

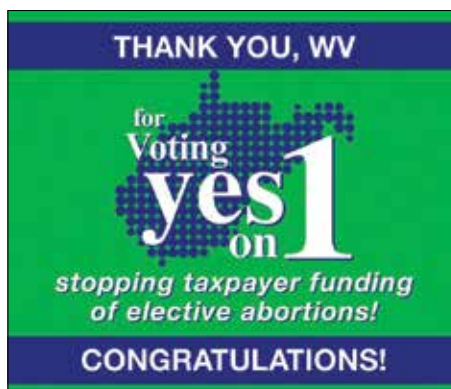
Amendment 1 Passes with a 47% West Virginia Voter Turnout

It was an historic victory for the taxpayers of West Virginia and for unborn Mountaineers as Amendment 1 passed on election night 52-48%. After years of trying to right the wrong of the 1993 *Panepinto* Decision, the voters had their say. The state constitution is restored to its abortion neutrality and the taxpayer will only pay for Medicaid abortions with rare exceptions.

Additionally, West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) applauds the victories of endorsed candidates Tim Armstead and Evan Jenkins in the Division 1 and 2 State Supreme Court races.

In the 1st Congressional District, incumbent David McKinley defeated

his opponent with 64% of the vote. Incumbent Alex Mooney won in the 2nd Congressional District by 23,039 votes and in the 3rd Congressional District, former Delegate Carol Miller, won by 12 percentage points. Although disappointed that Patrick Morrissey was unable to unseat incumbent Senator Joe Manchin, West Virginians for Life (WVFL) is pleased that he will continue his pro-life work as Attorney General. This will mean



endorsements were made, 11 were winners allowing that 23 out of 34 senators support pro-life policies. WVL-PAC can report that sixty-nine of the 100 House Delegates are pro-life, so that the State House will once

that pro-life legislation will be defended, if challenged.

In the West Virginia Senate and House, WVL-PAC won in 69% of its endorsed races.

Of the 17 Senate races in which

again enjoy a pro-life majority as the next legislative session begins on January 9, 2019.

WVL-PAC President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., had this to say: "West Virginians for Life thanks the people of the state of West Virginia for passing Amendment 1 to stop taxpayer-funding of abortion on demand. Passage of the amendment returns control of the budget to the state legislature, as required by the State Constitution. We commend the members of the state legislature for their courage in putting this amendment on the ballot."



Joining Tim Armstead (at left above), winner of 1st District Supreme Court race, are Wanda Franz, WVFL President and Karen Cross, WVFL Legislative Coordinator. Second District, State Supreme Court winner Evan Jenkins (at right above) is seen speaking at a rally at the State Fairgrounds in Greenbrier County.



Celebrating with winner 1st District Congressman David McKinley are Mary Anne Buchanan, Dr. Wanda Franz, and Pam Stanley.



2nd District Congressman Alex Mooney won re-election on November 6.



After a hard fought battle, Delegate Carol Miller will replace her title with 3rd District Congresswoman in 2019.

West Virginia Pro-Life State Senate Wins:

Charles Clements (S2), Mike Azinger (S3), Eric Tarr (S4), Mike Woelfel (S5), Mark Maynard (S6), Rollan Roberts (S9), Bill Hamilton (S11), Dave Sypolt (S14), Charles Trump (S15), John Unger (S16), and Tom Takubo (S17)

West Virginia Pro-Life House of Delegates Wins:

Pat McGeehan (H1), Erikka Storch (H3), David Kelly (H6), Jason Harshbarger (H7), Bill Anderson (H8), Ray Hollen (H9), Tom Azinger/Vernon Criss/John Kelly (H10), Martin Atkinson (H11), Steve Westfall (H12), Scott Cadle/Joshua Higginbotham (H13), Jim Butler (H14), Geoff Foster (H15), Daniel Linville/John Mandt (H16), Matthew Rohrbach/Chad Lovejoy (H17), Evan Worrell (H18), Kenneth Hicks/Robert Thompson (H19), Nathan Brown (H20), Mark Dean (H21), Joe Jeffries/Zach Maynard (H22), Ralph Rodighiero (H24), Tony Paynter (H25), Joe Ellington/Eric Porterfield/John Shott (H27), Roy Cooper/Jeffrey Pack (H28), Christopher Toney (H31), Tom Fast/Kayla Kessinger (H32), Roger Hanshaw (H33), Brent Boggs (H34), Andrew Byrd/Moore Capito/Eric Nelson (H35), Dianna Graves (H38), Sharon Lewis Malcolm (H39), Dean Jeffries (H40), Jordan Hill (H41), Robbie Martin (H45), Patrick Martin (H46), Chris Phillips (H47), Danny Hamrick/Ben Queen/Terry Waxman (H48), Amy Summers (H49), Terri Funk Sypolt (H52), Buck Jennings (H53), John Hott (H54), Gary Howell (H56), Ruth Rowan (H57), Daryl Cowles (H58), Larry Kump (H59), S. Marshall Wilson (H60), Tom Bibby (H62), John Hardy (H63), Eric Householder (H64), and Paul Espinosa (H66)

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From the President



Dear Friends,

As a child, I lived in Germany with the U.S. military forces occupying the country after World War II. We were all painfully aware of the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, which had been uncovered when the Allies marched into Germany at the end of the war. Ever since, the world has asked the obvious question: How could the “ordinary” people of Germany allow such atrocities to occur?

