

Lifespan Oakland County Newsletter



OOPS!!! We're a little late this month. Agreeing with Plutarch who said, "Rest is the sweet sauce of labor", Lifespan decided to take a two week vacation late in August.

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MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR LIFE TO HOLD STATE CONVENTION IN DETROIT OCTOBER 4, 5, and 6 at SHERATON-CADILLAC HOTEL

Set aside a few hours to attend a workshop or seminar, or plan to register for the entire convention. To register, write:

Michigan Citizens for Life
Registration Convention '74
P.O. Box 900
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013

Fees: \$15 for 1 person *
\$20 for husband/wife *
\$7.50 under 21 or over
65 years of age
\$5 per workshop **
\$10 per person - Sat.
evening banquet

* Covers entire convention
excluding banquet

** You may attend a workshop
without registering for entire convention

KEEP LIFESPAN ALIVE *** ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN
Annual Membership: \$2 - Family Membership: \$3
Patron: \$25 Other Donation: \$_____

Have you heard
Paul Anka's
"Gona Have My
Baby"? 45rpm at
local record shop

YOUTH FOR LIFE - Last month, we were
remiss in not including among our area
chairmen

Debbie Dolzman, Chairman
Youth for Life
19127 Darby, Detroit
Tel: 368-2213

Debbie is also Michigan's representative
to the National Youth Pro-Life Coalition.
The NYPLC will stage a 24-hour protest
vigil against Planned Parenthood at 3705
Woodward on September 22. Call Debbie.

FUND RAISING

Christmas Cards (2 designs)
25 for \$4
"Love Life" Tee-shirts \$3
Bracelets \$3.25
Circle of Life sterling
silver pins, tie tacs &
charms \$4.25 each
Write: Lifespan, Inc.
P.O. Box 900, Bloomfield
Hills, Michigan 48013

MEDICAL BRIEFS: Court Issues Abortion Ruling - Milwaukee County
(Wis) General Hospital has been ordered by a federal court to make
its facilities available for abortion. The court also ordered the
hospital and the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION to come up with an
arrangement within 20 days to ensure that abortions are available.
The court was acting on a suit filed by the ACLU, and ordered the
negotiations on physicians' services after the hospital's 6 full-
time staff physicians all signed statements indicating that parti-
cipating in an abortion would violate their religious or moral con-
victions. The court has held that hospital employees are not re-
quired to participate in abortions under these circumstances. At
present, hospital administrators are canvassing the 35 volunteer
MDs who practice at the hospital to see if they are willing to
perform abortions

(Note: Michigan has an excellent conscience

clause protecting MDs,
nurses, hospitals and
employees, but it could
be threatened if you do
not write now for a
NATIONAL CONSCIENCE
CLAUSE.)

SEALS & CROFT SING "UNBORN CHILD" AT
STATE FAIR CONCERT. The rock group cour-
ageously put its career on the line to
sing for an unpopular cause: the unborn.
Write to thank them: 5-Day Artists Manage-
ment Co., 811 San Fernando Rd., Suite 202,
San Fernando, Calif. 91430

Heartfelt prayers for Tom
& Pat O'Leary & family

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE AUGUST PRIMARIES??? Herb Driscoll, Political Action Chairman of Lifespan, Inc., O.C., reports in this month's feature editorial --

The myriad of bumper stickers, billboards and campaign buttons have dwindled both in number and in variety of names. At least temporarily, the blare of political campaign rhetoric is absent from the T.V. and radio. The primary elections of 1974 are history.

Being the first state-wide election since the Supreme Court decision on abortion, this election was of particular significance to all pro-lifers. Recognizing this fact and desiring to provide pro-life voters with some form of political information vehicle led to the formation of the PRO-LIFE COALITION of Oakland County. The group is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose primary objective is to give guidance to pro-life voters on election and legislative matters which have an impact on our effort to restore and safeguard the right to life of all human beings from conception through natural death. One of our first tasks was to profile the attitudes and philosophy on this issue of each primary candidate seeking State or Congressional office. Input was derived from questionnaire responses, personal interviews and, in the case of incumbents, from their voting record. From this information coupled with consideration of other qualifications and known willingness to work with us was derived a list of preferred candidates. The listing was distributed by direct mailing, through personal hand-out, church bulletins and via telephone.

In addition to this effort and independent of the Pro-Life Coalition, many pro-lifers responded to the need for campaign volunteers and devoted literally thousands of hours to the pro-life candidate of their choice. Their work included phone surveys, literature distribution, coffees, meet-the-candidate nights, polling place duty and more. (In one case one of our girls actually turned her home into a campaign headquarters complete with phone bank in the living room!) Enough good things can't be said for this type of dedication and "putting into action" a pro-life commitment.

And so, where did all this effort leave us? On the Republican side of the ledger, our preferred listing carried ten candidate names, seven of whom won their primary race and will be in the November general election. We didn't fare as well on the Democratic side with the score being four successes out of eleven candidates. Our most significant disappointment was in the 17th Congressional race where Pat McDonald has apparently lost the Democratic race to William Brodhead by the narrowest of margins -- 200 votes! (A recount is in progress.) On the bright side, all four State Senatorial elections were successful. This provides us an excellent opportunity to improve our strength in the Senate in the coming November election. In the State Representative races, Mel Larsen was again victorious in the 61st. Additionally, Claude Trim in the 60th, Bill Hayward in the 68th and Joseph Werner in the 71st were successful.

Attention must now shift to the November general election and effort to assure that every pro-life candidate on the ballot is successful. Each of us should be making a personal commitment to become more involved in this crucial election. Remember our objective will be to have a constitutional amendment passed through Congress in the next session. The amendment will then come to our state legislative body for ratification. Michigan should lead the list of ratifiers but this will only happen if we send pro-life legislators to Lansing now! We'll be sending you more information on preferred candidates as the election draws nearer. In the meantime, as the call for campaign volunteers reaches you, please consider contributing some time, no matter how little. Most importantly, be certain you yourself DO VOTE in November. Your vote really does matter -- just ask Pat McDonald.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation, work and prayers.

(Editor's note: There isn't space enough to adequately praise Herb for his continuous efforts in behalf of life -- only enough to say "Thank you Herb for being there".)