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Volunteer Corner

Thank you to so many who indicated willingness to assist with projects on their membership forms. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the June newsletter: May 26.
- Board meeting: June 7, 7 pm.

Clothing center report

We served 170 people during the month of March, of whom 71 received free items, 16 took literature, and one was referred to the Women's Center.

Remember RTL

Please remember the pro-life cause when planning your estate or making funeral arrangements for a loved one. Remittance envelopes for memorial donations to Right to Life are available at the office.

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

Kemper Inspires at Membership Meeting

Troy resident, Bryan Kemper, travels around the world promoting a Christ-centered pro-life message to youth. He has shared his message in Ireland, Australia, France, and many other countries. He's been featured on MTV and in the New York Times. On Friday, April 8, he was at the American Legion Hall in Sidney to keynote the Right to Life membership meeting.



Kemper detailed a childhood of hardship, filled with family break-up and abuse. He became addicted to drugs and other destructive practices, at one point attempting suicide. A hospital stay after a drug overdose was the occasion for a dramatic change. Within the space of two days both a doctor and a rescue worker told him, "You have value. God loves you." He gave his life to Christ and started to treat both himself and others with respect.

Now he travels the world trying to persuade others of the value of the people he sees as most in need of the same kind of respect: unborn children. Drawing analogies to slavery and to the Holocaust, Kemper recounted a visit to the Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz. Overwhelmed by the horror of what happened there, he looked outside the camp at a nearby house, wondering what he would have done to help if he had been a local resident. Continued on page 2

New Managers, Hours for Right to Life Office

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members at Right to Life. Ann Cordonnier will be clothing center manager, and Luke Cordonnier will be office manager. They replace Cassandra Weaver, who resigned at the end of April. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Cassy for the good work she has done as office manager and wish her and her family all the best.

Many of you know the Cordonniers, who have been active in the pro-life movement in Shelby County for many years. We're thrilled that Ann and Luke have decided to dedicate their passion and talents to RTL in this way.

As Ann takes over management of the thrift shop, the shop will have new hours, effective at the beginning of May. It will be open 9:30am to 4pm, Tuesday through Friday. It will no longer be open on Mondays. We will also be open on Saturday mornings during the Farmers' Market season (June - September).

ACTION ITEM

Last Chance! First RTL Golf Outing: May 14

The deadline to register to participate in Right to Life's golf outing, Scramble for Life, is this Saturday, May 7. The outing will be May 14 at Shelby Oaks Golf Course. It's an opportunity to raise awareness of the work of Right to Life, to enjoy fellowship with other pro-lifers, and to raise funds for RTL's programs and services. The entry fee of \$200 per foursome covers greens fees and a light supper. There will be prizes for placing as well as other awards and door prizes. Please contact: scramble4life@gmail.com; 937-489-9129 as soon as possible to register your foursome.

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Then he realized, "that's my house." "That's your house," he said, pointing at the audience. "Every day 4000 babies die from abortion. What are you doing to stop it?"

Kemper reaches out to youth through his organization, Stand True Ministries (www.bryankemper.com).

Other speakers at the membership meeting included Connie McEldowney, who presented a speech for her daughter Chloe, the 2010 Shelby County Right to Life Oratory Contest champion. Kim Poeppelman shared information about the local youth group, Teens for Truth, whose mission is to "spread the truth about abortion." Dr. Courtney Slonkosky, an ob/gyn of WilsonCare, Inc., described her work with NaPro Technology, which provides "a consistently pro-life approach to women's health." Right to Life treasurer, Mike Monnier, presented a brief financial report.

Many thanks to all of our speakers, to those who attended, and to Jen Bohman and the other volunteers who made this wonderful event possible.

Thank You for Another Successful Garage Sale

A message from garage sale co-chairs Maria Hoehne and Bonnie York:

Words cannot express how appreciative we are for all who worked at, supplied items to sell, or purchased items at the RTL garage sale. The proceeds from the sale will help to save the lives of babies right here in Shelby County! That impact alone is beyond comprehension.

A special thanks to Ft. Loramie Stor & Lock for donating the use of a storage space, all the local churches for providing a drop-off site and delivering the items to the sale; Karen Rosenbeck for organizing the workers; St. Remy Church for allowing use of its hall free of charge; Dave York for posting signs and moving large items; Marcy Bensman and Regina Hemmelgarn for providing lunch for the set-up crew; and Connie McEldowney for all her help at the hall. A great big thanks to the volunteers who managed the sale and who are too numerous to list!

