

“God Loves Every Single One of Us”

Mary Anne Buchanan, WVFL Office Manger

The evening of May 7th saw nearly 650 people attend the 26th Annual Rose Dinner at the Morgantown Marriott Waterfront, hosted by West Virginians for Life (WVFL). The group was also celebrating its 50th anniversary. Keynote speaker Tim Tebow was most compelling.

Among the record crowd were several public officials and candidates for office held spellbound by the energetic Heisman Trophy winner Tebow. He shared that his mother gave him a chance at life despite experiencing a difficult pregnancy and being told to abort him. His main message was to help those who cannot help themselves and that God loves every single person. “We get to go bring the hope to hurting people all over the world.” The hope, Tebow said, is the good news of the Gospel... “that God loves every single one of us – every Mom, every boy, every girl, every unborn, every special needs, every elderly, every single person because when Jesus went to the cross, it counted for them. But the question is, will we love them enough to remember that when Jesus died, it counted for them, too?”

The sit-down dinner was combined with an update on WVFL’s educational efforts, which are threefold. First, the group wants to educate on the dangers of assisted suicide and euthanasia because there will be an amendment to the State Constitution on the West Virginia November ballot in this regard.

Secondly, an anti-abortion pill campaign is in the works called “Don’t Swallow the Lie!” Women and girls will be informed that after taking the first dose of the abortion pill (Mifeprex or RU-486) that they can possibly reverse the effects of that pill if quick action is taken.

And thirdly, across the street from the former abortion clinic in Charleston, a pro-life memorial park is being planned to honor and remember the thousands of little boys and girls that have been killed in that facility. Abortions ceased there once the Unborn Child Protection Act went into effect in 2022 thanks to the West Virginia legislature and Governor Jim Justice.

State President Dr. Wanda Franz gave an overview presentation complete with video on the organization over the years and built a case for the much needed three-pronged educational campaign for which monies were raised. Franz said, “It was a great opportunity to share some of our accomplishments with our guests. These included the 14 pro-life bills we have passed over the years, our social media educational programs, and the memorial for the children aborted at the Women’s Health Center.”

Thanks to Tim Tebow, Host Committee Chairman Larry Pack for his kind remarks, our many Sponsors, and to all the event participants, volunteers, decorators, musicians, and hotel staff who made the 26th Annual Rose Dinner a resounding success!



Several hundred people attended WVFL’s 50th Anniversary Rose Dinner



Tim Tebow’s captivating words kept the audience very engaged.

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From the President



Pro-Abortion Threats in West Virginia

Dear Friends,

West Virginians for Life (WVFL), during the past legislative session, proposed a bill to prohibit medical personnel from participating in physician-assisted suicide. Instead, the legislators pursued a resolution that would amend our State Constitution to add such a prohibition.

In order to amend the State Constitution the resolution for an amendment must pass by a 2/3rd's majority in both the House and Senate. It must then be referred to the voters in a ballot measure where it can pass by a simple majority of those voting in order to become part of our State Constitution.

The resolution for this amendment passed both houses of the WV Legislature with an overwhelming bipartisan majority. Consequently, WV voters will be voting on this Amendment as Amendment 1 on the ballot in the November General Election. Lobbyist, Mary Tillman, was able to work with the legislators to change some of the wording. The most important change was the one that will prevent any citizen from engaging in medically-assisted killing --- not just medical personnel.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to add protections in our State Constitution that will keep West Virginians from being threatened by euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide and mercy killing. As long as those protections are in the Constitution, no laws can be passed to contradict them.

Now the pro-life people of the state must work to educate our fellow West Virginians to vote for Amendment 1. WVFL will be preparing educational materials that we can all use. Mary Tillman is looking

forward to going around the state explaining why we must pass this very important amendment. Contact the office for more information.

In reality, we know a great deal about the effects of these pernicious laws. We have decades of experience with them, as they have been in effect in parts of the United States, Canada, Australia, and some European countries for many years.

In the United States, laws allowing for physician-assisted suicide have been adopted in ten states and the District of Columbia. These laws are very dangerous. Experience with them has demonstrated that these laws are only the first step in the slippery slope headed into easier access of assisted suicide for wider and wider groups of people.

They put the lives of elderly and disabled persons at risk to be killed rather than treated. They undermine our efforts to provide protection for those seeking suicide due to depression. They provide vulnerable disabled veterans with incentives to commit suicide, while caregivers work to develop programs to prevent it. They encourage the elderly, who fear being a burden, to use this excuse to seek out suicide, with elderly women being most vulnerable to this.

