: The hearts of the American people are good. Their minds are open to persuasion. And our history shows that a cause rooted in human dignity and appealing to the best instincts of the American people cannot fail. So take heart."*

## LITTLE ONE

*Little mouth to yawn*

*Little bottle at dawn*

*Little fingers five*

*Little brain alive*

*Little cells to grow*

*Little face to glow*

*Little heart that beats*

*Little tiny feet*

*Little hand to hold*

*Little clothes to fold*

*Little eyes to close*

*Little toes in rows*

*Little helpless cry*

*screaming*

*inside*

*But no voice is heard*

*Over the mother's word*

*"It's my body—*

*my choice."*

—Claire Michalik

## Mother of the Year 2009

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She helped establish and run the Parkside Day Care Center for several years in the 1970s. She would take the elderly and blind women of our parish to their doctors' appointments or shopping. She was always helping someone.

My mother, with her sisters and a few friends, would get together once a month—they were called the "sewing club." They got together for almost 60 years. They did more talking and eating than sewing.

My mother started working for Right to Life—LIFESPAN since almost the beginning. She worked for the Detroit Chapter, at the small office on Woodward and then at the office in the rectory of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. My parents were always going to pick up cribs or baby supplies for the pregnant women in need. My mother traveled to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life a few times. My mother was selling Lifespan Christmas cards until two years ago.

There are so many things my mother has done during her lifetime—it is hard to remember everything. The one thing I know is that she loves my dad, her children and grandchildren. She loves and has a great faith in God.

This would be a great honor for a woman who has touched many lives during her lifetime.

—Jane (Queen) Diamond



*Betty and Archie Queen, their children and children's spouses;  
taken in 1993*

*We want to thank the judges who had a difficult task of selecting our Mother of the Year 2009 from among all the worthy nominations we received.*

*Jean Martell of Beverly Hills, was honored to be a judge for the Mother of The Year award. She has been involved with Right to Life – LIFESPAN since prior to Roe v. Wade when she was invited to join through a meeting at her church. She has six children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She has been very helpful to Lifespan in bringing in various newspaper articles pertaining to the cause of life. Her hobbies are knitting and working in the yard. She is also active in many other organizations.*

*Laura Radgowski has been married to Larry for 30 years. They have three beautiful daughters and have recently been blessed with twin grandsons. Laura works at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She is very active in her church, St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park.*

*Pam Swiderek has been involved in the pro-life movement since 1971. She's been married to her husband, Bill, for 38 years. They have three daughters and four grandchildren. She is an active member in the Gospel of Life Group at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, serves as their annual Lifespan Baby Shower chairperson, leads prayer after their monthly Mass for Life and prays regularly at a local abortion mill. While currently an elementary school teacher at St. Raphael School in Garden City, Pam has taught in the Archdiocese of Detroit as an advocate for life for over 30 years.*

### ***Lifespan's Former Mothers of the Year***

2008 - Madeline Satwicz

2007 - Ellen Salter

2006 - Missy Parker

2005 - Margaret Rose Kolinski

2004 - Margaret Adelaide Caleal

2003 - Dorothy Cencer

2002 - Iris Hramiec

2001 - Cindy Gauvin

2000 - Heather Adams

1999 - Edna Pietrzyk

1998 - Margaret Kalder Spas

1997 - Martha Joyce Seay

1996 - Mary O'Brien Callaghan

1995 - Margaret Williams

1994 - Mary Babcock

1993 - Mary Ann Clos

1992 - Ardis Spalding

1991 - Elizabeth Wasner

# 2009 Pro-Life Student Art Contest Winners

Three teens won savings bonds in Lifespan's 5th annual Student Art Contest. The theme of this year's contest was "Celebration of Life."

A first-place prize of a \$500 savings bond has been won by **Sarah Seski**, 16, of Grosse Pointe Farms, a sophomore, at Regina High School. Sarah is the daughter of Mark and Barbara Seski.

The second-place prize of a \$200 savings bond has been won by **Taylor Ann Lenze**, 15, of Livonia, a sophomore at Stevenson High School. Taylor's parents are Carl and Jan Lenze.

The third-place winner of a \$100 bond has been won by **Rebekah Hughes**, 16, of Warren, a junior at Warren Mott High School. Rebekah's parents are Bill and Linda Hughes.

The savings bonds were awarded at the Mother's Day Dinner, in Troy, on May 4. Sarah's first-place art work has been reproduced on the cover of Lifespan's *Resource Book 2009*, and the three winning entries are reproduced on the following page.



