

“Abortion is a Weed” Says Oratory Contest Winner



Maximilian Schmiesing, of Sidney, became a two-time winner of the Shelby County Right to Life, Pro-Life Oratory Contest, with this year’s speech digging into the roots of abortion which he says is “an ugly weed.” Schmiesing identifies the cultural norms of the sexual revolution as root causes of escalated abortion numbers and prescribes a remedy: healthier views of marriage, and marrying earlier in life than the current norm. Citing the US Census Bureau, he says, “the average age of marriage back in the 1950s was approximately 22 years for men, and 20 years for women. In recent years that number has been climbing to 30 years.”



Over 80% of abortions committed in Ohio are on women who have never been married; and women between the ages of 20 and 29 account for 60% of all abortion seekers in Ohio (see Abortion Report from the Ohio Department of Health).

Schmiesing concludes, “There’s something beautiful about building a life with someone, rather than walking into someone’s life that is already entirely put together.... about journeying together, rather than just meeting each other at the destination. Trying to understand the benefits and beauty of marriage will create side effects that will reduce the number of abortions.”



The contest was open to high school juniors and seniors attending school in Shelby County. Becca Seger, a senior from Russia, took second place in the contest and Cassidy Rhoades, a senior attending Christian Academy, was third. Prizes for 1st through 3rd place were \$500, \$250 and \$100, respectively. *Continued on page 2.*

Pictured top to bottom are 1st-3rd place finishers: Schmiesing, Seger and Rhoades.

Parade Volunteer Request

We need volunteers to **drive the float** for the following parades: Jackson Center Sunday, June 6 at 2pm; Anna Homecoming Saturday, June 19 at 11:30am; and possibly one the weekend of June 11-13.

For our marriage-themed float we **also need kids around 5 to 9 years old** to dress as bride and groom. We can also include wedding attendants in the same age range. Call or text 937-658-3535 if you can help.

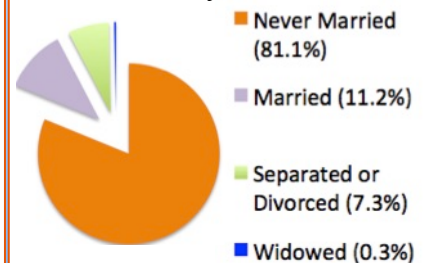


Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday 10am-4pm and Fridays 1pm-4pm. Volunteers attend to customers, and wash and sort donations. Time and frequency of volunteering can vary from once per month for a few hours or weekly for an hour or two. Contact us at office@shelbycountyrctl.org or 937-498-1812 if interested in joining our team!

Ohio Abortion Report (2019)

Abortions by marital status.



Thrift Shop Report

Month of February

181 Customers

98 Units, Assistance Program

Month of March

274 Customers

3 Work-to-Earn Shifts

115 Units, Assistance Program

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Schmiesing, a senior attending Lehman Catholic, will enter his winning speech in the state oratory contest in May.

The ten local contestants were judged by: Ken Knapke, a retired medical professional; Zachary Bell a student at Wright State University Lake Campus (in Middle School Education); and Lauren Subler, Physical Therapist at Preble County Medical Center.

Good News for Premies

New research at Christchurch Women's Hospital's Neonatal Unit in New Zealand and published in the Pediatric Pulmonology Journal has revealed differences in the lungs of baby boys and baby girls, paving the way for doctors to treat them more effectively when born prematurely and placed on a ventilator.

Kyeong Tae Kim, a mechanical engineering student at the University of Canterbury, studied infant ventilator use as part of his Ph.D. by looking at the airway pressure and flow data from 10 invasively mechanically ventilated babies. He learned that boys' lungs are stiffer than girls' lungs, making it harder for them to get oxygen through a ventilator. The study found that premature boys, who have a lower chance of survival than premature girls, could benefit from being ventilated differently than girls using different settings, modes, and monitoring.

Babies born as young as 21 weeks have survived and thrived when given proper medical care. [Editor's note: Unfortunately, babies that same age can also be legally aborted.]

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Garage Sale Gratitude

Thank you to all who contributed to the garage sale this year with donations, purchases and service hours, making this another record-breaking fundraiser with over \$14,000 raised for our respect life mission, and a record 50/50 prize of \$600. Special thanks to the Bohman family for storing and transporting many of the donations, and to Adam York of *Made in the Shade Tents and Tables* for donating the tent rental for outdoor items. Of course, each year we owe a debt of gratitude to Bonnie York and Maria Hoehne for organizing a fantastic crew of workers. Maria replies, however, "I really can't take credit for this. This is completely a community effort. And it's so much fun!"



In memory of Rose Gehret, Suzanne Groff and Timothy DeHaven
In whose honor memorial donations were made to Right to Life.
May they rest in peace.

May-June Prayer Intentions

For pro-life people to take a strong stand against the use of products that use tissue from aborted children in production and testing, such as vaccines, cosmetics, taste enhancers, and medications. For an end to trafficking of fetal body parts and especially for an end to abortion, which enables the practice and destroys lives.



Note: Human Life International and Personhood Alliance have resources identifying products that use tissues and organs from aborted children.