Please help us to educate everyone who votes to vote for Amendment 1. See page 3 for an educational flier.

For Life,

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

West Virginians for Life Statement on Pointless Pro-Abortion Petition Effort

By Riley Keaton, WVFL Vice President

West Virginians for Life issued the following statement on efforts by the Democrat nominee for Governor to call a referendum on abortion:

“The Democrat nominee for Governor seems misinformed about West Virginia’s strong pro-life stance,” said Dr. Wanda Franz, president of West Virginians for Life. “West Virginians have been choosing life at the ballot box for years. In 2018, we guaranteed the Legislature’s constitutional

ability to protect life. In 2020, we elected the first pro-life supermajorities in the House of Delegates and State Senate. In 2022, a mere 8 weeks after the passage of the Unborn Child Protection Act, numerous pro-abortion delegates were defeated, and every WV-L-PAC Senate candidate was elected.”

“Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has been a champion for West Virginia moms and babies,” said Sadie Keaton, WVFL Legislative Affairs Director. “As Governor, Patrick Morrisey will work hard to build a

culture of life, invest in supportive services for expecting mothers, and represent the strong pro-life convictions of the people of West Virginia. It’s a shame his opponent has resorted to out-of-touch stunts like this, particularly by issuing demands of pro-life Governor Jim Justice. Governor Justice has done more than any other Governor in state history to protect life, support mothers throughout pregnancy, and build a network of supportive services to help families choose life every day. Governor Morrisey will do the same and more.”

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CARING NOT KILLING

Protection From Medically Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

House Joint Resolution 28 passed on the last day of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. This gives West Virginians the right to vote for or against protection from medically assisted suicide and euthanasia on the November ballot. A simple majority vote FOR Amendment 1 will be needed to make it part of our State Constitution. This will ban euthanasia, mercy killing and medically assisted suicide in West Virginia.

“Medically Prescribed Killing” 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 WV. The voiceless or marginalized in our state -- the poor, the frail elderly, racial minorities, people who lack health insurance -- would be the first to feel pressure to die. The passage of Amendment 1 would prevent these out-of-state groups from attempting to change our laws and endanger our citizens.

The last “Yes on Amendment 1” project in 2018 cost under \$50,000, and we narrowly won 52 to 48. However, we had very little outside money in the fight. This time will be different. The pro-euthanasia people are very well-funded, and are already active in the state with mailings. We will definitely need much more money to win this time. As an affiliate of National Right to Life, we are connecting with other states that have developed strategies and polling data to help us. However we will still need to raise the money here in WV.

WE MUST PASS AMENDMENT 1.

If Amendment 1 fails, the opposition will come the following year and try to legalize MEDICALLY ASSISTED SUICIDE. Our pro-death opponents have a lot of money.

AMENDMENT 1 Protection From Medically Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

FOR

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November Vote

PLEASE HELP US AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!



Reasons Why Assisted Suicide Is Not Real Care

- **Deadly mix:** At \$300, assisted suicide will be the cheapest treatment. Medically Assisted suicide is a deadly mix with our profit-driven healthcare system.
- **Lack of psychological evaluation:** Of those who used assisted suicide in 2013 and 2014, fewer than 3% of people were referred for psychological evaluation, according to a report by the Oregon Public Health Division.
- **Burden:** According to the Washington State Department of Health, 13% who used assisted suicide in 2015 cited the financial implication of treatment and 52% stated they feared they were a burden to their family, friends and other caregivers.
- **No true safeguards:** The safeguards are hollow, with no enforcement or investigation authority.
- **Abuse:** An heir or abusive caregiver may steer someone towards assisted suicide.
- **Mistakes:** Diagnoses of terminal illness are too often wrong, leading people to give up on treatment and lose good years of their lives.
- **Unnecessary:** Everyone already has the right to refuse treatment and get full palliative care, including, if dying in pain, pain-relieving palliative sedation.
- **Lethal drugs unaccounted for:** Of the people who received lethal drugs in Washington State in 2015, 78% ingested the lethal drugs, 11% did not, according to a 2015 Washington State Department of Health Report. It is unknown what the remaining 11% did with the lethal drug or if any of the drugs were transferred to others.
- **Normalizes suicide:** Oregon’s non-assisted suicide rate was 42% higher than the national average in 2012, a decade after assisted suicide was legalized there, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES FARE WELL IN WV PRIMARY

By Mary Anne Buchanan, WVFL Office
Manager

The West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) endorsed in 114 races in the May 14 West Virginia primary. Of the 114 races where the WVL-PAC made endorsements, there were 99 victories (87%). In the 15 cases where the WVL-PAC-endorsed candidates did not prove to be successful, at least seven winners returned pro-life surveys.