*Sarah Seski*  
*First-Place Art Contest Winner*



*Taylor Ann Lenze*  
*Second-Place Art Contest Winner*



*Rebekah Hughes*  
*Third-Place Art Contest Winner*

*We want to thank the judges who had a difficult job choosing the winners from so many excellent entries:*

*Drawing was a favorite hobby for **Bernadette Balleza**, who received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Dearborn. With faith, hope, and love in Christ, Bernadette offers prayers and fasting for pro-life intentions, humbly proud to unite efforts with the parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia and 40 Days for Life at abortion clinics. Bernadette now also volunteers at the office of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.*

***Alice Maher** has been married for 23 years. She is the treasurer for Michigan Nurses for Life. Her field of nursing is in Gerontology. Alice is active with the youth at her church through the Pioneer Girls' Club and teaching Sunday School to sixth grade boys. She helps elders with their particular needs.*

***Patti Michaelson** is a retired Los Angeles police officer and now a nationally certified massage therapist. She has volunteered both as a tutor for literacy and now for Lifespan. She has always been pro-life, but always left the fight for others. No more! She believes the artwork is such an important message to the youth for they are the ones who will continue the fight against the culture of death.*



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*The March  
by Sarah Seski  
First Place*

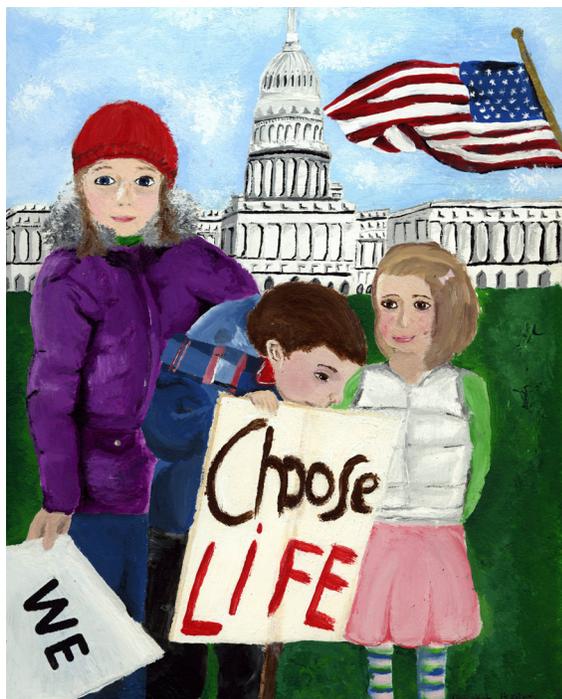
*The message that I am expressing is from the people. Each poster in the art, from the March for Life, Washington, D.C., shows a different message. I implied this by illustrating the multitude of people, each with their own individuality. This message is important because the March gave me my inspiration.*



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*Contagious Joy  
by Taylor Ann Lenze  
Second Place*

*Special-needs children bring joy to the world. I showed my Down Syndrome brother's contagious excitement when celebrating his birthday. This is important to me because, through abortion, the world is robbed of the joy that special-needs children bring.*



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*United We Stand  
by Rebekah Hughes  
Third Place*

*In my painting, I am trying to promote the message that the youth are alive in their faith and that they are standing up for the unborn who have no voice. As I was in D.C. this past January for the March for Life, I saw a group of children standing in front of the Capitol, holding signs. This inspired me to paint a picture of the scene to show how the next generation is willing to continue the fight for the pro-life movement in America. This message is important to me because I believe that all youth should protect our future generations and win the fight against abortion.*

# What's Up with the Youth!?

Hey there all pro-life young people, parents of young people, Youth Leaders/Coordinators, Pro-Life Clubs/Groups, Teachers, Pastors, and Young Adult Volunteers!



"Summertime, summertime,  
sum, sum, summertime...!"

Wasn't that a song from the 50s? I wasn't here yet in this world, but when I have listened to "oldies" from the 50s and 60s, many of the songs are a lot of fun! Even though you will be on summer break from school, college, and in some cases, from work, the pro-life movement keeps rolling right along! You still have plenty of opportunities to participate in upcoming pro-life activities and events during the next few months! I have listed these below as well as a brief description and contact information in case you want to participate either on your own or with family and/or friends!

## National Teens for Life Convention June 18th-20th, Charlotte, NC

Just think...you can spend three days in North Carolina surrounded by other teens who feel just as passionately as you do about ending abortion and helping mothers who are facing unplanned pregnancies. You can hear great speakers like Michael Clancy, the photographer who captured the photo of baby Samuel Armas reaching out of his mother's womb to grasp the hand of his surgeon. You can make great new friendships, eat pizza, take a tour of the Charlotte area, and have a lot of fun. And, you can learn how to make a huge impact on your school, your community, and our culture! Want to learn more? Go to [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org) or call 202-378-8842.

