

The real impact should the Hyde Amendment no longer be included

Be sure to sign the Pro-Life Petition

By Dave Andrusko, NRL News Today Editor

As readers of *NRL News Today* know all too well, Biden-Harris and congressional Democrats are determined to subvert the bipartisan accommodation that goes all the way back to 1976: the Hyde Amendment. Only a party wholly in thrall to the extremist Abortion Industry would plant their flag in territory that Republican and Democrat presidents alike have rejected.

You'll recall that Biden-Harris submitted a 2022 budget without the Hyde Amendment, a long-standing bipartisan agreement not to fund elective abortions, with very narrow exceptions. On July 22, the House Appropriations Committee, passed a funding bill for the 2022 fiscal year without this language.

Rep. Tom Cole (R-Oklahoma) offered an amendment during the markup to restore the Hyde Amendment, according to Sandhya Raman of Roll Call. "It's my hope that members on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers can negotiate spending that is responsible and will not lead to financial disaster," said Rep. Cole, who is the ranking member on HHS-Education Appropriations. "But the first step toward negotiation is the full reinstatement of the Hyde amendment."

All Republicans voted in favor joined by just one

Democrat, Henry Cuellar of Texas.

Raman spent the bulk of her time arguing that if the Hyde Amendment is not reauthorized the effect would be "muted," to use the description offered by Laurie Sobel, the Kaiser Family Foundation associate director for women's health policy. Without going through and rejecting all the rationalizations that grossly minimize the impact, three truths stand out.

First, after *Roe v. Wade* was handed down in 1973, various federal health programs, including Medicaid, simply started paying for elective abortions. By the time Rep. Henry Hyde offered his amendment in 1976 to prevent federal Medicaid funds from paying for abortions, the federal government was paying for 300,000 abortions annually—and the number was rising.

The Abortion Industry fully understands why NRLC calls the Hyde Amendment the greatest domestic abortion-reduction measure ever enacted by Congress. As Jennifer Popik, JD, NRL Director of Federal Legislation, wrote, "There is abundant empirical evidence that where government funding for abortion is not available under Medicaid or the state equivalent program, at least one-fourth of the Medicaid-eligible women carry their babies to term, who would otherwise procure federally-funded abortions. Some pro-



abortion advocacy groups have claimed that the abortion-reduction effect is substantially greater—one-in-three, or even 50 percent."

Second, as Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family wrote for *Newsweek*, "adding insult to injury," the new appropriations bill also abandons the Weldon Amendment, which ensures government agencies do not discriminate against any health care entity that doesn't want to pay for abortions. These two amendments represent the government's

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URGENT
ALL WV Pro-Life Laws are at Risk!
 The so-called Equality Act has NOTHING to do with equality, Senator Manchin. It has EVERYTHING to do with eliminating ALL of West Virginia's pro-life laws. Manchin has said he will vote for this horrible bill.

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On August 11, the Senate passed the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution, which included support for the Hyde Amendment. (See article above.) Senator James Lankford (R-Ok) introduced the amendment to prohibit federal funding for abortion. A vote for the Lankford amendment represented support for the Hyde Amendment in the budget.

The amendment passed on a party-line vote with the sole exception that West Virginia's Democrat Senator Joe Manchin voted with the Republicans to support the Hyde language in the bill. The amendment is non-binding but shows majority support for Hyde. The House of Representatives must agree to the budget resolution before the

legislation can advance.

To contact Manchin, go to the WVSpeaks.com website. Thank him for his vote on the Hyde Amendment language. While there, you should also thank him for his strong stand in support of the filibuster rule in the Senate.

WVSpeaks.com provides information on the other abortion-supporting pieces of legislation introduced by the Biden/Harris administration. Senator Manchin should be asked to vote against this pro-abortion agenda, as passage of the so-called "Equality Act" and the Equal Rights Amendment would result in nullifying all the pro-life legislation passed here in West Virginia. Check the website often for information on the legislation in Congress, as bills can come up quickly at any time.

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From the President



Amicus Brief Filed in Most Recent Case Taken Up by SCOTUS

Dear Friends,

National Right to Life (NRLC) and Louisiana Right to Life (LARTL) have filed an amicus brief in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. On May 10, the Supreme Court announced that it would hear this case from Mississippi challenging *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. This is the first case on abortion taken up by the Supreme Court's presumed new 6-to-3 conservative majority.

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization challenged a law passed by the Republican-dominated Mississippi legislature in 2018 banning abortions if "the probable gestational age of the unborn human was determined to be more than 15 weeks." The lower courts found the law to be plainly unconstitutional under *Roe*. Judge Carlton W. Reeves of Federal District Court in Jackson, MS blocked the law in 2018 saying the legal issue was straightforward and questioning the state lawmakers' motives. A three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in New Orleans, affirmed Judge Reeves's ruling.