To no one's surprise, Donald Trump is the presidential nominee coming in at 88%. Jim Justice won the U.S. Senate race by a 61% to 27% margin, which was true to polling. Incumbent U.S. Representative-1st District Carol Miller won her reelection bid 63% to 37%. Riley Moore is the nominee in the fall for U.S. Representative-2nd District.

Continuing a "changing of the guard" in the Board of Public Works, Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey will go up against pro-abortion Democrat Steve Williams in the November 5 general election. JB McCuskey won the Attorney General nomination race by 20 percentage points. The Secretary of State nominee is Kris Warner, whose nearest challenger was beaten by 50,000 votes. Pro-life Mark Hunt is the Auditor nominee. Uncontested candidate Larry Pack is the State Treasurer-elect and incumbent Kent Leonhardt moves on to defend his role as Agriculture Commissioner in November.

With the election of Supreme Court Division 1 winner Haley Bunn and Division 2 winner Charles Trump, the SCOWV make-up will change from 3-2 to 4-1 in favor of families. WVL-PAC-endorsed Elgine McArdle lost in her bid for Intermediate Court of Appeals to S. Ryan White.

Pro-life Senate President Craig Blair lost the Republican nomination to pro-life challenger Tom Willis in the 11th Senatorial District. "Senate President Craig Blair was instrumental in the passing of numerous pieces of pro-life legislation over his years in office," said WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton. "Many lives have been saved because of his steadfast commitment to the unborn. Well done, good and faithful servant."

Some highlights of the evening included two victories. One was pro-life challenger Chris Rose (61%) defeating incumbent Mike Maroney (39%) in Senate District 2. The other was Stanley Adkins in House District 49 defeating incumbent Heather Tully.

The following quote can be attributed to Wanda Franz, Ph.D., president of West Virginians for Life PAC: "The PAC works to support pro-life candidates from both parties. The overwhelming pro-life successes in this election are, in part, due to voters' desires to elect legislators at both the federal and state levels, who reflect their values regarding the dignity of each human life. West Virginians for Life looks forward to seeing increased support for pro-life candidates in the general election in November."



Senate District 2 winner Chris Rose (center) flanked by campaign volunteers Thomas Dinkel (WV Teens for Life President) and Drew Harbert.



Governor turned U.S. Senate nominee Jim Justice received an award from WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton in March of 2023 for being THE most pro-life governor in the history of WV.

WV Alliance FOR ETHICAL HEALTH CARE

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.

Vote FOR Amendment 1 in November to Protect Vulnerable Lives

By Mary Tillman, Legislative Coordinator for the
West Virginia Alliance for Ethical Healthcare

This amendment, which originated with the Speaker of the House, Mr. Roger Hanshaw, would add language to the WV State Constitution to protect all West Virginians from assisted suicide and euthanasia. This is especially important to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons, who already struggle to get access to health care, and often feel their lives are not respected and valued. Assisted suicide is indirect killing, when medical personnel provide the means of death (usually by a prescription for a lethal dose of drugs) to the patient, and the patient dies by his or her own hand. Euthanasia is direct killing of the patient (usually by a lethal injection) at the hand of medical personnel.

Amendment 1 will be on the 2024 general election ballot for a vote by the people of West Virginia. It need only pass by a simple majority. It will be critical to get out the vote in November so that all West Virginians are protected from this very dangerous national trend of encouraged suicide. For more information, or to invite a speaker to educate your church or civic group, please contact the state office at info@WVforLife.org. You may also call 304-594-9845.

WV Teens for Life



Greetings Teens and Fellow Pro-Lifers,

What an exciting time in our community and our state.

For starters, my first ever Morgantown "Walk For Life" was a smashing success. It is so important to come together as a community and gather to show our solidarity with Mothers and the unborn. I am very excited to be attending in the coming years!

Tuesday, May 14, was Election Day. Pro-life candidates fared very well in both party primaries and we will be seeing some new pro-life faces in Charleston and in D.C.

