

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Fall 2019



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I hope all of you relished the end of the summer season. KCRL members reconvened at our August meeting with enthusiasm as we shared with one another the wonderful outcomes of our summer pro-life activities and then enthusiastically ushered in our fall planning! The Woman's pregnancy Center had a wonderful turn-out for the annual

Baby Shower and all were able to express gratitude in person to Debbie Goodrich for her 18 years of service as the past director, while providing a warm welcome to Darlene McGarry as the new director. The Joshua Camp was well attended with 15 students which included five from Quincy and one from Moline and one from Geneseo. The speakers were motivating and enlightening. The Students for Life of America coordinator for Illinois and Iowa, Sarah Minnich, was the MC for the event and shared with the students important ways to be actively pro-life in their schools. Our evening planning also included discussing the upcoming annual events: the Essay Contest, Life Chain, the annual Pro-Life Pastor's Dinner, the Festival of Life, Christmas ornament sales and the Stand for Life event in Peoria. Our Prayer Warriors have also been diligently standing outside the abortion facility until it is sold. Additionally we have the movie "Unplanned" by Abby Johnson to share with anyone who is interested in watching it! We are truly blessed as an organization with wonderful contributing members financially and in service. The Lord continues with His guiding presence, tender love and mercy towards all of us. May His love set our hearts aflame with love for Him and may we relish in the beauty of this fall season.

Jennifer Remmes

LIFE CHAIN

Come, Join Us! Come, Join Us!

Life Chain Sunday is October 6th. Come, join us! As you probably know, Illinois has enacted some of the most liberal laws concerning abortion. They are considering doing away with parental notification, as well. My hope and prayer is that you already work for a return to a respect for life in this country. If you don't, then what will it take for you to begin? Babies are being killed! The state wants us to pay for this. How far will this policy of death go before we say "enough"? I am going to do my part.

So, if you are ready, come join us! You will find us at the intersection of Henderson and Fremont Streets. We will be holding signs and **silently, peacefully, prayerfully**, showing our concern for the babies and for our country, (What will happen to our country when God says, "enough"?)

- Life Chain: October 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Pick up signs in the parking lot west of the intersection of Henderson and Fremont.
- Hold your sign in silence and pray for an end to abortion and a return to a respect for life in this country and the world.
- Gather at Colonial Baptist Church, 3:00 pm, for our rally after the Life Chain.

Hope to see you there! If you can't stand for an hour, feel free to bring a chair.

Mary Norton, Sec.

GHS STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Students for Life Club at Galesburg High School is off to a great start this year! Our first event of the fall semester was in the first week of school at our club sign up night. Our table was set up right at the door to greet people and talk about our club. We had a poster depicting the various events that our club has done in past years, as well as baby development models that many people enjoyed looking at and holding. There were many interested students that came to the table. Meetings are held after school twice a month on Wednesdays and our president for this year is Gerard Remmes with the vice president being James Kisler. Our club is teacher-advised by Mr. Mike Miller, a math teacher for GHS. We have held one meeting so far, where we elected new

officers for the club and planned for our events this fall. These events include participating in a presentation at Knox County Right to Life's Festival for Life in October, standing at Life Chain, having a Pro-Life movie night, and having a Pro-Life display during a lunch period in school.

Gerard Remmes

President of GHS Students For Life

24TH EDITION OF CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The time for bright lights, Advent and "Jingle Bells" will be here before we know it. KCRL is holding its 24th fundraiser featuring Christmas Ornaments. This year the ornament is a colorful igloo with penguin heads as name places. Cute!

Orders need to be in by Sept 25th.

To place an order, you may call Helen at 342-4383

We thank each and every one of you for your support and hope that this ornament will be a cherished part of your Christmas décor for years to come. Remember to store these ornaments in a cool dry place after Christmas.

Helen Rupert



OCTOBER 27TH:

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

OF LIFE: The Festival of Life will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 1196 N. Academy Street.

GHS Students' for Life, the first pro-life students' group on a public high school campus in Illinois and Scott Klusendorf, President of Life Training Institute, will present. Scott trains pro-life advocates to make a persuasive case for Life in the public square. He has been featured on nationally syndicated programs like Focus on the Family, Truths that Transform, and Moody Radio to name a few. He has authored a book on equipping Christians to make a persuasive case for life in the public square.

Admission is free and Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be taken.

For more information, call Pat C., 309-343-2852 or Lisa L. 309-342-7214.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

Festival of Life

Welcoming Guest Speaker



Scott Klusendorf

Scott Klusendorf is President of Life Training Institute, where he trains pro-life advocates to make a persuasive case for life in the public square. Scott's talks have been featured on nationally syndicated programs like Focus on the Family, The Albert Mohler Radio Program, Truths that Transform, and Moody Radio - to name a few.

***Also Featuring GHS Students for Life**

The GHS Students for Life was the first Pro-Life Student Group on a public high school campus in the state of Illinois.

Sunday, October 27, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church

1196 N. Academy St., Galesburg, Illinois

Free Admission ~ Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by Knox County Right to Life

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: 40 Days for Life. Knox County Right to Life will be praying outside the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave., in Peoria from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join in praying for 1, or better yet, 2 hours. To schedule a time or to be part of a carpool, please call Dick, 343-2852

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORS FIFTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Knox County Right to Life is sponsoring its Fifth Annual Essay Contest for students, with cash prizes up to \$200.00. The contest is open to junior high and senior high school students in Knox County, who attend public or private schools, are home schooled, or students who attended Joshua Camp. Students must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words on the topic *“What can we do to promote respect for all human life in Illinois after the passage of the extreme abortion law?”* Submissions will be accepted during the month of September, until the ending date of September 30th. The awards will be presented as follows: First Place - \$200.00 and a plaque; Second Place - \$100.00 and a plaque; Third Place - \$50.00 and a plaque. The awards will be presented at the Festival of Life on October 27th, with the first place winning essay read by the student who wrote it. Knox County Right to Life is pleased to partner with youth who will inspire their peers and future generations to stand up and support the sanctity of life at all stages. **Submissions may be mailed to 683 N. Cherry St., #305, Galesburg, IL 61401 or emailed to rflesher007@yahoo.com.**

PRO-LIFE PASTORS’ DINNER....OCTOBER 26, 2019

Saturday evening, October 26, Knox County Right to Life will sponsor its annual Pro-Life Pastors’ Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Center, 273 S. Prairie Street in Galesburg.

