

# Life Matters



State Affiliate to the National Right to Life Committee

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## Elections of 2012

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.,  
West Virginians for Life PAC President

The elections are (finally) over. Unfortunately, we had reason to be disappointed because, although West Virginia defeated Barack Obama by 35% to 62%, he carried the national vote and won the election. Fortunately, we also had reason to be very pleased by some of the votes in our own state. West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL PAC) worked very hard to support good pro-life candidates here in West Virginia, and there were a few bright spots.

In the statewide races, WVL PAC had a 71% success rate. We congratulate Patrick Morrissey for his defeat of long-time

For the pro-life movement, every election presents opportunities. This election is no exception. We look forward to the new challenges that are presented to us. Our biggest challenge is the re-election of Barack Obama.

Obama is the most extreme pro-abortion and anti-life president in the history of our country. It is sad that a majority of voters have returned him to office in spite of his anti-life record. Americans are truly at risk. We in the pro-life movement must re-double our efforts to protect the victims of abortion, to stop tax-payer funding of abortion, and to protect our sick and elderly from the dangers of ObamaCare. In West Virginia, we intend to work with our pro-life supporters to limit the damage of ObamaCare, as we work for its repeal.

We thank all our supporters and volunteers for the hard work that helped to make the elections in the state such a success. In the West Virginia Senate, we had a 92% success rate. WVL PAC endorsed in 14 of the 17 Senate Districts with only one loss. In the House of Delegates, WVL PAC had a 74% winning percentage. The PAC endorsed in 63 of the 67 House Districts, and losses occurred in only 11 of those Districts, but three of those winners are pro-life. In both the West Virginia Senate and the House, there was a net gain of three pro-life winners.

WVL PAC endorsed Allen Loughry, who took one of the open seats for WV Supreme Court, beating candidates John Yoder and Tish Chafin.



WVL PAC endorsed the winning candidate, Shelley Moore Capito, representing the 2nd Congressional District.



PAC President Dr. Wanda Franz with 1st District Congressman David McKinley and wife, Mary. Congressman McKinley, who has a 100% pro-life voting record from his first term, has won re-election.



WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. with Patrick Morrissey, who will be West Virginia's new Attorney General

Attorney General, Darrell McGraw, and Allen Loughry, who took one of the open seats on the State Supreme Court. Two endorsed congressional representatives won re-election: David McKinley and Shelley Moore Capito. Capito has since announced that she will be running for the U.S. Senate in 2014.

### West Virginia Pro-Life State Senate Wins:

Jack Yost (S1), Jeff Kessler (S2), Donna Boley (S3), Mitch Carmichael (S4), Robert Plymale (S5), Bill Cole in a head-to-head with pro-abortion incumbent Mark Wills (S6), Chris Walters (S8), Daniel Hall (S9), William Laird (S10), Clark Barnes (S11), Roman Prezioso (S13), Bob Williams (S14) and Craig Blair (S15).

### West Virginia Pro-Life House of Delegates Wins:

Ronnie Jones/Randy Swartzmiller (H1), Erikka Storch/Ryan Ferns (H3), Mike Ferro (H4), Dave Pethel (H5), Roger Romine (H6), Woody Ireland (H7), Bill Anderson (H8), Anna Border (H9), Tom Azinger/John Ellem/Dan Poling (H10), Bob Ashley (H11), Steve Westfall (H12), Brady Paxton (H13), Jim Butler (H14), Troy Andes (H15), Carol Miller/Kevin Craig (H16), Doug Reynolds/Dale Stephens (H17),

Kelli Sobonya (H18), Justin Marcum (H20), Jeff Eldridge/Josh Stowers (H22), Rupert Phillips/Teddy Tomblin (H24), Marty Gearheart/John Shott (H27), John O'Neal/Roy Cooper (H28), Ricky Moye (H29), Linda Sumner (H30), Karen "Lynn" Arvon (H31), Dave Perry/John Pino (H32), David Walker (H33), Brent Boggs (H34), Doug Skaff/Eric Nelson/John McCuskey (H35), Patrick Lane (H38), Ron Walters (H39), Tim Armstead (H40), Adam Young (H41), George "Boogie" Ambler/Ray Canterbury (H42), Denise Campbell (H43), Bill Hamilton (H45), Peggy Donaldson Smith (H46), Danny Hamrick/Sam Cann/Richard Iaquina/Tim Miley (H48), Mike Manypenny (H49), Cindy Frich/Amanda Pasdon/Anthony Barill (H51), Larry Williams (H52), Allen Evans (H54), Gary Howell (H56), Ruth Rowan (H57), Daryl Cowles (H58), Larry Kump (H59), Larry W. Faircloth (H60), John Overington (H62), Michael Folk (H63), Eric Householder (H64) and Paul Espinosa (H66).

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Dear Friend of Life,

On January 22, 2013, we will be commemorating the 40th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. On that date, in a brute act of judicial power, seven unelected men on the U.S. Supreme Court brushed aside the constitutional Separation of Powers and invented a “constitutional” right to abortion. By issuing the *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton* decisions the Court invalidated, the properly passed abortion laws in all 50 states and

made, in all practicality, *abortion on demand* the law of the land. Today, the Supreme Court abortion decisions are still the law of the land. However, we have no reason to despair over this fact. The pro-life movement is strong and effective and we have changed the face of the abortion debate. In 1973, we were a weak minority; today, we are the majority of the population. In 1973, there were no protections for the victims of abortion; today, we have protective laws on the books in most states, including West Virginia. In 1973, abortion was being painted as a positive good; today, it is no better than a necessary evil.