One candidate, in particular, with whom I worked closely on his campaign is Chris Rose for the state senate. He is 100% pro-life. He unseated incumbent state senator, Mike Maroney. Senator Maroney, who is the chair of the senate health committee, has tried many times to wreck our bills.

That race shows how important hard work in elections is, especially when we learned that Senator Maroney spent roughly 1.2 million dollars compared to our \$54,000 spent. We had close to 2,500 more votes than Senator Maroney and Mr. Rose will be a fine senator.

We had plenty of pro-life victories across our state and I am very excited to see what we will be able to accomplish with some new faces!

God Bless,
Thomas J. Dinkel
Matthew 18:6

12th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 13th

Registration & Box Lunch at Noon
Putting Contest 1:00 pm • Tee Time 1:30 pm
Dinner/Informal Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm
Preston Country Club, Kingwood, WV

Registration
Form

There are several ways to participate in the Golf FORE Life Tournament, including playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole, donating tournament prizes or gifts, or doing all of the above!
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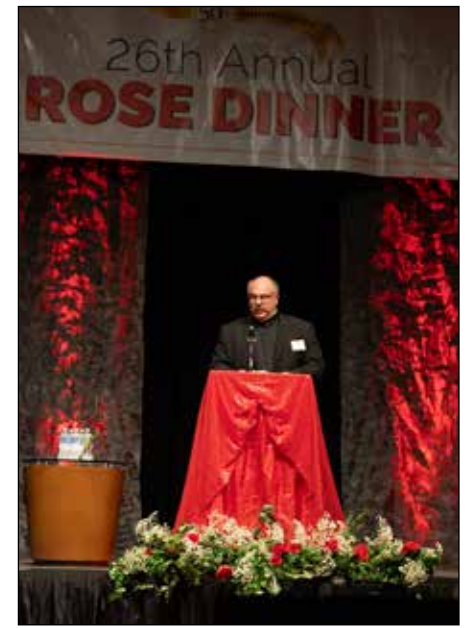
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Mary Anne and Michael Buchanan with Agricultural Commissioner Kent Leonhardt and Mrs. Leonhardt



Kevin Scott Poe and Chris Rose, who would go on to win the nomination for Senate District 2 a week after the dinner.



Ross Semler provided music during the offering.



WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz, Kris Warner, and retired NRL Political Director Karen Cross



Chloe Kondrich, with parents Kurt and Margie, met Tim Tebow.



This smiling baby captured the heart of the evening's purpose.



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State Treasurer Riley Moore with Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel



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WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton with husband, WVFL Board Member Riley Keaton, and their daughter, Margaret Rose



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Volunteer Emily McPherson with Mom, WVFL staff member Sara McPherson

Pro-Life Profile: Linda Day

By Patrica Johnson

Linda Day has been married to Dr. Rick Day for 54 years. They have 3 married children and 7 grandchildren who are the love of her life. Linda's hobbies entail worshipping and reading the word of God, and spending quality time with her husband, children and grandchildren. She enjoys singing, playing the piano, baking and taking memorable trips as a family. Linda also enjoys decorating, and making things beautiful. Linda loves the verse Ecclesiastes 3:11: "He has made everything beautiful in its time." She truly has a heart for ministering, giving and helping others.

Linda is a graduate from Evangel University with a dual degree in elementary and special education. She taught in the public school system for several years while her husband attended West Virginia University School of Dentistry in the 1970's. She was an elementary teacher for many years and upon completion of her husband's Specialty Degree in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Nebraska in 1983, they longed to be back in the mountains of wild and wonderful West Virginia. Upon returning they established Pediatric and Teenage Dentistry of Morgantown where she helped her husband in the practice for 41 years. Their daughter is a doctor on staff at the practice and it's a joy to work together. Linda and her husband are members of Trinity Assembly of God

in Fairmont, WV. She is very thankful for a church who supports WVFL with open arms, along with Compass Women's Center of Morgantown and Marion County PRC.

Linda first became involved in the Pro-Life movement in 1984 as a volunteer in the Morgantown Crisis Pregnancy Center where she met Karen Cross and was touched by her compassion to help women with an unplanned pregnancy. She saw that abortion was traumatizing, but knew with Christ's love, mercy, and forgiveness women were healed. Desiring to be better educated about pro-life issues, she

her teaching are a gift and are the reason we have such an established organization in WV. Meeting candidates for public office through WVFL has been very insightful. Because the information WVFL provides on public official's voting records is so relevant, Linda feels WVFL is uniquely blessed to have such a strong organization in our State. Her hope is that more West Virginians will tap into this valuable resource to educate themselves and also support WVFL as they continue their legislative efforts to save the unborn.