## Used Book Sale - July 23-26

Are you a book lover? Well then, check your calendar to see if you can help either with the set up of the book sale, sales of books, and/or clean up after the book sale ends. A lot of volunteers of all ages are needed for this fun fundraiser for LIFESPAN! Want to be involved? Call Mary at 313-885-8238 for further information and to let her know when you can help! Also, if you'd like to donate some books, you can let her know when you call!



## Bowling for Life - July 31

This is the 27th annual Bowling for Life, sponsored by Lifespan's Wayne West/Downriver Chapter. See information on the adjoining page. Get a pledge form and bowl 3 games free! Also, free pizza for Lifespan bowlers!

## Fair Time—4-H Fair, Davisburg and Michigan State Fair

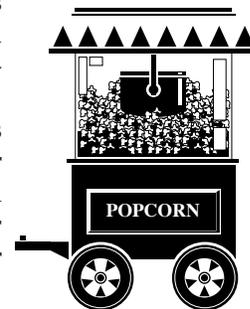
The Oakland County Parks and Recreation will hold the annual 4-H Fair in Davisburg from Tuesday, July 7th through Sunday, July 12th. The annual Michigan State Fair

will be held from Friday, August 28th through Monday, September 7th (Labor Day). We need smiling faces and friendly people of all ages to work 3-4 hour shifts at the fairs at our educational table. It is an easy and fun volunteer job and you get to meet a lot of great pro-life people.

To volunteer during Lifespan's Oakland/Macomb days at the Fair (Aug. 28-Sept.1), please e-mail [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org) (put "Fair Volunteer" on the subject line) or call 248-816-1546.

To volunteer during Lifespan's Detroit day (Sept. 2), call 313-640-8534 or Wayne West/Downriver days at the Fair (Sept. 3-7), call 734-422-6230.

All volunteers under 18 years old must have a parent or legal guardian, a responsible adult sibling, aunt, uncle or grandparent with them.



## Pro-Life Breakfast - September 26

Meet Marjorie Dannenfelser, an original organizer of the Susan B. Anthony List. Ms. Dannenfelser is the organization's president and chairman of the board. SBA was founded in 1992 to advance the role of pro-life women in the political process. Watch July/August *Lifespan News* for more information.

## Life Chain - October 4

Stand in silent, peaceful witness, delivering the message that Abortion Kills Children. Details in next newsletter.



## Cider Walk - October 10

Get family members and friends to come join us as we walk for LIFE on the beautiful Paint Creek Trail in Rochester! Call 248-478-8878.

## "Movement in Motion"

### Youth Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. - January 2010

Start planning now for the trip—money from summer jobs, graduation and/or birthday gifts, and car washes, bake sales and other fundraisers during the summer at your churches can help pay for your trip!

## Fashion Show of 2010 - Young Ladies, ages 12-18 years!

The 4th annual "Born to be a Lady" Fashion Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, 2010 at Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Sterling Heights. Mark your calendars for next year! Modest apparel will be modeled in a variety of categories and we will discuss self-respect, self-esteem, charm, etiquette and the dignity of being a lady. Great suggestions came from the guests who attended the 2009 Show and will be incorporated into the 2010 Show!

I hope to see many of you at any or all of the activities/events mentioned! Take care and keep on "advocating, agitating (peacefully) and activating" for LIFE (AAAFL)!

—Lynn Gura, Lifespan Youth Projects Coordinator

# 27th ANNUAL "BOWLING FOR LIFE"

Sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN



Friday, July 31, 2009

with starting times between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WOODLAND LANES

33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia



## BOWL 3 GAMES FREE!

### GRAND PRIZES FOR MOST MONEY COLLECTED

- 1st Prize ..... \$200 Savings Bond
- 2nd Prize ..... \$100 Savings Bond
- 3rd Prize ..... \$75 Savings Bond
- 4th Prize ..... \$50 Savings Bond

### ADDITIONAL PRIZES FOR HIGH SCORES WITH HANDICAPS

- High Game for Men 14 years and older..... \$100 Savings Bond
- High Game for Women 14 years and older..... \$100 Savings Bond
- High Game for Children 7 - 13 years old ..... \$100 Savings Bond
- High Series for Men 14 years and older ..... \$100 Savings Bond
- High Series for Women 14 years and older ..... \$100 Savings Bond
- High Series for Children 7 -13 years ..... \$100 Savings Bond

### CHILDREN'S BUMPER BOWL...ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND PRIZES

★★★ **FREE PIZZA FOR LIFESPAN BOWLERS** ★★★

Bowlers with \$50 in pledges receive gold-plated pro-life jewelry

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES, AT LEAST \$50 MUST BE IN THE LIFESPAN OFFICE, 27592 SCHOOLCRAFT, LIVONIA, MI 48150, BY MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009**

For sponsor pledge sheets or information, call Lifespan 734 422-6230

## SAVE THESE DATES!

Watch for more details in July/August Lifespan News

**Pro-Life Breakfast**

September 26



**CIDER WALK**

October 10



**LIFE CHAIN** • October 4



**Movement in Motion Bus Trip**

January 2010

March for Life, Washington, D.C.