Forty years ago, I was part of the pro-life movement, and I remember the debate very well. In the late 1960’s and early 1970’s, the arguments in favor of legalizing abortion were all about the right of women to control their bodies. Those in favor of legalizing abortion painted bright pictures of the future with fulfilled women and small, in-tact families raising happy “wanted” children who were loved and protected. Abortion was going to eliminate unwanted pregnancy, single parenthood, and child and domestic abuse.

The Supreme Court set up an enormous social experiment. As a professor and researcher, I naturally ask about the results of this experiment. How did it turn out? The nation needs to question the results of this experiment. Has the new right to an abortion resulted in the bright dawn of a new social system, or has it released a destructive force affecting all of our social, economic, moral and personal existence, undermining the best of what it means to be human? Are we better off as a nation? Are we better off as individuals? After forty years, it is time to examine these important questions.

## From the President

I believe that we have enough evidence that abortion has had vastly negative effects on our great country:

- Health risks to future children of women who have had abortions,
- Psychological and physical health risks to the women who have had abortions,
- Damage to family relationships, sexual relationships and parent-child interactions,
- Distortions in the law and failure to protect the innocent,
- Loss of respect for the lives of the elderly and disabled.
- Failure to protect our constitutionally-guaranteed right to life,
- Problems to our social-economic system,
- And most importantly, about 55 million dead unborn children after 40 years of *Roe*.

Beyond the martyrdom of the innocent children and the damage to the women who have had abortions there is this: A nation that aborts its offspring is a nation without a future; it will wither away. When we declare our own flesh and blood as a mere “thing” that can be thrown away, then we have declared ourselves to be no more than things that can be discarded—especially if our existence depends on someone else “wanting” us.

Forty years after *Roe*, the evidence is overwhelming that *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton* must be overturned for the sake of the nation’s existence.

West Virginians for Life will commemorate this important anniversary by having an educational event built around my presentation on **Forty Years of Roe**, which will provide pro-life education about the effects of *Roe* and *Doe*. It will be held at Bridgeport Conference Center on Sunday, January 20 from 2:00 to 5:00. Save the date and plan to attend this informative and important pro-life event.

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President



40th Annual March for Life is 1-25-2013

- Chartered Bus leaves Morgantown Mall (Sears) at **4:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25**, to return approximately 11:00 p.m.
- Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of three or more
- Congressional Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Reservations mandatory, call 304-216-6573
- If other charters are going, please inform the WVFL Office at 304-594-9845.



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# Legislative Session Starts February 13 - Pain-Capable Bill Sought

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

In the West Virginia Legislative session of 2012, West Virginians for Life introduced the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill has already been passed in a number of states, and many more are working on its passage. So far these laws have not been challenged in court. Because these laws are in effect in these states, babies are being protected from the pain of abortion.

When does the unborn baby acquire the ability to feel pain? We know that, by 18 days after fertilization, the brain begins to take shape and the spinal cord starts to grow. At 5 weeks, pain receptors appear around the mouth and, at 6 weeks, the unborn child first jerks away from a touch to the mouth. In weeks 6 to 18, the cerebral cortex develops; and in weeks 8 to 16, the thalamus develops, functioning as the main relay center in the brain for sensory impulses going from the spinal cord to the cortex. By 20 weeks after fertilization, pain receptors, spinal cord, nerve tracts, thalamus, and cortex are in place. All anatomical links needed for feeling pain are present, and medical experts

agree that babies feel pain at this time.

We now have techniques to measure the degree of painful stimulation being felt by a human being. When painful stimuli occur, our body responds by putting out stress hormones. By measuring the level of the stress hormones in the body, we can determine that pain is being experienced. This is the case in everyone who has been born. As early as 18 weeks from fertilization, stress hormones are released by an unborn child being injected by a needle, just as they are when adults feel pain. Furthermore, researchers have demonstrated that hormone levels decrease in babies as pain-relievers are

supplied during fetal surgery.

We believe that the good people of West Virginia would want to protect these innocent babies. It is important for all of us to let our fellow West Virginians know that

babies suffer from the pain of abortion. We can let them know that West Virginians for Life has a remedy in the form of the Pain-Capable bill. We should begin to let our representatives in Charleston know that we hope they will support passage of this important piece of legislation.

Robert J. White, M.D., Ph.D., professor of neurosurgery at Case Western University has said that if an unborn baby at 20 weeks gestation "is fully capable of experiencing pain....Without question, [abortion] is a dreadfully painful experience for any infant subjected to such a surgical procedure." The pro-life movement recognizes the need to act to protect unborn babies from the pain of abortion. West Virginians for Life will be working for passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act during the 2013 legislative session.

