

Pro-Life Rally Day:

Pro-Life Action at Both Ends of the Life Span

Alicia Martin, WVFL Program Director

Supporters of West Virginians for Life (WVFL) gathered at the Capitol on Thursday, February 8, for the annual Pro-Life Rally Day. The main event was a rally at noon in the lower rotunda. Rev. Donald Higgs from the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, gave the invocation.

The Rally emphasized the key pieces of pro-life legislation supported by WVFL. A “Woman’s Right to Know” bill (SB 352) would aid the small percentage of women who qualify for abortion exceptions, by requiring that they be informed about the risks of, and alternatives to, abortion. It would also educate patients regarding abortion pill reversal, and provide information about disabilities (including support networks) for parents when they are told that their unborn child has special needs.

The second piece of legislation supported by WVFL is the “Protection from Medically-Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia in West Virginia” Constitutional Amendment (HJR 28). This amendment would add language to the WV State Constitution to protect all West Virginians from assisted suicide and euthanasia. If HJR 28 passes both houses of the legislature by a two-thirds vote, then it will be added to the 2024 general election ballot as Amendment 1, for a vote by the people of the state.

The “Women’s Right to Know” bill was scheduled for discussion in a Senate Health and Human Resources Committee. The support and encouragement of Rally participants contributed to SB 352 quickly passing out of committee. Legislative Director Sadie Keaton said: “I am so proud of the pro-lifers, who came out in support of our legislation. They helped to move our bill out of



Rally Attendees in the Lower Rotunda of the Capitol

Committee and onto the Senate Floor.”

In addition to emphasizing legislation, the Rally also highlighted threats to mothers and babies in West Virginia. Perhaps foremost among these is the new abortion facility just across the border in Cumberland, MD. West Virginia women are being referred there, despite known risks. Not only do Maryland laws fail to provide informed consent, they make it incredibly difficult for injured out-of-state women to obtain legal recourse. Moreover, it is very likely that West Virginia women are being sent home with abortion pills, where they will deliver their dead babies without benefit of medical supervision. “If research from Canada is applicable here, women will experience extreme pain, excessive bleeding, and 10% of them will end up in a WV hospital,” commented Wanda Franz, President of WVFL.

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**From the
President**



**Pro-Abortion
Threats
in West
Virginia**

Dear Friends,

We are so fortunate that the members of the West Virginia legislature have passed legislation that protects almost all of the babies and mothers of WV from abortion. We are truly grateful to them for their love of life.

However, our pro-abortion opponents are doing almost everything they can to subvert this law. It is a fact that the pro-life people of the state have voted their support of these legislative leaders. In spite of this, the pro-abortion forces are working to get around the will of the people.

For example, they have built a second abortion mill just 5 miles from the WV border in Maryland near Cumberland. Maryland has no limits on abortion. When a woman contacts the Charleston business, she is referred to the alternative operation in Maryland. Billboards are up all over the state to inform WV women that they haven't been forgotten by the abortionists. WV women can still obtain abortions... in Maryland.

This is terrible for so many reasons. The Maryland abortion mill will be giving the abortion pill, RU-486, to out-of-state women, who will then come home to West Virginia to deliver their babies in their own homes without medical supervision. Maryland does not have a Women's Right to Know law, so women will not be given adequate information. This includes information on the abortion pill reversal process, if they should change their minds after taking the first pill.

Research tells us that these chemical abortions

cause a great deal of pain and bleeding and 10% of women who have them end up in the hospital days later...in WV hospitals. Maryland's shield laws (that shield the abortionists) make it very difficult legally to sue the abortionist if you are from out of state. The leaders in the state of Maryland are bent on building an abortion business in their state that brings in abortion money from out of state women. For these reasons, it is truly dangerous to go to Maryland for an abortion. WVFL is working to develop educational tools to inform West Virginians about these dangers.

In addition, the pro-abortion members of our own legislature have just introduced a resolution that would add a right to abortion to the WV Constitution, which would reverse the effect of the pro-life Constitutional Amendment that passed with our hard work in 2018. Fortunately, this bill is not a threat in this legislative session, but the pro-abortion advocates will stop at nothing, so we must be there in Charleston to stop them.

West Virginians for Life is more important than ever to prevent our enemies from gaining the upper hand in the legislature. We must continue to work to educate West Virginians about the value of human life. We must continue to encourage the election of pro-life legislators, who truly represent the pro-life beliefs of the people of West Virginia.

