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Erie abortion facility reopens with new doctor

ABORTIONIST HAS CRIMINAL RECORD

American Women's Services of Erie began doing abortions once again on Friday, April 7. This was the first time abortions were done in Erie since April 2005, when the license of the previous AWS abortionist, Harvey Brookman, was suspended by the PA Board of Medicine.

The new abortionist is Stephen Paul Regec, MD, PA medical license MD020553E.

Dr. Regec had been practicing medicine as an Ob/Gyn in the DuBois-Clearfield-St. Marys area in affiliation with the DuBois Regional Medical Center and Adagio Health, Inc.

Regec is no longer affiliated with Adagio Health, Inc. or the DuBois Regional Medical Center. Regec's affiliation with DRMC was abruptly severed last year.

A photograph of Regec can still be found on the DRMC website at www.drmc.org/phys/regec.jpg. His name,

however, does not appear in the website's "Physician Directory." (The picture was located using the "images" option of the Google search engine, not by directly browsing the DRMC website.)

In 1991, Regec pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor violations of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act: one violation of Distribution by a Practitioner to a Drug Dependent Person and two violations of Refusal or Failure to Keep or Furnish Records.

On November 19, 1991, Regec was sentenced on his guilty pleas to a total of \$10,000 in fines plus the costs of prosecution and incarceration for 12 to 24 months. Regec's jail sentence was suspended, and he was placed on criminal probation for 24 months under the supervision of the Clearfield County Probation Department.

Regec's criminal conviction led to further disciplinary action by the PA Board

of Medicine. On January 1, 1992, his license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania was suspended for four months and privileges to prescribe DEA Schedule II and IIN drugs (drugs with a high potential for abuse) were suspended for 15 years. After the four-month suspension of his medical license, Regec was placed on probation for an additional 20 months.

Anyone with additional information or questions about Erie's latest abortionist is encouraged to contact People for Life.

Despite his previous legal and professional problems, there are indications that this doctor, who is 58 years old, is new to the abortion industry. One can only wonder, with a certain amount of sadness, what stresses or disillusion with life might drive a medical professional to resort to killing unborn babies on a wholesale, commercial scale so late in his career.

CARNATION PROJECT WORK SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Main Activities
Thursday May 11	1:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Make corsages Fill special orders
Thursday May 11	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Set up small tents
Friday May 12	1:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Sort carnations Prepare carnation buckets for delivery
Saturday May 13	8:30 AM to 9:00 PM	Deliver carnations Prepare buckets Make bouquets Fill special orders Make corsages
Sunday May 14	7:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Make deliveries and pickups
Sunday May 14	8:00 AM to Noon	Fill orders Make bouquets
Sunday May 14	Noon to 9:00 PM	Count returned carnations Clean buckets
Monday May 15	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Make bouquets Clean and store buckets

At the Jean & Ed Hammer Residence
2816 Florida Ave., Erie - (814)456-0376

Mother's Day Carnation Project helpers needed

The Mother's Day Carnation Project is People for Life's most important annual fundraising effort. It is a really big project that requires a lot of volunteers.

If you can help, please call Ed or Jean Hammer, our carnation project coordinators, at 456-0376. Feel free to call *anytime*, including evenings until 11:00 PM and weekends. If no one answers, please leave your name and phone number, and someone will return your call.

Volunteers were in especially short supply last year. We really, really need more help this year - especially with the American Women's Services abortion facility back on-line and requiring more of our day-to-day attention.

Some of the carnation work is already in progress, and it will be getting a lot busier as Mother's Day approaches.

Please look over the Carnation Project

Work Schedule and set aside some time to do some pro-life volunteering.

There are plenty of opportunities for students to earn service hours while contributing to an extremely important cause.

If your church is not yet a Carnation Project sponsor, talk with your pastor about getting the church involved and offer to be in charge. People for Life will be happy to work with you to make sure everything runs smoothly. This is an enjoyable and satisfying project. The carnations practically sell themselves!