**You can obtain brochures that describe the bill and petitions asking our state representatives to support the bill by going to our website at [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org) or by calling our office at 304-594-9845.**



WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan, Legislative Coordinator Camille Armstrong, pro-life Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and President Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

## Abortion Causes Increases in Preterm Birth

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Since *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton* made abortion legal for all nine months of pregnancy, abortion has caused many serious negative effects to our society. One impact of abortion has been on the delivery of babies born to women who have had previous abortions. Research demonstrates that abortion puts these mothers at a higher risk of having a preterm birth in subsequent deliveries.

The reasons for the higher risk of preterm birth following abortion are well-known to the medical community. Abortion causes minor damage to a woman's reproductive organs, which becomes a problem when the woman tries to carry a subsequent pregnancy to term. Her chances of delivering the baby early are higher than for the woman who has never had surgery that compromises her otherwise healthy body.

Preterm delivery is important because it is the most significant factor in causing the death of newborn babies. It is also an

important contributor to the development of disabilities in babies. Clearly no parent would want to put their children at risk for health problems, such as cerebral palsy. Having an abortion puts these babies at risk for requiring extensive hospital care and rehabilitation. However, all babies born prematurely require extra hospitalization and special hospital technologies, which are stressful for the families and costly to our health care system.

Fortunately, our advanced medical system can provide the care necessary to save the lives of many of these babies. Those that survive can go on to have normal, productive lives. However, it is very expensive. Dr. Byron Calhoun, M.D., FACOG, FACS, MBA is Professor and Vice Chair at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, West Virginia University, Charleston, WV. His research on preterm birth has demonstrated that, "The mean hospital cost per survivor ranged from a high of \$145,892 at 24 weeks gestation to \$63,714 at 28 weeks gestation."

He estimates that abortion has caused

an average yearly excess number of deaths to prematurely born babies of approximately 4094 babies and 1096 excess cases of cerebral palsy. The excess dollar cost to hospitals to care for these children is over \$1 billion. These are excess costs to society that would not exist if abortions were not being performed.

To hear more from Dr. Calhoun about his important research on the damage caused



Byron C. Calhoun, MD, FACOG, FACS, MBA

by abortion, come to our "Forty Years of Roe" educational event on Sunday, January 20 from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Bridgeport Conference Center off the I-79 freeway near Bridgeport, WV. (See back cover).

*Dr. Byron C. Calhoun, MD, FACOG, FACS, MBA is a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is board certified in general Obstetrics/Gynecology and the sub-specialty of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.*

*He has authored 60+ peer review articles in the obstetric and gynecologic literature, presented 100+ scientific papers, participated in 40+ research projects, and published several articles on perinatal hospice. He is an original author of the perinatal hospice concept which provides a multidisciplinary care to families with a lethal prenatal diagnosis.*

*Dr. Calhoun serves as Professor and Vice-Chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at West Virginia University-Charleston. He and his wife Kathryn have five children.*

Petitions regarding the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" are available in the WVFL Office and online at [www.wvforlife.org](http://www.wvforlife.org).

# October 13 Annual State Convention Was Highly Rated

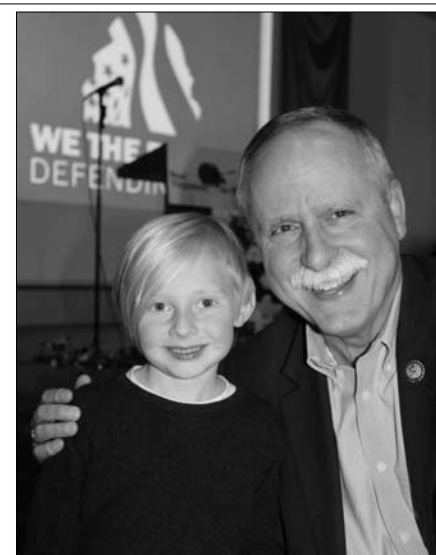


As keynote speaker at the annual October 13 State Convention, Burke Balch, J.D., gave an informative talk on the dangers of ObamaCare.



U.S. Senate Candidate John Raese with WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Right: As the luncheon portion of the Convention came to an end, 1st District Congressman David McKinley took a moment to pose happily with Jameson Loop (age 5).



Four county chapters of WVFL were represented in Connie Gibbs (Mason County), Bonnie Ayers (Summers), Hilda Shorter (Raleigh) and Judy Fuller (Pocahontas).



Dr. James Rossetti, Doctor of Osteopathy, gave an important presentation entitled "Stem Cells: The Hope vs. the Hype."



Charlotte Jackson sang during the luncheon offering and gave everyone goosebumps with her rendition of "Proud to be an American."



Linda Day, who so beautifully decorated the Trinity Assembly of God fellowship hall for us, posed with Karen and Mary Anne.



Pastor Terry Woodside, also a House candidate, said moving words before the benediction.



House Candidates Lynette Kennedy McQuain and Kevin Poe (both seated) with Marion Co. President Andy Sabak

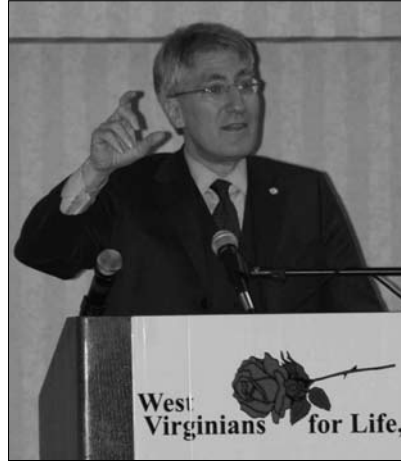


State President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. presented the 2012 Angel of the Year Award to Cabell County's George Wallace.