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### Bouquets of thanks

Our annual Mother's Day Rose Sale was a great success. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and profound gratitude to all our Detroit church representatives and their helpers. You gave up your precious time on Mother's Day on behalf of future mothers who will hear our message of life and decide to give birth to their child. For all those who bought a flower, your continued support will help us keep the office open so that we can continue to educate a city that desperately needs to hear the truth about abortion. Thanks and God bless.

### Father's Day reflection

Let us pray for our own fathers and thank them for playing ball with us or singing songs to us because they supported their wives and helped give us life. Let us pray for all fathers who will never get a chance to play ball with their sons or sing songs to their daughters because of abortion.

## wee care

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Dear Friends,

Do you have a moment to whisper a prayer for one of my moms? Let me tell you how I met "Molly" (not her real name). One afternoon at Wee Care, my phone rang and there was a frantic mother on the line. She called us as she didn't know where else to turn. She was calling from an abortion clinic. She had taken her 16-year-old daughter there to get an abortion, but because she only had \$1200.00 and not the \$1400.00 they demanded, they wouldn't destroy the baby (her grandchild). The abor-

### Garage sales

Summer is a time for garage sales. Are you up to your neck in clutter after spring cleaning? Why not get rid of your junk and turn it into someone else's treasure. At the same time help save lives by donating your proceeds to LIFESPAN! Remember to think of the little ones while you are out garage-saling. Pick up a few gently used baby items and donate them to your local crisis pregnancy center.

### Prayer vigil

A Prayer Vigil, sponsored by Helper's of God's Precious Infants, will be held **June 13th at St. Barnabas Church, Eastpointe**. There will be a 7:30 a.m. Mass and then all will drive to St. Veronica Church where the vigil will be led by Monsignor Philip Riley from New York. He is one of the original sidewalk counselors. Take a little time out of your life and show witness to the slaughter of the innocents. If you cannot come, please pray for a successful vigil and as always, pray for an end to abortion.

### Detroit Chapter Mother of the Year

It was so awesome to introduce Betty Queen as Lifespan's Mother of the Year at the Mother's Day Dinner. Betty was the Detroit Chapter office manager for many years and also our Detroit board secretary. Because of her simple touch on the shoulder, she set me on the path that I continue on today in the pro-life movement. I'm sure she didn't realize it at the time, but her faith in me, a young mom of four babies, made me realize that, yes, I can do this because someone had faith in me and says...yes I can. Betty, you will never know how many people you have influenced these past 93 years and how many babies you have saved. I thank God that you came into my life.

tion clinic said that they would take a credit card for the balance, or she could use the phone to call people to raise the other \$200.00. That's when she called me—NOT for money!

She didn't know what to do. Why, you must be asking, was the cost of the abortion going to be \$1400.00? The "procedure" would be much more involved as her daughter was 6 months pregnant—yes, 6 months. The baby was kicking, sucking his thumb, could her his mother's voice, and what stood between life and death for this precious child was \$200.00.

I told the mom to grab her daughter and get out of there and come to my office immediately. And that's when I met "Molly"—a very quiet, frightened little 16-year-old. (Her 14-year-old cousin had been rushed to the hospital just two weeks prior because of life-threatening complications from an abortion at the same clinic—but that's another story.) After hugging Molly, reassuring her that she did the right thing for her baby by coming to Wee Care, showing her how developed her baby was, explaining the alternatives to abortion and the help that was available, the three of

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*All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**.*

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### **Dinner delights**

Our Mother's Day Dinner was a super evening of good food, good friends and good information. Our speaker, Dinesh D'Souza, gave us a great deal of "food for thought" and rekindled our determination to continue with our pro-life work.

A dinner like this cannot possibly be held without the hard work of many, many people. The problem with trying to thank each one individually is that someone always misses the list. So, to all of you who worked on the dinner by promoting it, typing, offering suggestions, printing lists and name tags, helping with the auction, setting the tables, clearing the tables, smiling no matter what and generally being wherever you were needed, whenever the need arose, THANK YOU!