At the time, the answer from many Germans was: “I didn’t know.” Obviously, they had to have known of the “final solution” and the rounding up of the Jews. What they didn’t know was the brutality that was inflicted upon the Jews behind the closed doors of the concentration camps. They had approved or tolerated the policy but were later horrified by the actual carnage that occurred in carrying out the policy.

Today, in America, we are living with the horrific practice of abortion. Most Americans don’t *want to know* what legalized abortion is all about. The trial of Philadelphia abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell has brought the dark practice of abortion into the bright light of day. He was found guilty of first degree murder in the death of several viable babies, who were delivered alive and then killed by severing the spines with scissors and with manslaughter in the death of one of his clients.

The Grand Jury report that indicted Gosnell described the dead woman as 41-year-old Karnamaya Mongar, a recent immigrant with little knowledge of English, who died in November 2009. She was apparently typical of the poor, minority, and immigrant population that Gosnell preyed upon. In addition, there was “another woman, who died, scores more were injured from perforated bowels, cervixes and uteruses, authorities said,” according to the Grand Jury.

The Gosnell case demonstrates what can occur after

the unlimited and uncontrolled legalization of abortion opened the door to money-making businesses. However, the most frightening thing about the Gosnell story is the way that our entire system of health care, law enforcement, and social justice failed to stop this brutal abuse of women and children. The Gosnell Grand Jury Report pointed out that “Pennsylvania is not a Third World country” but, nevertheless, there was a “complete regulatory collapse.” For 17 years, no health agency visited his chanel house in spite of numerous indications that there were severe problems: women requiring hospitalization after an abortion at the Gosnell abortion chamber and complaints about horrific practices from both women patients and a former employee.

What the Gosnell case reminds us is that abortion is the bloody, brutal killing of innocent children. Yet, Pennsylvania government officials quietly allowed the horrors to occur behind the closed doors of the state’s abortion clinics. Americans, who hear about the Gosnell case are saying: “I didn’t know.” Like the Germans before them, they approve the policy but are horrified by the actual carnage that occurs in carrying out the policy.

It is the job of the pro-life movement to make sure that Americans truly know what abortion is. We must educate West Virginians about the Gosnell case. The new movie, “Gosnell,” describes and chronicles the events surrounding Gosnell’s trial. Plan to see “Gosnell” and publicize its presence if it is played in a theater near you. See the list of theaters that are showing the film “Gosnell.”

If you haven’t gone yet, please do. If you have, attend again. (For a list of theaters, go to <http://gosnellmovie.com/theaters/>.)

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

46th Annual March for Life is Friday, January 18, 2019



March for Life Bus Leaves Morgantown at 4:00 a.m.

- Chartered Bus leaves Morgantown Mall (Sears) at 4:00 a.m., Friday, Jan. 18, to return approx. 11:00 p.m.
- Cost is \$15 per person or \$30 for a family of three or more
- Congressional Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at a location TBA
- **Reservations mandatory**

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2019 Legislative Agenda Will Revisit Non-Discrimination Bill

by Pam Stanley
Legislative Coordinator

The last Legislative Session produced the proposal to put Amendment 1 on the ballot. We applaud the courage of the members of the Senate and House who voted with over 2/3's approval in both houses to pass this pro-life Amendment for action by the people of the state of West Virginia.

We worked very hard to educate the public about the fact that this Amendment was designed by our legislators to stop state taxpayer funding of abortion on demand. Its passage was narrow (52%-48%) largely because of the lies and misinformation being disseminated by our opponents. They erroneously argued that the Amendment would prevent women in West Virginia from obtaining any abortions. None of this was true, as the abortion right resides at the federal level with the 1973 Supreme Court decision giving women the right to abortion, which cannot be affected by the State Constitution.

In the next Legislative Session, we intend to return to the proposed bill that was introduced last Session but was submerged by other legislative issues occurring that year. The bill is the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act. In the pro-life movement, we have always understood that, once doctors could kill unborn babies, we would be on the slippery slope to kill other vulnerable persons, especially the sick, the elderly and the disabled. Increasingly, some health care providers consider life-preserving treatment to be "medically inappropriate" because they consider the patient's "quality of life" to be too poor. We appear to be nearing the bottom of the slippery slope.

West Virginians for Life hopes to put laws into effect to protect against such discriminatory decision-making on the part of doctors here in West Virginia.



WVFL's Executive Director Pam Stanley and Legislative Coordinator Karen Cross during the 2018 session.

September 30 *Yes on 1* Rally in Charleston



Left: Pro-life Governor Jim Justice spoke up for Amendment 1 while emcee Delegate Kayla Kessinger looked on.