# Dr. Robert George Provided Enlightening Evening



*Seated:* Araceli Almond, Dr. Greenbrier Almond and WVFL volunteer Bill Heffern  
*Standing:* Terrance and Catherine Hugar, Marlyn and Darrell Milem and Millie Heffern



“Politics, Conscience and Human Life” was the Princeton professor’s topic.



*Seated:* Darlene Jenks, Mary Ellen and Paul Keteles  
*Standing:* John Jenks, Tom Sheahen, Terry and Judy Sloane, Danielle Shepherd holding Therese-Rose King.



Delegate Gary Howell flanked by Karen Cross and Mary Anne Buchanan



Cabell County Chapter Leader/Board Member George Wallace gave an impassioned plea.



Emcee Pastor James Sabin with WVFL's Program Dir. Mary Anne Buchanan, Office Mgr. Kim Drvar & NRL Political Dir. Karen Cross



The WVFL Staff plus our mascot Jameson



Dr. George is a very good guitarist, too. He had fun during the social hour.



*Seated:* Dr. Tom Hogan, Edward and Susan Crowell  
*Standing:* Terry and Kathy Schnell, Barbara and Bill Farmer



# 14th Annual Rose Dinner at a Glance



WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz with keynote Robert George, Ph.D.



Seated L to R: Gunter Franz, Ph.D., Fr. Fred Byrne, Dr. Mike Hogan  
Standing L to R: Wanda Franz, Ph.D., Robert George, Ph.D., Pastor James Sabin and Knights of Columbus officer Shawn O'Connor



Right : Jacob King studies God's handiwork in his newborn daughter Therese-Rose.



Mon County Republican Executive Comm. Chairman Kevin Poe, Mary Anne Buchanan, and WV Senator Dave Sypolt standing behind Delegate Tony Barill



Seated: Heather Bragg, Sheri Peery, Jameson and Brandi Loop  
Standing: WVU Concessions Stand Coordinator Suzi Bragg, WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross and Michael Cross



Randy Meadows, Tammy and Brianna Morabito and Cabell County Chapter Leader George Wallace enjoyed themselves at the dinner.



Seated: Connie and Betty Mantini, Catherine and Joseph George  
Standing: Dr. Miklos Auber and wife Dianne and Delegate Gary Howell



Singer Chelsea Malone so moved us with "Blessings" and "Do It Anyway."



Seated: Kay Gray, Peggy Isaack, Mary and Joe Head  
Standing: Dr. Donald Gray, Lance Lin and Sarah Wang



# November 15, 2012 at Lakeview



The WVU Mountaineers for Life and Newman Club were in attendance.  
*Seated:* Zach Cesa, Danielle Licata and Jason Miles  
*Standing:* Matt Jones, Matthew Brumley, Matt Przybysz and Bill Committee



*Seated:* Wayne Malone and daughter Chelsea  
*Standing:* Marc and Kayla Magro



*Seated:* Morgan County Chapter Pres. Jim Fritz, Pete Deal, Sam & Daniel Deal  
*Standing:* Patricia Johnson, Pauline Lanciotti, Louise Deal, Mary Tillman, Ashley and Jacob King holding baby Therese-Rose King



Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church was well represented by (seated) Tim Fout, Jeremiah and Lynette Cline and (standing) Rhonda Fout, Mary Anne Buchanan, Pastor Sean and Amy Wightman, Patrina Supler and Michael Kovach



Karen Cross with our loyal classical guitarist Dan Cunningham



*Seated:* Delegate Tony Barill, Bill Myers, Frank and Madelyn Romeo  
*Standing:* Dr. David Puderbaugh and wife Margaret, Chris and Donna Kolanko



*Seated:* Michael Kawash, Fr. Carlos Melocoton, John Lojewski  
*Standing:* Toni Southern and Annette Lojewski



Princeton professor and Morgantown native Robert P. George, Ph.D. with his parents Catherine and Joseph



*Seated:* Chrystie Saab, Kevin Scott Poe, Eleni Stagon and baby Seraphim  
*Standing:* Jaycen Saab, Andy Sabak, Thomas George and Pastor Matthew Stagon



## Pro-Life Profile



by Patricia Johnson

Felicia Stevenson earned a Doctorate Degree in Christian Counseling and is presently pursuing a second Bachelor's degree in Business Management at Washington Bible College and Seminary, Lanham, Maryland.

Dr. Stevenson began her work over 13 years ago under the senior pastor of New Covenant Christian Ministries. She served in administrative positions, assisted in structuring the food bank out-reach ministry, served in praise and worship ministry, and helped to establish a Christian school.

In the year 2000, Dr. Felicia was elevated as a member of Cathedral Baptist Church under the leading of the senior pastor of Cathedral Baptist Church International, Pastor Berry. She served in the finance department, taught at various church locations in the ministry, organized outreach services, and offered spiritual counseling.

**Berkeley County Chapter**  
Dr. Felicia Stevenson

In 2003, she was commissioned to begin a church in West Virginia, Tabernacle of Praise. Shortly after, Dr. Felicia was appointed as state overseer of West Virginia, overseeing numerous churches under the Covering of International Gospel Fellowship.

