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Mobile Billboard

The LI Coalition for Life has a mobile billboard campaign in progress. During the months of April and May, the billboard will be out on the roads one day per week, alternating between Nassau and Suffolk counties.



Educational Trust

The LICL Educational Trust is looking for anyone who would like to help with educational projects. Also, anyone who has any ideas for new projects, especially to engage the youth, please contact Dan at 631-575-1482.

Project Rachel Hope After Abortion Saturday, June 9

DRVC Day of Prayer & Healing for Women There is hope and healing after abortion. For more information and registration, call confidential phoneline 888-456-HOPE or email projectrachel@drvc.org. Spanish speaking available.

Lobby for Life Day

Wednesday, May 9 Albany, NY
Gather in the Well of the NYS Legislative Office Building.
9:00 AM - Refreshments & Fellowship
10:00 AM - listen to pro-life speakers, greet pro-life legislators, receive legislative and political updates and more.
No fee but register to get your packet.
admin@nysrighttolife.org; 518-434-1293

Good Friday Face the Truth Vigil

Nearly 100 pro-lifers lined Hempstead Tpk. at the Nassau University Medical Center on Good Friday morning. Their presence and signs sent a message to the



hospital, to pedestrians and to the hundreds of people driving by that the unborn need to be protected from abortion.

We can't know how many people are touched in some way by these vigils. During the Good Friday vigil a pedestrian and a truck driver both asked if abortions are done at the hospital - like they were surprised at that. Knowledge that pro-lifers may take for granted - e.g. that hospitals do abortions - is not necessarily something the general public is aware of. We need to realize that the general public is underinformed (and sometimes deliberately misinformed) on the abortion issue. So even small educational episodes such as with these passersby help us edge the needle forward in the Culture of Life. The LICL is grateful to all those who participated;

Annual Prayer Service for the Unborn May 19 at 10 AM Led by Msgr. Curley



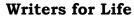
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rte.112 at intersection of Granny Rd. and Rte.112 in Coram. Use Rte. 112 entrance Memorial immediately on right. Several organizations will participate. For more info call Pete at 631-289-2095.

School Board Elections: Ask candidates their views on the life issues and on inviting Planned Parenthood organizations to your school.



You're Invited! The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM May 21 at St. Regis Council K of C, Pond Rd. & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma.

All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.



We're happy to congratulate and thank the following Pro-life letter writers. This month our gratitude goes to Catherine Finelli, Paul Giordano, and Patrick Grant for their letters, which all appeared in *Newsday* and to Ann Cook whose letter appeared in *The Smithtown News*. Please keep writing those letters, and send us the clippings with the name of the publication of any pro-life letters you see in print.

"Not Born With It"

Theresa Deisher, Ph.D., of Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute (SCPI), reported in October 2017 that a clinical trial at Duke University demonstrated that the majority of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are not born with it. The team treated 25 children with ASD with their own banked umbilical cord blood. "Two thirds of the children treated with their own umbilical cord blood improved in social communication, use of expressive vocabulary, and eye-tracking measures. Some of the children had dramatic improvements so that autism no longer consumes 75% of their family's daily routine, but now only 10%." Studies over the past decade have shown that 60-70% of "children diagnosed with simplex ASD have de novo gene mutations that damage critical genes needed for metabolism, cell-cell signaling, and other important cell functions. The mutations that have been found in children with ASD were found by sequencing the DNA in the child's whole blood. De novo gene mutations are mutations that are not present in either parent's whole blood. The scientific community has assumed, without doing any studies, that the de novo gene mutations must have occurred in the egg, sperm, or during early in-utero development. Dawson and team's recent clinical trial treating children with ASD with their own umbilical cord blood reveals the danger of erroneous conclusions and misguided research focus when scientists make assumptions without doing the research to prove their assumptions.

"This clinical trial clearly shows us that the mutations found in the whole blood of children with ASD must have occurred after birth. What this means is that research should be focused on identifying environmental damage that happens after birth that leads to the mutations most scientists accept as the cause of the symptoms of autism.

