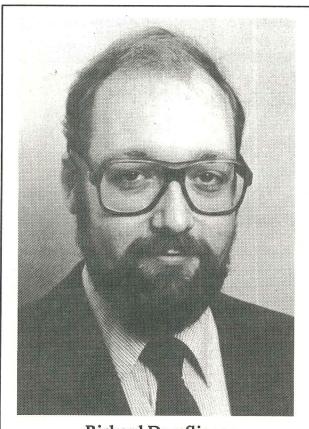
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Right to Life - Lifespan Invites You to Breakfast



Richard Doerflinger Featured Speaker

Friday, September 11 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Burton Manor (formerly Roma's) 27777 Schoolcraft Livonia

(Eastbound I-96 service drive, between Middlebelt and Inkster)

Richard Doerflinger will be speaking on national legislative issues and the move toward legalizing active euthanasia and assisted suicide. He is the editor of *Life at Risk*, a chronicle of euthanasia trends in America.

For more information call 533-9090 or 422-6230

Reservations are required \$6.75 per person (Complete form on page 2)

Plan now to hear an update on legislative issues

News Notes

Pro-abortion myths

The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) claims that "as many as 5,000 women died each year as a direct result of criminal abortion." However, official statistics show there were only 39 maternal abortion deaths in 1972, the year before *Roe* legalized abortion.

It was only in the pre-penicillin era, before 1943, that there were more than 1,000 maternal, illegal abortion deaths. Medical progress, not the legalization of abortion, saved women's lives.

Documented information to dispel this pro-abortion myth is available in *Making Predictions About Illegal Abortions: Life Without Roe.* It is a resource to use when you participate in debates, write letters to the editor or your member of Congress or simply talk with your neighbor.

It may be ordered by sending your \$5 check to Horatio R. Storer Foundation, Suite 500, 419 Seventh St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Euthanasia for minors

A television appearance by Hemlock Society founder Derek Humphry and a recent court ruling in California have raised a new question for the euthanasia movement: Should a 14-year-old have the right to say, "I want to end my life?"

Asked that question on the CNN program "Sonya Live" on June 10, Mr. Humphry answered yes—"if the 14-year-old is competent, is thinking clearly, and is suffering greatly from the effects of a terminal illness."

At a time when suicide is "the third leading cause of death among children

and the second among older teen-agers" in the U.S. (*N.Y. Times*, 6/16/92, p. Cl), the question is a volatile one. But it is not entirely new. A "model aid-in-dying act" published in the 1989 *Iowa Law Review* provided for euthanasia for minors without parental consent.

In the Netherlands, euthanasia is performed on children, some of whom are incapable of informed consent. At least three out of eight neonatology centers surveyed by the Dutch Pediatric Society in 1989 permitted "mercy killing" for handicapped infants.

Life at Risk, June 1992

Update

Dr. Nareshkumar Patel, who dumped the partially burned bodies of 55 preborn babies in a field 40 miles from his clinic in Shawnee, has been relieved of all charges stemming from a complaint that was filed with the Oklahoma state medical board.

American Life League Communique, July 31, 1992

Sidewalk counseling

A sidewalk counseling training session will be held Tuesday, September 22 and 29 at 7:00 p.m.

It is one of the most rewarding ministries in which you can be involved. The only requirement is a willing heart.

Sidewalk counseling has been very successful in the Detroit area with hundreds of babies and mothers saved by offering Christ's love and help to those women about to enter abortion clinics.

Joe Iskra will be training those interested at Northville Christian Assembly, located at 41355 Six Mile Rd., 1/2 mile west of Haggerty. For more information, call Sharon, 563-9586.

Register to vote

In Michigan you may register to vote if

- · You are a United States' citizen
- You are at least 18 years old by election day
- You have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days before the election in which you are voting

To register, simply appear in person at any Secretary of State Branch Office, or at your city, township or village clerk's office. Fill out a form swearing you are who you are, sign your name, and that's it! Under special circumstances you may register by mail.

You may register at any time. However, you must be registered 30 days in advance of an election in order to vote in that election. If you have moved, notify the local clerk. If you move within Michigan during the 60 days before an election, you may vote at your former precinct in that election. You may only be registered in one precinct at a time.

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Name(s)						
Address	City	Zip				
Phone						

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are ordering tickets, using another sheet of paper if needed, so that we may assign seats with legislators and other constituents from their districts.



Legislative Update



Addresses

President

President George Bush The White House Washington, DC 20500 Opinion Line (202) 456-1111, before 5 PM (202) 456-1414, after 5 PM

Dear Mr. President:

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State Senator or Representative

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National News

Freedom of Choice Act

Congressional action on the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) (HR 25, S 25) has been postponed until September. The FOCA would prohibit virtually any limitations on abortion nationwide.