For Life,

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Legislative Update

Still, There is Hope for Women's Right to Know

By Sadie Keaton, WVFL Legislative Director and Dr. Wanda Franz, President

Senator Patricia Rucker, a consistent model pro-life legislator, was the lead sponsor of SB 352 - Modifying the Unborn Child Protection Act, AKA Women's Right to Know Act. Two days after the legislative session began on January 10, the bill was introduced on the Senate floor with a single reference to the Senate Health Committee, lead by Chairman Mike Maroney. No action occurred until February 9th, Pro-Life Rally Day. Given the presence of many pro-life supporters, including lobbyists Sadie Keaton and Karen Cross, Senate President Craig Blair invited West Virginians for Life lobbyists to speak with the Senators in a more formal setting about the importance of and need for this legislation. Although, the Senate Health Committee Chairman ran a committee substitute for the Women's Right to Know Act that stripped much of our protective language from the bill, we were able to work closely with Senate members on a substitute bill to amend the Women's Right to Know Act once it arrived in the House Chamber. On February 14th, the legislation passed out of the Senate and Senate President Craig Blair personally saw

that the bill was communicated to the House chamber on the same day.

It wasn't until February 21st, one week after passing out of the Senate that the House accepted the legislation. For context, this process normally takes 1-2 days. The bill was single referenced to the House Health Committee with Chair Delegate Amy Summers and Vice Chair Heather Tully, and the stalling tactics began. For weeks, West Virginians for Life worked in pursuit of the bill being placed on the Health Committee Agenda; however, it wasn't until thirteen days after the informed consent legislation was accepted by the House chamber, that the bill was put on the Health Committee Agenda. In the Committee, Vice Chairwoman Heather Tully offered an amendment to the bill that stripped provisions of mothers being provided information about abortion pill reversal, pregnancy help organizations, adoption agencies, and perinatal hospice. With democratic support, the amendment was passed. The Tully amendment required doctors to describe the "benefits" of abortion to vulnerable mothers. The current form of the bill left any and all informed consent provisions to the discretion of the abortionist - a biased source of

information to be sure.

West Virginians for Life sprung into action to work alongside Delegate Adam Burkhammer to construct an amendment that would be offered on the floor and voted on by the entire house, which would have restored vital informed consent provisions and removed references to the "benefits" of an abortion. The Burkhammer Amendment standardizes the informed consent materials provided to mothers with objective, consistent information from the Department of Health instead of the abortionist. The provisions are modeled on those in the code, that was law in West Virginia for nearly twenty years. The bill died in the Health Committee and failed to pass in the House chamber for a second year in a row.

West Virginians for Life is moving ahead. We are urging the Governor



WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton and daughter, Margaret, with Women's Right to Know lead sponsor Senator Patricia Rucker.

to put the Women's Right to Know bill on the May Interim Calendar. You will be hearing more about this in May. We are determined to pass legislation that protects the women of West Virginia.



WVFL President Wanda Franz presents Women's Right to Know petitions to Senate President Craig Blair. Looking on is WVFL Political Director Sadie Keaton with daughter, Margaret.

Special Online-ONLY Election Edition Forthcoming

The WVL-PAC (West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee) will be publishing a special election online-only edition of Life Matters as the May 14 Primary approaches.

The list of candidates endorsed by the WVL-PAC will be found on the West Virginians for Life website at <https://pac.wvforlife.org/voter/> closer to the election. All you will need to do is plug in your street address and zip code to see who the pro-life candidates are in your house district.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 23 - Voter registration deadline to vote in the May 14 Primary
- May 1-11 - Early Voting
- May 8 - Deadline by mail absentee application
- May 13 - Deadline to Hand-Deliver Absentee Ballot to the Clerk's Office
- May 14 - Primary Election Day

Most Americans know that abortion has gone too far. Yet, some candidates support abortion for any reason.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, May 14, and before you vote, find out where the candidates really stand on abortion and human life. Vote as if life depends on it ... because it does.

Please vote only for pro-life candidates, even if your ballot says you can vote for more. A vote for a pro-abortion candidate is a vote against unborn babies.



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The devastating impact of physician-assisted suicide on the medical profession

By Dave Andrusko, National Right to Life

In his brilliant National Review Online columns, which we repost regularly, Wesley J. Smith helps the reader appreciate that, like a cancer, the growth of support for so-called physician-assisted suicide must be fought 24/7. Led by the likes of Compassion and Choices (the new name for the Hemlock Society), they are relentless. Opponents must be no less so.