The NRLC and LARTL brief points to the confusion brought about by previous Supreme Court cases regarding the test used to judge when laws are unconstitutional. The upshot from this confusion is that abortion has been treated as a nearly absolute right under the Constitution, because Courts don't know how to judge the

various laws intended to restrain the abortion right.

The brief also demonstrates how the Court has bent normal rules to make *Roe's* abortion right more absolute. The courts have failed to fully consider state interests. In the *Dobbs* case, the trial court rejected the State's efforts to put up evidence in defense of its law. Such state interests include protecting preborn human life (including from pain), protecting maternal health, guarding against harm to the integrity of the medical profession, protecting civil society, and protecting against sex-, race-, and disability-discrimination, among other interests.

The NRLC and LARTL brief have asked the Court to provide a new roadmap, mandating that normal legal rules must be applied in abortion cases and state interests must be given full effect. James Bopp, Jr., NRLC's General Counsel says: "Since *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court has twisted the normal rules of law to protect an absolute abortion right and not given full effect to powerful state interests such as protecting preborn life and maternal health. Today, we ask the Court to reverse that tangential path, which will allow greater regulation of abortion, lead to stability in the law, and put *Roe* itself at issue."

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

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commitment to respect, at least to some extent, the deeply held beliefs of millions of pro-life Americans.

Third, the public's approval of the Hyde Amendment's prohibition of taxpayer funding of abortion remains very high, including among Independents and almost a third of Democrats:

In 2020, a Marist poll found that those opposed to federal funding of abortions held firm with 60% of Americans opposed.

In a 2021 Marist poll conducted in January, those who "oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman's abortion"—58%—is solid and consistent with prior polling. What is noticeable is that 65% of

Independents and even 31% of Democrats oppose federal funding of abortion.

Fourth, and finally, the latest wedge attempt is to insist the Hyde Amendment is guilty of the all-purpose charge of "racism," or, put less inflammatorily, that it "discriminates against the poor." This is patently not true, as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops explains:

"Not at all. The amendment covers all health programs funded through appropriations bills for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education—not only programs covering the poor. And Congress has enacted the same policy in programs for the military, federal employees, and others who are not poor."

The battle will obviously be fought in both the House and the Senate. NRLC and

WVFL will keep you updated.

NRLC is making every effort to preserve this life-affirming amendment. In addition to signing the online Petition, be sure to inform your members of Congress that you want them to support the Hyde Amendment.

Also, NRLC has a bevy of materials on Hyde that will be invaluable. They are found at nrlc.org/Hyde.

While visiting that link, be sure to sign the Petition telling Congress "We want to keep the Hyde Amendment to Prevent Taxpayer Funding of Abortion."

Please also remind your family and friends that they can subscribe to *NRL News Today*. You can sign up for this free Monday through Saturday pro-life news source in 30 seconds.

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Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act



By Wanda Franz, Ph.D., WVFL President

West Virginians for Life will support passage of the *Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act* in the next West Virginia Legislative Session. It has long been understood that abortion could be used as a search-and-destroy method for engaging in eugenics to eliminate “undesirable people.”

Here in the United States, we take pride in welcoming people with disabilities. For example, we cut curbs for wheelchair use and provide accessible transportation and architecture. However, at the same time, we make it possible to kill those with disabilities while they are still in the womb.

Families whose children are diagnosed with Down syndrome or other disabilities face enormous pressure to abort. Most of these families succumb to the pressure to abort their disabled children. The largest study on U.S. termination rates following a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome demonstrated a mean termination rate of 67% among seven population-based studies and 85% among nine hospital-based studies.

However, when families welcome their children with Down syndrome, the results are overwhelmingly positive. Research on thousands of family members indicates that over 90% report happiness and

love for their children with Down syndrome. In addition, 99% of individuals with Down syndrome report being happy, 97% like who they are, and 96% like how they look.

When families are pressured to abort their disabled children, little attention is given to the physical and psychological damage that can be done. Worldwide, a substantial body of research conducted over the past several decades has revealed that women who choose to terminate a pregnancy due to fetal anomaly are at risk for serious, prolonged mental health problems. Most abortions for eliminating disabled infants occur in the second trimester. It is well-known that second trimester abortions pose more severe risks to the mother for physical damage and death.

The latest Knights of Columbus Poll shows that 70% of adults “oppose abortion due to the expectation a child will be born with Down syndrome.”