Churches typically make the carnations available for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each, \$5.00 a half-dozen, and \$10.00 a dozen. Additional donations towards the educational work of People for Life are gratefully accepted.

Other churches prefer different approaches. Some, for instance, take orders from members of their congregations ahead of time. Others buy an exact number of

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carnations and give one to each mother. Churches are welcome to tailor the project to best suit their particular needs.

Carnations will be available to purchase throughout the Mother's Day weekend at 2816 Florida Ave., Erie. Remember, all proceeds benefit the lifesaving work of People for Life.

Local residents respond to abortion facility reopening

Public demonstrations accompanied American Women's Services' first abortion sessions on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8. The demonstrations were fairly well-attended on both days. Approximately 200 phone calls were made and 800 e-mails were sent on April 6 to encourage concerned citizens to come out to the demonstrations.

The number of demonstrators present when the abortionist arrived on Saturday morning was quite impressive, thanks in large part to a big group of young men from St. Mark Seminary, the minor seminary of the Erie Catholic Diocese.

People for Life's Alternative Choices for Women office, just across the hall from the abortion facility, was open late Friday evening and early Saturday morning to provide information about local pregnancy support services and alternatives to abortion.

Several of our most experienced office staffers enthusiastically made themselves available on short notice and graciously devoted portions of the weekend to the pro-life cause, keeping our ACW office open and ready to provide assistance.

ACW will continue to "work overtime" whenever abortions are taking place.

Demonstrations: Help Needed

American Women's Services of Erie is currently doing abortions each Friday (late afternoon and evening) and Saturday (morning and early afternoon). This pattern is expected to continue.

Abortion is the murder of an innocent human being and the victimization of pregnant woman. It is only natural, then, that peaceful and orderly demonstrations are being held on the public sidewalks outside the abortion facility every Friday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and every Saturday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. This schedule will remain in effect as long as AWS continues to do abortions during these times.

It takes at least five or six people to maintain a noticeable pro-life presence and to provide pro-life literature near the two main entrances to the Professional Building parking lot. Unfortunately, even this modest number has proven difficult to maintain during scheduled demonstration times.

Please consider dedicating one morning or afternoon per month or just one hour per

month to the demonstrations.

AWS is located in the 1611 Peach Street Professional Building. Participants should meet on the State Street side of the building.

Please do not park or walk in the Professional Building parking lot. We stay *entirely* off the Professional Building property before, during, and after every demonstration.

Sharing the pro-life message

A new educational presentation about abortion was unveiled last fall by People for Life. Since then, we have been privileged to share the presentation with a number of audiences: St. James School (grades 7 & 8), St. John the Baptist-Holy Rosary School (grade 8), St. Lawrence Church (Albion) religious education program (grades 9-12), Crawford County Citizens for Life, St. Andrew School (grades 7 & 8), Meadville Area Catholic religious education program (grades 11, 10, and 9 on three successive Sundays), Mercyhurst High School (grade 11), St. Joseph / Bread of Life religious education program (grades 9 & 10), St. Andrew confirmation class (grade 11), and First Christian Church (Meadville).

The presentation is divided into five segments: (1) Fetal Development, how we all began; (2) Abortion; (3) Laws and Pending Legislation; (4) Abortions in Erie; and (5) Activism.

To schedule a free presentation tailored for your school (public or private), church, or other organization, call (814)882-1333 and ask for Tim or Marielle.

Lending Library Additions

Take advantage of People for Life's free lending library and take home any of these recently acquired educational materials:

A Life That Matters: The Legacy of Terri Schiavo - A Lesson for Us All (Book) By Terri's Family; Mary and Robert Schindler, Bobby Schindler, Suzanne Schindler Vitadamo.

Harder Truth (VHS, 8 minutes)

"Warning: Abortion is an act of violence which kills a baby, and this video graphically depicts that reality. *Harder Truth* is intended for audiences 7th grade and up. Audiences should be given prior warning as to its graphic content. This video contains no spoken narration. It is scored exclusively with instrumental music to ensure that people who choose to look away will not even hear anything they do not want to hear."