One of the subjects Wesley often writes about is how the campaign for physician-assisted suicide undermines the very core of the profession. Another example is Dr. William L. Toffler.

He wrote a powerful op-ed one time for the Wall Street Journal titled "A Doctor-Assisted Disaster for Medicine." While it ran some years back, its warning is even more relevant today.

With the wealth of experience that comes with being a professor of family medicine at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, and a licensed physician for 35 years when Dr. Toffler wrote the piece, he begins by telling us how he has "seen firsthand how the law has changed the relationship between doctors and patients, some of whom now fear that they are being steered toward assisted suicide."

It would be almost impossible to adequately unpack those 26 words, let alone the entire op-ed, in anything short of a book-length post. But think about this.

Patients must worry that physicians are no longer necessarily committed to "first do no harm," but to "first consider assisted suicide."

It's as if the physician's black bag nowadays contains not only a stethoscope and a reflex hammer, but also a needle and a prescription pad on which to write a lethal concoction.

So what? you might ask. I remember reading the following, gosh, maybe forty years ago and it has remained with me ever since. It was written by famed anthropologist Margaret Mead, explaining the almost incomparable significance of the Hippocratic Oath:

"For the first time in our tradition there was a complete separation between killing and curing. Throughout the primitive world, the doctor and the sorcerer tended to be the same person. He with the power to kill had power to cure, including specially the undoing of his own killing activities. He who had the power to cure would necessarily also be able to kill...With the Greeks the distinction was made clear. One profession, the followers of Asclepius,



The WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of West Virginians for Life, deals specifically with issues at the other end of the spectrum of life, i.e. hastened death at the end of life due to a "poor quality of life" perception, discrimination in access to medical care, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

Exciting! YOU will have a Say Regarding Physician-assisted Suicide in the November Election

By Mary H. Tillman, J.D.

Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Healthcare

West Virginians for Life proposed a bill to prohibit participation in physician-assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing in the WV Code. Other legislators chose to pursue a different route by seeking to amend our State Constitution to effect such a prohibition via a resolution.

House Joint Resolution, or HJR 28, passed on Saturday, March 9, the last day of the 2024 Regular Session. In order to present a question to the voters at an election, such resolutions must pass by a 2/3rds majority in both the House (88-9 on February 15) and Senate (28-4 on 3/9/24), which was successful. When the question is brought to the voters this coming November, only a simple majority will be needed to make it part of our State Constitution.

It is exciting for West Virginians to be able to take a strong stand on the kind of community it wants to be – one where every life is valued and protected. It will be of the utmost importance for each and every voter to be educated about the dangers of physician-assisted suicide, so that they know how to vote on the Amendment. "Doctor-Prescribed Suicide" laws have been adopted in ten states and in the District of Columbia, and there are efforts by the death peddlers to bring it to even more states. The lives of elderly and disabled persons, who struggle to obtain *help in living*, should never be at risk of a push to *help them die*.

Let's look for a record turnout this November, where voters can say that West Virginia stands for life from conception to natural death. For more information, contact the State Office at info@wvforlife.org or call 304-594-9845. There are also speakers available upon request to address this issue at your next church or civic meeting.

were to be dedicated completely to life under all circumstances, regardless of rank, age or intellect – the life of a slave, the life of the Emperor, the life of a foreign man, the life of a defective child..."

Mead rightly observed of this "priceless possession" that "[S]ociety always is attempting to make the physician into a killer – to kill the defective child at birth, to leave the sleeping pills beside the bed of the cancer patient...It is the duty of society to protect the physician from such requests."

Dr. Toffler goes through the many holes in the safety net – "safeguards" – that supposedly protect physicians from abusing their new found authority and the patient from themselves, particularly when they are depressed.

Let me mention just one other of the many fine points Dr. Toffler makes. "A shroud of secrecy envelops the practice of assisted suicide," he

writes. Doctors engaging in it do not accurately report the actual manner of death. Instead, they are required by state law to fabricate the death certificate, stating that the cause is "natural" rather than suicide.


In late 1997, right before assisted suicide was about to begin in Oregon, the state legislature implemented a system of two different death certificates – one that is public and includes no medical information, and another that is kept private by the state. As a result, no one outside of the Oregon Health Division knows precisely how many assisted suicides have taken place, because accurately tracking them has been made impossible.

It is a conspiracy not just of secrecy but of a willingness to be a party to something that is transparently dangerous – indeed, infinitely dangerous: let's pretend it's just not happening.


