

Volunteer corner

We are in need of more volunteers to staff the thrift shop. If you are able to offer one afternoon per month for this important service, please contact Ann at the office, 498-1812.

Mark your calendar...

- Deadline for submissions to the July newsletter: June 23.
- Board meetings: June 1, July 6, 7 pm.

Clothing center report

We served 112 people during the month of April, of whom 67 received free items, seven took literature, and one was referred to the women's center.

Richard Thank You

The Paul Richard family wishes to express gratitude to all of those who contributed to RTL in memory of Paul--a beautiful tribute to a dedicated pro-life man.

Remember RTL...

...when you are planning your estate. Remittance envelopes for memorial donations are available by contacting the office.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

Pro-Abortion Kagan Nominated to Court

Editor's Note: Elena Kagan's nomination to the Supreme Court highlights the importance of voting pro-life. Had a more favorable president and Congress been in place for the two nominations made by President Obama, the Court would now be solidly pro-life and the Roe decision would be in serious jeopardy.

President Barack Obama has named pro-abortion Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court to replace retiring pro-abortion Justice John Paul Stevens. Kagan, if confirmed by the Senate, would join the current 5-4 majority that has kept Roe v. Wade and 52 million abortions in place.

Kagan, a former Harvard Law dean, is an ardent abortion advocate who, at 50, would leave a pro-abortion legacy for Obama on the Supreme Court for decades to come.

Leading pro-life advocates immediately responded with comments and analysis showing Kagan's pro-abortion credentials and saying they will urge senators to oppose her nomination.

"Elena Kagan has strong ties to abortion-advocacy organizations and expressed admiration for activist judges who have worked to advance social policy rather than to impartially interpret the law," Charmaine Yoest, the president of Americans United for Life, told LifeNews.com. Yoest called Kagan "an ardent abortion supporter" who fulfills Obama's pledge to nominate a justice who strongly supports abortion.

Kagan has publicly and repeatedly criticized federal regulations that prohibited recipients of Title X family planning funds, taxpayer dollars, from counseling women to get abortions--arguing they amounted to the subsidization of "anti-abortion" speech. Continued on page 4



Membership Renewal

If your newsletter is stamped "Please Renew," that means we're still awaiting your membership dues and renewal form.

Please renew as soon as possible by sending \$12 to Right to Life, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH, 45365. Thank you!

Leaving a Pro-Life Legacy

Donating to Right to Life is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one who was committed to the pro-life cause. Including RTL in your estate planning leaves an enduring legacy of pro-life activity.

To facilitate these life-affirming decisions, we have made available an RTL remittance envelope, appropriate for use at funeral homes for memorial donations. Simply request the envelopes at our office, or ask the funeral director to contact Right to Life, and we will provide as many as needed.

As always, we are grateful for the support of all of our members—past, present, and future.

Planned Parenthood Ramping Up for Federally Funded Abortion Business

Planned Parenthood is planning to open a new abortion center in Michigan and its staff say President Barack Obama's signing the pro-abortion health care bill is the reason why. Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan says it plans to open a new abortion center within the next 18 months.

Lori Lamerand, executive director of the Planned Parenthood affiliate, told the Detroit News that the health care bill is responsible for the decision to open the new abortion facility. She says Planned Parenthood expects "an onslaught" of women coming to its centers in the wake of the health care bill, which includes massive abortion funding expected to go to Planned Parenthood.

The Planned Parenthood abortion business is also building a massive new abortion facility in Minnesota's capital city. Plans call for constructing the state's largest abortion center in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood, home to Hamline University and Concordia University.

Scott Fischbach, executive director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, told LifeNews.com that Planned Parenthood expects to greatly expand its business under the new Obama health care law, and is building the new abortion center as a result. "We're not surprised to see Planned Parenthood position itself to receive millions more taxpayer dollars under President Obama's new health care mandates," Fischbach said. "Obama's intent has always been to pour much more public money into Planned Parenthood, and the Minnesota affiliate is poised to build an enormous receptacle for that money," he added.

Planned Parenthood Minnesota's 46,000-square-foot building project is part of the national organization's strategy of building massive abortion centers in major urban areas. Its 78,000-square-foot Houston center, for example, set to open May 11, has been called the largest abortion center in the Western Hemisphere, and Planned Parenthood has built similarly colossal abortion facilities in Chicago and Portland.

