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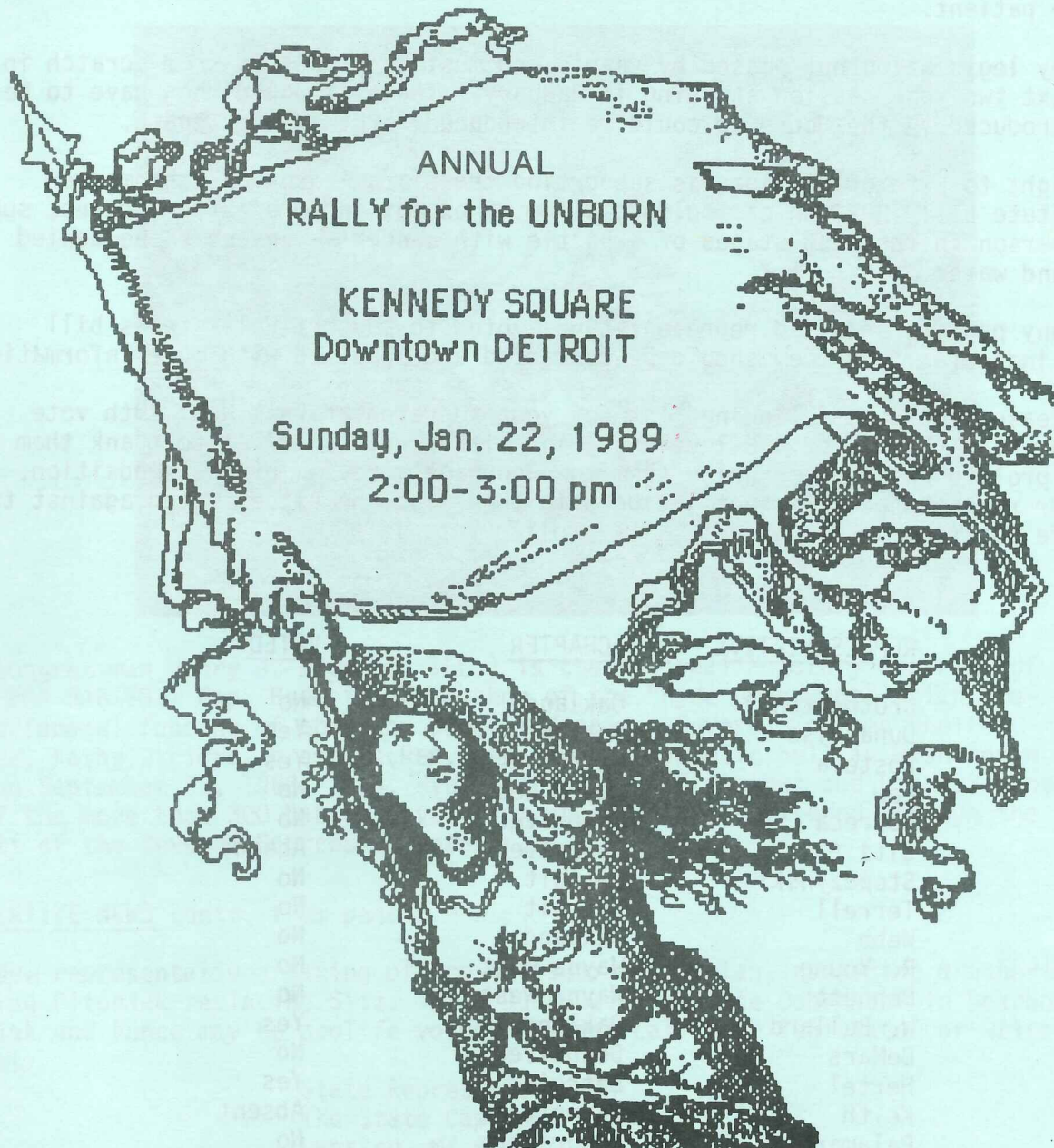
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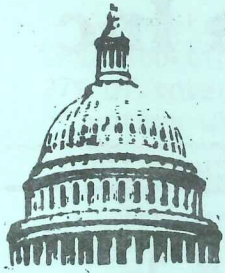
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Supporters of Proposal A whose names appeared in the Detroit News,
see your names memorialized at the Kennedy Square Rally.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



STILL TIME TO WRITE RE: "RIGHT TO DIE BILL"

A divided state House of Representatives passed a patient's "right to die" bill November 29, 1988. After a 14-year debate, the measure, H.B. 4647 (H-1 version), passed with one vote to spare. It was not, however, acted on in the Senate. The "right to die" legislation would allow people to designate another party to make medical decisions on their behalf if they become unable to do so themselves.