Felicia Stevenson became involved in the pro-life movement when God gave her an understanding that life begins at conception. She became pregnant at the age of 14 and didn't have an understanding of life in the womb. Her mother took her to the doctor for an exam and they discovered that Felicia was five months pregnant. Against her will, Felicia's mother and the doctor agreed to perform an abortion that took three days. Felicia says that she will never forget the agony and anger she felt as the life of her preborn baby was taken from her. Her mother tried to soothe Felicia's wounds by telling her that the child in her womb was not a baby, but a blood clot. Sadly, Felicia shares that this was the first abortion of many as she began to use abortion as a form of birth control.

Felicia has since been blessed with five biological children. After holding her son for the first time, she realized that everything she was told about abortion was a myth. Upon giving her heart to God, He began to heal her wounds and showed her the error of her ways. As with most women, the memory of her abortions haunted Felicia for years. Felicia developed a desire to be a voice for the preborn and to help women in crisis situations who are contemplating abortion to choose life. She has been able to impact the culture of life by opening a maternity home to accommodate young, pregnant women who are in need of sonograms and in crisis situations.

WVFL thanks Felicia Stevenson for the courage to turn her pain into victory in serving the Author of Life as she works to protect the most innocent among us, the child in the womb!

## Lorrie's Story-The Whole Thing

(In the previous edition of *Life Matters*, Lorrie's Pro-Life Profile was so long and so good that it was difficult to abridge. Thus the story herewith in its entirety.)

Born in 1965 in Beckley WV, Lorrie lived there until 1983 when she married U.S. Army man, Wayne Legursky. This afforded her opportunities to live in North Carolina, Georgia and West Germany, finally returning home in 1992 after Desert Storm.

In her own words, Lorrie says, "I was raised knowing that I was adopted! A week after my 5th birthday, my adopted mother died from a fall at the age of 43. My daddy did his best in raising me, which meant many "nannies" and lady friends to help along the way. He was a very loving, positive, jolly daddy! But I was never educated in things such as abstinence, sex education... certain topics were simply not talked about in those days.

I was allowed to walk to a small church down the road from our house, but only whenever I felt like attending. At 15, I learned that I was pregnant. Five months pregnant!

My daddy found a clinic that would provide an abortion in Charlotte, NC. He had two lady friends drive me there...and (with cash only), I was sent in alone to abort my baby. I really didn't realize what was happening, that I could actually have a life in me. I signed the papers they gave

## West Virginia Teens for Life

Dear WV Teens for Life,

Christina Deal has done a wonderful job (as did her older sister Jessica) with this column over the last couple of years. She is now attending college. WVFL wishes her the best!

Additionally, there is excitement since

me, and was told to change into a robe hanging in a closet. When I had done that, the nurse actually told me to "get my 'a\*\*' up on the table" and that the Dr. would be in. She turned on a large, loud machine beside my feet. I lay there in silence. Looking up at a poster on the ceiling meant to distract me I suppose, I cried silently, not making one sound. Just silent tears. This is when, I know, that God knew me, before I ever knew him.

The "Dr." came into the room and asked why I was crying. I said 'because of what's about to happen.' He said, 'It's what you wanted, isn't it?' I replied, 'No, its what my daddy wants.' With that, he simply reached over, turned off the machine that was about to destroy my baby and said, 'Get dressed, and get out. You are being uncooperative.' I was so scared..I asked, 'What about my money?' He said, 'You signed the papers, you are being uncooperative. Get out!'"

No one can tell me God Himself didn't step in that room and save us! I dressed, and nearly ran from the clinic to find daddy's lady friends had been praying in the car the whole time! Once home, I was sent to live in an unwed mothers home in Wheeling, WV. There I finished my school year and lived with other young girls in the same situation. I became great friends with a girl, LaLane, who was due with her baby. Her boyfriend had moved there to be close to her, and to work and start a life with them. It was understood that I would have my baby, and give her up for adoption, then come home and it would never be brought up again. God had different plans.

I gave birth to the most beautiful, healthy 8 lb. 9 oz. baby girl on Jan 19, 1981. I signed temporary adoption papers. On my final day at the hospital, I decided to see my daughter in the nursery. Daddy was on his way to bring me home. Alone. Holding my big, beautiful baby

the prospects of finding a replacement are good.

By the next edition, look for a new face and name taking over WV Teens for Life.

Now that would be a great Christmas present!



girl, with her black hair and grey eyes, was bursting my heart! My God, you saved her!

My friend LaLane then informed me that if I wanted to keep her, I could stay with her in her little one bedroom, one bathroom apartment, until I could get on my feet! Everyone tried to persuade me to complete the adoption. But I felt, in my heart, it was me and my daughter up

against the world. And we were gonna make it. We had come too far together!

Flashing forward: For 3 months I had lived with LaLane and her husband and baby, still attending school, when daddy called on Palm Sunday and said, "Pack your bags, I'm coming to get you and your baby!"

Daddy always loved my sweet Lisa, and not one to show his emotions, he showed his love in other ways.