And from all of us at Right to Life: Thank you, Maria and Bonnie, for your outstanding work again this year.

In memory of

Joan Voisard and Rosella Eilerman,

In whose name memorial donations were received.

+May they rest in peace.+



Happy Mother's Day

New Fort Loramie Sign Proclaims Pro-Life Message to Passersby

We thank Leroy and Rose Meyer for inviting Right to Life to display a pro-life sign on their property along state route 705, 2 miles west of Ft. Loramie, near Brandewie Road. There are six other similar signs in Shelby County, each located along major area highways. Attractively designed and built of durable materials, the signs send a pro-life message to the thousands of travelers who pass by each day.

RTL would be grateful for donations from anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of the sign.

Pictured in the photo at right are Leroy and Zach Meyer, Logan Schwartz, and Randy and Ashley Pleiman, who erected the sign. Thank you!



The Truth about Planned Parenthood's Abortion Funding

Myths about Planned Parenthood are spreading like grassfire. Thanks to a perfect storm of events, the abortion provider is scrambling to cauterize the biggest PR hit it has ever sustained. November's election of an overwhelmingly pro-life Congress, revelation of numerous violations by its staff and repeated calls for its defunding by social and fiscal conservatives alike have put Planned Parenthood's lifeblood on the line.

Planned Parenthood's bottom line is numbers. And, with abortion as its primary money-maker, that means implementing a quota. I know this is true because I worked at one of their Texas clinics for 8 years, two as the clinic director.

Though 98 percent of Planned Parenthood's services to pregnant women are abortion, Planned Parenthood and its political allies have sworn up and down that taxpayer dollars do not to pay for abortion. But of course they do. Planned Parenthood gets one-third of its entire budget from taxpayer funding and performed more than 650,000 abortions between 2008 and 2009. An abortion is expensive. Its cost includes pay for the doctor, supporting medical staff, their health benefits packages and malpractice insurance. As clinic director, I saw how money affiliate clinics receive from several sources is combined into one pot, not set aside for specific services.

Planned Parenthood's claim that abortions make up just 3 percent of its services is also a gimmick. That number is actually closer to 12 percent, but strategically skewed by unbundling family planning services so that each patient shows anywhere from five to 20 "visits" per appointment (i.e., 12 packs of birth control equals 12 visits) and doing the opposite with abortion visits, bundling them together so that each appointment equals one visit. The resulting difference between family planning and abortion "visits" is striking.

But that's not the only deception Planned Parenthood is spreading. It also claims to help reduce the number of abortions. Not only is this not what Planned Parenthood actually accomplishes, but its goal couldn't be more opposite. As a Planned Parenthood clinic manager, I was directed to double the number of abortions our clinic performed in order to drive up revenue. In keeping, Planned Parenthood headquarters recently issued a directive mandating that all of its affiliates provide abortions by 2013.

Planned Parenthood is also spending a lot of money convincing its primary income providers – taxpayers – that its highest priority is women's health and safety. Continued on page 4



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Live Action and the Expose Planned Parenthood coalition released numerous undercover videos showing clinic staff aiding and abetting alleged sex traffickers in exploiting underage girls – some as young as 14.

Planned Parenthood has found other ways to increase revenue at the expense of women's safety. Abortion consultations are now often done without a doctor in the room through online "telemedicine." Abortion is a severely traumatic and potentially dangerous procedure.

Another nuisance the organization is seeking to do away with is reporting sex abuse of minors. It has sued to overturn a child abuse reporting law applying to minors under 14 on the grounds that it violated a girl's "constitutional right to privacy." Planned Parenthood called the bill unnecessary given that its medical personnel are already obliged to report such matters and that filing additional reports would only "overload" the government. Planned Parenthood doesn't want to bother the government with protecting minors.

It also can't be bothered to enable women to make informed decisions. Planned Parenthood has adamantly opposed laws in nearly two dozen states that require clinic staff to show a woman a sonogram before an abortion. With all the supposed health services these clinics provide, why should they fear sonograms? Because they cut down on its biggest income source.

I joined Planned Parenthood because I wanted to help poor women with real health care needs. I still do — that's why I left. Planned Parenthood doesn't care about women's health care needs, it cares about abortion. It's time to defund Planned Parenthood of our tax dollars.

By Abby Johnson. LifeNews.com, April 5, 2011. Edited for space and used with permission.