### **Fragrant flowers**

Our carnations this year were beautiful. John, at Affordable Flowers does a super job filling our order of more than 15,000 blooms, sorting them by church and getting them to our office in time for pick up. All of the flower sellers spent the Saturday morning before Mother's Day tagging the flowers, preparing them and carting them to church and then spent the morning of Mother's Day selling them! Most of these sellers are women and most of them are Moms. A sign seen recently that fits them perfectly—"Mom upside down is WOW!" Thanks to all of you!

### **Membership message**

We depend on our members to keep us strong, able to keep the office open and to spread the pro-life message. Please look at the address label on this newsletter, and if the date you find there is earlier than June 2008, it is time to renew!

### **Email efforts**

News breaks quickly these days, and we can bring you immediate updates if you will email us your email address. Our emails are secure, sent blind copy, no one else sees your address and you will not get spam from us. Please help us to keep you as informed as possible. Our email address is [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org).

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### **Happy Father's Day**

Fathers suffer from the abortions of their children. While the pro-abortion movement ignores the rights of fathers, the pro-life movement acknowledges their pain and offers healing, forgiveness and a strong affirmation of the value of fatherhood.

For information and help for fathers who are suffering from the loss of a child from abortion, contact Life Issues Institute, 1821 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45239; 513-729-3600; e-mail [info@lifeissues.org](mailto:info@lifeissues.org).

LIFESPAN wishes all fathers and grandfathers a blessed and Happy Father's Day.

### **Bowling for Life...Bowl 3 games free**

Don't get left out of the fun. Mark your calendars now for a "night out with family and friends." Lifespan's 27th Annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser will be on Friday evening, July 31, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. Starting times are between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

This is always a fun-filled evening with other pro-lifers. You don't have to be a good bowler to win exciting prizes. Sponsors can pledge by pin or a set amount of money per game. Example: \$1.50 per game pledged...bowler bowls 3 games...amount due \$4.50 OR...\$.01 per pin pledged...bowler scores 450...amount due \$4.50. By collecting pledges, you can bowl 3 GAMES FREE and WIN U.S. SAVINGS BONDS.

NEW THIS YEAR...FREE PIZZA TO ALL LIFESPAN BOWLERS! See page 7 for more information.

### **2010 Entertainment Book presale**

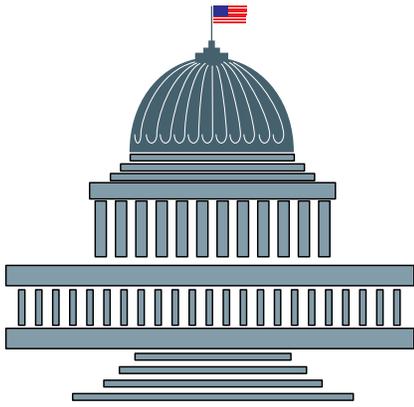
Order and pay for a 2010 Entertainment Book now for only \$20, and receive a FREE 2009 Book which can be used until Nov. 1, 2009.

Four \$5.00 coupons for Meijer's are in the 2009 book, so if you use these, you will have your initial investment back! Sounds like a pretty good deal (i.e. if you like Meijer).

### **Bake Sale**

St. Mary Church in Wayne had their annual bake sale for Lifespan. Parishioners and Lifespan bakers stacked the tables with their favorite recipes which were snapped up by pastry lovers.

Our thanks to Diane Soules, our church representative for organizing this event. We applaud Fr. David Burgard, pastor, for his total support. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this bake sale—the grand total was \$1173.



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Words, Words, Words

*Words! Words! Words!  
I'm so sick of words!  
I get words all day through;  
First from him, now from you!  
Is that all you blighters can do?*

The above are some of the lyrics of a song from *My Fair Lady*. They certainly seem applicable to the pronouncements coming from the Obama administration right now. Some are Mr. Obama's own words. He speaks to wanting to take action to reduce the number of abortions that occur in the U.S. Then he rescinds the Mexico City Policy and provides U.S. tax dollars for payment of abortions in foreign countries. He submitted a budget to Congress that urges taxpayer-funded abortions in the nation's capital, effectively rescinding the Dornan Amendment which prohibits such funding. His budget also totally removes funding for abstinence centered education.

Words coming from presidential appointees are also causing concern. In mid-April, Janet Napolitano, the head of the Department of Homeland Security included pro-lifers in a report the agency produced, saying that pro-life advocates are likely to engage in extremism or terrorism. On April 18th, on *Face the Nation*, Napolitano was asked if the department has an active investigation on "anti-abortion" groups. She declined to answer about activities of the Department of Homeland Security but claimed that pro-life groups have a "history" of extreme violence.