Right to Life forces oppose the bill, saying doctors shouldn't be barred from providing food and water if that would result in death despite the wishes of the patient.

Any legislation not passed by year's end must be processed from scratch in the next two-year session starting in January. The bill would then have to be re-introduced in the House or could be introduced first in the Senate.

Right to Life of Michigan is supporting the Ciaramitaro-Van Regenmorter substitute bill (H-2) which wouldn't allow -- except in more extreme cases, such as a person in the last stages of a battle with cancer -- anyone to be denied food and water.

Many prolife endorsed representatives voted to support Hollister's bill which indicates that they should be contacted and supplied with more information.

Please check the following list for your representative's Nov. 29th vote on H.B. 4647 (Hollister's H-1 version) and either write him/her to thank them for their prolife position or write them to encourage a review of their position. If your representative is not included in this list, he either voted against the prolife position or was absent. The prolife vote is NO.

<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>VOTED</u>
Brotherton *	Oakland	No
Dunaskiss	Oakland	Yes
Kosteva	Wayne West	Yes
Law	Wayne West	No
Porreca	Downriver	No
Sitz *	Downriver	Absent
Stopczynski	Detroit	No
Terrell	Detroit	No
Webb	Oakland	No
R. Young	Wayne West	No
Bennett	Wayne West	No
W. Bullard	Oakland	Yes
DeMars	Downriver	No
Hertel	Detroit	Yes
Keith	Wayne West	Absent
Palamara	Downriver	No
Trim	Oakland	Yes

* Representatives not returning next year

(contd. on page 3)

LET THE BELLS TOLL

On January 22-23, 1989, in conjunction with nationwide prolife activities planned throughout the nation, churches are being asked to toll their bells in solemn remembrance for the 23 million unborn children killed through abortion since 1973.

If your church has bells, please request your pastor to ring them 23 times to participate in this remembrance. If your church does not have bells, Lifespan has some audio tapes of ringing bells which are available for churches to borrow. Call us at 261-2757 if your church plans to participate or if you wish to borrow a tape.



Congressman Henry J. Hyde (R. ILL.) is the National Honorary Chairman of BELLS FOR BABIES. Rep. Hyde is the author of the "Hyde Amendment" which prohibits federal funding of abortion under Medicaid. Several Sources Shelter Founder, Kathy DiFiore, presents Rep. Hyde with a symbolic bell in Washington, D.C. on September 23, 1988. Rep. Hyde holds Paul (10 months) and Liza (3 months), two of the more than 300 babies saved from abortion and sheltered through the efforts of the Several Sources volunteers.

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New representatives taking office in 1989: Jan Dolan, replacing Brotherton and Greg Pitoniak replacing Sitz. Bill Runco will replace Dobronski in Dearborn. Pitoniak and Runco may be prolife votes. Please call your legislator or write them at:

State Representative _____
The State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48913

Should you have any questions, please call the Main Office at 261-2757.

WAYNE COUNTY WEST CHAPTER NEWS

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

A new year has begun and many old tasks remain undone. The boards of all the chapters will be meeting along with the Main Office Board in a planning seminar to determine what LIFESPAN's direction will be over the next several years. But below that, here at Chapter Level, I see a need for "spring cleaning" type activities. If we as a Chapter of Lifespan are to be vibrant and effective we must have more dynamic involvement of members and a larger body of members. Regardless of Lifespan's direction, we must revitalize the Chapter through recruitment of additional volunteers and additional members.

Christy Wood

Westland Bazaar Succeeds !

The bazaar sales were again successful due to the many contributions of craft items and baked goods. Following the effort in Westland on November 11 & 12, our dedicated volunteers took the remaining craft items to the Lathers School Bazaar in Garden City on December 3rd, which brought an additional \$133.

This year's craft and baked goods donations have generated close to \$750 so far and there are still items available for purchase in the office. If you would like to give someone a beautiful quilted pillow or a very nice lap robe, we have several of each awaiting your consideration.

Our organizers for this year's effort extend their deep felt thanks to all of the donors who put such loving effort into making the craft items and the baked goods. Bev Bettega and Carmen Mosquera also wish for every volunteer who worked the sales booth to likewise receive the special gratitude of entire membership. Plans are already being started for next year and donors hopefully will again be as generous, so if you could help with the planning please contact Bev who has become one of our Office Managers.