West Virginians for Life supports passage of the *Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act*. This law supports the state’s interest in protecting those with disabilities and their families from the trauma of coerced abortion.

The Equal Rights Amendment has not been Ratified According to recent Federal Appeals Court Ruling

By Wanda Franz

In 1972, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was passed out of Congress and sent to the states for ratification. West Virginians for Life (WVFL) and the National Right to Life (NRLC) opposed the 1972 ERA because it could be used to undermine pro-life laws, including those passed in WV. Even most pro-abortion organizations agree with this assessment. For example, NARAL Pro-Choice America asserted that “the ERA would reinforce the constitutional right to abortion... [it] would require judges to strike down anti-abortion laws...” A National Organization for Women factsheet on the ERA states that “... an ERA — properly interpreted — could negate the hundreds of laws that have been passed restricting access to abortion care...”

West Virginia was one of the early states to ratify the ERA. However, Congress included a ratification deadline in the 1972 ERA Resolution. That deadline was set for 1979. The ERA

Amendment failed to receive the required number of state ratifications by that date. It was declared unsuccessful and West Virginia’s ratification was void.

However, our opponents continued to push through ratification in states after the deadline had passed and used court suits to ask the courts to

declare ERA to be ratified in spite of the obvious failure to meet the deadline as required by the law. The pro-ERA forces have lost every court case they have pursued. The most recent case came down on June 29, 2021 upholding the dismissal of a lawsuit claiming the ERA was ratified.

A three-judge federal court of appeals panel unanimously upheld the dismissal of *Equal Means Equal v. Ferriero*, one of two ongoing lawsuits that implausibly claim that the federal ERA has been ratified and is part of the U.S. Constitution. Equal Means Equal sued the Archivist of the United States for declining to certify the ERA as part of the Constitution after the Virginia legislature purported to “ratify” the ERA in January 2020, ostensibly thereby crossing the 38-state ratification threshold. The lawsuit had made the dubious claim that the 1979 ratification deadline that Congress included in the 1972 ERA Resolution was unconstitutional, and that the Archivist’s refusal to certify the ERA harmed women as a class and the plaintiffs individually.



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Who is “Worthy” or “Unworthy” of Life?

Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act

Stop targeting babies in the womb that have been diagnosed with Down syndrome!

West Virginians for Life is working to pass a bill that will protect from abortion unborn children with a diagnosis of Down syndrome or any other disability. This will prohibit an abortionist from performing an abortion when the sole reason is due to the baby’s disability.

Current research shows that 9 out of 10 babies

who are diagnosed with Down syndrome will be aborted. Many mothers who find out their babies will be born with a disability should be given ample information and resources instead of a referral to an abortion facility.

Given these resources, families can choose life and raise babies with Down syndrome or any other disability to have full lives filled with love and compassion.



We, the undersigned, support saving babies from abortion who have been diagnosed with Down syndrome or any other disability.

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PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE FREELY. Get more copies of the petition by calling or emailing WVFL. Submitted emails will get future communications.

Download the petition from the website and get your friends to sign online at: wvforlife.org

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Improving West Virginia Advance Directives in 2022

By Mary H. Tillman, J.D.

The “Health Care Decisions Act (HCDA)” in the WV Code deals with “Living Wills.” It contains dangerous language that could result in the dehydration and starvation of vulnerable patients



WVAFEHC
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at the end of life and in the so-called “persistent vegetative state,” because it calls for the removal of food and hydration provided by IV or feeding tube from those patients. Our proposed legislation would ensure that food and fluids that can be tolerated orally would always be offered.

Because of advances in medicine that have occurred since the HCDA was passed 20 years ago indicating that “vegetative” patients are often misdiagnosed, our amendment would remove vegetative state patients entirely from the Living Will, so that it will pertain only to patients who are terminally ill and have entered the dying process.

A new study (July 2021, published in JAMA Neurology) again says PVS (persistent vegetative state) patients, 1 out of 4 times regained orientation if given 12 months to recover. This suggests that the common practice of removing life-prolonging treatment rather quickly after injury is killing people that could get better.



*In Loving
Memory of...*

Dora A. Clarke
by The Aulenbachers

Meet the teenager with the blonde hair, engaging smile, and extra chromosome at State Convention on October 9

by Mary Anne Buchanan

Little did I know that when I put the Chloe Kondrich photo with article in the spring 2021 edition, that both she and her Dad, Kurt Kondrich, would end up being the WVFL State Convention keynote speakers!

Kurt married his wife Margie in 1996, and they are the parents of their amazing son Nolan and beautiful daughter Chloe. Chloe was born in 2003 with a diagnosis of Down syndrome, and her birth placed the Kondrich family on an incredible journey.

