



# Muskegon County Right to Life News

October, 2005

## **MUSKEGON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER**

**DATE: Monday, October 24, 2005**  
**LOCATION: Above and Beyond  
513 West Pontaluna Road**  
**TIME: 6:15 p.m. – Social  
6:45 p.m. - Dinner**

**Please plan to join us for an excellent dinner and for special guest speaker Georgette Forney, President, NOEL and Co-Founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Georgette's passion for helping women find peace after abortion is matched by her desire to see young people make positive life choices.**

**Tickets are \$30 per person, or a table of 10 for \$300. Call our office at 733-6300 to reserve your tickets.**

**Call now! Reservation deadline is 10-13-05.**

## **MI'S PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN DECLARED "UNCONSTITUTIONAL"**

On September 14, Federal Judge Denise Hood declared unconstitutional a Michigan law that supporters said would ban a late-term abortion procedure. The Judge stated the Legal Birth Definition Act places an "undue burden" on a women's right to choose.

During this procedure, a fetus is partially removed from the womb and the skull punctured.

The state Legislature approved a new law attempting to ban the procedure in June 2004. Hundreds of thousands of voters signed petitions that allowed the bill to become law with only the approval of the House and Senate after Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed it. Right to Life of Michigan will encourage Pro-life Attorney General Mike Cox to appeal this decision to the U.S. Six Circuit Court.

## **SUPREME COURT UPDATE**

As we went to press, we were "One Vote Down – One to Go"!

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee has voted 13 to 5 to send John Roberts' nomination to the full U.S. Senate for a vote. The U.S. Senate vote is scheduled for Thursday, September 29.

We pray that as you're reading this, John Roberts' appointment to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court as the Chief Justice will have been approved.

As we await the next nomination by President Bush, please remember that your calls to Senator Carl Levin and Senator Debbie Stabenow will be needed. Visit <http://www.rtl.org> for updates.

### **Contact Information**

Senator Carl Levin:  
Phone - (202) 224-6221  
E-mail - [senator@levin.senate.gov](mailto:senator@levin.senate.gov)

Senator Debbie Stabenow:  
Phone - (202) 224-4822  
E-mail - [senator@stabenow.senate.gov](mailto:senator@stabenow.senate.gov)

**Our message:** "I support President Bush's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Please approve this nomination."

**Thank you for voting Pro-life!  
We are making a difference!**

### **WHAT WOULD HAPPEN????**

...if Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton, the cases that legalized abortion throughout the country in 1973, were to be overturned?

Only seven states (Arkansas, Louisiana, **Michigan**, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) would have enforceable laws on the books that would ban abortion. These states represent less than 10 percent of the U.S. population.

In Michigan, the principal pre-Roe statute prohibited performance of an abortion on a pregnant woman "unless the same shall have been necessary to preserve the life of such woman." The pre-Roe statutes have not been repealed, and would be enforceable if *Roe v. Wade* were overruled.



**"PRESIDENT'S PLACE"**

I was able to attend the Muskegon Pregnancy Services annual dinner in September, and it was a very moving event. Two young girls spoke on how MPS had been there for them when they were faced with an unplanned pregnancy, and how the experience forever changed their lives. The work MPS does is wonderful. They are changing hearts, one at a time.

After all of our efforts, and despite the very successful petition drive, a federal judge has ruled the Michigan Partial Birth Abortion Ban unconstitutional. We'll continue the legal battle to stop this hideous procedure. But here's another thought...if we can educate women and help them to choose life (through such wonderful organizations as Muskegon Pregnancy Services), the abortion clinics will close because of lack of business! It's happened in cities throughout our country, such as Chattanooga, TN!

Our goals at Muskegon County Right to Life include education. We need to be out talking to health classes at schools, to women's groups, etc. It is very difficult to get groups to allow us to come in to speak. If you can get us in to speak, please let us know. Or if you'd like to get involved and become a speaker, please contact us. We need your help so that we too can change one heart at a time.

Please join us for our Annual Dinner on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We have a new location this year, "Above and Beyond" located on Pontaluna Road at the Oak Ridge Golf Club.

Special thanks to "Above and Beyond" and to the "Fairfield Inn & Suites" for their generous support of Muskegon County Right to Life.