School Representatives: Not This Year!

School Reps remains a good idea but as a program its time has not yet come. Only one person indicated a willingness to become a SCHOOL REP. The concept as presently visualized would start with private schools and not initially include public schools, so for the immediate future we will continue to rely on the Church Rep program to provide essential minimum school contacts.

Sally & Nancy Resign Chapter Misses Dedicated Managers

Nancy Dankert and Sally Price have been dedicated Chapter members as well as hard working office managers. Both have decided to give up the office manger activities, but neither has expressed any intention of being less interested in the PRO-LIFE movement. Sally had been an Office Manager or Assistant since 1981. Nancy was Assistant Office Manager for the last three years, running the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will all miss the sense of organization and continuity they provided to the volunteer effort of the Chapter members. Our sincere **Thank You!** to these two Champion Members.

Membership Sagging

Donations Lagging

The struggle to keep our membership records accurately is an extremely difficult and time consuming task. The records are maintained for the most part by our office managers with the assistance of office volunteers. The quarterly membership renewal letters and other recruiting activities have been the specialty of Carmen Mosquera who holds the Membership Chair. We presently have 1379 names on our membership roster, which is also the mailing list for this newsletter, but there are a significant number (in the hundreds) of individuals listed who have not made a dues contribution for well over one year.

MEMBERSHIP

Box Score

1397 members
10 renewals
12 additions
5 dropped

To keep everyone informed concerning memberships in general and special donations in particular, we are incorporating two BOX SCORES as part of every future newsletter. The MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE and the DONATIONS BOX SCORE appear for the first time in this issue.

CONTRIBUTION

Box Score

\$527 Annual Dues
\$10 Monthly Gifts
from 1 member
\$471 Special Gifts
\$1238 Fund Raising

The DONATIONS SCORE may on occasion be slightly lower than what Chapter Members actually gave to LIFESPAN, because any donations given to the Main Office [and they must have donations directly from you or else the chapters would have to share

their expenses] are not included in the reported figures. Membership, on the other hand, is a matter of chapter geography and even if you applied for membership with the Main Office you would ultimately be added to a Chapter Membership List.

Church REP Shortage Critical

We presently have only 61 CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES among our membership, which means over 90% of the churches in Western Wayne County do not have any formal contact with the PRO-LIFE movement. If your church is not listed below, please consider becoming a CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE or perhaps recruiting a new member from your church community to become the REP.

CANTON

Calvary Baptist Church
St. Michael Lutheran Church
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish
St. John Neumann Parish

DEARBORN

Dearborn Church of Christ
Guardian Lutheran Church
Divine Child Parish
Sacred Heart Parish
St. Alphonsus Parish
St. Barbara Parish
St. Clement Parish
St. Joseph Parish

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Ukranian Church
Fairlane Assembly of God-Central
Stephen's United Methodist Church
St. Albert Parish

St. Anselm Parish
St. John Baptist Parish
St. Mel Parish
St. Sabina Parish
Our Lady of Grace Parish

GARDEN CITY

Garden City Christian Center
Garden City Freewill Baptist Church
Good Hope Lutheran Church
Merriman Road Baptist
St. Dunstan Parish
St. Raphael Parish

LIVONIA

Livonia Assembly of God
Ward Presbyterian Church
St. Aidan Parish
St. Colette Parish
St. Edith Parish
St. Genevieve Parish
St. Maurice Parish
St. Michael Parish
St. Priscilla Parish
St. Gerald Parish

NORTHVILLE

Fairlane Assembly of God-West
Our Lady of Victory Parish

PLYMOUTH

Church of Christ
Lake Pointe Bible Chapel
United Assembly of God
Our Lady of Good Counsel
St. Kenneth Parish

REDFORD

Covenant Community Church
Dunning Park Chapel

St. Agatha Parish
St. John Bosco Parish
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
St. Valentine Parish
St. Hilary Parish

WESTLAND

Church of the Nazarene of Westland
Good Shepherd Dutch Reformed Church
New Covenant Tabernacle
New Life Community Church
Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church
Divine Savior Parish
St. Damian Parish
St. Richard Parish
St. Theodore Parish

The responsibility of CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE can be as simple or as complicated as your time and dedication permits. The full description of the CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE's responsibilities has only ten statements, but the true essential minimum is only two fold. First being willing to identify yourself to your pastor and other church officials as holding PRO-LIFE views, and secondly to deliver the monthly "Church Notes" prepared by Paula Ervin for publication in the Church paper. Activities beyond that depends on the needs of the church community and the inclination of the CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE SEEKS REVIEW OF ROE VS. WADE

The Reagan administration in November asked the Supreme Court to reconsider its 1973 ruling in Roe vs. Wade. In an unusual friend-of-the-court brief, the Justice Department urged the Court to review a federal appeals court ruling that struck down a Missouri anti-abortion law that, among other things, declared that human life begins at conception.