Champion WVFL Supporter Linda Day

is the image that pro-life groups are narrow-minded. She knows that nothing could be further from the truth. WVFL shows love and compassion to women. Linda believes that the future of the pro-life movement is dependent on more people to be lovingly educated about life issues. Being equipped with this knowledge, people will then choose life and elect people who promote life and life's blessings. Linda considers it a privilege to work behind the scenes in support of WVFL; they are her "Angels" of encouragement and education on life issues.

Despite our society being traumatized by abortion, she knows that Christ's love, mercy, and forgiveness always wins. Linda is very grateful to WVFL for keeping life issues at the forefront, especially with our State Legislators getting relevant laws passed. WVFL thanks Linda for giving so generously from her heart to serve mothers and their babies in need!

Linda's greatest desire is to show compassion and speak words of life. Her desire and hope is that WVFL will be a beacon of hope and truth in today's society with more people supporting this worthy cause both financially and with Christ's love.

joined WVFL to learn about protection for all human life. Linda believes it doesn't matter the circumstance of any pregnancy as every life is valued, honored, and loved.

Linda enjoys WVFL as it is a lifeline of medical and political education about life issues. The Rose Dinner and State Convention offer a wealth of information concerning women's health from medical professionals, experts and personal testimonies which Linda has found very helpful. She is amazed at the legacy of WVFL President Dr. Dr. Wanda Franz. Her research fighting for laws to be passed in the legislature and

Linda serves as a volunteer and is always promoting WVFL in getting others involved to support all their worthy causes. She loves to generously give and to decorate at various events. She feels our society has been traumatized by abortion and desires to do what she can to make a difference (Psalm 147:3: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.") She understands that this is what we are called to do as followers of Jesus Christ. Upon retirement, she hopes to get more involved as needs arise.

Linda feels that the biggest challenge the pro-life movement faces today

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June 22	WVFL Board Meeting
June 28-29	National Right to Life Convention in Crystal City, VA
July 13	Golf FORE Life Tournament
Sept 7	WVFL Board Meeting
Oct 5	WVFL State Convention in Fairmont
Oct 6	Respect Life Sunday

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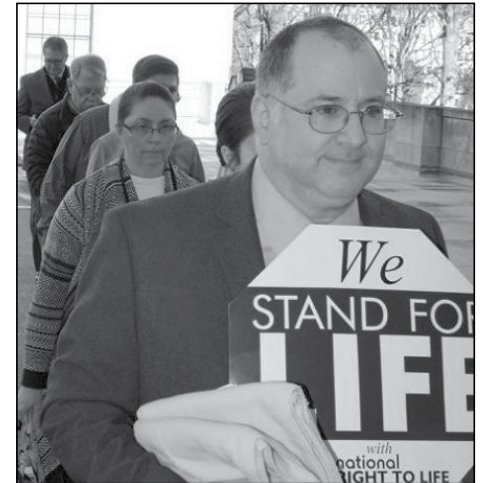
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WVFL Treasurer - Pastor Doug Joseph

F.A.C.E. Act must go! Dobbs not the end.

Proponents of abortion know this well: the 2022 *Dobbs* decision by SCOTUS that finally derailed an almost 50-year bad precedent that baselessly conjured out of whole cloth a notion that abortion was guaranteed "somewhere" in our U.S. Constitution, was an important change in the legal landscape, but was not by any means the "conclusion" some proponents of life mistakenly think it was. Agents of evil are more motivated and activated than ever. For them, all branches of government (executive, legislative, judicial) are mere tools through which to impose their agendas and enforce policies of death. They're working to turn "bureaucracy" into a new fourth branch, a new tool in their arsenal. The judicial branch was their go-to for so long. Thank God, it's changing. But the executive branch, which includes oversight of "law enforcement"—the current administration is doing their bidding in horrific fashion: arresting, trying, and imprisoning pro-life heroes as *felons* whenever the worst-case scenario should mean misdemeanor trespassing if they were asked to leave an abortion facility and refused. *The F.A.C.E. Act has got to go!* Pro-aborts must *never* again hold majorities in legislative chambers. If they do, they will obliterate the filibuster and pass new federal statutes to wipe out all pro-life protections for mothers and babies—across the whole nation. If they have a pro-abortion White House, they won't be vetoed. For them, *Dobbs* was merely a temporary setback, requiring changes of tools and tactics. Your donated time, talent, and treasure has perhaps never been more important!