Kurt served as a Police Officer for 20 years and received many awards for service to the community. Shortly after Chloe's birth Kurt learned that up to 90% of children diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome were targeted and eliminated – 100% in Iceland.

Kurt left his career as a Pittsburgh Police Officer and focused on being a strong advocate for our most vulnerable children. Margie and Nolan taught Chloe to read at age 3, and Chloe has had an amazing life in her community at age 17. Chloe's picture has appeared 5 times on the big screen in Times Square as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's video *Abilities*. Chloe is featured on the cover and in the book "Brilliant Souls" which details stories about incredible people with Down syndrome.

The Kondrich Family has received several awards for advocacy efforts including the PA Pro-Life

Federation Leadership Award, The St Anthony Award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Good Counsel Homes Advocacy Award in NYC, The Array of Hope St John Paul Threshold of Hope Award, the "Chloe Award" in New Jersey, and the California Right to Life League Education Award. Kurt and Chloe spoke at the United Nations in 2017 and 2018 about the priceless gift of life and the silent genocide against children diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome. The Kondrich family met with the President and Vice President at the White House for the 2018 March for Life.

Kurt and Chloe's advocacy efforts lead to the PA Legislature overwhelmingly passing the Down syndrome Prenatal Education Act ("Chloe's Law") in July 2014, and Chloe signed the law on the Governor's desk. Kurt and Chloe have spoken several times at the PA Capitol. In 2018 Kurt and Chloe appeared on NYC Cardinal Dolan's International TV Show. In March of 2019 Kurt and Chloe were featured in a Global Story of Hope "Why we should welcome children with Down Syndrome" on an International website that reached millions in several languages.

Kurt and Chloe were the Keynote Speakers at the 2019 National Right to Life Convention Prayer Breakfast in Charleston, SC. That is where West Virginians in attendance first heard and witnessed the Kondrich story. Kurt feels very blessed that God uses him to serve and protect our most defenseless citizens. His favorite Bible Verse is Proverbs 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Don't miss the convention. The registration form is on page 9.



Father and daughter testifying at the United Nations in 2018

Rose Dinner Keynote is Melissa Ortiz on November 11



Disability Rights Activist Melissa Ortiz will keynote the 23rd Annual Rose Dinner at Holiday Inn in Morgantown on Thursday, November 11.

Whether she's sharing a memory, a laugh, or a perspective on the conflict in the Middle East, anyone who encounters Melissa Ortiz is quick to learn that she is truly one of a kind. Before being old enough to enter the first grade, Melissa had been both a poster child for a major charity and involved in a political campaign. While living with the challenge of a physical disability might give Ortiz license to

feel like a victim, have a sense of entitlement, or minimally, be a bit grumpy, she is none of those things. She identifies as a "happy patriot" and is passionate about driving dialogue between conservatives and people living with disabilities. She is uniquely suited to bridge the gap between these two groups and is passionate about bringing them together to create solutions.

A native southerner who has spent periods of her life in Atlanta, Nashville, Jerusalem, and New York City, Ortiz has finally settled with husband Tony in the nation's capital. Her passion for politics and penchant for communication has taken her from the Tennessee State Senate Clerk's office to the battle against ratification of the UN Treaty on Disabilities (CRPD). From the very beginning, Ortiz's family instilled in her the importance of

public service. "I grew up in a family who believed in helping other people," Ortiz remembers. "We just saw people who were in need and we could reach out to do whatever we could." Ortiz has been involved in countless political campaigns. She worked on the team supporting Sen. Ted Cruz's Presidential bid and has worked to pass a Constitutional Amendment protecting the rights of all parents. She recently also finished a stint as a political appointee in the Trump Administration where she worked to promote the concept that people with disabilities need employment opportunities and a community framework that will allow them to live independently.



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Thursday, November 11, 2021

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National Right to Life Convention June 25-26, 2021



Exchanging business cards are WVFL's Pastor Doug Joseph (State Treasurer) and Barth E. Bracy, Executive Director for Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee. The two young men are his sons.



The West Virginia contingent posed in front of the #wv4life exhibitor table. Four WVFL Chapters are represented here.



L to R: National Right to Life Legal Counsel James Bopp, Jr., J.D., National Right to Life co-Executive Directors Darla St. Martin and David O'Steen, NRL President Carol Tobias, and NRL Legislative Director Jennifer Popik, J.D.



Long-time WVFL office helper/maintenance man Bill Heffern drove from Meyersdale, PA to spend the day at #nrlc2021. NRL Political Director Karen Cross and Bill go way back to her earliest days as WVFL Executive Director.