"Autism is now a worldwide epidemic. Recently reported rates for India are that autism affects 1 in 68 children. Rates of autism in Africa, Asia, and Southeast Asia are almost as high as in the US and EU. Autism struck third world countries right after humanitarian vaccination campaigns in those countries took place. The Duke University study should be a wake-up call to all of us. The primary trigger for the worldwide autism epidemic must be an environmental exposure that occurs after birth. The commonality among children around the world is that they are now almost universally vaccinated with measles vaccines that are manufactured using human fetal cells and contaminated with human fetal DNA fragments that are well established as inducers of de novo gene mutations." (SCPI is the only organization doing the hard research to determine the environmental trigger for autism to protect our children and prevent future incidence of vaccine-induced brain injury. SCPI, along with AVM Biotechnology are working to provide parents with promising affordable treatments, and hopefully, cures for these children. See Soundchoice.org for more information.)

Post Abortion Study

A study led by Priscilla K. Coleman, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, was recently published in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons. The study found that "73.8% of women with a history of abortion surveyed admitted that they experienced at least subtle forms of pressure to terminate their pregnancies. More than half of the women reported that the perceived pressure was great enough to significantly influence their decision to abort. Of the 987 women surveyed, more than half (58.3%) indicated that they decided to abort to make others happy. Nearly 30% of survey respondents admitted that they were afraid that they would lose their partner if they failed to terminate their pregnancy... the study also found that 2/3 of the women knew in their hearts that abortion was wrong. Two-thirds also said that the decision to terminate their pregnancies was one of the hardest decisions of their lives." These anonymous surveys came from women seeking postabortion counseling services at crisis pregnancy centers across the US. "While the findings are not representative of all women in the US who have had an abortion, they nevertheless reveal a significant real and widespread problem among many post-abortive women in America...Survey respondents were asked open-ended questions about what they perceived to be the biggest positives and negatives of their abortion decision. Most women could not note anything positive about their past abortions...53.6% indicated no positive response or simply left the question blank. Most of the remaining women in the survey noted that their abortion experience eventually helped them to grow stronger spiritually...Others noted that it had motivated them to engage in pro-life or crisis pregnancy work." Negative consequences reported included depression, guilt, shame, selfhatred, feelings of being unworthy of love, drug or alcohol addiction, low self-esteem, anxiety, and thoughts or attempts of suicide. "These findings are even more striking given that the vast majority of women included in the study were believed to have been psychologically healthy prior to their first abortion. Only 6.6% of women surveyed selfreported having used prescription medication for mental health reasons prior to their first abortion. Following their first abortion, however, 51% reported using such medication.

"Pro-abortion activists have long claimed that abortion empowers women to make decisions about their fertility. But the findings of Professor Coleman's study indicate that rather than feeling 'empowered' by their decision to have an abortion, they were in fact pressured into a decision that was not in line with their values and wants. Worse still, the consequences of their abortions have been detrimental to their psychological and emotional health and wellbeing." (Jonathan Abbamonte, Population Research Review, March/April 2018)



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On March 23, the \$1.3T Consolidated Appropriations Act, **HR.1625** (aka Omnibus Bill) was signed by the President. It was introduced in Congress on March 20, and used parts of other pending Budget bills. No

Amendments were allowed. {House: King, Meeks, Rice -Yea ||| Suozzi, Zeldin - Nay Senate: Schumer -Yea ||| Gillibrand – Nay} Some pro-life items, pending in real appropriation bills (ex. HR.3354), were negotiated away 'in the back room', such as: The Conscience Protection Act, the repeal of D.C.'s Assisted Suicide law, and repeal of the Johnson Amendment (limiting tax-exempt's political action). The funding for abstinence education went up ~33%, but Planned Parenthood continued to get funding.

<u>PP may see a cut</u> in their *Title X* 'family planning' funds due to a recent HHS rule change. Pro-life Trump appointee Valerie Huber has final say over Title X funds.