Join us: wvforlife.org/membership

Better yet, step up to **Rose Society Membership** while you're there!

Already a member? Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

With Determination,
Pastor Doug Joseph
WVFL State Treasurer

Harrison



Mary Tillman presenting at Faith Baptist Church on end of life issues.



Harrison County Chapter Leader Shirley Bowie with husband Bill at the Rose Dinner on May 7



Upper left - Secretary of State nominee Kris Warner addressed the walkers. WV Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel and WVFL's Mary Anne Buchanan and Wanda Franz posed with him before the walk started. It certainly was a sizeable crowd.

Above - the whole group

Lower left - Jacqueline Costello Mercer holding her firstborn boy with a second child on the way.

Lower right - In front is Christina Marie who has since given birth to a girl with Mary Paul behind her.

Kanawha



WVFL Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan and Kanawha County Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello



Nine members of the Monroe County WV for Life recently attended the annual Rose Dinner in Morgantown and enjoyed the speech given by Tim Tebow. The chapter also held their annual Mother's Day Rally at the Union Court House Gazebo. The rally was attended by members of the chapter, as well as community members and Senator Jack David Woodrum. Music was provided by New Horizon, many people spoke to the group and the rally concluded with a walk through the town of Union.

Monroe



Tom and Mariha Hunter, WVFL's Program Director Alicia Martin, and Office Mgr. Mary Anne Buchanan at the Host Committee Luncheon

Nicholas



WVFL Board Member and Nicholas County Chapter Leader Randy Meadows with wife Janice at the Rose Dinner

Northern Panhandle



In the registration area of the Rose Dinner were these wonderful Northern Panhandle Chapter members: Faith Meyer, Debbie Smith, Craig Meyer and wife Judi Meyer, president of the Chapter.



The Northern Panhandle Chapter is actively engaging the community with regular events.

Tucker



WVFL Board Member and Chapter Leader Lacey Evans with husband Josh at the Rose Dinner

Wayne



Josh and Tranae Mathis (Wayne County Chapter Leader) with Nicholas County Chapter Leader Randy Meadows at the February 29 Host Committee Luncheon to raise funds for the Rose Dinner



Doddridge County:

Chapter members passed out over 150 multicolored flowers, a We Choose Life book and a “Happy Mother’s Day” card to mothers in their local churches and at the local restaurants in West Union. All were received with THANK YOUs!!

Greenbrier County:

The Greenbrier Chapter was pleased to announce the opening of a new Pregnancy Resource Center in Lewisburg. Thanks to the prayers, diligence, and hard work of many dedicated individuals, and with support from the Greenbrier and Monroe County Chapters of WVFL, The Greenbrier Pregnancy Center is now a reality.

The mission of Greenbrier Pregnancy Center is to provide a comprehensive, Christ-centered ministry to women and families. It is committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and to sharing the love and hope of Christ.

The Center is a welcoming place where women who are perplexed or frightened and have no other place to turn can enter the doors to a new 1500 square foot facility where they will find caring people eager to help them navigate all the challenges they are facing. The staff is trained to provide counseling as well as life-affirming options when an unplanned pregnancy seemingly overturns the plans they might otherwise have had.

The “Earn while you Learn” program teaches basic life skills that many of us take for granted, to help ensure that both the baby and the mother, parents, or guardian are cared for throughout the pregnancy and beyond. Moreover, they can receive the items needed to care for their babies such as car seats, highchairs, strollers, diapers, and much more.

In addition to the educational programs, the Greenbrier Pregnancy Center will soon provide free pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, adoption options, post abortion counseling, group meetings/ Bible studies, free baby clothes, and an abundance of love for the babies as well as the moms, dads, and families who are seeking help.

The Greenbrier and Monroe Chapters believe the LORD is blessing this new ministry, and they praise Him for all He has done and is doing in Lewisburg. They request that the ministry be kept in your prayers. The ministry’s web page is <https://www.greenbrierpregnancycenter.org/>.