Hard Truth (DVD, 9 minutes) Earlier version of *Harder Truth* (above).

Victims and Victors (Book) By David C. Reardon, Julie Makimaa, and Amy Sobie "192 women reveal the seldom heard truth: most pregnant sexual assault victims don't want abortions. Among those who do abort,

abortion has only aggravated their suffering.

This is the largest, most comprehensive study ever published on this issue."

In the Womb (DVD, 100 minutes) As seen on the National Geographic Channel "From the moment of conception, every human embryo embarks on an incredible nine-month journey of development. Now, cutting-edge technology makes it possible for us to open a window into the hidden world of the fetus and explore each trimester in amazing new detail. Revolutionary 3-D and 4-D ultrasound imagery sheds light on the delicate, dark world of a fetus as never before and follows a rare fetoscope operation, performed in utero with the hope of correcting life threatening complications before birth."

Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast

Many thanks to the approximately 650 people who attended the 28th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast this past January! Thanks as well to the many churches that promoted it, the clergy and government officials who attended, the many businesses and organizational sponsors who supported the breakfast financially, and the dozens of volunteers who worked so hard to get everything ready!

We were honored to have Erie's new mayor, Joe Sinnott, and Erie County's new Executive, Mark DeVecchio at the head table, as well as three state representatives, Teresa Forcier, Matthew Good, and Curt Sonney, and a representative of Allegheny County State Rep. Mike Turzai. We were also honored to read a letter from U.S. Congressman Phil English and to present a videotaped greeting from U.S. Senator Rick Santorum.

State Rep. John Evans, unable to attend due to another commitment, sent a member of his staff as his official representative.

Keynote speaker Bobby Schindler delivered a speech that was both inspirational and motivational. Bobby proved once again to be the gracious gentleman and moving pro-life spokesman that we have known him to be for the past several years.

An excellent DVD of the entire breakfast program is available. It is truly a work of art, professionally produced by Greg Schlueter's ID Video Productions. Borrow a copy from People for Life's free audio-visual library, or get one to keep or pass along to someone for a suggested donation of \$10.00.

New Phone Line & Number

Alternative Choices for Women, our office in the 1611 Peach Street Professional Building (Suite 321) finally has its very own phone number: (814)464-0266. Call between the hours of 9 and 5, Monday through Friday to speak to a member of our

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office staff.

One of our very dedicated ACW staff members has generously pledged \$30 a month to cover the cost of the new phone.

The office had been depending on personal cell phones and the occasional use of the landlord's phone lines and fax machine. When our neighbors in the abortion facility across the hall returned a few weeks ago, we decided it was finally time for a communications upgrade. Now, with a larger staff and expanded hours in response to the abortion facility, the new telephone line is a tremendous blessing.

The office staff will now be able to handle a much larger share of the hundreds of phone calls that precede such events as the Mother's Day Carnation Project, the

Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast, and major public demonstrations.

New Computer for ACW

A very generous person—who wishes to remain anonymous—recently donated a brand new Acer computer and an Epson color printer to People for Life for use in our Alternative Choices for Women office. The new equipment is already enhancing the productivity of our very talented staff, and enhancing our fax, e-mail, and print communications abilities. Thank you, Donor!

CareNet Billboards

People for Life, as a long-term customer of Lamar Advertising, has made arrangements to supply Lamar with 24 very attractive CareNet crisis pregnancy billboards for use in the Erie area.

CareNet is providing these billboards at

no cost to either People for Life or Lamar. They will be displayed over the coming months in locations that are temporarily vacant (i.e., not currently filled with paid commercial advertising).

The billboards will present the same message as People for Life's more permanent billboard on Peach Street just outside the American Women's Services abortion facility. The new billboards, however, will feature redesigned graphic artwork that is even more attractive.

The heart and soul of People for Life's advertising program remains the very strategically-placed Peach Street billboard. This 48-foot lighted billboard is located on the north side of the 1611 Peach Street Professional Building, which houses the abortion facility. The billboard can be clearly seen by prospective customers of the abortion facility as they enter the

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Memorials

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People for Life is an all-volunteer, non-profit, citizen's organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through education and by fostering

political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent "solutions" of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Together, we can create a society in which all human lives are held sacred.