On April 22nd, Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, another Obama appointee, testified before the House Foreign Relations Committee and admitted what most pro-lifers have always known.

In response to questions by Reps. Chris Smith and Jeff Fortenberry, Clinton said reproductive health includes abortion and further stated that the Obama administration would promote abortion overseas. "It is my

strongly-held view that you are entitled to advocate and everyone who agrees with you should be free to do so anywhere in the world and so are we." She went on to say, "Reproductive health includes access to abortion. We are now an Administration that will protect the rights of women, including their rights to reproductive health care."

And still more words are coming from Washington that deal with embryonic stem cell research. In his decision to fund that research, Mr. Obama stated that the embryos would come from "left over" embryos at fertility clinics. (*Editor's Note: How is it that human life can be "left over" like yesterday's meatloaf?!*)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO??

Many pro-life people feel somewhat helpless in the face of the totally pro-abortion philosophy of the new president. This is reflected in his words, appointments and actions. **DON'T GIVE UP!!! If good men do nothing, evil triumphs.**

Here are a few ideas. Some are easier than others. Do what you can. We will help you wherever we can.

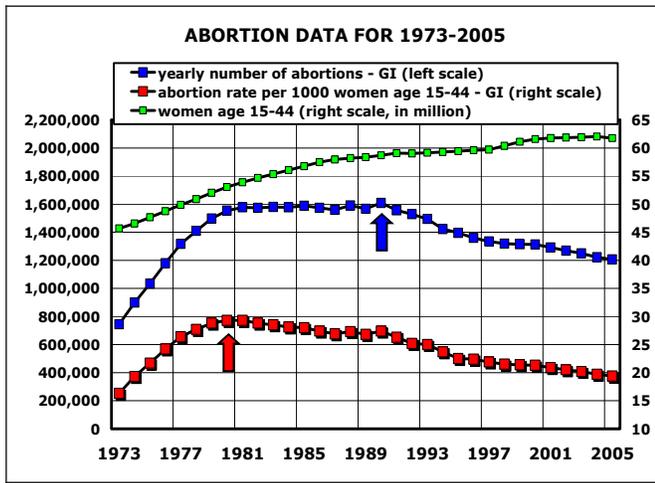
- 1) Join your local pro-life organization, *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*.
- 2) Become a *LIFESPAN* representative to your faith community.
- 3) Ask your pastor to publish pro-life information in your faith community's newsletter.
- 4) Send your email address to your local pro-life organization (check *Chapter News* (pages 8-9) for the email address of your chapter).
- 5) Become informed as to the position on life issues held by your elected officials and then communicate with them regarding your position. They represent you and need to hear from you. Polite, informed letters, asking for a response are the most effective.

# SUMMARY OF ABORTION FACTS

(Based on governmental data and reports from the Guttmacher Institute, GI)

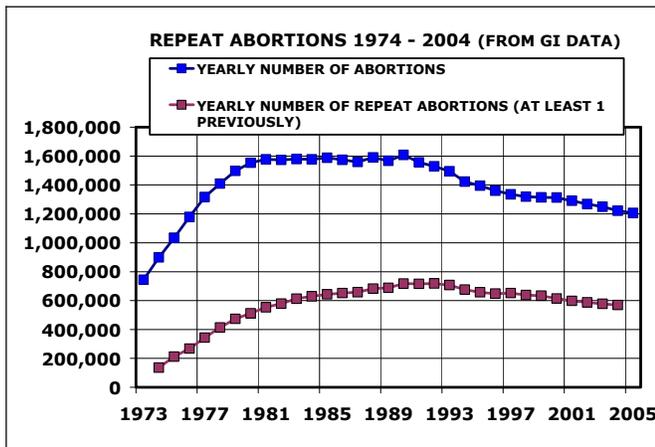
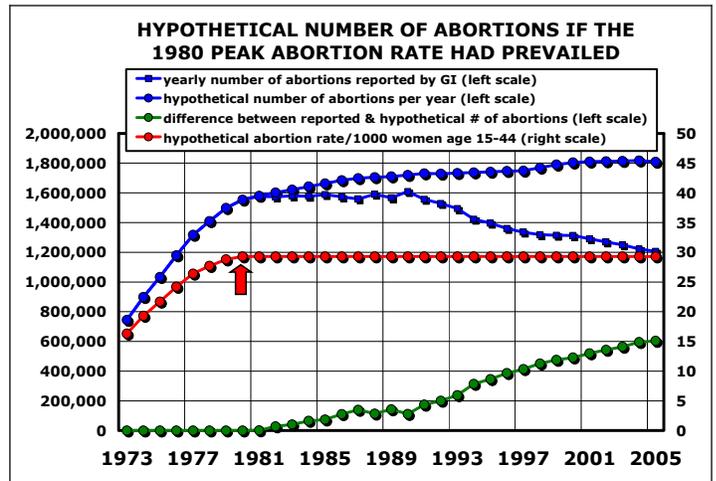
- The ABORTION RATE (abortions per 1,000 women, age 15-44) peaked in 1980-81 at 29.3 and has declined ever since. *The abortion rate measures the “popularity” of abortion.*
- The NUMBER OF WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE has continuously risen since 1973, while the abortion rate has declined.
- The number of YEARLY ABORTIONS peaked in 1990 at approximately 1.6 million.
- The latest yearly data are available for 2005: **1.2 million abortions**