Lisa with Lorrie's Third granddaughter

He took great care of us until I met my now husband of 30 years. We have our Lisa, who is the most amazing mother of our 3 grandchildren, Alexis, Leah & Luke. Our middle is Jon, who is a Beckley WV K-9 Cop, and our youngest, Doug who is the Center/Guard for the Pittsburgh Steelers and a new father of a son, Trip.

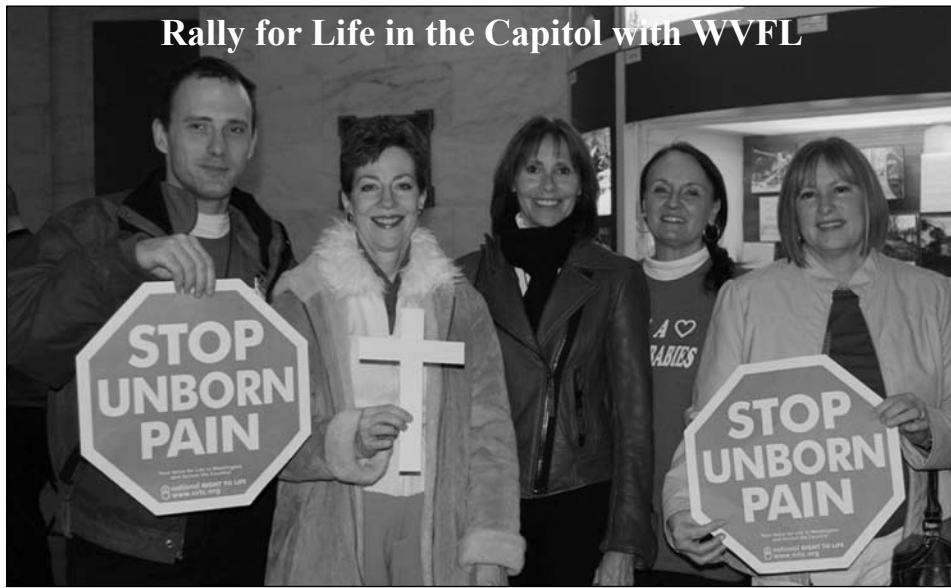
Having been through all that I have, I see these young girls, as myself. I've always said that whatever I do, if I succeed in saving just one baby...it will be worth every bit of what I went through. I believe That God didnt allow certain things to happen for me to just sit back and say, "Wow..that was some ordeal, thanks." No, I believe I'm now (enter whatever word fits) enlightened, equipped, scarred, obligated, driven to educate what abortion really is, and that yes, there is hope and help if you find yourself in that situation. I look at my amazing daughter, Lisa. She is so passionate in life, with all around her, her heart is full of love and compassion. How could I have ever lived with out her? She is my gift from God!



Lisa in center, Lorrie and the first two granddaughters







Rally for Life in the Capitol with WVFL

Please join us on Monday, March 18, 2013 in the lower rotunda of the state capitol in Charleston at Noon.

- Highlights - Meet with your legislators (10 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.)  
 - Rally at Noon  
 - Prayer Processional following rally  
 - New t-shirts to the first 500 to register on site.  
 - Peaceful sidewalk prayer at abortion clinic a short drive away

For additional information:  
 304-594-9845 or wvforlife.org

The day will be filled with fellowship, music, exciting speakers, and a special prayer walk through the Capitol on behalf of the unborn.

## List YOUR Name in the Ad for Life

This year's Ad for Life in the *Charleston Daily Mail* will appear on Sunday, March 17, 2013, the day before the annual "Pro-Life Rally and Day at the Legislature" at the Capitol in Charleston. The ad will deal with the pain of the unborn child since the focus of West Virginians for Life this upcoming session will be on passage of a Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Your contribution will not only help in financing this large expensive ad, but it will also include printing your name so that you can make a public statement. If you would like to donate, but do NOT want your name printed, please indicate that on the coupon below.

Please list my name as a sponsor of the "Ad for Life" in the *Daily Mail*. Enclosed is my donation toward the March 17 advertisement.

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YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35.

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my GOLD membership contribution of \$50 (includes National Right to Life membership - I will receive the *NRL News*.)

I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee\* with a contribution of:  
 \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$500  \$1,000  \$\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to support the educational work of WVFL with an additional tax-deductible contribution of:  
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I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of: (*Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.*)  
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Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. "West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement."

\*A maximum donation of \$1,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the PAC. Please include occupation and employer when donating to the PAC. Corporate and church contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are prohibited by law. Contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are voluntary. Please disregard if you are a public employee or not a WVFL member.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 20, 2013 (Sunday) - "40 Years of Roe" at Bridgeport Conference Center**

**January 20, 2013 (Sunday) - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)**

**January 25, 2013 (Friday) - 40th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.**

**February 13, 2013 (Wednesday) - 1st Day of Legislative Session, Charleston**

**March 16, 2013 (Saturday) - Board Meeting, Clarksburg**

**March 18, 2013 (Monday) - Annual Pro-Life Rally & Day at the Legislature**

**April 13, 2013 (Saturday) - Last Day of Legislative Session, Charleston**



## Across the Mighty State



Berkeley County Chapter Leader Dr. Felicia Stevenson, HD65 Candidate Jill Upson and WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. at the Open House for Dr. Stevenson's maternity home in Martinsburg, My Father's House Cares.