Lower left: Pro-life House Speaker Roger Hanshaw

Lower right: Delegate Kayla Kessinger (center) with other Amendment 1 supporters at the Yes on 1 Rally at the State Capitol. Pro-life Senate President Mitch Carmichael also addressed the crowd.



National Right to Life Applauds Announcement from Trump Administration Regarding Pro-Life Policies in Health Insurance

WASHINGTON – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on November 7th issued a proposed rule to require health plan issuers operating in state and federal healthcare exchanges to separately bill for any elective abortion coverage and to segregate any collected funds.

In 2010, the passage of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) did away with the longstanding principles of the Hyde Amendment, which protected taxpayers from paying for abortion and health insurance plans that include abortion. Section 1303 of Obamacare requires that when federal subsidies are paid toward the purchase of a health plan that includes coverage of elective abortion, the money for abortion premiums was supposed to be separately collected and accounted. The Obama administration failed to enforce Section 1303, all but ensuring that insurers ignored these requirements.

A 2014 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) provided dismaying confirmation of earlier predictions by National Right to Life that federally subsidized abortion coverage would become a widespread feature of Obamacare. The report found that more than one thousand federally subsidized exchange plans covered elective abortion. The GAO findings validated previous charges by National Right to Life that the federal taxpayer is subsidizing the purchase of abortion-covering plans on a massive scale.

"While only comprehensive legislative reform can cure the multiple abortion-expanding components of Obamacare,

today's proposed rule from the Trump Administration sends a strong message that the federal government ought to get out of the business of paying for abortion until Obamacare can be replaced," said Jennifer Popik, J.D., National Right to Life legislative director.

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias added, "We applaud President Trump and his administration for enforcing the law and seeking to uphold the principles of the Hyde Amendment

to prevent the use of tax dollars to pay for abortion coverage."

Additionally, HHS announced a final rule change to the Affordable Care Act and HHS coverage mandate that would protect moral and religious rights of conscience.

"Rights of conscience are extremely important to the right-to-life movement to protect medical professionals, religious institutions and employers from being forced to participate in abortion," said Tobias. "We commend President Trump for keeping his campaign promises by supporting these rights of conscience. These rule changes will help promote a policy that protects pro-life rights of conscience with regard to abortion."

Under President Obama's administration, pro-abortion forces not only put increasing pressure on health care providers to violate their moral convictions with regard to abortion, but also backed efforts to force employers, including religious institutions and organizations that object to abortion, to cover abortion in their insurance plans.

"No one should be forced to participate in abortion against their religious or moral convictions," Tobias said.



Winning Teen Essays from the 2017 Contest

Editor's note: The following two winning essays were written for the West Virginians for Life Pro-Life Essay Contest. At the senior level, grades 10-12, Destiny Skidmore (sophomore at Emmanuel Christian), won first place, while Magdalen Walters (junior at Parkersburg Catholic)) won second.

At the junior level, grades 7-9, Racheal Rude (8th grader at Calvary Baptist Academy) won first place, Andrew Lee Posey (9th grader at Emmanuel Christian) won second and Hannah Davis (8th grader at Emmanuel Christian) won third. The essay contest was to address the theme "Why are you pro-life?"

First Place Winner Senior Level: Grades 10-12

Why I Am Pro-Life

by

Destiny Skidmore

Emmanuel Christian School - Grade 10



Physician assisted suicide is the voluntary termination of one's own life by the administration of a lethal substance with the direct or indirect assistance of a doctor. An average of 111 people a year will choose assisted death as a way out of their problems and or illnesses (Deathwithdignity.org).1). I personally believe this is wrong because God has placed certain standards above us so that we may be able to grow spiritually in Him.

Assisted suicide is legal in five states and is also legal in the District of Colombia. Those five states are: California, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. In Montana, It is neither illegal nor legal, and the state does not have any laws outlining the act of assisted suicide itself (liveaction.org, 2). As of October 9, 2012, West Virginia bans physician assisted suicide by common law, summarizing the crime of suicide in Section 16-30C-14 of its Code Of Common Laws (Bill 16-30c-14,3).

In the Bible, God says in Exodus 23:7, "Have nothing to do with false charge, and do not put an innocent person to death, for I will not acquit the guilt." If God tells us not to put down an innocent life, how would it be correct for us to make the decision to take away our own life, or anyone else's? In the words of Stella Young, who was a disability activist, writer, and comedian, "The killing of a disabled person is not 'compassionate'. It is not 'euthanasia'. It is murder." We do not own our life, nor do we possess someone else's, therefore I believe that it is not our place to take away the breath that forms life. I am one hundred percent pro life and one hundred percent against assisted suicide, no matter the motive or the reason.

First Place Winner Junior Level: Grades 7-9

Why I Am Pro-Life

by

Racheal Rude

Calvary Baptist Academy - Grade 8



Abortions are death to babies and someday the world!! To me it's an easy choice to be pro-life because even middle school biology can combat the pro-choice rhetoric. Abortions can have horrible, long lasting, physical and emotional effects on the mother. Governments are using abortion to manipulate population. I am Pro-life because abortions can easily be proven inhuman and effects the baby, mothers and the population.