There are choices other than abortion!  
There has to be.

Pat Vendal  
President, Muskegon County Right to Life

**"TIME OF GIVING" at THE LAKES MALL**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2005**



- Buy a \$5.00 coupon book from *Muskegon Right to Life*
- Shop at the Lakes Mall on Saturday, November 19, 2005
- Receive special discounts from over 35 merchants!

The coupon books are available at our office. Please call for more information at 733-6300.

Do you send Christmas cards?



You can send a beautiful card with a portion of your purchase helping to support pro-life groups, pregnancy help centers and maternity homes. There is a biblical verse on the inside page. The back page of each card reads: "Sending this card helps to protect the lives of innocent human beings, born and unborn."

Several designs are available and can be seen on our web site, or stop by our office at 423 W. Norton, Suite 111, to make your selection.

Visit our web site at:  
[www.muskegonrtl.org](http://www.muskegonrtl.org)

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not my life





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## In Loving Memory and in Honor of...

### **In Loving Memory of Jean Lekutis**

given by Barbara Kutches, John and Michele Sanocki, Karen Silva, Marie Luttrull, Susan Rositch, Bob and Pat Hogan, John Luttrull, Loretta and William Detamore, Rebecca Hanes, Frank and Mona Garzelloni, John Miklosovic, Marguerite Fitzsimmons, Sandra Elder, Mary E. Gawron, Jean Tebeau, and Hoffman, Steensma, Plamondon, P.L.C. Certified Public Accountant & Consultants

### **In Loving Memory of Patricia A. Perri**

given by Vern & Ruth Meeuwenberg.

### **In Honor of Dan and Marcia Kendra**

given by Fran Sheler (50th Wedding Anniversary)

- Donations:** \*Johanna Kuhn  
 \*Betty Pompstra  
 \*Paul and Marilyn Voss

\*Denotes monthly contributions

**Donations** made to Michigan Right to Life Education Fund are tax deductible. This fund is used to produce and run the pro-life commercials that you see on TV. Donations made to our local affiliate are not tax deductible, but are needed to keep our office running. Perhaps you'd like to remember a loved one's birthday, or the birth of a child or a grandchild.

## THE PAIN OF THE UNBORN

A new paper on fetal pain in the Journal of the American Medical Association recently garnered a large amount of media attention. The authors of the paper claim that it is unlikely that unborn children younger than 29 weeks have the ability feel pain. What is not being printed in many of these articles is the fact that the authors of the paper are involved in the abortion industry.

Fetal pain expert Dr. K.S. Anand has published numerous studies on fetal pain and believes that the unborn are able to feel pain as early as 20 weeks. For more information, visit: <http://www.rtl.org>

### NEW FALL OFFICE HOURS

Our office located at 423 W. Norton, Suite 111, is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., or call us at 733-6300.



Muskegon County Right to Life  
In Loving Memory or Honor of...

### Enclosed in my gift of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day    | <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speedy Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

Please notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Our name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your checks payable to:**

**Muskegon County Right to Life  
423 West Norton, Suite 111  
Muskegon, MI 49444**

**This contribution is not tax deductible.**

## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

**Board Members attend one monthly meeting, a two hour monthly commitment. Our Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. at our Muskegon Office located at 423 W. Norton, Suite 111. Can you spare a few hours a month? A lot of time or special skills are not needed, just a sincere desire to help protect life. We need your help, ideas and energy!**



### MEMBERSHIPS

Please use the form on the back of this newsletter to join, or renew your membership with, Muskegon County Right to Life.

Thank you for supporting life!



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 423 W. Norton, Suite 111  
 Muskegon, MI 49444  
 231 733-6300

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**Yes! I want to help save lives.**  
**Please enroll me as a member of *Muskegon County Right to Life***  
**and *Right to Life of Michigan*.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Options:**

- \$5 Senior or Student
- \$15 Family
- \$25 Bronze
- \$50 Silver
- \$75 Gold
- \$100 Platinum
- New Member
- Renewal

**As a member, you will receive the Muskegon County and the State *Right to Life* newsletters, and you are invited to use the educational materials at the Muskegon County Right to Life office. Please make your checks payable to:**

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