Another State Legalizes Doctor Prescribed Suicide

Peddlers of assisted suicide continue to push their agenda in legislative bills across the nation. There are currently 18 states with bills proposing legal assisted suicide or expanding laws in states where doctor prescribed suicide is already legal. The expansion bills have been proposed in California, Hawaii, Vermont and Washington, according to Patients Rights Council, an organization based in Ohio, which fights assisted suicide bills nationwide. Unfortunately New Mexico has become the tenth state in the US to allow doctor prescribed suicide, with a new bill signed into law on April 8, 2021.

According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, eleven states, including Ohio, have passed laws against assisted suicide since 1997, after Oregon legalized the practice of doctors orchestrating the deaths of their patients.

Bringing America Back to Life Convention Inspires Attendees

One of the world's preeminent pro-life conventions is held yearly in Cleveland Ohio. Several members of Shelby County Right to Life attended this year's convention in March. Videos of all the presentations are available at the BABL website, under the Speakers tab for 2021 Presentations: <https://bringingamericabacktolife.org/category/2021-presentations/>

Right to Life Program Director, Anne Schmiesing, gives her top 5 picks from the convention:

1. Jennifer Christie is the founder and Executive Director of Love Louder, a no-exceptions, pro-life support system for women who have been victims of sexual assault. Jennifer made national headlines in 2014 when her story "Raped on a business trip – My husband and I chose life" went mega-viral across the globe. Hers was an extremely powerful and challenging speech.

2. Dr. Alan Moy is the CEO of Cellular Engineering Technologies (CET), a biotech company that manufactures human stem cells ethically, without exploiting human beings in the embryonic stage of life. He is also the founder of the John Paul II Medical Research Institute (JP2MRI), a non-profit devoted to translating ethical adult stem cells to treat rare and orphan diseases, degenerative neurological diseases, regenerative medicine, and cancer. *He and Sarah Quale of Personhood Alliance spoke on the ethical problems with the current COVID-19 vaccines, including the use of stem cell lines from aborted children, as well as the experimental nature and safety concerns of the new mRNA vaccine technology.*

3. Mary Rice Hasson is the Kate O'Byrne Fellow in Catholic Studies at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. Mary is an expert on topics related to women, faith, culture, family, sexual morality, and gender ideology. *The title of her speech was: "Defending the Human Person in the Face of Gender Ideology."*

4. Paul Kengor, Grove City College political science professor and prolific author, spoke on the alarming push for socialism and Marxism in our country, and the deadly consequences.

5. Carlton Smith has served in leadership capacities for more than forty years with organizations focusing on urban issues, reconciliation, public policy, economic and community development and Christian collaboration. *His speech was: "The Black Lives Matter Diversion."*

These five talks and all of the speeches are worthwhile. The convention also included a premier showing of the new movie, *Roe v Wade*.

Why do people put off Experiencing healing From past abortion experiences?

Trauma Specialist, Trudy Johnson, has stated: *We have a saying in the world of therapy. "Secrets kill." Thus is the path of many women after abortion. Don't talk. Don't feel. Keep the secret.* - Trudy M. Johnson, M.A., LMFT

But abortion recovery programs—for men or women—are the solution to put an end to the deadly secret. Recovery programs restore life to the full. We don't care what program a person uses for recovery, but



only that each person feels truly at peace with themselves, with God and with other important people in their lives. This happens regularly with recovery programs, when people are willing to make that step.

If you want to start by talking to someone who is not from Shelby County, you may call or email the Hope Project coordinator in Dayton: call **937.234.7535** and ask for Nish or email help@hopeafterabortiondayton.org. Nish can also connect you to a Shelby County Support Group, where you can talk to others and prevent the secret from killing your heart.

Obama-Biden Admin Paid \$2,000 Per Aborted Baby Part

American taxpayers are being forced to fund unethical scientific experiments using fingers, scalps, livers and other organs harvested from aborted babies. New details were published earlier this month at Judicial Watch. The watchdog organization released nearly 600 pages of government records obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

One experiment funded under the Obama-Biden administration paid approximately \$2,000 per aborted baby for an experiment creating “humanized mice,” according to The Federalist. The details of the experiment were outlined in an email exchange dated Sept. 27, 2012, between U.S. Food and Drug Administration veterinary medical official Dr. Kristina Howard and Advanced Bioscience Resources procurement manager Perrin Larton. These were paid for by American taxpayers through the FDA. In the email, Howard explained that researchers planned to use the aborted babies’ organs for “testing biologic drug products for product quality and safety.” To do this, the scientists would create “humanized mice” by implanting “fetal liver and thymus tissues into severely immune compromised mice,” according to the email.

Heightened outrage due to the Center for Medical Progress investigation of Planned Parenthood and other reports prompted President Donald Trump’s administration to stop funding these unethical purchases. However, earlier this month, President Joe Biden’s administration reversed those actions and allowed tax dollars to be used for research using aborted baby body parts again.

Based on the documents obtained by Judicial Watch, the federal government spent tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars to buy body parts from aborted babies from Advanced Bioscience Resources. The documents include emails between the FDA and ABR between 2012 and 2018, the year when the Trump administration cut off funding.

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