**Cabell County:** Without volunteers, the July 23 -27 Cabell County Fair booth would not have been possible. August 18, 2012 - Cathy Weiss and Chapter Leader George Wallace were at Wal-Mart for a bake sale and were at Galaxy Food Center in Hamlin for another bake sale in September. Bake sales are excellent for getting in the public limelight and meeting people. October 4-7, the Pumpkin Festival in Milton saw the chapter booth attract big crowds all four days. They had 20 volunteers assisting with this major project. On October 13, six people from Cabell County attended the State Convention in Fairmont. They encourage everyone to go. Participation in the October 7 Life Chain was headed up by Cathy Weiss. Thanks to all for being there. September 26 thru November 4, 2012 – the chapter was involved with the 40 Days for Life campaign. Thanks to Dr. Kallee

what a blessing to be there. George Wallace thanks his buddy Randy Meadows for going with him and making that long trip more enjoyable. Definitely worth it. Thanks to the WVFL staff for putting on a great program. It's always enjoyable being around staff from the state office.

**Harrison County:** Harrison County Chapter sponsored a booth at the Lost Creek Festival on Sept. 17. The chapter also participated in a Chick-fil-A fundraiser. Cards were handed out inviting people to purchase food at Chick-fil-A between the hours of 5:00 p.m and 8:00 p.m. on Sept. 19. Fifteen percent of sales was received by the chapter



Harrison County Booth at the Lost Creek Festival

**Jefferson County:** The chapter is restarting with Patricia Rucker at the helm. The initial meeting was held at the Mountain View Diner in Charles Town on November 27. The next meeting will take place in January. Contact Patricia at JCWV4LIFE@yahoo.com to get involved.

**Marion County:** Four of nine of former pro-life Agnes DeRosa's children attended a recent Marion County Chapter meeting and generously gave a donation in her honor.



DeRosa children donated to Marion County Chapter.

**Mason County:** Four members of the Mason County Right to Life peacefully prayed at the Planned Parenthood in Wood County during 40 Days for Life. Wayne Sanders, Fr. Dave Schmitt, Sunny and Connie Gibbs participated as well. The chapter delivered \$500.00 worth of baby items to the Parkersburg crisis pregnancy center. After all their hard work, the chapter was pleased that Mason County chose Romney for President. On the evening before the election, the Mason chapter held a Candlelight Prayer Vigil on the county courthouse steps in Pt. Pleasant. "God Bless America" was sung, then the Preamble to the Constitution and selected portions of the Constitution and Amendments were read. Prayers were made, including prayers for 40 Days for Life. Mason County Right to Life set up a table for the New Haven Christmas Bazaar. Many different baked goods, peanut butter fudge and Chex mix were sold. Pro-life items were also for sale. The chapter recently put up a billboard on Rt. 62 north of Pt. Pleasant on Paul and Dr. Agnes Simon's property.

**Mercer County:** Chairman Zane Lawhorn, Jennifer Howdock and Debra Flores attended the Southern West Virginia Tea Party Rally on October



Above: Jefferson County Start-Up meeting on November 27. WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan traveled in to help Patricia Rucker (2nd from left) learn the "nuts and bolts".



Vicky Nazarewycz and Mason County Chapter Leader Connie Gibbs manned a booth at the Christmas Bazaar in New Haven on November 3.



The Mon County Chapter of WVFL used the "What if I Hadn't Been Born?" theme in the WVU Homecoming Parade. Adults and teens walked alongside and passed out candy and Presidential/Senatorial compaction flyers.

13th, distributed literature and supported the pro-life cause. Chairman Zane Lawhorn gave a presentation on Pro-Life issues at the Prayer Action Committee meeting at the Willowbrook Baptist Church.

**Monongalia County:** The WVU



Rob and Kristi Dunlap and crew - just some of the 20 volunteers who helped out at the Cabell County Fair.

Abner for heading up that project. The last function for the year was the Rose Dinner and



## Across the Mighty State



Monroe County Chapter Leader Martha Hunter enjoyed sharing pro-life information at the annual Harvest Festival.

Homecoming Parade on September 28 proved to be a very positive experience for the 30 or so participants who walked with our unit. "What if I Hadn't Been Born" was received with cheers and applause from the crowd. The chapter looks forward to putting another signature ad in *The Dominion Post* on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and is sponsoring a chartered bus to Washington for the 40th Annual March for Life on January 25. Call Mary Anne at 304-216-6573 to reserve your seat(s).

**Monroe County:** Monroe County Chapter-West Virginians for Life set up a booth at the annual Harvest Festival. They sold baked items and distributed pro-life literature as well as around 1,000 political comparison flyers.



Driver Bob Ezolt and Morgan County Chapter Leader Jim Fritz with their Apple Butter Festival parade entry.

