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Congress votes to fund abortion on demand

Actions speak louder than words. On March 21 self-described "pro-life democrat" Kathy Dahlkemper voted to deliver the biggest setback to the pro-life cause since the imposition of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. It was an outrageous betrayal of her pro-life constituents.

While Dahlkemper said 'yes' to President Obama's pro-abortion health care restructuring bill, nineteen other pro-life democrats, including PA Congressmen Jason Altmire and Tim Holden, held their ground and voted 'no.'

Just before the House voted along party lines to approve the abortion-funding health

care bill, Marjorie Dannenfelser, the president of the Susan B. Anthony List, said, "Let me be clear: any representatives who vote for this healthcare bill can no longer call themselves 'pro-life.'" The Susan B. Anthony List is a prominent political action committee that backs pro-life women of both parties. It subsequently denounced Dahlkemper for her vote.

Rep. Dahlkemper went before the cameras to announce her betrayal invoking a different label: "whole life." According to this formulation, it seems that abortion is still murder – murder that has been legalized throughout the first nine months of life, as

Dahlkemper seems to understand –, but it's okay to pay for it and promote it if this is done for the good of society as Dahlkemper perceives it. And so the end justifies the means.

Even more surprising than her betrayal of the pro-life community was Dahlkemper's fanciful claim that an executive order from Barack Obama or any other president could magically nullify provisions of the bill that was actually passed by Congress.

It is hard to imagine that any member of Congress could honestly believe this or expect the rest of us to be so easily deceived.

The Bill

How does the so-called "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" subsidize abortion-on-demand? By far the biggest problem with the bill is that it requires the federal government to spend billions of dollars to pay health insurance premiums for the millions of people, many of them newly-insured, who will be using the insurance plans that are made available through the mandated "insurance exchanges." These insurance plans are *not* prevented from paying for elective abortions.

To distract Americans from what they were up to, Obama and the pro-abortion leaders in Congress relied on an accounting gimmick. The millions of people who will be issued taxpayer-subsidized insurance policies that pay for abortion will be forced to chip-in \$12 per year to help pay for all of the abortions (with an extra swipe of a credit card or an automated electronic deduction from a checking account).

This arrangement, we are supposed to believe, is the practical equivalent of people buying their own, separate, private insurance policies that cover only abortion.

According to Kathy Dahlkemper, spending billions of dollars per year to buy insurance policies that cover abortion no more amounts to government involvement in

abortion than maintaining the street where an abortion facility is located. Dahlkemper specifically made this comparison, and People for Life witnesses can attest to this.

The \$12-per-year accounting gimmick, by the way, is a temporary proviso that self-destructs unless Congress attaches a special rider to the Health and Human Services appropriations bill every 12 months.

The bill also sets up an \$11 billion dollar fund, with no abortion restrictions, to pay for medical services provided by Community Health Centers. These centers are authorized by law to provide all routine health care services. The federal courts require federal funding for routine health care to include abortion, unless Congress specifically directs otherwise.

There are at least five additional, serious abortion-related problems with the health care bill. Contact People for Life for detailed documentation.

The Executive Order

Kathy Dahlkemper insists that an executive order issued by President Obama prevents the health care bill from paying for abortion. In fact, rather than preventing the government from subsidizing insurance plans that cover abortion, the order actually reaffirms this policy.

The order does direct that the provisional

abortion restrictions applied to Medicare at any given time are to apply to the \$11 billion. These restrictions are subject to expiration at the end of each fiscal year. In any case, this part of the executive order is unenforceable because it contradicts federal statute law. Legal experts say that the courts will inevitably rule that the government must allow the \$11 billion fund to pay for abortions.

Demonstrations

People for Life conducted nine, friendly demonstrations to urge Congresswoman Dahlkemper not to vote for government-subsidized abortion. Fifty-seven people took part in the first demonstration on November 6, holding signs outside Dahlkemper's Erie office for seven hours. Forty people gathered at Perry Square for the final demonstration on March 20, the day before the fateful vote.



High School Oratory Contest Results

The annual Northwest Regional High School Oratory Contest, sponsored by People for Life, was held in Erie on April 17. Seven students participated.

The competition was held this year in a room provided by the First Wesleyan Church of Erie. Because of a record number of contestants, it was necessary to move the competition from People for Life's main office to a larger facility.

Andrew Pregler, a junior at Mercyhurst Preparatory School, took first place in the 11th & 12th grade competition. Catherine Caulfield, a junior and homeschooler, took second place.