"Keep your laws off my body" is a slogan used by pro-abortionists to say the fetus is only part of the woman's body (Cole 1) and is one of the biggest flaws in the pro-choice philosophy. Middle school biology can show that abortions are wrong with these facts: at conception it's no longer the mother's body it's the body of a new human with its own 46 different chromosomes, blood, and DNA. "Science states that at day 21 the first heartbeat can be heard, day 45 brain waves are detected, by 9-10 weeks the thyroid and adrenal glands are working, and 12-13 weeks the baby has fingernails, sucks their thumb, recoils from pain, and has unique finger prints (Cole 1)." It makes me angry that people can have an abortion at 10-13 weeks.

I think it's wrong to tell someone the opposite of the truth. Pro-choice says the inconvenience of a child can be solved through abortions, but abortions can actually lead to more problems. It is a fact that many abortions cause horrible side effects such as: infection, perforation of the uterus, sepsis, and/or death (PPSEAA 1). It is a fact that having an abortion can lead to emotional side effects such as: depression, suicidal thoughts, anxiety, relationship problems, and/or nightmares about the child (ESEAA 1). After abortions a woman could have many physical and/or emotional side effects.

Abortions in many countries are used as birth control to keep the population down. In Russia for example, the typical woman has six abortions in her life. (Cole 1). Also in China, to regulate the one child policy they have commissioned 600+ model abortion units (CUMACC 1). The girls are mostly aborted because the families want a male to continue their legacy. This has caused a devastating pattern in the ratio of girls to boys. Men outnumbered women by 33 million in 2014 (Mudie 1). There aren't enough girls to marry all these men. My thought is that if abortions don't stop there will be global backlash. Countries are using abortion as a method to control and alter their populations.

It is an easy choice for me to be Pro-life, because even basic middle school biology can convert abortion to murder. The facts about the side effects of abortions on the mother are acknowledged by both Pro-choice and Pro-life sides. Populations are being manipulated by Governmental abortionists. I'm Pro-Life because abortion is murder that 8th graders could figure out, and that it has major effects on babies, mothers, and populations.

2018 Winners to be Named in January

The judging is going on now. And after the beginning of 2019, we will all know who the winners are in the Annual Teen Essay Contest for 2018. Keep checking the website at wvforlife.org/teen resources.

The contest happens every October for the entire month. This year the essay question was "Why are you pro-life?"

First through third place winners receive lucrative cash awards in two categories, those being Senior (10th - 12th grades) and Junior (7th - 9th grades).

Among other perks, the two first place finishers get to read their essays at annual Pro-Life Rally Day in Charleston, which will be February 18 this year and their winning essays will be published in *Life Matters*.

Please read the 1st place winning essays of the previous contest above and at right.

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Good Times at the McKinley Election Night Party



It was truly a light-hearted election night party at McKinley election watch party in Morgantown. Pictured is Mary McKinley enjoying her pro-life husband's acceptance speech. Incumbent 1st District Congressman David McKinley will be returning to Washington.



A large number of supporters came to the party.



Seated are winner US Representative McKinley, WVFL'S Graphic Artist Cheryl Carr; Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan, Executive Director Pam Stanley and husband Jeff Stanley. Standing are Mary McKinley, Delegate Terri Sypolt and husband Senator Dave Sypolt. The Sypolts were also winners to another term.

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LOVING HEARTS & SAVING LIVES

WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE STATE CONVENTION October 20, 2018



Keynote speaker Ellen Salter gave an emotional testimony regarding the value of each human life. Her teen daughter Meghan has been on life support since an infant.



Pro-life 1st Congressional District Congressman David McKinley with WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., wife Mary McKinley, and NRL Political Director Karen Cross



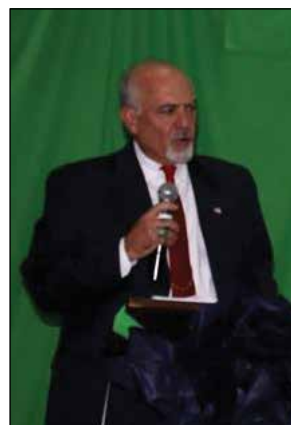
Pro-life Secretary of State Mac Warner addressed the crowd.



U.S. Representative from the 1st District, David McKinley, made brief remarks.



Linda Day and her crew did a terrific job of decorating with centerpieces like this one.



Phil Mallow was the endorsed pro-life candidate for the House in District 50.



Pastor Doug Joseph, also the WVFL Treasurer, gave the financial appeal after lunch.



Pro-life candidate Mike Oliverio in the 13th senatorial district shared a moment with National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross.



Keynote Ellen Salter also presented to the teens, but a more abbreviated talk from the one she had done earlier for the adults.



SFLA Regional Coordinator Lori Cascio with Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter and WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan



Rev. Mgrs. Jeremiah McSweeney and Kathleen Deely enjoyed being seated at the same table.



Dr. Wanda Franz gave a tutorial on Amendment 1.



Financial Manager Sherri Stevens and Office Manager Kim Drvar did a fabulous job as always at the registration table and wherever called upon.