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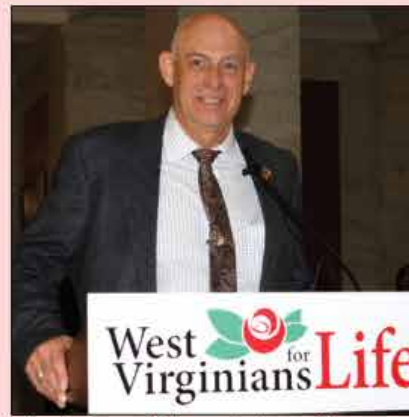
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WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton as Emcee

Senators Taylor, Roberts, Rucker, Stuart, Chapman, and Karnes with Trinity Christian School students James Frazier and Thomas Dinkel



Senate President Craig Blair with Sadie, Riley, and Margaret Rose Keaton



*WVFL Political Liaison
Karen Cross*



*Pastor Tom Price gave the
Benediction.*



*Petition Presentation from WVFL
President Wanda Franz to Senate
President Craig Blair*



*Three sisters graciously volunteered to help with the
offering collection.*



*Prayer Walk Leader Susan
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*Teens for Life President
Thomas Dinkel*



*WVFL President Wanda Franz with
Briane and Ann Turley*



*Margaret Rose Keaton with mother Sadie Keaton and
Wanda Franz*



*WVFL Treasurer and Pastor
Doug Joseph during the offering*



*WVFL staff and volunteers Sherri Stevens, Stacie
Dinkel, Sara McPherson, and Joe Dinkel*



Chapter Leaders Roundtable Group



Monroe County Contingent

Pro-Life Profile: Dr. John Michael “Mike” Rollins

Dr. John Michael “Mike” Rollins, passed away in Lexington, KY, in the loving company of his family, on Nov. 14, 2023, at the age of 71. He was born in Clarksburg, WV, the sixth of twelve siblings, whom he loved dearly and talked about often, right up to the very end. He was never short on stories of his childhood adventures on the horse farm, football field, delivering newspapers, or getting into mischief.

Following a high school career as the star quarterback of Bridgeport High, Mike was selected for and attended the United States Air Force Academy. Upon graduation, he went to medical school at West Virginia University, forever a Mountaineer, where he met and married Rhonda Rodeheaver. He began his military career as an OBGYN in the Air Force. Later, in private practice, he was known for providing excellent and compassionate obstetric and gynecologic pre- and post-natal care to thousands of women and their

babies. It was never without fail that Mike would run into a mother and their children that he had delivered.

Mike loved children and believed that all babies have the right to life. It was this passion and belief that led him to start New Beginnings, a non-profit ministry that provided prenatal care to unborn babies and their at-risk mothers, while also providing housing, case management, financial support, spiritual care, and so much more. Mike, Jim Holehouse, and the Board of New Beginnings were instrumental in helping young, at-risk mothers, deliver safe, healthy babies and facilitate adoptions to loving families when mothers bravely chose this option.

Mike was a much-appreciated supporter of West Virginians for Life, donating both his time and resources. In 2015, his testimony in Charleston helped secure the passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

Mike was also a founding member of Trinity Christian School, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. The school’s mission and success help illustrate the value Mike placed on children and young adults.

Mike’s pride and joy were his three children, Megan, Hannah, and Ty; and his three grandchildren, Naomi, Evie, and River. Mike was a firm but loving father and grandfather who had high expectations for his children and challenged them to be the best they could be. He taught them to work hard, never give up, strive for excellence, always do the right thing, and selflessly care for others. He was always there to answer the phone (even in the operating room), always had the best advice, was calm in times of crisis, and never lacked for a timely (or untimely) dad joke.

Ultimately, Mike’s guiding light, his strength, and his courage came from his love of Jesus. He knew his shortcomings and knew that only by the grace of God was he able to “do all things.” He loved to



Mike volunteering as the Hole-in-One monitor at the WVFL 2016 Golf FORE Life.

read scripture, study the bible, watch sermons, and could often be found quoting scripture for comfort in difficult times. One of his favorite verses was Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” His deep faith and love of Christ carried him through his most difficult years as he so courageously battled Parkinson’s and Lewy Body Dementia.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Mike is survived by eight siblings. His family would like to thank the nurses, doctors, psychologists, pastors, occupational and physical therapists, caregivers, and volunteers who so compassionately cared for Mike in his last years. Their care and concern for his wellbeing exemplified the value of life that Mike staunchly supported.



