

Scrambling for Life

The air was chilly but spirits were warm as more than 80 golfers took to the links at Shelby Oaks for the 3rd annual Scramble-4-Life.

Congratulations to all the winners (see list on page 2). Beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., participants enjoyed 18 holes of golf followed by lunch. In addition to the competitive awards, a number of door prizes were given away. During lunch scramble chair-

man and RTL board vice president Tim Dietz spoke about the mission of Right to Life, and literature was made available to attendees.

The outing was another tremendous success, raising more than \$4500 for Right to Life. We sincerely thank all of those who volunteered to work, those who played, and those who sponsored our annual golf outing. Please support our sponsors whenever you are able. (See list on page 2.)

Special thanks to Julia Monnin and the entire Tim and Darla Dietz family for their work in organizing this event. Continued on page 2



Where was May's newsletter?

Due to computer difficulties, we were unable to produce a newsletter in May. We are back up and running now and hope to be printing monthly newsletters on schedule as usual.

Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the July newsletter: June 20.
- Board meeting: June 4, 7 p.m.

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Guilty: Gosnell Convicted on 3 First-Degree Murder Charges

The jury in the murder trial of abortion practitioner Kermit Gosnell returned a verdict and found him guilty on three of the four first-degree murder charges he faced. He was also convicted on hundreds of lesser charges ranging from infanticide to running a corrupt organization. In total, Gosnell was found guilty of 21 out of 24 felony counts of illegal abortions beyond the 24 week limit and found guilty on all but 16 of 227 misdemeanor counts of violating the 24-hour informed consent law.

Most of the focus in the murder trial of abortion practitioner Kermit Gosnell is on the murder charges he faces for killing babies in abortion-infanticides and for killing a woman in a botched abortion. But Gosnell faces more than 200 charges related to violating Pennsylvania state law that requires him to provide women with informed consent 24 hours prior to the abortion. Eight other defendants who are former staffers of Gosnell's Philadelphia abortion clinic have pleaded guilty to a variety of charges and are awaiting sentencing.

Gosnell, whose squalid "house of horrors" abortion clinic has surprised even investigative officials, has displayed an almost flippant attitude toward his macabre abortion practices. "The Gosnell case is a watershed moment for the issue of abortion," said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue and Pro-Life Nation. "The discovery of his horrific practices helped shed light on an abortion industry that has run amok without oversight or accountability for decades, and has prompted significant changes in abortion laws and attitudes toward enforcement in several states."

Gosnell's abortion center was inspected only after a federal drug raid in 2010. It was the first time the facility had been inspected in 17 years because state officials ignored complaints and failed to visit Gosnell's Women's Medical Society for years.

By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, May 13, 2013. Edited for space.

Gosnell Trial Reporter Changes Views on Abortion

A pro-choice reporter who has been present in the courtroom listening to testimony in the Gosnell trial has changed his mind on abortion, according to one of his fellow reporters.

"That's the power of the Gosnell trial," reporter JD Mullane told former Gov. Mike Huckabee during a recent appearance on the Huckabee Show. Mullane, a pro-life columnist for the Bucks County Courier Times, has been present in the courtroom from the very beginning of the Gosnell trial.

"There is one journalist sitting in that courtroom who writes for a local publication who has told me that he is very liberal, very pro-choice," Mullane told Huckabee, "but after sitting through the testimony in the Gosnell trial, he's reconsidered. He's changed his mind." Testimony in the case has featured former employees of Gosnell describing how "hundreds" of babies, many of them past viability, were born alive in the clinic only to have their spinal cords snipped by Gosnell or one of his assistants. Employees described babies moving, breathing, screaming, and even "swimming" in a toilet after being born alive.

"For 40 years abortion in this country has been waged in the court of public opinion. This is a court of law. And the testimony that comes out of there is under oath," said Mullane. "None of the evidence is doctored. It's for real. It's a capital case. And the testimony of one witness is far heavier than all the pro-choice editorials and op-eds that have ever appeared in, say, the New York Times."

"Gosnell pulls the curtain back from the inherent violence of abortion," Mullane said. "You can't sit in that courtroom and learn about what abortion does to the unborn child and to the woman in many cases ... you can't sit there day after day and week after week and listen to that testimony and not be changed, and not have a change of heart, or at least reconsider your position."

By John Jalsevac, LifeSiteNews.com, May 8, 2013. Edited for space.

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Team Winners

1st Place: Bob Reisinger, Dan Swiger, Mike New, Barry Godown

2nd Place: James DeVine, Justin Burch, Craig Halberstadt, Derick Bunke

3rd Place: 4-way tie

Individual Winners

Closest to Pin: Mike New

Long Drive: Mike New Long Putt: Shawn Schneider

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Please continue to pray for our Membership Drive. Share this newsletter with someone this month and invite them to consider joining RTL. We need to keep learning about the pro-life cause so that we can share the truth with others. The newsletter is one way to do that.