Elise Santarelli traveled from northeastern PA to give her testimony about the transformative power of the Deeper Still weekend. It changed her life and can change yours, too, if you have an abortion-wounded heart. <http://www.godeeperstill.org>



WV Teens for Life President Margaret Deely gave the October Teen Essay Contest rules at the mic before leaving with the teens for their Day Camp.



The ladies of Deeper Still were a lovely addition to the convention. Visit <http://www.godeeperstill.org/> to learn more about this ministry to help the post-abortive to recover.



WVFL Vice President Mary Tillman's presentation dealt with Life AFTER Birth and ended with a call to obtain a Will to Live from West Virginians for Life.



Nicki Etris with Compass Women's Center talked with Kathy Deely and daughter Margaret. <https://www.compass4women.org/>



Former WVFL President Charlotte Snead, her husband Joe, and National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross



As Convention attendees watched Ellen Salter's video, it was not hard to see from the video how much love surrounds her needy daughter Meghan.



Evangelist Jim Anderton gave a heartfelt rendition of Phil Keaggy's Little Ones.



Emcee was WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan.



Kay Lowther and Antoine Bowles enjoyed doing the cd recordings at the convention.



Pastor Phil Dunn told the miraculous story of his sight being restored and then gave the invocation.



Karen Cross introduced several candidates as the luncheon concluded.



Pastor CT Lilly gave an impassioned benediction, which included adoption, at the conclusion of the day.



Lacey Evans brought the teens back to the fellowship hall and presented her talk on The Make-up of the Supreme Court.



National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross gave her testimony to the teens at the Teen Day Camp with a talk titled, "My Journey in the Pro-Life Movement: Tears to Triumph."



After lunch, teens enjoyed a presentation regarding Youth Activism from Students for Life of America Regional Coordinator Lori Cascio.



Teens and mentors were told to do something goofy and they did.

Pro-Life Profile

WVFL Treasurer Pastor Doug Joseph received the annual Angel of the Year award from President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. at the October 20 State Convention.

Pastor Doug Joseph was interviewed for a Pro-Life Profile in 2016. Nearly three years later, he reflects on important pro-life events which have occurred since then.

Pastor Doug, pastor of Christian Apostolic Church (CAC), shared that the recent election night victories were more thrilling than he can express. He noted that so many endorsed pro-life candidates were elected/re-elected and, most importantly, Amendment 1 was ratified! He feels that Amendment 1 is the single most exciting pro-life accomplishment for our state. Pastor Doug felt it was bittersweet since pro-life Patrick Morrissey got so close to being elected, yet did not prevail.

Pastor Doug was blessed to receive the "Angel of the Year" award at the 2018 West Virginians for Life Annual Convention. He shared that he was blown away by receiving the award and did not see it coming at all! His wonderful wife, family, and others knew about it, yet they kept it a secret. Considering our great pro-life heroes in West Virginia, Pastor Doug says he is humbled to be selected as the recipient of this award. He feels it is one of the most meaningful honors he has ever received, and thanks all those who nominated him.

The wonderful Harrison County Chapter of West Virginians for Life and CAC have partnered in Life Chain events, staffed festivals, and participated in pro-life voter guide distribution before election time. The CAC also hosted WVFL state board



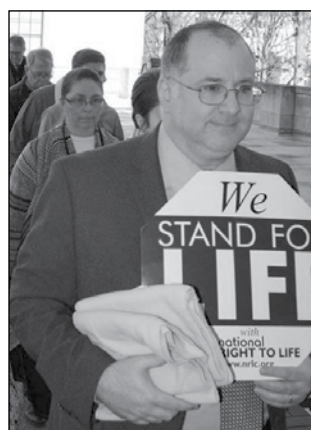
meetings and Attorney General Morrissey's launch of the pro-life coalition. Pastor Doug reports that both chapter and church went all out for Amendment 1 and in support of pro-life candidates. Members attended rallies, wrote letters to editors, did canvassing, made phone calls, created/shared videos and memes, aired radio spots, and paid for an enormous billboard on I-79 for all of October, thanks to generous donations by members and friends.

Pastor Doug expressed that WVFL is a wonderful organization of precious, selfless, dedicated people, and he feels privileged to know them all and to join them in laboring for life. His parting comment was,

"Let's fight on for more victories, until we see the sanctity of life honored in law and in the hearts of the citizenry! Each life saved makes it worth all effort and expense. God bless you!"

In return, WVFL asks that God would bless Pastor Doug Joseph for his tireless and inspiring defense of God's precious gift of human life!

WVFL Treasurer's Article Celebrations + Pro-Life Network Needs Bigger Megaphones!