In the 9th & 10th grade competition, Stephen Caulfield, a freshman and homeschooler, took the first place award and Kaitlyn Smith, a freshman at Mercyhurst Preparatory School, finished second.

The first-place winners each received \$100 and the second-place winners each received \$50.

Andrew and Catherine were eligible to advance to the statewide oratory contest in Harrisburg. However, both students had to pass on the opportunity because of prior commitments. Instead, our third-place finisher, Katie Ahrens, a junior at Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy, represented our region.

The state contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, was held on April 25, 2010. Katie's speech was recognized with an honorable



Andrew Pregler, Brian O'Malley, Katie Ahrens, and Catherine Caulfield

mention.

Congratulations to all of our winners and all of our contestants!

Community Outreach

People for Life is looking forward to another busy community outreach season. We are planning to have pro-life educational booths at a dozen or more major community events in the Erie area, so keep an eye out for us!

Our season will begin with the Erie Wild Rib Cook Off and Music Festival, June 2-5 in Perry Square. We will most likely finish the season in October with the Conneaut Lake Pumpkin Festival in Conneaut Lake Park.

The Pro-Life Date Book on page six lists more of the places we expect to be this summer and fall. Several more events are currently under consideration.

The real stars of the show at every outreach booth are the fetal models. Ranging in age from seven weeks to seven-and-a-half months, they constantly attract visitors, fascinate young and old alike, and speak volumes about the humanity and intricate complexity of the unborn child.

We look forward to distributing hundreds of "I Love Life" balloons, thousands of "I Love Life" stickers, and, of course, thousands of pieces of pro-life literature.

We also anticipate having many conversations about the recently adopted health care bill. We will be fully prepared to explain how the bill subsidizes abortion-on-demand and reverses over three decades of pro-life victories in the battle to keep

U.S. taxpayers out of the child-killing business.

In addition to the larger warm-weather events, People for Life attends smaller, indoor events throughout the year whenever we have an opportunity. This past March we had tables at two such events: the Erie County Homeschoolers Conference in McKean and the WCTL Women's Conference in Edinboro.

Reaching Colleges

Students at Penn State Erie found an excellent 12-page advertising insert about abortion in the March 19 edition of their student newspaper, *The Behrend Beacon*. This distribution of the colorful insert titled *I care* was made possible by People for Life in cooperation with the Human Life Alliance of Minneapolis, Minnesota. HLA supplied the educational inserts, and People for Life made arrangements with the newspaper staff and paid the advertising costs.

I Care contains a wealth of information covering topics such as fetal development, abortion statistics and methods, long-term effects of abortion, the abortion-breast cancer link, adoption, rebuttals to pro-abortion arguments, and much more. The language and design of the publication is tactfully geared toward teens and young adults, a perfect target-audience for accurate information on the topic of abortion.

People for Life has placed similar inserts in the Edinboro, Mercyhurst, and

Gannon student newspapers over that last 18 months.

For free copies of *I Care* please contact People for Life and tell us how many you can use. Help us put these valuable educational pieces into as many hands as possible!

Community Access Television Programs

People for Life recently aired two excellent programs on Erie Community Access Television (Channel 2). We televised *Thine Eyes: A Witness to the March for Life* during January and *Life: An Inalienable Right* during March.

Thine Eyes is a 45-minute documentary about the 2009 March for Life. It is a great resource for sharing the March experience with others, particularly those who might consider going to the March in the future.

Life: An Inalienable Right discusses abortion and thoroughly examines President Obama's pro-abortion history as an elected official and his pro-abortion agenda for America. Presenting well-documented facts and Obama in his own words, the video paints a disturbing portrait of a pro-abortion extremist.

Both programs are available for anyone to borrow from the People for Life lending library.

Watch People for Life's *E-Mail Updates* for information about future broadcasts.

Primary Election Information

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee has examined the voting records, public statements, and/or questionnaire responses of the candidates running in the May Primary Election, and the following evaluations have been made.

CONGRESS

There are six Republican candidates for Congress in the 3rd District: Steven Fisher, Ed Franz, Clayton Grabb, Paul Huber, Mike Kelly, and Martha Moore. All of them are pro-life. Democratic candidate Mel Marin is also pro-life.

STATEWIDE OFFICES

For Governor, both Republican candidates, Tom Corbett and Sam Rohrer, and one Democratic candidate, Jack Wagner, are pro-life. For Lieutenant Governor, Scott Conklin is the only pro-life Democratic candidate. Republican candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Steve Johnson, Jean Craige Pepper, Chet Beiler, Jim Cawley, John Kennedy, Steve Urban and Daryl Metcalfe are all pro-life.

PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 1 Patrick J. Harkins (D) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 2 Flo Fabrizio (D) Incumbent, Pro-Abortion

District 3 John Hornaman (D) Incumbent, Pro-Life | Regina Smith (R) Pro-Life

District 4 Gerald Price (D) Pro-Life * | Curt Sonney (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 5 John Evans (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 6 Brad Roae (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 7 Mark Longiotti (D) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 8 Dick Stevenson (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 17 Michele Brooks (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 64 Scott E. Hutchinson (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

District 65 Kathy L. Rapp (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life

* Gerald Price received a questionnaire from People for Life when he ran for the Erie County Council 6th District seat in 2009. His responses at that time indicated pro-life positions except for a 'no' response to the question, "Should physician-assisted suicide be prohibited?"

U.S. Senate Race

The two candidates running in Pennsylvania for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator, Joe Sestak and Arlen Specter, are pro-abortion. Both support embryonic stem cell research, as well.

Both Republican candidates for U.S. Senate, Peg Luksik and Pat Toomey, are clearly pro-life. However, an undue criticism being circulated has it that

Toomey is "not as pro-life as we would like him to be."

Matt Blackburn would beg to differ. Matt majored in political science while attending Gannon University as a Catholic seminarian. During his college years he served as the president of Gannon Students for Life and was associated with People for Life as a board member and frequent volunteer. After graduation, Matt landed a job in the Washington, DC office of Congressman Pat Toomey.

Matt has said that he would never have taken the job had he not been completely convinced that Toomey was 100% pro-life. In fact, the National Abortion Rights Action League gives Toomey a 0% pro-abortion rating.

That rating seems well-deserved. As a congressman Toomey voted to: protect parental rights when a minor is seeking an abortion, ban partial-birth abortion, deny tax dollars to organizations that provide or promote abortions overseas, ban human cloning, protect unborn children from criminal violence, and protect the conscience rights of health care providers.

When Toomey left the House of Representatives in 2005 to honor his term-limit pledge, Matt continued his political vocation by going to work for another solidly pro-life lawmaker, the U.S. Senator from Oklahoma, Tom Coburn, M.D.

Erie March for Life

The annual Erie March for Life was held on Saturday, January 9 and supported by 145 people. There were 105 marchers; an additional 40 people followed in their vehicles. Rev. Blair Blakeslee, youth pastor at the Corry Alliance Church and Fr. Steve Schreiber, youth ministries director of the Erie Catholic Diocese, conducted a memorial service at the Perry Square Gazebo to conclude the March.

All local TV news departments aired reports about the event.

WJET-TV also gave People for Life Director Tim Broderick an opportunity to talk about the upcoming March during a live, Friday-evening interview.

The purpose of our January events, including the Erie March, is not to promote People for Life. But we liked the attention from the news media nevertheless. Being in the news gives a big boost to our efforts to increase public awareness and to encourage others to help us fight the abortion agenda and protect unborn children.

TV coverage is especially good because what the viewers see is not merely an "organization" but real people from all walks of life who really do care about

unborn children, their mothers, and their families.

Pro-Life Breakfast

Five hundred people attended People for Life's 32nd Annual Pro-life Prayer Breakfast on January 16 at the Ambassador Conference Center. The event was covered by all local TV news departments.

Special guests included pro-life State Representatives John Hornaman and Curt Sonney, Erie Catholic Bishop Donald Trautman, and numerous other church and government leaders.

The keynote speaker was Serrin Foster, president of Feminists for Life of America. Serrin's appearance generated a considerable amount of interest and even some controversy.

Some pro-life people are convinced that feminism per se is hostile to family values and human life. Foster explained, however, that although various factions that are hostile to traditional values – left-wing politicians, the media, academia, and others – have claimed feminism as their own, theirs is a shallow and warped version based on selfishness and a distorted view of human nature. It is a feminism that would be repugnant to the

early feminists such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady-Stanton.

True feminism, said Foster, is one that embraces the role of woman as a protector and nurturer of the weak and vulnerable – as a lover of others and not just of self. She pointed out that feminism until relatively recently was equally concerned about all oppressed segments of society, not just women.

Among the causes embraced by the early feminist movement were the abolition of slavery, the abolition of child labor, the reform of the juvenile justice system, prison reform, and, yes, opposition to abortion, or "child murder," as Susan B. Anthony called it.

Three wonderful church leaders, Sr. Maria O'Connor, Rev. Curtis Henderson, and Rev. James Dumont, offered prayers at various points in the program.

We thank everyone who helped make the event a great success.