<u>Former Rep. Mike Pompeo</u>, nominee for Sec. of State, had a pro-life voting record in Congress. Departing Sec. Tillerson was thanked by 197 groups "...for supporting a proper understanding of international human rights in the forthcoming State Department's annual Human Rights Report..." (By not including abortion as a Human Right.)

Last October, the President broadened exemptions to the ObamaCare abortifacient/sterilization/contraceptive Mandate, for employers with religious / moral objections. Several States sued the Fed. Government. In mid-March, a U.S. Dist. Court judge ruled against Massachusetts' suit, saying the Commonwealth hadn't proven the rule causes 'injury'.

SCOTUS heard oral arguments March 20 on NIFLA v. Becerra. California's 'FACT Act' forces Pregnancy Help Centers (like NIFLA) to post signs telling women where they can get State funded abortions, claiming the Centers "manipulate and deceive" women. The Centers say the sign rules violate 1st Amendment protected speech rights.

<u>On April 2, SCOTUS decided</u> they will not review the gag order on some of David Daleiden's covert videos.

<u>Update on Jane Doe II</u>, the pregnant, unadmitted minor, age 14, who no longer wants an abortion (See April LN, p3) Jane saw Fed. Dist. Judge Olvera on March 9, saying she doesn't want an abortion. Olvera dismissed Jane's case, chiding the Federal Govt. for delaying the case. (Olvera was the one who sent the case back to State Court, on Feb. 12.)

The Texas AG's Office is reviewing Jane Doe II's legal team, the Garzas. Mr. Garza was her attorney, to seek her *wishes* in Court. Ms. Garza was her guardian, to seek her *'best interest'*. Texas law says one person can't serve in both roles. Are spouses acceptable? The Garzas came from the pro-abortion *Janes Due Process* organization. Ms. Garza was part of the Jane Doe case last Oct., where an unadmitted minor, age17, was taken for her abortion a day earlier than what the Court was told. The Federal Government cried *foul*, and appealed to

Federal Legislation continued in next column...

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SCOTUS. A ruling from the Supreme Court is expected on this. (LN, Dec 2017 p3)

In mid-March, HHS Sec. Azar confirmed the policy of choosing life affirming options for pregnant illegal minors. On April 3 US Dist. Court Judge Chutkan issued a preliminary injunction against HHS's policy of 'blocking abortions'. The Administration can appeal.

<u>On March 14, the five Red Rose Rescuers</u> in Michigan received "unprecedented" sentences. They must stay 500 feet from all abortuaries, can't talk to each other, must pay fines up to \$1700, (including \$ to the "Women's Ctr." they entered), do 8 days of *court chosen* community service, and stay away from anyone involved in law breaking. (Lawyers claim we all break laws daily.) The five say they will not pay the abortionist, and could face up to 120 days in jail.

<u>A Rocklin Calif. HS teacher</u> was put on a brief 'paid leave' after she lead a class discussion asking, "would school officials be OK with a 17-minute student walkout to protest abortion?" Some students at the school are now organizing such a walkout, at 11:00am on April 11.

<u>ACTION ITEM</u>: Contact your representatives and ask them to pass the Conscience Protection Act, HR644, S.301.

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Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 202-224-4451, www.gillibrand.senate.gov

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- 5th CD, Gregory Meeks, 202-225-3461, www.meeks.house.gov



NEW YORK STATE

The efforts of Gov. Cuomo to expand abortion rights via the state budget pro-

cess has failed. We can thank State Senator John Flanagan and those who stood with him for that. The legislature takes a short break, and then returns to finish this session in June. There will be attempts to expand abortion via legislation, so we need to stay vigilant.