WVFL Treasurer
Pastor Doug Joseph

Dear West Virginia Pro-Lifers:

Congratulations! Through determination, donations, and diligence, our State Constitution is officially amended to clarify: it contains no right to murder preborn babies! The costly, deadly, 25-year fiction formed by *Panepinto* is over! Across America, friends of West Virginians For Life join us in tears of joy, fist pumps, and excitement. In our rejoicing, some takeaways:

We've paved pathways of partnership resulting in a powerhouse of pro-life networking. Beyond National Right To Life and West Virginians for Life, we have pro-life legislators (Republicans

and Democrats) in the GOP-led State Senate and House, Susan B. Anthony List, Students for Life of America, and the Family Policy Council of WV. This alliance knocked on many thousands of doors, did rallies, calls, festivals, billboards, TV, radio, social media—you name it! Two of three key goals were realized. Kavanaugh: confirmed! Amendment 1: ratified! The third goal was close: pro-life Patrick Morrissey was only 3.2% behind Joe Manchin, who has betrayed his pro-life values and constituency (even voting against Amendment 1). Morrissey won more counties (31 of 55). Primarily three populace counties (Monongalia, Cabell, and Kanawha) gave Manchin barely enough votes for reelection. Those counties are where to focus prayers, preparation, and persuasion to gain victory in future tight races. We sent Manchin a resolute warning.

Amendment 1's margin of victory was narrowed by confusion: reports indicate pro-lifers entering ballot boxes without hearing a word about Amendment 1, and errantly voting no. Some struggled to comprehend the wording (which, due to legal necessity, had to ask for a positive response to negative statements), not to mention the unfortunate, unavoidable shift from "YES" (in promos) to "FOR" (on ballots). For all our networking, we needed bigger megaphones. WVFL's treasury was emptied as a well-spent war chest. Pro-life donations are needed now more than ever. Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

With determination, Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer

West Virginia

Teens For Life



WV Teens for Life President
Margaret Deely

Dear Teens for Life,

The Teen Day Camp at the State Convention was awesome! Got to learn and have fun while meeting new people. What's not to like about that?

The 6th annual Teen Essay Contest, which occurred the entire month of October will soon be announced after the first of the year and then posted on the website at wvforlife.org/resources/teen-resources.

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Friday, January 18. Have you ever been a part of it? So many pro-lifers in one place and our generation is definitely represented. We are EVERYWHERE and that alarms the Planned Parenthood folks! Call 304-282-5756 to reserve a seat on the chartered bus leaving from Morgantown that day. See page 2 for more information. The great thing is that it's on

a Friday so you can sleep in the next morning. Yay!

If you can get away from classes on Monday, February 18, you definitely should. To come to the State Capitol building for Pro-Life Rally Day is as good as it gets for a school field trip. Not only are you speaking up for the voiceless just by being there, but you are educating yourself as to how the legislative process works.

By the way, the first place winners in the aforementioned essay contest, get to read their winning entries at the Pro-Life Rally at noon. The rally will be outside on the north steps this year due to construction in the rotunda area. Sounds like an adventure to me. I am up for it. Are you? See you there.

Your president for life,
Margaret Deely

October 20 Convention a Success

By Mary Anne Buchanan
WVFL Program Director

Kelly green and royal blue color everywhere along with “Yes on 1” centerpieces were a sight to behold at the annual West Virginians for Life State (WVFL) Convention held on Saturday, October 20.

The adopted colors and logo of the “Vote Yes on Amendment 1” campaign could not be ignored. The November 6 elections were less than two weeks away at the time and all were aware that Amendment 1 would be on the ballot.

There was a buzz amongst the attendees in hopes of a victory after eight long months of work.

For the moment, however, the audience was captivated by Keynote speaker Ellen Salter. Her *In Defense of Life: Defending the Most Vulnerable, Handicapped and Weak in Our Society* was a talk that told of Ellen’s teen daughter, Meghan, who has been on life support since infancy.

This woman knows of the beauty and dignity of each human life. She lives it every day.

The morning concluded with a talk discussing End of Life issues, emphasizing the importance of the “Will to Live” and a personal testimony of a woman who greatly benefitted from a “Deeper Still” weekend retreat [www.godeeperstill.org]. Deeper Still’s mission statement is “to multiply ministry teams to bring healing and lasting freedom to abortion wounded hearts.”

As the buffet luncheon ended, elected officials and candidates were introduced, among them pro-life Congressman



Ellen Salter, who was to be the Rose Dinner speaker in the spring, was able to more than adequately step in as keynote for the State Convention. WVFL wishes a speedy recovery to Nancy Valko who had injured her wrist a couple of weeks prior to the event.

David McKinley and Secretary of State Mac Warner, WV Senate candidate Mike Oliverio, House of Delegates candidates Guy Ward and Phil Mallow.

The crowd also heard from National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross on the importance of social media and activism to ensure electoral victories at the polls.

WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz gave an update on Amendment 1, while National Right to Life Academy Alum Lacey Dent Evans presented on the make-up of the United States Supreme Court.

Evans also led the Teen Day Camp. Teens learned not only from Lacey, but also from Karen Cross, keynote speaker Salter, and Lori Cascio of Students for Life of America.

With door prizes sprinkled in as well as short informative videos, the day went all too fast. Participants went away recharged and ready to continue their vital pro-life work.