Focus on the Family Ultrasound Program Saves 146,000 Babies From Abortion

A program started by Focus on the Family to place ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers has saved thousands of babies from abortion and now the program is expanding to promote adoption.

Focus on the Family is teaming up with the National Council for Adoption (NCA) to train counselors in pregnancy resource centers and medical clinics on how to discuss adoption as a possibility with women facing unexpected pregnancies. Throughout 2013, Focus will fund 10 regional training events across the U.S. that will be taught by NCA and use its "Consider the Possibilities" program to educate counselors. The curriculum addresses infant adoption information and explains how to provide current information on adoption options in a non-coercive way.

In order to better serve women, Focus' Option Ultrasound program (OUP) provides grants for ultrasound machines and sonography training to life-affirming pregnancy medical clinics in high-abortion communities across the U.S. Abortion-minded women that see a real-time ultrasound image of their baby are much more likely to choose life. Many have said they were so thankful to have had the opportunity to receive those services.

More than 146,000 babies have been saved from abortion since the program began in 2004.

"It's such a natural fit for Focus to work with the National Council for Adoption because we both see the God-given value of every human life," said Kelly Rosati, Focus' vice president of community outreach. "Knowing how to approach the topic of adoption with a woman who didn't plan to be pregnant will help to ease her anxiety and meet her baby's need for a permanent, loving family. We want to help women understand the choices available to them."

Option Ultrasound gave 46 grants to qualified clinics in 2012 and has provided 585 grants since the program's inception in 2004. It also supplied more than \$350,000 worth of benevolent resources to more than 1,000 clinics in 2012 alone.

Focus on the Family recently published a new booklet called "I Might Consider Adoption If..." as part of a series of benevolent resources that will help women make informed decisions about an unexpected pregnancy.

Focus' sanctity of human life efforts are part of the year-long "Be a Voice for Life" campaign that seeks to promote the dignity and God-given worth of every human being. In addition to highlighting the child in the womb, this year's campaign will focus on human trafficking, preventable child death and orphan care. For more information, visit <http://www.heartlink.org/beavoice/>.

By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, March 19, 2013.

Infanticide in America: It's Real, It's Legal, and It's Happening More Often Than You Think

Americans are bi-polar when it comes to abortion. On the one hand, 74% of the states in America have laws defending the unborn, at some stage of gestation, against acts of violence. These states declare it an act of homicide if the child is killed. Twenty-one of these states consider a nonfatal attack on the unborn a criminal offense. Fully half of the states also have passed Born Alive Infant Protection Acts, requiring that physicians treat an infant that is born alive at any stage of development. These are but a few of the many laws that protect the unborn and treat them as human beings with "inalienable rights."

That is, if they are wanted. If they are not wanted, they can be killed by lethal injection, dismembered in utero, or put to death after birth. If they are not wanted, abortion at any point in pregnancy is considered an acceptable means of "terminating a pregnancy." What could be more schizophrenic than deciding someone's worth solely on the basis of subjective opinion?

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If the child is killed when the mother intended to keep it, it is considered homicide. If the child is killed when the mother does not intend to keep it, the abortionist in question can use the most brutal means imaginable, and no one (except us pro-lifers) bats an eye.

Even when the child is born alive after a failed abortion, this murderous sentiment does not change. The child was not meant to live, why help it survive? What is wrong with killing it outside the womb if it was supposed to die in-utero? Even the passage of Born Alive Infant Protection Acts do not always protect babies in this precarious circumstance. Infanticide is common. How common? Consider the recent examples that have been brought to light in the abortion industry, first in the Gosnell trial, then in the undercover videos from Live Action. Gosnell saw no problem in snipping the spines of the survivors of his late-term abortions. He is being charged with murder in these cases, but he obviously sees no difference between tearing the child apart in the womb, or beheading it a few minutes later after it is born. In the first of Live Action's undercover videos, one of the clinic workers very nonchalantly speaks of putting a baby in a toxic solution to ensure its death. The abortionist in the other video reassures the patient that he would not help the child live if it were born alive, comparing the baby to a terminally ill patient in a hospital who is "going to die anyways."

Those interviewed assure the woman that 911 will not be called if the baby is born alive, and that it assuredly will not be taken to the hospital. Why? Because, as they revealingly say, the hospital is required to try and save the child's life. The implication is that "We here at the abortion clinic will make sure the child dies." The legalization of abortion in America has thus become the legalization of infanticide. If we want to stop the Gosnells of the world from murdering innocents, we must protect life from conception. Life in the womb is either protected or it is not. There is no middle ground. And if it is not protected, we will continue to have infanticide in America.

By Elizabeth Crnkovich. Population Research Institute Weekly Briefing, May 6, 2012 (www.pop.org)