Intensive lobbying by prolifers helped convince undecided House members of the extreme nature of the bill. The chief sponsors of the bill, after discussion with pro-abortion groups, were afraid the bill would be defeated if brought to the House floor as scheduled August 5 or 6.

If the bill does pass both houses, President Bush has vowed to veto it. Clinton has pledged his support of the bill.

Title 10

As reported in the June edition of Lifespan News, Congress is again attempting to overturn the prolife regulations which prohibit counseling and referral for abortion by non-physicians in 4,000 clinics nationwide which receive funds from the federal Title 10 family-planning program.

On August 6, the House approved the House-Senate conference report by a vote of 251-144. The bill will now go to the Senate before it is sent to President Bush who is expected to veto the bill.

Voting for: Reps. Bonior, Carr, Collins, Conyers, Dingell, Ford, Hertel, Levin, Upton, Wolpe.

Voting against: Reps. Broomfield, Camp, Henry, Kildee, Vander Jagt.

Not voting: Reps. Davis, Pursell, Traxler.

Fetal Tissue

Congress was unable to override President Bush's veto of HR 2507, that would have required federal funding for transplanting tissue taken from aborted babies. So, Waxman and Kennedy have decided to try again. They introduced a slightly revised version of the bill (\$ 2899/HR 5495) which is expected to be voted on in the House in September.

ACTION

Members of Congress will be in recess from Aug. 13 until Sept. 9. Now is an opportune time to contact your Congressman regarding the above issues.

It is crucial that House members and Senators receive massive numbers of phone calls and letters.

Also, remember to thank President Bush for his solid prolife veto record.

Michigan News

The Michigan legislature has been recessed for most of the summer and will be in session only three weeks in September and again in recess until after the November 3 election.

Informed Consent (SB 141) is still deadlocked in the House-Senate conference committee. No action has been taken on the bill to ban assisted suicide (SB 32).

Please contact your representative and senator and ask them to get these life-saving bills moving.

If you need further information, please contact your local Lifespan office.



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Office hours

M, Th 10-2 TWF Closed Carol Smith, Chairman Betty Queen, Ofc. Mgr.

Respect Life Month

The weather being cool and fall-like, it will be October before we know it and time for Respect Life Month in our churches. If you wish to have a speaker or prolife display in your church or school, please give us a call at 874-0432 on Mon. or Thurs. from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m., or leave a message, and we will return your call.

Thanks

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to those who so faithfully respond to our renewal letters. Without your membership dues and donations, we could not continue in our efforts to protect all life—born and unborn.

Regina Teens for Life

By Christina R. Cascos

The Regina Teens for Life had a very successful year. We had a Lifesaver fundraiser and a Mother's Day carnation sale and donated \$50.00 of the proceeds to the Detroit Chapter of Lifespan.

The Baby Shower at St. Clare in Grosse Pointe went very well. We received many donations.

Members, along with our moderator, Mr. Hank Forys, attended a Lenten observance in which we prayed the rosary in front of an abortion clinic.

One of the events planned for the 92-93 school year is an all-school assembly with Regina and Notre Dame on Nov. 20. Our guest speaker will be Molly Kelly.

We are looking forward to another year of spreading the prolife message to our peers.

Detroit Chapter 5930 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202-3516 (313) 874-0432

Office hours

M, T, Th, F 10-3 Diane Fagelman, Chairman Clare Schneider, Secretary

Hit the fairway

The Novi Fair went very well. Thank you to all the willing volunteers who made it a success.

Next comes the State Fair. The Oakland Chapter is responsible for September 5, 6 and 7.

Call Clare if you can help. We especially need strong muscles for the closing night.

Don't forget the Troy Daze Fair scheduled for September 25, 26 and 27.

Workers will be scheduled soon. Call the office for first-choice time slots at 258-9760.

Telechain

Good news! Jo Ann Walle has volunteered to organize and set up the Oakland Chapter telechain.

Once in operation, there will be instant access to members for all critical issues. If you could be a link in the telechain, give her a call at 649-1879. Our heartfelt thanks to you, Jo Ann!

Membership

Thank you to all members who have so encouragingly responded to our last plea for dues.

The last-issue mailing to those delinquent (some as far back as 1985) is slowly proving to be a success. Keep them coming!

We don't want you to miss a single issue of *Lifespan News*. Reminders are costly, and dues are vitally important.