Harrison County:

On Tuesday, April 30, the Harrison County Chapter of WVFL held a pro-life event at Faith Baptist Church of Enterprise. The main topic was end of life issues as presented by keynote speaker, Mary Tillman. As usual, she did a tremendous job sharing important information concerning doctor assisted suicide and euthanasia, and the moral implications along with the negative impact they have on society. Education about these issues is so important, especially with Amendment 1 on the ballot in November. Additional pro-life information

was shared by Judi Varner Meyer of the Northern Panhandle Chapter. Twenty-eight people from at least four counties attended. Faith Baptist Church hosted the evening and provided the food and beverages, plus the labor for set up and clean up for the event. Pastor Kirby and his church were a tremendous blessing!

The chapter also sent invitations to pastors in Harrison County inviting them to the Rose Dinner as guests of the chapter. Those who responded were very appreciative and offered their assistance in future pro-life events.

Kanawha County:

Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello attended the Host Committee luncheon in Charleston on February 29. The purpose of the luncheon was to raise money for the Rose Dinner.

Lewis County:

Chapter Leader Judith Barrett was so happy to attend the Rose Dinner and be reinvigorated in the cause for life.

Marion County:

Chapter Leader Sandra Costello and husband Hugh loved Rose Dinner speaker Tim Tebow.

Monongalia County:

Mon County Chapter had a successful Mother’s Day Walk for Life on Saturday, April 20. Around 50 people of all ages walked. Many West Virginia University students and young families were in attendance. The walk is approximately 3.4 miles along main streets in Morgantown. It was followed by a Rally with lunch and prizes awarded to walkers who raised the most money.

Mon County Chapter will be a hole sponsor at the 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament on Saturday, July 13, at Preston Country Club.

Due to waning interest (not many contestants), there will regrettably be no Precious Baby Photo Contest this year.

Monroe County:

County Chapter ladies made the long trek to Morgantown for the Rose Dinner and had no regrets. Tom and Martha Hunter also attended the Host Committee luncheon to raise money for the Rose Dinner on February 29.

Morgan County:

Although the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland, and that still continues. If you would like to lead the chapter, help is available from the state office. Call WVFL at 304-594-9845.

Nicholas County:

Chapter Leader Randy Meadows and wife Janice

happily attended the Rose Dinner along with chapter members Brenda Gilbert, Carolyn Groves, and Marcia Koch. The chapter is exploring August dates for the 8th Annual Jim Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament which has been held at the Nicholas Memorial Golf Course in Summersville in the past.

Northern Panhandle Chapter:

The Northern Panhandle Chapter of WVFL held the following events in April & May 2024:

Monday, April 8, “Passionately Pro-life Dinner and Live Auction” at Corpus Christi Parish Center. The community was very generous with contributions for the auction. Chris Miller of Dutch Miller Auto Group, who was one of their Platinum Sponsors, matched the auction proceeds, which was a huge blessing! After Former Delegate from Nicholas County, Caleb Hanna, purchased a cake donated by the Fat Apple Bakery, he donated it back to be auctioned again. It was an exciting evening. There were about 115 in attendance. Many have asked the chapter to make sure they include them next year because they would like to come again and bring more friends. Pastor and Delegate Jonathan Pinson was the auctioneer.

On Monday, May 6, A Pro-life Educational Event at Macedonia Baptist Church in Wheeling dealing mainly with end-of life-issues. Other pro-life issues were discussed. About 20 were in attendance, six of which were new to our events. The chapter’s goal is to reach more people with pro-life facts.

Saturday, May 11, a Mother’s Day Walk for Life from Wheeling Park to St. Michael’s Catholic School was held. The St. Michael’s pro-life group provided set up, clean up, plus fruit, desserts, and beverages to go with the pizza. The Walk agenda began with a time of prayer for the unborn, those facing unplanned pregnancy, and victims of the abortion industry in need of healing from the emotional trauma of abortion.

Tucker County:

The May 7 Rose Dinner was attended by Chapter Leader Lacey Evans and husband Josh.

Upshur County:

The three pro-life billboards the chapter now pays for cost them nearly \$10,000 for 12 months in Anmoore, Upshur County, and near Charleston. If you feel moved to donate, please call the Chapter Leader Maureen Hull at 304-472-3434.

Wayne County:

Chapter Leader Tranae Mathis and husband Josh attended the Host Committee luncheon in Charleston on February 29. Josh came so close to winning a senate seat in Senate District 5.

WV Teens for Life:

To get in touch with the Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel, call 304-594-9845.

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