AlbanyUpdate.com is a good resource for staying informed.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

HEALTH & SCIENCE Ethical Issues



Neonatal Care: An article in Bioethics (1/25/18) by Manya J. Hendriks and John D. Lantos brings attention to the widely differing policies regarding the treatment of premature babies in neonatal care units worldwide. The authors argued that babies born between 22 and 25 weeks gestation can survive and develop healthily if given adequate treatment. However, treatment is often withheld when the child is born prior to 25 weeks gestation. In France and the Netherlands, units typically don't intervene when the child is born prior to 24 weeks gestation. In North America, treatment policies vary greatly. The authors state that estimated-gestation age-based policies are "contrary to both medical norms and to most theories of justice." They argue for an "individual approach" to treatment: "The criteria for limiting treatment in preemies, as in any patient group, should include a combination of (a) poor prognosis for survival, (b) likelihood of unacceptable disabilities, (c) burdens of treatment, (d) costs and cost-effectiveness, and (e) informed consent and shared decision-making with parents. A just system would apply those criteria to all patient groups. Our current approach of denying treatment to some premature babies when it is provided in situations where it is less cost-effective to patients with a worse prognosis is unjust...We assert that newborns, even those born prematurely, are full-fledged members of the human community and have the same right to treatment as other humans. This entails giving extreme preterm babies the best possible chance to life. Policies and practices that limit treatment based on gestational age alone violate this basic principle of justice." (Xavier Symons, Bioedge.org, 4/7/18)

Down Syndrome Abortions: Ruth Marcus recently wrote in an op-ed piece in the Washington Post that laws banning the abortion of children diagnosed with Down Syndrome were "unenforceable, unconstitutional – and wrong," and the decision to terminate should "be left to individual women, not to government officials who believe they know best." George F. Will responded that the real "Down Syndrome problem" is the "ethical complacency" resulting in the abortion of Down children worldwide. Will described Iceland's near 100% abortion rate of children with Downs as a form of "genocide". Journalism lecturer Tim J. McGuire argued, that while abortion decisions should remain an individual choice, the decision to abort a Downs child is "just plain wrong...Everybody is different in some way, and everybody has a special contribution to make to the world. We enter dangerous

ground when we decide some gifts are worth exalting and others are worth destroying." Neil Skjoldal of Trinity International University wrote, "when we decide who to treat as people, we dehumanize all." (Xavier Symons, Bioedge.org, 4/7/18)

Whole Genome Sequencing of Babies: The Nuffield Council on Bioethics published a briefing note on whole genome sequencing of babies. The UK's National Health Service is using whole genome sequencing. It will also become available commercially. Large amounts of genetic information can be revealed. How this information is interpreted, shared with parents, stored, and used by others is of concern. Whole genome sequencing can be used to diagnose a seriously ill baby, or to predict how a baby will respond to medicine. It can also be used to predict the chances of developing a disease later in life, as well as genetic factors that could affect future siblings. The information can also be contributed to genetic disease research databases. The briefing note concluded that whole genome and exome sequencing has the potential to improve the care and treatment of seriously ill babies. However, how the data is stored, accessed and used requires further public consideration. Looking for a broad range of conditions and traits in babies who are not ill is not acceptable. Unfortunately, this information might be accessed commercially in the future. Professor Dave Archard, Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics stated, "We need to think carefully about how we handle the sensitive information that can be revealed. Babies do not get a say in this, making it especially important that they, and others, are not disadvantaged in their future lives by a decision taken at birth. We need to make sure there are opportunities for public consideration of the challenges." (Michael Cook, Bioedge.org, 4/7/18)

Medical Conscience: Wesley J. Smith argues that we all have a stake in medical conscience laws. There would be a talent drain if "we force health-care professionals to violate their moral beliefs. Experienced doctors and nurses might well take [Ezekiel] Emanuel's advice and get out of medicine – while talented young people who could add so much to the field may avoid entering health-care professions altogether...Medical conscience allows...dissenting medical professionals to stay true to their own moral and religious beliefs."

(Wesley J. Smith, NationalReview.com, 4/2/18)

"Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name"

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important.