Video talent

We are searching for a videoknowledgeable person to do some public relations taping on a special project.

If you are a video production amateur or a college student seeking a career in video, we need your expertise. Please call the office at 258-9760.

Office volunteer

We have received a couple of responses for office work in Lifespan. We need more.

If you could volunteer four hours, one day per week, you would fulfill a pressing need. If you can give only two hours, we will welcome it. Call soon.

Artwork of LIFE

The Belian Art Center in Troy is hosting a gallery art show of local artists to benefit Lifespan Oakland Chapter and the Rochester Crisis Pregnancy Center.

The show runs through September 5th and is located on Rochester Road and Square Lake Road.

The juried artwork will feature all aspects of Life in different medias, including pottery, prints, fine art, jewelry, sculpture, basketry, etc.

For further information, call Clare at 258-9760. Come, enjoy the show and benefit Lifespan as well!

Oakland County Chapter 800 S. Adams, #102 Birmingham, MI 48009-7005 (313) 258-9760

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Starting September 8 M-F 10-4 Patricia Holscher, Chairman Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

Treasures and trash

Our next super garage sale will be on Thursday and Friday, September 11 and 12, at 26781 Timber Trail, Dearborn Heights, between Ford and Cherry Hill and between Inkster and Beech Daly.

Items in good condition are still needed to sell (no clothing, please).

Call Cindy Gauvin, 565-2246, to arrange for drop-off or to help with sales. Don't be hesitant to donate—remember your trash may be someone else's treasure.

Wayne County Fair

The Wayne County West/ Downriver Chapter has just completed five great days at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville.

Our new display board (purchased with Bill Knapp coupons) and our *Life* Magazine pictures, depicting a baby in utero, were outstanding. We were complimented many times on our unique educational booth.

As usual, the life-size fetal models were the main attraction. They are a wonderful teaching tool and many moms who came by, explained them to their children. They seemed to be

fascinated by the biology lesson they were being taught.

These and other materials including videos can be obtained on a loan basis for schools, churches, educational booths, etc.

None of this would have been possible without our many dedicated volunteers. Thanks for another job well done, and for your loyalty to distraught mothers and their unborn children. May God bless you all.

Also, it's not too late to make your reservation for speakers during Right to Life months, October and January. Call 422-6230.

If you missed us this year in Belleville, you can still see us at the State Fair at the Fairgrounds on 8 Mile Rd. in Detroit, August 28-September 7.

Legislative Breakfast

Don't forget to make your reservation for the Legislative Breakfast. (See front cover).

Our Chapter is responsible for the Breakfast. If you can help in any way with phone calls to legislators and members, be a host or hostess that morning, help with mailings, work at the literature table, etc., please call and offer your time.

Westland bazaar

Your talents are important and needed for the October 23, 24 and 25 Craft Sale at Westland.

If you have a craft which you enjoy doing, please make an article or two, or more for our sale. We have several donated, complete craft kits in the office that you are welcome to use.

The "lazy days" of summer are perfect to work on a craft project for LIFE! We're counting on you.

Wayne County, West and Downriver Chapter 27578 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150-2203 (313) 422-6230

Assisted Suicide: Solution? or Death on Demand

Educational Center for Life Seminar

Saturday September 12 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

> \$25 per person, includes material Bring your lunch

St. Joseph Hospital Auditorium 900 Woodward Pontiac

Speaker:
Richard Doerflinger
and others
on alternatives

Complete this form and mail with your \$25 check to Educational Center for Life, 909 Woodward, Suite #19, Pontiac, MI 48341. For more information, call 338-1910.

	e attending the ECL Saturday, September 12.
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A Lifespan Member Speaks

We invite our membership to write articles giving their views on some aspect of the pro-life effort.

This month, we feature an article written by Russel J. Hesch who has been a member of Lifespan since 1981 and served as Executive Aide to the Wayne/West Chairman (1988-1989).

The judicial system has again usurped the rights of a whole class of citizens (parents) to fulfill their responsibilities toward their minor children in the overturning of the parental consent law. And while the Attorney General's office is deciding whether to appeal, and the Court ponders its decision, thousands of human beings (the unborn) will die.

At this point in time, perhaps it would be better to stop concentrating on the symptoms and invest our efforts in solving the problem.

And the problem is that we, as teachers, have continued to support our teachers' association because we saw some good being done and, therefore, exercised our "prochoice" mentality to tolerate the proabortion and anti-family activities of the Michigan Education Association. The MEA is part of the problem and not part of the solution.

We, as doctors, because of the AMA's history of *doing good*, have tolerated the association's policies which seem aimed at the inversion of our noble profession of healing into a despicable profession of death dispensing.