Teen Day Camp attendees with (back row) leader Lacey Evans and speakers Karen Cross, Lori Cascio and Ellen Salter

*In loving memory of
faithful pro-life advocate*

Willard Damon “Ick” Gunther

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2019 Calendar of Events

January 9, 2019 (Wednes.)	WV Legislative Session begins
January 18, 2019 (Fri.)	46th Annual March for Life in D.C.
January 20, 2019 (Sun.)	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
February 18, 2019 (Mon.)	Annual Pro-Life Rally Day, Charleston
March 9, 2019 (Sat.)	WV Legislative Session ends
March 2019 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg
April 4, 2019 (Thurs.)	21st Annual Rose Dinner, Holiday Inn, Morgantown
June 16, 2019 (Sunday)	7th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston County Country Club, Morgantown

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- ☐ YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35.
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- ☐ I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee* with a contribution of:
☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$_____
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☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$_____
- ☐ I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of: (*Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.*)
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Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. *West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

*A maximum donation of \$1,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the PAC. Please include occupation and employer when donating to the PAC. Corporate and church contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are prohibited by law. Contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are voluntary. Please disregard if you are a public employee or not a WVFL member.

Cabell and Nicholas



Chapter Leader George Wallace and long-time member Harold Smith manned this pro-life booth and were happy to pose with newly elected State Supreme Court Justice Evan Jenkins.



Yoko and George Wallace with Karen Cross and Nicholas County Chapter Leader Randy Meadows at the State Convention



Keynote Ellen Salter and Nicholas County Chapter Leader Randy Meadows

Monongalia

Right: The Mon County Chapter chose Yes on 1 as their theme for the chapter entry in the WVU Homecoming Parade on October 5. Far right: Sharon Kerns peered over her sign and Bob Johnson held his high. If parts of the crowd booed, pro-Amendment 1 cheers and clapping would break out to drown out the opposition.



Harrison



Harrison County Chapter members rejoice with one of their own - Pastor Doug Joseph humbly accepted the Angel of the Year Award at the October 20 State Convention in Fairmont.

Mason



Life Chain in Mason County before heading out to the highway

Monroe



WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan with Linda Day and Monroe County Chapter Leader Martha Hunter



These Board members in attendance at the September 29 meeting came prepared. All worked hard over eight months time to see the passage of Amendment 1 become a reality.

Marion



On Respect Life Sunday, Sandra Costello, Betty Marks, and Lillian Anderson stood for Life on the downtown Fairmont Bridge.



Marion County Chapter members with National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross at the State Convention

Raleigh



Former Raleigh County native Lorrie Legursky drove 4 hours from Ohio to support the SBA List Yes on 1 Rally. With her are Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter and Donna Steele (mother of Delegate-elect Brandon Steele).

Summers



Summers County Chapter Leader Bonnie Ayers helped herself to some water to go with lunch catered by Mary Kay Lindsay & Gourment Catering.



Cabell County

Chapter leader George Wallace and wife Yoko attended the *Yes on 1* Rally at the State Capitol on September 30 as well as the State Pro-Life Convention. George continued distributing *Yes on 1* materials to churches throughout the County.

Fayette County

For meeting times, dates and location, email Teresa Pack at tdpack4yeshua@gmail.com or call her at 304-222-0644.

Hardy County

The chapter paid for two ads in local papers in support of Amendment 1.

Harrison County

The Harrison County chapter was busy getting the word out about Amendment 1, encouraging people to vote pro-life and getting Judge Kavanaugh confirmed.

The chapter either had a booth or participated in four festivals and several rallies. Pastor Doug Joseph spoke at rallies and sent letters to the editor that were published in the Exponent Telegram and the Dominion Post. Mary Tillman, J.D., wrote a very informative letter to the editor of the Charleston Gazette-Mail clarifying misconceptions about Amendment 1.

Mary Tillman spoke about Amendment 1, as well as end-of-life issues at the Lost Creek Women's Club, Catholics for Life in Parkersburg, and the Sardis Senior Citizen's Center. Mary also spoke about the historical and philosophical connections between evolution, eugenics, abortion and euthanasia at the State Convention.

The chapter put up a *Vote Yes on 1* billboard on I-79 as well as placed many yard signs in the county. Letters were sent to pastors in pro-life churches asking them for prayer and help in informing their congregations of the importance of Amendment 1.

Member John Jenks participated in the SBA List canvassing. The chapter paid for boosted Facebook posts in support of Amendment 1. Pastor Joseph monitored the Facebook posts and responded as necessary. It was a very effective way

of reaching people. Pastor Joseph also created an Amendment 1 video, which was used for several purposes including the WVFL YouTube channel, Facebook and the home page of the main WVforLife.org website. He also made an audio radio "spot" (PSA) from the audio track and aired it each Sunday before and after his church's radio broadcast on News-Talk WAJR 103.3 FM.

Kanawha County

To show your interest and to get involved in a chapter in Kanawha County, email Kelly Pritt at kellycpritt@yahoo.com or phone her at 304-419-4381.

Marion County

Several members attended the State Pro-Life Convention. The chapter provided continental breakfast at the event. They also participated in Respect Life Sunday in early October by holding signs on the downtown Fairmont bridge.

Marshall County

If there are interested parties in Marshall County who would like to help with the chapter, please email Karen Ali at klee1105@yahoo.com.