**Morgan County:** The Morgan County Chapter of West Virginians for Life held

their twelfth annual Respect Life Dinner on September 22nd at the Berkeley Baptist Family Life Center. The key speaker was Allen Loughry, a Supreme Court attorney, author and a candidate for State Supreme Court Justice. Loughry went on to win this position on November 6. Loughry's talk was very interactive and he continually emphasized the need to be pro-life in any political position. He feels the judiciary is critically important to

people's lives and should serve a safeguard against of the people's rights and freedoms. Bob Williams and his wife Eun Yea provided the upbeat to soft and worshipful and everything in between music for the event. Bob has several albums to his credit. Carol Ambrose, as the Master of Ceremonies, introduced the speakers for the evening as well as giving recognition to the many workers responsible for pro-life activity in Berkeley Springs. Sharon DePoorter did most of the cooking of side dishes, many of the Berkeley Baptist Church ran the kitchen and kept the tables full, Bette Burke organized people who brought desserts, Joe DePoorter took the pictures and handled all of the odd jobs and Barbara Carr did a great job on the Silent Auction.

On Columbus Day weekend the Morgan County Chapter participated in the Apple Butter Festival by having a Pro-Life Float in the parade on Saturday and manned the annual Pro-Life Booth during the Saturday and Sunday festivities. The booth consisted of free balloons with a pro-life message, fetal models to be picked up and examined, free pro-life and abstinence literature, bumper stickers, pins and buttons. A big hit, as always, were the fetal models. They gave out about 100 twelve week old models with information cards. Another hit were the pro-life tee shirts.

On October 14th many local citizens participated in the National Life Chain by forming a "Life Chain" along Route 522 in downtown Berkeley Springs. There were 20 people from several faiths praying

together for one hour asking God's blessing and holding signs proclaiming the sanctity of human life. An estimated 2,000 drivers, passengers and pedestrians observed the signs during the one hour of demonstration. Reaction to the demonstration was very positive with many thumbs up, honks from the truckers, pictures taken of those holding signs and even a donation from a passenger.

The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, the Emmanuel Baptist Church and the Berkeley Baptist Church ended their Spiritual Adoption Program with a shower for the unborn babies. At St. Vincent de Paul, they had the following number of spiritual adoptions: 106 girls and 94 boys. The girls always out-number the boys. There was a weekly announcement in the church bulletins from the unborn baby announcing its upcoming birth and thanking all for the gifts. The shower, organized by Barbara Carr, and held in the Gathering place after each Mass, resulted in over \$800 in baby gifts, cash and checks for the local Gabriel Project and the Hope Pregnancy Center in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Members of WVFL of Morgan County and others provide sidewalk counseling three days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. Since October 2006, they convinced 312 women not to abort their babies. It is estimated that at least an equal number of women have changed their minds about abortion after viewing their large signs and witnessing the people praying. This is roughly two babies saved per week.

The 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522 continues. Thanks to all who support this, especially the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and some of the local churches. Visit the chapter website at [WWW.WVFL-MCC.COM](http://WWW.WVFL-MCC.COM).

**Raleigh County:** Raleigh County RTL lost two great pro-lifers this year. Delano Dean, 71, left us on November 16 and John Jaap, 79, left us on February 22. These two men were dedicated pro-lifers who worked hard to save our precious unborn. They were always present at our monthly meetings, our Mother's Day Walk for



The Raleigh County Chapter pays tribute to two ardent pro-lifers who went on to Glory this past year. They are Delano Dean and John Jaap pictured above.

Life and they would weather the winter cold to walk in the Christmas Parade. I'm sure as they entered into Heaven, they were greeted by millions of babies thanking them for their undying love for the precious unborn babies. They will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

**Upshur County:** The chapter sponsored the billboard below on I-79 near Lost Creek.



**WVU Mountaineers for Life:** Matthew Brumley is the contact person for the WVU pro-life group.



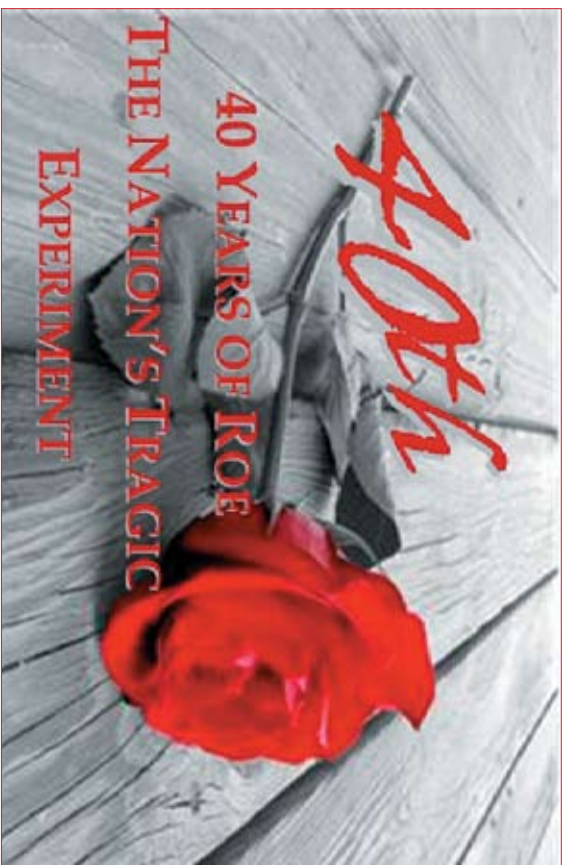
The West 50 concessions stand at all seven WVU home football games was a success raising, at a minimum, \$8,000 for West Virginians for Life. The coordinator, Suzi Bragg, did a terrific job and the many volunteers are to be commended for their dedication.

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**Merry Christmas  
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