Scott Klusendorf, the President of Life Training Institute, will give a short talk in preparation for Sunday night’s Festival of Life. Scott trains pro-life advocates to make a persuasive case for life in the public square. Scott’s talks have been featured on nationally syndicated programs like Focus on the Family, Truths that Transform and Moody Radio, to name a few. He authored the book, “The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture”. For more information about Scott please see the article about the Festival of Life.

This annual Pro-Life Pastors’ Dinner is an opportunity to honor and thank our area pastors who so faithfully promote the pro-life message and who assist us in our many projects throughout the year. We need you there also to show our continued appreciation.

Please check with your pastor to see if he/she will be able to attend. All pastors who were at last year’s dinner will be receiving an invitation to attend and to bring a guest. We do not want to overlook anyone, so if your pastor has not received a written invitation, please let me know by emailing me at conklinr@grics.net or calling me, Pat at 343-2852.

Helen Rupert will be preparing her famous roast beef dinner, along with all of the trimmings. Reservations are required. Pastors and a guest come as our guests, but we ask for a \$10 donation from all others to help cover the expenses of the evening.

Please fill out the form below and mail to Pat Conklin, 445 Bandy Ave., Galesburg, IL 61401 or you can RSVP at conklinr@grics.net . Please make your reservations by October 14th. If you have any questions, please call Pat at 343-2852.

_____ Yes, I/We will be able to attend the dinner, honoring our pastors.

I have enclosed a check made out to KCRL to \$_____.

.Name: _____ Phone: _____

Newletter supplement

Prayer Warriors

9/11/2019

To God Be the Glory Great Things He Has Done! We know this Christian hymn and sing it with much gratitude, not only inside our churches, but proclaim it in our homes and on the sidewalks! Thank you to the many prayer warriors who poured themselves out for the unborn children, mothers, and abortion clinic staff of Whole Women's Health Center (WWHC) of Peoria these past weeks, months, and years waiting in faith expectantly, knowing God would close WWHC's doors and put an end to the spilling of innocent blood. If Abel's faultless blood cried out to God from the ground, how much more did that of the thousands of preborn babies murdered in Peoria since the 1970's.

When my children and I stood waiting and praying and praising God on the sidewalk outside of WWHC, there was a tree on the property line. The side toward the abortion facility was leafless and full of dead branches while the side facing the sidewalk, where many broken hearted prayer warriors stood over the years, was full of leaves and life. What a picture of hope that painted for us.

The time did arrive in God's perfect will. Right after our Illinois government met in secret session over a weekend legalizing the killing of the unborn without restriction up to the moment of birth, making our state more barbaric than even New York, WWHC began closing its doors permanently. Proverbs 16:9 says, "In his heart man plans his course but the Lord determines his steps." Today that building stands empty. So we sing *To God Be the Glory Great Things He Has Done!*

This leaves Peoria with one abortion business, Planned Parenthood of Peoria just down the road from the OSF and Methodist hospitals. On their property also stands a tree but this one is completely bare. As I asked God about the tree He began revealing the spiritual connection between the tree and Planned Parenthood (PP). The goal of PP is to make people barren, that is without fruit, fruitless, just like the tree. Where God says in Genesis, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth," PP fulfills Jesus' prophecy in Luke 23:28-29 that the time would come when women would say blessed are the barren and the womb that does not bear fruit and the breasts that never nursed. PP provides the pill, implants, condoms, chemical abortions from conception, and gender-change hormone therapy, that all result in the celebration of barrenness. Jesus went on to say in Luke 23:31, "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Unlike WWHC where we did not have opportunities to talk with the people entering the building, we do have that blessings at PP. In fact, many people do stop to receive appropriate information and talk about their situations. It is not uncommon for a person to turn their vehicle around and never enter PP's doors.

Now is the time to press into God with fervent, expectant prayer in our homes and a continuous prayerful presence on the sidewalks. If you would like to be a part of what God is doing, uprooting the fruitless tree of PP through broken hearted prayer, please commit to being a prayer warrior if you are not already. A prayer brochure is available. Contact me at 309-388-0145 for further information. And To God Be the Glory!

Barb Brody

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Check out these websites:

Illinois Federation for Right to Life

www.ifrl.org

National Right to Life Committee

www.nrlc.org

Knox County Right to Life

www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org

Women's Pregnancy Center

www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org

Don't Forget...Mark Your Calendar:

Every Friday – Prayer Warriors – spend one hour at the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave., in Peoria (see note at end of newsletter about how to see details)

Sept 25 – Orders are due for Christmas ornaments

Sept 30 - Last day to submit essays for KCRL Essay Contest (*details in this newsletter*)

Oct 4 – 40 Days for Life – praying outside the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave., in Peoria from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oct 6 – Life Chain

Oct 8 – KCRL monthly meeting – location to be determined

Oct 26 – Pastor's Dinner at McAteer Center at Corpus Christi Church

Oct 27 – Festival of Life at Bethel Baptist Church