Mason County

Several participated in a Life Chain on October 7. (See photo opposite page.)

Monongalia County

The Chapter had a successful participation in the West Virginia University Homecoming Parade held on Friday, October 5, 2018. There were many walkers, all wearing *Yes on 1* tee shirts. They carried *Yes on 1* signs and received very good response from the crowd.

Wanda Franz, President, and members of the staff, Mary Anne Buchanan, Cheryl Carr and Pam Stanley (along with husband Jeff) attended the "watch party" with Congressman David McKinley in Morgantown on election night, November 6, 2018. They celebrated when it became clear that Amendment 1 had passed. They congratulated Congressman McKinley and his wife Mary on his reelection to the U.S. Congress.

The chapter is making plans for the regular signature ad in the Dominion

Post newspaper on January 22, 2019 to commemorate the legalization of abortion in America by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*.

Plans are being made for the annual bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, scheduled for January 18, 2019. The bus will leave the Sears parking lot at the Morgantown Mall at 4 a.m. The cost is \$15 a person or \$30 for a family of 3 or more. Those interested in riding on the bus must make reservations by calling 304-282-5756.

Monroe County

Monroe County Chapter Leader Martha Hunter enjoyed the State Convention in Fairmont.

Morgan County

Morgan County Chapter's big fundraising dinner occurred on Monday, October 29.

Members of WVFL of Morgan County and others provide sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. Since they began in October 2006 they have convinced 492 women not to abort their babies. It is estimated that at least an equal number of women have changed their minds about abortion after viewing their large signs and witnessing the people praying.

WDTF broadcasts several pro-life messages a day including a five-minute National Right to Life program called Pro-Life Perspective. The Knights of Columbus originate and record another set of pro-life messages created by Dick Byrne. Another Knight, Patrick Crosby is the pro-life station engineer.

The chapter continued its 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to all who support this, especially the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

The chapter website, WWW.WVFL-MCC.COM, is the sole responsibility of Barbara Carr.

Be sure to visit the chapter website credited to Barbara Carr: www.wvfl-mcc.com

Nicholas County

Randy Meadows, who heads the chapter, was among the 80 who attended the *Yes on 1* Rally at the State Capitol in September. WVFL is grateful he consented to leaving the State Convention early to drive the keynote speaker, Ellen Salter, to the airport in Pittsburgh.

Raleigh County

Listeners of a local radio station in her area would have heard Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter talk about Amendment 1. She also participated in *Yes on 1* rallies.

Randolph County

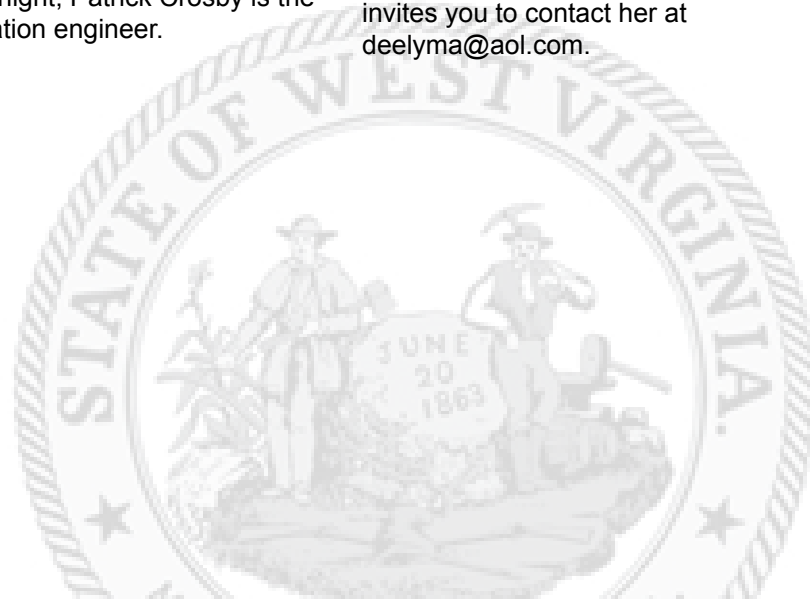
Chapter Leader Mary English would welcome help with the chapter. To contact her, email sterwolf30499@yahoo.com or call 304-516-3121.

Summers County

Chapter Leader Bonnie Ayers attended the State Pro-Life Convention on October 20. She contributed *Yes on 1* letters to the editor locally in her county.

WV Teens for Life

New President Margaret Deely invites you to contact her at deelyma@aol.com.



PLEASE JOIN US
Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 for PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY!

*State Capitol in Charleston at Noon outside on the north steps (facing the bell)
Registration will be in the lower rotunda beginning at 9:00 a.m.*



*Come and support the Non-Discrimination in
Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act*

Highlights - Meet with your legislators (10 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

- Rally at Noon

- Prayer Processional following rally

The day will be filled with fellowship, music, exciting speakers, and a special prayer walk through the Capitol on behalf of the unborn.

For additional information: 304-594-9845 or wvforlife.org

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**Christmas came early this year for West Virginia pro-life taxpayers
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