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ViewPoints

Waiting vs. Acting "It is impious to wait upon God to do that which simple justice could bring about." — Vladimir Sergeevich Soloviev, noted Russian theologian

Activism "Anyone who misses [the] purpose of activism is a poor student of history." — Joseph M. Scheidler, *Closed - 99 Ways to Stop Abortion*

Thanks to abortion... "Although Down Syndrome (Trisomy 21) is the most common chromosomal abnormality seen in live-born babies, numbers have fallen from 1 in every 600 births to 1 in 1000 in recent years, thanks to improved accuracy in prenatal testing." — Lesley Regan, M.D., applauding the abortion of babies with imperfections, *I'm Pregnant: A week-by-week guide from conception to birth*

Thoughts & Actions "A purely mental life may be destructive if it leads us to substitute thought for life and ideas for actions. The activity proper to man is not purely mental, because man is not just a disembodied mind. Our destiny is to live out what we think, because unless we live what we know, we do not even know it. It is only by making our knowledge part of ourselves, through action, that we enter into the reality that is signified by our concepts." — Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*

Billboards

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Professional Building. It also happens to be located along a very heavily-traveled Erie thoroughfare. Donations, large and small, to help with the monthly rental fee (\$1400) are always greatly appreciated!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election meeting of People for Life is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Monday, May 15, 2005. It will

be held at the People for Life Main Office, 1625 West 26th St., Erie, PA. Everyone is welcome. Members whose dues are paid one month in advance of the meeting will be eligible to vote. The nominees are Tim Broderick for president, Jean Hammer for treasurer, David Halligan for secretary, Rose Ann Yadeski for first vice-president, Bob Theiss for second vice-president, and Dale Klobusnik for third vice-president. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominee, who must be a current member of People for Life.

Pro-life candidates endorsed

The PA Pro-Life Federation PAC has endorsed the following Erie area candidates for the PA General Assembly (by House District):

- 1 - Open Seat¹
- 2 - Uncontested Seat
- 3 - State Representative Matthew Good
- 4 - State Representative Curt Sonney
- 5 - State Representative John Evans²
- 6 - State Representative Teresa Forcier

(1) The 1st District has an open seat, and a very interesting race is in progress. Democratic candidates Patrick J. Harkins and Dennis Iaquina responded to the PPLF PAC questionnaire and indicated pro-life positions. No response has been received

from Democrat Michael Skrzypczak. Republican candidate Christine E. Pontoriero articulated a pro-life position during a meeting with People for Life president Tim Broderick. However, no response to the PPLF PAC questionnaire has been received from Pontoriero as of this writing. Republican Randy Brewer, who is in the race as a write-in candidate, did respond to the questionnaire, indicating a pro-life position. Brewer is widely known throughout the Erie area, particularly by talk-radio listeners, for his solid pro-life convictions.

(2) State Rep. John Evans has a solid pro-life voting record. He submitted pro-life responses to the PPLF PAC questionnaire. No response has been received from any of the other three candidates in this race. However, in a conversation with a People for Life member during a candidate forum in Meadville, one of the other Republican candidates, Carol Loll, reportedly declined to describe herself as "pro-life" and said that the permissibility of abortion should be decided on a case by case basis.

2006 PRO-LIFE DATEBOOK 2006

May 9	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
May 11-15	Mother's Day Carnation Project: volunteers needed!
May 12	Last day for voted absentee ballots to be received
May 14	Happy Mother's Day!
May 15	People for Life Meeting and Election of Officers
May 16	Primary Election
May 31-June 3	Outreach Booth - Erie Wild Rib Cook Off
June 4	Table - St. John Parish Ministries Day, Girard, PA
June 22-24	National Right to Life Convention - Nashville, TN
July 1-2	Outreach Booth - CorryFest, Corry, PA
Oct. 2	PA Pro-Life Federation Banquet - Harrisburg, PA

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