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Pro-life supporter Dr. Mike Rollins answering questions before a legislative committee regarding the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in 2015. The bill successfully passed.

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Emcee WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton introduced several guests, including State Treasurer Riley Moore, Agricultural Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, and Attorney General Patrick Morrissey. Senate President Craig Blair also spoke, and accepted the petitions that had been gathered in support of the Women's Right to Know bill.

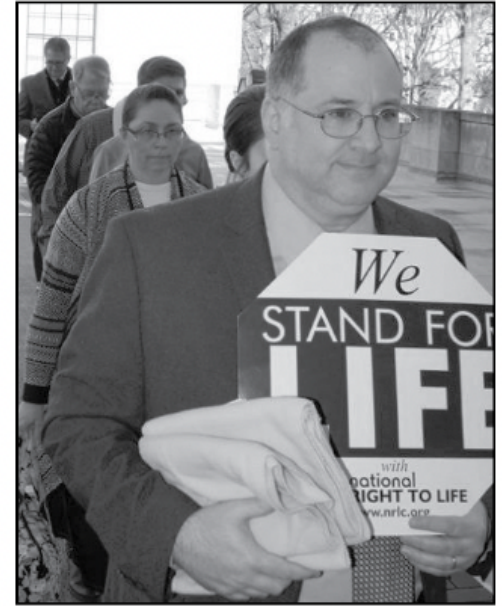
The audience appreciated the encouragement of Karen Cross, who spent decades in the service of WVFL, and currently serves as Political Liaison on the WVFL Board of Directors.

Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel closed the main event in the rotunda with a rousing exhortation to keep legislators accountable. He echoed the overall Rally reminder that continued vigilance is imperative, because pro-abortion forces are seeking to overturn the protections that West Virginia currently provides for mothers and babies.

Pastor Tom Price, of Roxalana Gospel Tabernacle in Dunbar, pronounced a benediction, and the day's events concluded with the annual Prayer Procession. This silent walk through the halls of the Capitol is in remembrance of the millions who have died. But it was also a time of thanksgiving, because West Virginia now has strong protections for mothers and babies.

For Rally pictures, please see pp.6-7

WVFL Treasurer's Article



WVFL Treasurer - Pastor Doug Joseph

15-week abortion ban NOT a good idea

There are alarming reports of the weaponization of government against us, including law enforcement and our judicial system. While truly violent protestors had rioted, burned, vandalized, and stolen with apparently little to no arrests or convictions, it's alarming to consider that the DOJ under the current administration has arrested pro-life people for visiting an abortion facility and praying and singing while there. Worst case scenario: if they were asked to leave and did not, then it is simple trespassing (not a felony), yet these pro-lifers were tried and convicted as being felons, facing years in prison unless a higher court intervenes. In deference to the court of Heaven, what should our response be? Let's not give a carnal response of "do unto others as they have done to me." Certainly we ought to exercise our votes to regain normalcy in government, but we also ought to pray for God's help. In the Book of Acts, chapter 4, the apostles were arrested for simply preaching truth, and they were threatened repeatedly to stop. They declined to stop, and also prayed afterward for boldness. Consider Acts 4:23-32, especially vv. 29-31: "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Your donated time, talent, and treasure has perhaps never been more important!

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2024 Calendar of Events

April 23	Voter Registration Deadline
May 7	50th Anniversary Rose Dinner with Tim Tebow
May 8	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline
May 14	Primary Election
June 22	WVFL Board Meeting
June 28-29	National Right to Life Convention in VA
July 13	Golf FORE Life Tournament

Harrison



Volunteers for the Harrison County Signature Ad, from left to right: Sonya McAtee, Darlene Jenks, John Jenks, Sue McCue and Tina McCue.

Northern Panhandle



Mary Tillman speaking in Weirton



Deborah Sturm speaking in Wheeling



Judi Meyer speaking in Wheeling



Debbie Smith, Judi Meyer, Karen Ali, & Faith Meyer at Charleston Rally

Raleigh County Honors Margie Smith



Monroe

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Teens for Life



Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel ran a successful pregnancy resource drive. He delivered the items and cash to several centers around the Morgantown area.

Summers



President Terri Keatley and Vice President Hazel Toler



Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel had the opportunity to meet Governor Jim Justice at the annual State of the State, and to thank him for his pro-life efforts.



Harrison County:

The Harrison County Chapter collected names and ran a full-page ad in the *Clarksburg Exponent Telegram* and the *Shinnston News*. The ad contained accomplishments of WVFL in the last 50 years, the WVFL legislative agenda for 2024, and ways for readers to become involved in saving lives. Members attended the Charleston Pro-Life Rally.