Special thanks go to the 47 local pro-life businesses and professional people who contributed to help sponsor the 2010 Breakfast. A partial list of the sponsors can be found on our website.

The 2011 Breakfast is already being planned and will be held on January 15.

Jean Hammer Remembered By Marielle Lafaro



Long-time People for Life member Jean Hammer departed from this life on March 31, 2010.

It was the 5th anniversary of the death of Terri Schiavo.

As many readers will recall, Terri died in Florida after 13 days of being denied food and water on orders from her estranged husband because of her disabilities. It was a remarkable coincidence and one Jean would have appreciated. Jean was deeply affected by Terri's death and was always concerned about protecting the lives of vulnerable people in nursing facilities and others with special needs.

To those who knew her personally, Jean was a soft-spoken, devout, and kind

Catholic Christian. To those of us who knew her through the pro-life community, she was indeed all of that but also a fearless warrior: a warrior for life and for justice.

Jean, with constant help and support from her brother Ed, was an outspoken pro-life advocate and tireless laborer for life. The term 'laborer' truly epitomizes Jean's work ethic and zeal. She lived her life dedicated to the mission God gave her, as so many of those who worked with her can attest.

Jean served as the treasurer of People for Life from 1988 to 2008 and volunteered in many other capacities as well. She understood that working for the lives of unborn babies and other at-risk people in today's society is not just a hobby: it is a duty. While most of us are content to limit our altruistic involvement to a handful of activities, Jean seldom, if ever, declined to take on a challenging pro-life assignment.

Jean managed the Mother's Day

Carnation Project, she oversaw the organization's finances, she spent countless hours holding signs and praying outside the abortion facility, she counseled women, she lobbied politicians, she worked at outreach booths, she helped at the prayer breakfast, she spoke out in the Church, and she attended meetings. No job was too big or too menial for Jean.

Jean's tirelessness was most evident during the annual carnation fundraiser, which was headquartered at her house beginning in the mid-80s. Her long hours of labor and careful attention to all the details of the project are legendary.

Many of us had to smile when we noticed that Jean's casket was adorned with carnation art work as her tired body was finally laid to rest.

Perhaps even more than the physical suffering, Jean struggled with not being able to continue her pro-life work. This mission defined her, and the void of her

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In Memory of Jean Hammer

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Michael Walsh's 70th Birthday
Rose Ann Yadeski's Birthday
Rose Ann Yadeski
Rose Ann Yadeski

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Jean Hammer

absence will be noticeable for years to come.

This May during the height of the Carnation Project, dozens of busy volunteers will remember Jean's pro-life legacy. They will look at those flowers, delicate yet hardy and bold, and they will see Jean.

Rest in peace, Jean Hammer; you deserve it!

New Prenatal Development Video

People for Life has an awe-inspiring new video titled *The Biology of Prenatal Development*. Even if you are already well-versed in the details of fetal-development, you will be impressed by the depth and detail of this presentation.

Once again, science proves to be a powerful ally of the pro-life cause. The video, distributed by National Geographic, is an eloquent testimony against abortion even though the subject is never mentioned.

The video features state-of-the-art ultrasound and embryoscopic images and a wealth of factual information based on the latest, ground-breaking scientific research.

A detailed week-by-week account of growth and development is illustrated with actual footage of tiny children in the womb breathing, yawning, squirming, and hiccupping. Computer generated graphics provide a clear sense of the actual size of the

growing embryo and fetus as the process unfolds.

The video is 42 minutes long and appropriate for all ages. It is available to borrow from the People for Life lending library.

DC March for Life

The 2010 March for Life in Washington, DC was another amazing event, far-and-away larger than the year before. That is saying something, because the 2009 March had been a record-setter, with attendance exceeding 300,000 for the first time ever. Estimates this year ran as high as 350,000 to 400,000. Even *Newsweek* has used the 400,000 figure.

This year People for Life sent 200 people to the March. Our group included about 50 students from the 7th and 8th grades of St. George School and groups of students from Gannon University and Mercyhurst College.

This is only the second time that our numbers have reached the 200 mark, last year being the first time.

The 2011 March for Life will take place on Monday, January 24. We are already accepting reservations for next year's bus trip. To make yours, send \$40 per seat to People for Life or log on to www.peopleforlife.org to use your credit card.

Pro-Life Banquet

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's 2010 Celebrate Life Banquet will take place

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on October 19 in Harrisburg at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey. U.S. Senator Rick Santorum will be the keynote speaker. Santorum was a pro-life leader in the Senate from 1995 to 2007 and a driving force in the successful effort to outlaw partial-birth abortion. For more information contact People for Life.