In October, Missouri asked the high court to overturn the appeals court ruling, uphold the 2-year-old state law and reverse Roe vs. Wade.

The Missouri law in question bars the use of public money to encourage or counsel a woman to have an abortion, requires that abortions after the first trimester be performed in hospitals and prohibits abortions in all public hospitals and clinics.

The Justice Department in its brief said the appeals court ruling, if affirmed, would conflict with previous high-court rulings allowing restrictions on abortion and "cast doubt" on the constitutionality of federal programs that bar funds for programs that perform or encourage abortions.

The Justice Department also attached the brief it filed three years ago urging the court to overturn Roe vs. Wade. The court rejected that request, 5 to 4.

But Justice Lewis Powell, Jr., the critical voter in that case, has retired and his successor, Anthony Kennedy, has not publicly expressed a view on the issue.

The preliminary test for Kennedy might come in January when the justices will probably vote on whether to hear the case. If the court agrees to a review, that decision might come too late for the justices to hear arguments and rule before the end of their term in early July.

In that event, the court would hear arguments next October. By then, one or more of the three justices older than 80 might have retired. All favored Roe vs. Wade.

Angry abortion-rights advocates blame president-elect George Bush for the Reagan administration bid to have the Supreme Court review the Roe vs. Wade decision.

"This is a sneak attack on women's lives," Eleanor Smeal, President of the Fund for the Feminist Majority, charged after the Justice Department filed their brief. (This article is condensed from a story in The Detroit News written by Al Kamen and Ruth Marcus of The Washington Post.)

FETAL CELLS IMPLANTED IN PARKINSON PATIENT'S BRAIN

Doctors have implanted brain cells from an aborted human fetus into the brain of a Parkinson's disease patient in what is believed to be the first surgery of its kind in the United States, University of Colorado officials said.

Surgeons at the University's Health Sciences Center performed the controversial procedure on a 52-year-old Denver man who has suffered from the progressive brain disorder for 20 years.

The patient is in good condition, but it will be three to six months before doctors expect to see any signs of improvement, said Dr. Curt Freed, who headed research on the project.

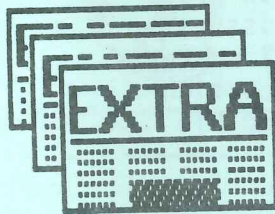
If the operation is successful, the transplanted brain tissue will provide a fresh supply of chemical dopamine, which brain cells use to communicate.

During the eight-hour operation, doctors drilled a hole about the size of a quarter in the top of the patient's skull. Fetal cells removed from a first-trimester fetus that had been clinically aborted, were implanted deep in the mid-brain.

Similar surgeries have been reported in Mexico, Sweden and China. Dr. Freed said results from other countries have been "disappointing," but if the right number of cells are used in the right spots the procedure will work.

KNAPP'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM CONTINUES

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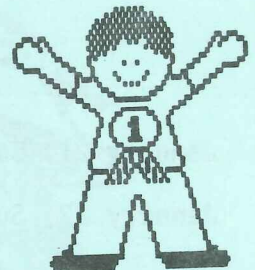
We did it! We even went over the top! Since the November Newsletter report, we have received 13,670 Community Support Coupon points, giving us a total of 77,895! Our goal was 72,000 by March 31, 1989 - so we even beat the deadline. Thanks to all of you great supporters! The 72,000 points, valued at \$1,440, were bundled off to Bill Knapp's in December, and, as this is written, we await their check for that amount toward our new 3M copier!

In the meantime, we will continue our participation in Knapp's program, so please keep those wonderful coupons coming our way! Our next project will be a computer for Lifespan, and we already have the 5,895 points that were over and above our copier goal. More details will appear in the next Newsletter as to the new goal and deadline.