Note: Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

Nassau County - Location	Day/Time_	Contact Phone (516)	
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405	IMPORTANT:
	(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405	Peaceful assembly on
" "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845	public property near an
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056	abortion site is a lawful
Suffolk County - Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)	First Amendment right.
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-8541	
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) We 10-10:30 AM	667-2532	
" "	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630	
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111	
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894	
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-4314	
595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN	(W) Fr 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	807-6001	

Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 524 E. Main St., Ste. 200, open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4 PM

Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on Altice (formally CableV) Ch 20 (except where noted) through March 31, 2018: Life Issues – hosted by LICL - Tues., 9:30 PM Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics - Wed., 11:30 PM Ch115 EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285: Defending Life hosted by Priests for Life: Sun. 11 PM; Pro-Life Weekly: Thurs. 10 PM Long Island Teen Freedom Sexual Integrity and Risk Avoidance-a product of Life Center of L.I. - Wed., 3:30 PM AFA of NY: Mo 8 PM (LI), Ver. Ch 40, Sa 8 PM (N. Hemp), Ch. 37; Tu 8 PM Altice Ch 20 Contemporary Social Issues: Mo 9 PM Ver. Ch 40

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Gabriel's Courage is a family-centered perinatal program that assists expectant parents who have received a prenatal diagnosis of a life-limiting illness. It offers a multidisciplinary team approach offering compassionate support, education and birth-planning services. Through the development of a birth plan, parents are able to determine the care they want for their baby and make decisions for their newborn prior to birth. An important component of the program is taking memory-building photos, footprints and handprints,

reaffirming the precious life of this special infant. For more than a year after the child's birth, the team will remain in contact with the family to help bridge the feelings of loss, while validating the role of the parents. This program is open to all! For more information: https://www.chsli.org/pregnancy-support-services or call 855-301-4CHS.

All calls are confidential.

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June 28-August 3 A fun, fast-paced & intense 5-week academic course for pro-life college students. For information or to apply: Nrlc.org/academy

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Teen pro-life leadership weekend, taking place at the Good News Center in Utica, NY. Call 518-434-1293 for more details and reservations. Sponsored by New York State Right to Life Committee

In Memoriam

Patricia Short, wife of John (Jack) Short, mother of Regina Carbonaro, passed away March 25th. Pat was the mother of eight, grandmother of nineteen, and great-grandmother of eight. Jack always said that Pat's love and compassion inspired his pro-life perspective. As a young bride stationed with Jack at Langley Air Force Base, she volunteered at a local orphanage. She spent hours caring for David, a young boy with hydrocephalus, providing him with the love he so desperately needed. Pat worked side-by-side with Jack in the pro-life movement, from its beginnings in the 60's. They were part of the original group that formed the Long Island Coalition for Life. In later years she was a true prayer warrior, praying constantly for her family, friends, and the prolife cause. Well done, good and faithful servant. Rest in Peace, Pat.

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Mother's Day Blessings!

Walks 4 Life:

Saturday, May 5 - Life Center of Long Island Wantagh State Park, 1 King Rd., Wantagh Registration 8:30 AM; Walk ¹/₂ mile, 2 or 4 miles; 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. Register at www.lifecenterli.org For more info, call Kathie (516) 994-0999

Saturday, May 19 - Soundview Pregnancy Services at two locations: **Blydenburgh Park, Smithtown** Cedar Creek Park, Seaford

Registration: 9:00 AM; Walk 9:30 - 11 AM Register at www.soundviewpregnancyservices.org; 631-676-7990; email julie@soundviewpregnancy.com



March for Life NY Monday, June 4, 2018 - Albany, NY

10:30 AM at Children's Memorial Empire State Plaza then march to the State Capital steps for a pro-life rally and listen to many national & local pro-life speakers. For more info go to Marchforlifeny.org and listen to:

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Unmasking Planned Parenthood

A pro-life vigil will be held outside of Nassau County Planned Parenthood's Annual Gala - "Pink Out Power Up" - fundraiser being held on Friday, May 4, at the Cottage at Milleridge Inn. With signs showing the truth about the abortion business, pro-lifers will silently greet the donors

coming to celebrate abortion. We will stand on the public sidewalk along Broadway (not on the Milleridge Inn property). Location: 585 N Broadway (Rts. 106/107), Jericho; just north



of Northern St. Pkwy. and the LIE). The pro-life vigil will be 7:00PM-8:15PM. Signs provided. Sponsored by LI Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeli.org

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