• The educational and legislative work of NRLC is a major reason for women becoming more pro-life. Many women who previously had abortions have joined NRLC and its state affiliates. The right-to-life movement reached “critical mass” by 1980, and the right-to-life has been an important election issue ever since. NRLC’s campaigns to defeat the “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) and to ban partial-birth abortions were crucial for changing attitudes. So were the legislative campaigns of NRLC’s state affiliates for parental involvement and informed consent. Finally, for many years now, pregnant women have been seeing ultrasound images of their “babies,” rather than “tissue” or “clumps of cells” or “fetuses.”



• THE DECLINE OF THE ABORTION RATE SINCE 1980-81 REPRESENTS A CHANGE OF WOMEN’S ATTITUDES in the pro-life direction. Otherwise, yearly abortions in 2005 would have been 1.8 million or 50% higher. Thus lives were saved from abortion, as the abortion rate declined.

- Given trends in 2005, the CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS for 1973-2008 is **ABOUT 50 MILLION**
- Since 1973, the number of REPEAT ABORTIONS (at least one previously) has risen. Currently, it has leveled off at 47%.



As the abortion rate (“popularity” of abortion) declined,  
**ABOUT 9 MILLION LIVES WERE SAVED**  
 during the period 1980-2008.

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# Doctor Mehmet Oz Tells Oprah's Audience Embryonic Stem Cell Research Debate is Dead

*By Steven Ertelt*

A recent appearance by Dr. Mehmet Oz, a cardiovascular surgeon at Columbia University and a regular on Oprah Winfrey's popular eponymous television program, is generating buzz within pro-life circles. During the program, Oz told Americans the truth about embryonic stem cell research. Oz made it clear that the "stem cell debate is dead" mostly in part because embryonic stem cells have yet to catch up to their adult stem cell and iPS cell counterparts.

The comments are drawing interest because Oz made them in front of the iconic television personality and embryonic stem cell research advocate Michael J. Fox who has warped and twisted the positions of pro-life advocates during previous elections. "The problem with embryonic stem cells is that embryonic stem cells come from embryos, like all of us were made from embryos, and those cells can become any cell in the body," Oz explained. "But it's very hard to control them and so they can become cancer," Oz added, pointing to the efficacy problems of the cells causing tumors after injection into animals during experiments.

Oz went on to talk about the new science of induced stem cells made by reverting skin and other adult stem cells into an embryonic-like state without the destruction of human life. He said he believes researchers are within ten years of making major breakthroughs using adult stem cells, which have already helped patients with more than 100 diseases and conditions. "I think we are single digit years away from making a big impact in the lives of Parkinson's disease (victims) but also diabetics, heart attack victims, people who have had a lot of problems," he said of the potential success of adult stem cells.

Those successes could be even sooner than Oz thinks. In what is believed to be the nation's first such procedure, doctors in Texas were recently able to successfully use adult stem cells from a patient to treat the effects of his stroke. Doctors removed the stem cells from the patient's bone marrow in the leg, then separated or purified the stem cells and intravenously returned them to the patient within a few hours. Because they are the patient's own stem cells, rejection was not an issue as is the case with embryonic stem cells.



— Steven Ertelt is Editor of LifeNews.com

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To view the video of Dr. Oz with Oprah and Michael J. Fox, see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDFJOzu9SyM>

# Mother's Day Dinner 2009



Betty Queen, Mother of the Year 2009, is presented with a dozen red roses by Diane Fagelman, President of Right to Life - LIFESPAN. Looking on, and holding Betty's Mother of the Year Award, is her daughter, Jane Diamond, who nominated Betty. Mary Cascos, Office Manager of Lifespan Detroit, presented Betty, her dear friend and mentor, with the Award.