We, as lawyers, have become so inwardly obsessed with the *purity of the law* that we helped hide a judiciary with a rotten core.

We, as business executives, have become so totally schizophrenic in our thought processes that we refused to recognize that there is a connection between social goodness and corporate profits.

We, as union members, lost control of our *beloved brotherhood* when we permitted our union officials to cease being "union leaders" and allowed them to become "labor managers" interested in supporting the killing of our sons and daughters in their mother's womb.

VOTE PRO-LIFE!

Each of us must ensure that we are represented by persons who agree with us, that we do in fact have "certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." And we must do this within the context of our personal work in life and within our brotherhood associations, be they fraternal or professional.

We also need to come together as supporters of the Declaration of Independence to especially support the first listed right - LIFE! It is now necessary that we set aside our professional, fraternal and party affiliations, continue to very clearly identify the pro-abortion politicians and turn them out of office.

For a start, it should be assumed that every individual seeking election/re-election is an honorable person and therefore, properly dedicated to the political party they represent, replete with all of the principles which that party claims for its members in the party platform.

It is not possible for an honorable person to both claim membership in an organization and to deny the principles espoused by the organization. To be pro-abortion (euphemistically called pro-choice) and Republican is not possible without being either a liar or a person publicly committed to changing the Republican Party platform.

Incidentally, as an historical footnote to the Republican Party's pro-life platform, it should be noted that the 1980 Convention was here in Detroit and that Senator Jesse Helms, et. al. were successful in setting the Republican Party upon its pro-life course because of Lifespan's direct support to Senator Helm's work.

Unfortunately, during the late seventies and early eighties, the prolife efforts in the Democratic Party were not successful, and today the Democratic Party has come to very sadly stand for pro-abortion and the slaughter of innocent humans within the wombs of their mothers. It is indeed difficult, if not rationally impossible, to be both Democrat and pro-life.

In the mean time, we must try to remove from the public trust all individuals who are pro-abortion regardless of their party affiliation. It would be better to have a pro-life politician standing on a pro-abortion platform, than to have a pro-abortion politician standing on a pro-life platform. And when the politician says "nobody pays any attention to platforms anyhow," perhaps we should suspect that a politician, who so superficially denies the Party principles, may be totally unprincipled or at least someone with very shallow scruples.



Used Book Sale

Lifespan's Used Book Sale will be Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Richard's Social Hall, 35851 Cherry Hill (1-1/2 blocks west of Wayne Rd.), Westland.

Books may be dropped off for the sale on Friday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Richard's. Please, no magazines, Reader's Digests Condensed Books or textbooks.

We need workers on Friday, Oct. 23 to help us and the Women's Guild of St. Richard's set up for the sale and also on the two days of the sale, Saturday and Sunday.

If you can help or have questions, please call 533-9090.

Eat for LIFE!

Thanks to everyone, we have eaten our way successfully toward our goal of 74,800 points!

Knapp's check for \$748 was received promptly and sent to the Godfrey Group for a first-class display board for the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter.

Please come to our State Fair Booth in the Michigan Mart Building to see this beautiful new display board.

Thanks to these, our most recent coupon donors: Rev. Grougan, Jenuwine, Kulczycki, Kacher, Konopka, Smith, Pernak, Hoefer, Kovacs,

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Keep saving Knapp's coupons for our next project. When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's Restaurant, ask for a Community Support Coupon. The cashier will indicate on the coupon how many points are awarded. Points are awarded based on this formula: 1 point equals \$1.00 on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

Send the coupons to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152. Eat hearty!

Bequests

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide.

A bequest in your will to Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit or a donation in memory of a loved one, will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 28-Sept. 7 Michigan State Fair
- Sept. 11 Legislative Breakfast
- Sept. 11-12 Garage Sale (p. 5)
- Sept. 12 ECL Seminar Assisted Suicide
- Sept. 25-27 Troy Daze (p. 4)
- Oct. 4 LIFE CHAIN
- Oct. 23-25 Westland Bazaar
- Oct. 24 M.A.U.B.C. Dinner Auction
- Oct. 24-25 Used Book Sale
- Nov. 3 Election Day Vote!

Thank you —

Our gratitude to Dr. Maureen S. Fedeson for her contribution to the Doctors for Life ad in our Commemorative Book.

"Respect Life" Dinner Auction

Mother and Unborn Baby Care is planning their Dinner Auction for Saturday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the Southfield Manor, Southfield.

They need donated items and volunteers interested in helping to plan this event. Please call Mrs. Wofford, 397-3158.

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