"The new health care law offers it even more. Not only does the law subsidize health plans that cover abortion, it also opens the door to direct federal funding of abortions at so-called Community Health Centers," Fischbach says. "The law appropriates \$11 billion over five years to approximately 1,250 different Community Health Centers, and there are no restrictions to prevent that money from paying for abortions. On its website, Planned Parenthood claims that 850 Community Health Centers are run by Planned Parenthood affiliates."

Statistics show that the more money Planned Parenthood takes in, the more abortions it does.

"Planned Parenthood is all about money, and its new abortion center is being positioned to take in many more millions of taxpayer dollars for abortions," Fischbach said. "It is a tragedy to see Planned Parenthood driving up its revenues at the expense of innocent unborn children and their mothers."

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International Petition for the Unborn

ACTION ITEM

The following describes a petition drive being conducted by the group, C-FAM. You can view the petition and sign it at www.c-fam.org/campaigns

With your help we are going to present one million names to the UN this December asking Member States to begin interpreting the Universal Declaration as protecting the unborn child from abortion.

As you know many UN agencies and many nations support the killing of the unborn child in the womb. Some even call such child killing a universal right. In fact, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights calls for the right to life! This petition calls UN Member States to return to the proper understanding of the right to life. This petition asks nations and the UN itself to recognize that a proper reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights must begin by protecting all life, most especially the most defenseless, the unborn child!

In early December, only a few short months away, we will present these one million names to the UN. We will present them to the Secretary General, to select Ambassadors and to the UN press. We hope to have them formally presented to the UN General Assembly. I urge you to sign this petition and then send a note to all of your family and friends urging them to sign it, too. Please help and get all of your family and friends to help, too!

New Law Would Block State Funds for Abortion in Health Care

This is a press release from Ohio Right to Life, May 13, 2010, concerning pending legislation, of which local Representative John Adams is also a co-sponsor.

Ohio Right to Life applauds the bill submitted for introduction in the Ohio House today by Representatives Danny Bulp (R-West Union) and Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) which bans the inclusion of elective abortions as a benefit within the health exchange required by the new federal health care law.

"Ohio Right to Life strongly supports this legislation that maintains the longstanding Ohio policy that our state tax dollars will not pay for or promote elective abortions," said Mike Gonidakis, Executive Director of Ohio Right to Life. "Since state funds would be used to establish and operate the state insurance exchange, Ohio needs to pass this bill in order to stay out of the abortion-promotion business. Statewide polling demonstrates that over 70% of Ohioans oppose taxpayer funding of abortions." Gonidakis said.

The new federal health care law requires each state to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans. These new plans may cover elective abortions; however, the new law also provides that a state may elect to prohibit abortion coverage in plans offered through the state's exchange if the state enacts a law to do so.

Tennessee and Arizona have already enacted such laws and several other state legislatures are working on similar legislation.

"Since the 1990s Ohio has prohibited state funds to be used for elective abortions," stated Representative Bulp. "This legislation continues that practice by making sure that Ohioans' hard earned tax dollars, whether federal or state, will not be used to provide elective abortion services."

In addition to Representatives Bulp and Uecker, the bill was co-sponsored by 31 other state representatives.

In memory of David Lodzinski, father of RTL co-director Anne Schmiesing,
in whose name a memorial donation was made.

+May he rest in peace.+



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Youth Event Trains Pro-Life Leaders

The Pro-Life Youth Congress's Summer Leadership Retreat will be held at Walsh University in Akron, July 9-11, 2010. It is a series of sessions designed to train and energize young people for activism in the pro-life cause. Elizabeth Trisler will be among the speakers this year.

Anyone in grades 7-12 who is interested should contact Shelby County RTL about the possibility of sponsoring their attendance. See more at www.prolifeyouthcongress.com.

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She has spent most of her career in academia and government--in part as a legal counsel in the administration of pro-abortion President Bill Clinton--and prior to becoming the attorney for the Obama administration before the Supreme Court. Kagan was Associate Counsel to President Bill Clinton and Deputy Assistant to him for domestic policy--which, under Clinton, advocated abortion.

LifeNews.com spoke with Wendy Wright, the president of Concerned Women for America, before the nomination. Kagan was credited by the ACLU with "shaping Clinton's policy on hate crimes," Wright noted. "The Clinton Administration treated pro-life activists like violent criminals, creating a task force in the Department of Justice and a grand jury to investigate peaceful pro-lifers. This raises serious concerns that she shares the hostile view that religious beliefs are a form of 'hate,'" she said.

Kagan's nomination confirmed the suspicion of many political observers that Obama decided to go with a radical left-wing nominee while Democrats control the Senate with a huge advantage that is expected to deteriorate after the November elections.

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