Contributors of coupons since our Nov. report are: Kubik, Ward, Mason, Komar, Schwalm, Gavliniski, LaJoie, Mosquera, Kleinbrook, Astalos, O'Connell, Kacher, Lee, Condron, Kastre, Another Way Pregnancy Center, Bryson, Tippmann, Ervin, Gauci, Martin, Wilhelm, Rytel, Gibbons, Sulak, Doyle, Staeger, Guardian Angels Church, Sharer, Beyer, Woolley, Dompierre, Libengood, DeSousa, Lindeman, Maher, Bommarito, Masterson, Radzialowski, Behaeghe, Michell, Spencer, Poeppe, Germaine, Bowker, Jones, Higgins, Jakubowicz, Krump, DeLucia, Ouellette, Durkee, Braunscheidel, Klotz, Mehall, Morris, Dionne, Martinuzzi, St. Maurice Parish, Schmidt, Yatcko, and Our Lady of Sorrows Church which sent us over 3,500 points.

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's, 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 pt. equals \$1.00 computed on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

Send the Community Support Coupons to us at Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc., 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Thank you so very much -- you are all Number One with us!



U.S. WOMEN LEAD IN ABORTIONS

American women have more unplanned pregnancies and more abortions than do women in many other industrialized countries, according to a study of 20 developed nations by the Alan Guttmacher Institute in New York. The findings apply not just to teenagers but also to older women.

In 1983, half of all U.S. pregnancies were unplanned, compared with 32 percent in Britain and 17 percent in the Netherlands. Fertility rates for most of the countries were similar, but women studied outside the United States relied less on abortion and more on contraceptives. For example, if you were to follow 100 women through their reproductive lifetimes, you could expect to see 76 abortions among U.S. women versus 36 among Canadians. (As reported in The Reader's Digest, November, 1988. From Gina Kolata in The New York Times.)

USED BOOK SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED

A number of months ago, we asked for a volunteer to coordinate a used-book sale for Lifespan. Someone did volunteer but was unable to fulfill the commitment since he was accepted at an out-of-state college. After that, the referendum vote on Medicaid abortion heated up, so we decided not to pursue the matter until 1989.

Many of our members have reported having substantial supplies of used books for us to sell. We are sure this could be a successful fundraiser if a coordinator is found. If you are interested, please call Marge Bradley or Alice Radwick at the Main Office (261-2757). We already have gathered some good tips on how to hold a book sale which will be a great help to the person who decides to take the job.

ABORTION WAS THE REASON FOR 31% OF BUSH VOTES IN MICHIGAN

A Detroit News/WDIV-TV 4 poll of Michigan voters after the election shows that abortion ranked 2nd, only behind the economy as a major campaign issue; 27% of voters listed the economy and 26% listed abortion. Of the total number of voters who voted for Bush, 31% said that it was because of Bush's abortion beliefs. This compares to 10% of Michigan Dukakis supporters who listed his abortion beliefs as their reason to vote for Dukakis.

Throughout the nation, 33% of voters said that abortion was a major issue, and of the 33%, 54% of them voted for Bush.

The intensive campaign to end Medicaid abortions must have brought the issue to mind in more people who are prolife in Michigan than other states - 75% of those concerned about abortion voted for Bush in Michigan, whereas, only 54% of those concerned about abortion voted for Bush throughout the country. The fact that our activities against Medicaid abortion funding spilled over into influencing an unusual number of voters to vote for Bush in Michigan is a dream come true for the prolife movement. It's possible that some of the educational efforts for the referendum such as increased church activities, billboards, bumper stickers, and door-to-door visiting in neighborhoods can continue this coming year and that we can continue to bring our issues to the voting public's attention.

--Submitted by Michael Wolfrom

CALENDAR UPDATE

- January 21, Sat. ----- Light candles in remembrance of 23 million aborted babies
Call Chapter offices for information
- January 22, Sun. ----- Lifespan Rally, sponsored by Detroit Chapter
Kennedy Square - 2:00 pm
Downriver Lifespan Chapter Rally - 1:00 pm
Mt. Carmel Church to Bishop Park
Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn
- Jan. 22-23, Sun. ----- Bells for Babies -- Church bells to ring for 23 million
and Monday aborted babies since 1973. See article on page 3.
- Jan. 23, Monday ----- March for Life - Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 26-28, Thurs. ----- Molly Kelly in Metro Detroit area, speaking on chastity
through Sat. Call Educational Center for Life for info 338-1910.

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