Monongalia County:

Mon County Right to Life chapter members collected names for their annual signature ad in the *Dominion Post* newspaper on January 21, 2023 to commemorate the legalization of abortion in America by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. This year, the ad described the legislation WVFL is supporting in this year's legislative session.

Chapter members also collected petitions for presentation to Senate President Craig Blair at the Annual Pro-Life Rally Day. The Senators and Delegates, who worked to help pass our laws, are so appreciated. A number of chapter members also attended the noon Pro-Life Rally at the Legislature on February 8.

Monroe County:

The Monroe chapter continues to reach the community with their regular "Heartbeats" ads. The most recent featured two heart-catching children and a mind-catching message (see picture).

Morgan County:

Although the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortion facility in Hagerstown, Maryland, which still continues. For more information, or to offer assistance, please call 304-476-9015.

Northern Panhandle Chapter:

Several people from the Northern Panhandle attended the Pro-life Rally in Charleston. In addition, they have been offering pro-life educational

events in Wheeling, Weirton, and Sistersville on a variety of pro-life issues. Education is necessary to gain victory in the pro-life movement. These events have included speakers, videos, and articles being read. Speakers have included Teresa Devlin, Mary Tillman, Deborah Sturm, and Judi Meyer. A meal is included in the evening. There is no cost to attend. There is time for discussion after the presentation. The chapter looks forward to these events, and the opportunity to gather with others who value life from conception to the grave. Meeting new people throughout the Northern Panhandle Region has been a wonderful blessing. The chapter is excited about the involvement they see from people throughout the Northern Panhandle Region, and encourages everyone in the area to join them at a future event.

The chapter meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm. You can call or text Judi Varner Meyer at 304-639-3041 for more details.

Raleigh County:

The Raleigh chapter had a surprise appreciation dinner for Margie Smith upon her resignation as treasurer – a role in which she had served for more than 30 years. They presented her with a plaque and dinner at Texas Steak House. Lorrie Mullins is the new treasurer.

Summers County:

WVFL Summers County Chapter contributed to the local Baby Pantry located at the Life Line Church in Hinton, WV. President Terri Keatley and Vice President Hazel Toler purchased supplies from chapter funds to show their support for mothers that chose life instead of an abortion. The supplies were greatly appreciated by the church's ministry.

Upshur County:

If you are interested in joining the Upshur County Right to Life group, they meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Wayside Baptist Church on the Brushy Fork Road. Call 304-472--3434 for more information.

Teens for Life

Greetings Teens and Fellow Pro-Lifers, It has been a very busy time lately for the cause and community. During the month of December, I ran a "PRC Drive" in a couple local churches and collected all sorts of baby items and cash. It went exceptionally well, and the centers which received donations were all very thankful. Seeing how much help these centers need caused the realization that "PRC Drives" should be a yearly activity. I encourage whoever can, to do this in their community; support these Pregnancy Centers.

I had the privilege of being a plus-one guest at the annual State of the State address in Charleston. I went with Delegate Geno Chiarelli (R-Mon), and even got the chance to meet Gov. Justice and his beloved dog. I thanked Justice for all his Pro-Life strides during his administration. It was a fantastic experience, and I am glad to say that our state is definitely on the right track in many regards.

I was also invited to be a guest on the *Tom Roten Show*, to talk about my Pro-Life stance and what I am currently doing to further the mission to make abortion unthinkable. The discussion included several personal reasons I am Pro-Life. I strongly encourage readers to listen to the episode titled "Medical Freedom and Pro-Life," from wherever you get your podcasts.

I was very excited to speak at the Capitol for West Virginians for Life's Pro-Life Rally on February 8th. I strongly encourage people to take advantage of this annual opportunity for life, and attend. Please meet with your legislators to urge them to vote for the legislation WVFL is supporting, and to continue to vote to protect all people from conception to natural death.

Sincerely,
Thomas Dinkel
Psalm 82:3



Thomas Dinkel, Teens for Life President



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Acting Secretary of the WV Dept. of Revenue and luncheon host/emcee, Larry Pack, reminded attendees that Amendment 1 in 2018 would not have passed without the work of West Virginians for Life.



West Virginians for Life held a special luncheon in Charleston on February 29th. Hosted by Larry & Lisa Pack, it raised funds to help cover the cost of inviting Tim Tebow as the Rose Dinner keynote speaker.