Diane Fagelman presents Helen Kleinbrook with the Proudly Pro-Life Award for her many years of devoted service to Lifespan. Looking on is Helen's son, Charles (Chip) Kleinbrook.



Margaret Spas is the lucky winner of Lifespan's \$10,000 Raffle! Pictured with Margaret is her husband, Len, and Diane Fagelman.



Guest Speaker Dinesh D'Souza and Dinner attendees, Bernadette Balleza, Beth Hool and Sue Ducharme, Office Manager of Lifespan's Main Office.

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## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

A great time was had by all! Our Mother's Day Dinner was one of joy, good food with friends and a wonderful talk by philosopher, writer and political analyst Dinesh D'Souza. My thanks to the Oakland/Macomb Chapter whose dedication and hard work made for a very successful event. Because of the seriousness of our work, it is good to have a night of laughter and joy. If you have never attended this event, please consider attending next year, May 4, 2010. You will not be disappointed. Mr. D'Souza spoke of what it means to be pro-life in a pro-death society. He spoke of winning the battle only after many small increments of success and of other civil rights movements achieving success through many years of hard work.

Lifespan's Dinner was the same week that the controversy heated up over Notre Dame and the appearance of Mr. Obama at its commencement ceremony. Not only was he speaking, but he was also receiving an honorary degree in law. If this was not so serious, it would be a laughing matter. This is a man who has spent a good deal of his adult life working for abortion rights (the killing of a human person), supporting the most deadly decision ever handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States, now getting a degree in law from a university founded on the principles of the Catholic Church and named for the Mother of Jesus—Mary.

What is wrong with that picture? Is it possible that Notre Dame and the governing body of this institution no longer know what it means to be catholic? Or is it the schizophrenia that has been symptomatic of this country since this debate began? *Roe v. Wade* was decided never considering the rights of the person in the womb. The person named *Roe* never had an abortion! It was a decision to give the mother a right to kill her child throughout a full term pregnancy (nine months), but if she delivered that child and then killed him, it would be murder. No one has ever answered what the difference is between the child in the womb for nine months and the child outside the womb nine months, one day. We are a country that masks the truth in order to fulfill our own selfish desires.

We in the pro-life movement must never give up on working for the truth—there is HOPE. As I watched the events at Notre Dame unfold, I thought back to the last time we fought the appearance of a pro-abortion politician speaking at Notre Dame. It was in 1984 when Gov. Cuomo spoke and, through double-speak and situation ethics, tried to convince the student body that even though one is Catholic with Catholic beliefs, as a politician, he/she needs to set aside the truth of Catholic teaching. So here we are in 2009 with another incident on the campus of Notre Dame. But this time, instead of a handful of demonstrators and dissenting voices, known only to us who wrote the letters or made the phone calls, there was a sizable number of 2500 people who demonstrated. Due to a young pro-life organization on campus, voices were

heard. Notre Dame Alumni expressed their disapproval like never before. We had coverage on *Fox News*, we had campaigns on the internet and we had talk radio. The voices of the people were heard. We did not have these communication venues in 1985. So take heart, all of you who have worked in the vineyards of life for so many years. So much of your hard work to educate is finally being felt. Notre Dame is just an example of the voices that will no longer be silenced. That same week, a poll came out showing, for the first time, more people being pro-life than pro-abortion. So continue to pray and keep your head high—we will win this battle for life.

Want to do something? Send in a Lifespan membership for a friend or relative. *Lifespan News* will give them the tools for the work ahead. In numbers there is strength. VALEO\*.

\*Valeo (Latin: be strong)

*A copy of Gov. Cuomo's talk is available by calling our Main Office.*

## Wee Care

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us drove to a crisis pregnancy clinic where we met with a very compassionate counselor.

As of today, Molly has chosen adoption for her child. There are so many issues—so much guidance needed. She is in touch with very loving organizations that are helping her. I call each week, as I realize that for Molly's mom, \$200.00 is still what lies between the baby's life and death. Please keep Molly and her baby in your prayers. They are both so vulnerable—both so precious. Hopefully, this story will have a happy ending, and I will be able to share that with you. God bless! —Karen Patrosso, Wee Care Director

## Calendar of Events

June 20-21 .....Father's Day Candy Tribute  
June 21.....Happy Father's Day!  
July 23-26.....Used Book Sale  
July 31 .....Bowling for Life  
August 24 .....Deadline, Bowling for Life Pledges  
August 28-September 7 .....Michigan State Fair  
September 26.....Pro-Life Breakfast  
October 4 .....Life Chain  
October 10 .....Cider Walk

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What Makes A Dad  
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The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it — Dad.

— Author unknown



# Happy Father's Day!

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