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education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent "solutions" of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are considered sacred. *The Erie Echo* is published in Erie, PA by People for Life, Inc., Tim Broderick, editor.

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Carnations

May 6-10 will be extremely busy days for People for Life. Many volunteers will be needed for our Mother's Day Carnation Project. Please call 814-882-1333 if you can help. The busiest day will be Friday, May 7.

Carnations for Mom will be available all weekend at our new base of operations in Erie at 18th and German, at the Millcreek Mall Community Booth, and at scores of Erie-area churches. The suggested donations are \$1.00 each and \$5 per half-dozen.

Educational Presentations

People for Life offers age-appropriate *Overview of Abortion* presentations for schools, churches, and other organizations. Our most recent presentations were given to the 7th and 8th grade classes at St. George School, the Grove City College Newman Club, and the St. Andrew Church confirmation class.

People for Life President Tim Broderick also visited Mercyhurst High School in February to talk about abortion history and the legalization of abortion in the United States. The class he talked with is devoting the entire semester to a study of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision.

At a meeting of the Erie Young Republicans in April, Broderick discussed the pro-life objections to the recently enacted health care bill. Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper's vote for that bill, in spite of its subsidies for abortion-on-demand, was also a key topic of that discussion.

To arrange an educational presentation for your class, group, or organization, call Tim Broderick at 814-882-1333.

Open House

People for Life's third annual open house will be held on Saturday, June 12. Drop by our Main Office at 1625 W. 26th St. and check out the latest in pro-life literature and promotional materials. There will be free refreshments, free balloons, free bumper stickers (with free installation), and of course plenty of free pro-life educational materials. Best of all, Emerald the Clown will again be offering his exceptionally artistic face painting from 11 am until 2 pm.

The office will be open from 9 am until 4 pm, so please stop in and keep us company!

Annual Election of Officers

The annual election meeting of People for Life will be held on Monday, May 17 at our main office, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie.

The meeting will come to order at 6:45 pm.

Members whose dues have been current for at least 30 days prior to the meeting will be eligible to vote. The nominees are Tim Broderick for president, Carol Struchen for treasurer, David Halligan for secretary, Marielle Lafaro for first vice-president, Gretchen Lorei 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.

Right to Life Convention coming to Pittsburgh

The National Right to Life Convention is going to be held right here in western Pennsylvania this summer, at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport, June 24, 25, and 26. The NRL Convention is always, by far, the best pro-life educational event of the year.

Among the general session speakers will

be Steven Mosher, Mark & LaRee Pickup, and Angela Franks. Steven Mosher is the president of the Population Research Institute and the author of *Broken Earth*, the book that first exposed China's practice of using forced abortions to enforce its population control program. Mark Pickup is a Canadian human rights and pro-life activist. He was the main speaker at People for Life's 2003 Pro-Life Breakfast. Angela Franks is an expert on Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger and the author of *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy*. For more information about the convention, contact People for Life.

2010 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2010

May 9	Mother's Day / Annual Mother's Day Carnation Project
May 11	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
May 14	Last day to submit an absentee ballot
May 17	People for Life election of officers - 6:45 pm, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
May 18	Primary Election
June 2-5	Outreach Booth: Erie Wild Rib Cook Off and Music Festival
June 12	People for Life Open House - 9 am to 4 pm, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
June 17-19	Outreach Booth: Lake City Fire Company Carnival
June 24-26	National Right to Life Convention - Hyatt Regency, Pittsburgh, PA
July 3-4	Outreach Booth: CorryFest, Corry
July 13-17	Outreach Booth: North East Firemen's Cherry Festival
Aug. 5-7	Outreach Booth: Dan Rice Days, Girard
Aug. 19-22	Outreach Booth: Celebrate Erie, Perry Square
Aug. 30-Sept 4	Outreach Booth: Erie County Fair, Wattsburg
Sept. 6-11	Outreach Booth: Waterford Community Fair
Sept. 14-18	Outreach Booth: Albion Area Fair
Sept. 20	Membership Meeting - 6:45 pm, Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
Sept. 24-26	Outreach Booth: Wine Country Harvest Festival - North East
Oct. 4	Last day to register before the November election
Oct. 8-10	Outreach Booth: Fall Pumpkin Fest - Conneaut Lake Park
Oct. 18	Membership Meeting - 6:45 pm, Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
Oct. 19	Rick Santorum speaking at Pro-Life Federation Banquet - Harrisburg
Oct. 22	Crawford County Pro-Life Banquet - Blooming Valley, PA