Olivia Gans Turner, Wanda Franz, Ph.D., and Karen Cross posed before their workshop "Roe v Wade has failed women-unraveling the damage."



Patricia Sandoval, grew up privileged and yet, ended up in the streets (bald and bony). This former employee of the biggest purveyor of abortion in the country, Planned Parenthood, has a fascinating story worth hearing.



Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas gave the Closing Banquet keynote address to conclude the 2-day event. The topic was "Making Respect for Life a Daily Occurrence."



Vietnam veteran Wayne Cockfield (war wounded) tells us that he is in the bullseye of the euthanasia/assisted suicide crowd. This General Session was titled "There's No Such Thing as 'Just a Little' Euthanasia." South Carolina's Holly Gatling is looking on.



Recognition was given at the Closing Banquet by NRL President Carol Tobias to co-Executive Director David O'Steen, Convention Yearbook Editor/Photographer Lisa Andrusko, and her husband Dave Andrusko, the writer/editor of the online NRL News paper and the NRL News Today blog.



Pro-life bioethicist Wesley Smith had an amusing anecdote to share.



NRL President Carol Tobias recognizing 35 years of national conventions put on by the incomparable Jacki Ragan



WVFL had an exhibitor table at #nrlc2021. This lady is speaking with Pastor Doug Joseph (WVFL State Treasurer) and WVFL Office Asst. Alli Richard.



A "50th Anniversary" cake to celebrate 50 years of the National Right to Life Committee was served up to all after the 8-10 p.m. General Session on Thursday.



Opponents of abortion pill reversal kept saying there was no evidence that the procedure works. This slide shows a few of the 2,000 successful results.



One of the innovators of Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) is Dr. Matt Harrison seen here after his presentation with WVFL's President Dr. Wanda Franz, Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan and NRL Political Director Karen Cross.

9th Annual
GOLF FORE LIFE
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TOURNAMENT
 July 10, 2021



US Congressman Alex Mooney stopped by to visit with the golfers. Here he is with WVFL's President Wanda Franz and Tournament Coordinator Mary Anne Buchanan.



Dana Leech accepted a plaque awarded to both her and her husband Doug for supporting the tournament at the Platinum level.



Sean Mohr accepted a plaque awarded to Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont for supporting the tournament at the Platinum level.



This is Colleen Criste after her attempt in the Putting Contest. Thirty-six golfers participated.



State Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt enjoyed his second consecutive tournament. Here he is with Golf FORE Life Tournament Coordinator Mary Anne Buchanan.



Shawna was one of two snack cart drivers.



Karen was the other snack cart driver.



WVFL appreciates Wessick Novelty Company's Gold Sponsorship this year.



The St. John's Team enjoyed the event. Pictured are Rev. Phillip Szabo, Rev. Brian Crenwelge, Colleen Criste, and Katie Davis.



Volunteer Savannah Fout manned the Chinese Auction table where golfer Dennis Kelley is making his choices.



One member of the Christian Golf Association of Upshur County goofing off



No memo but these two could be twins – Sean Wightman and Chris Kolanko.



The importance of good volunteers (all 22 of them) cannot be overstated.



Delegates Eric (District 64) Householder and Wayne Clark (District 65) drove from Berkeley and Jefferson Counties respectively to golf. Clark said, "If you have the tournament here next year, we'll be back."



Volunteers also included WVFL Office Assistant Alli Richard, who photographed much of the event) and Daniel Deal (in cart) and David Hadinger.



One half of the McCulla Funeral Home Team, Sean Smith and Mick Householder, are riding out to their beginning tee.



Cannot thank Linda Day enough for the 480 bottles of water!



1st Place
 First Place went to the Mountain State BBQ Team with a 56 (16 under par) consisting of Art Lipscomb, Brian Trickett, Mike Soccorsi, and Jeff Deitz.



2nd Place
 The Second-Place finishers were Chris Alasky along with Corey, Scott, and Sean Mohr on the TAG (Trinity Assembly of God) Team with a score of 57.



3rd Place
 Third Place went to Pound Town City Council comprised of Zack Woleen, Christopher Phares, Will Stone, and Jim Hall. Their 59 tied with Appalachian Pest Control, but the tiebreaker for PTCC was the 18th hole where they did one stroke better.



Appalachian Pest Control scored an identical Third Place 59, but a tie-breaker dropped them to Fourth Place. They were the 2020 winners.



Mark Burke was the Putting Contest winner. He took home a \$100 Lowe's gift card.



Mike Buchanan was animated as he told a story to Richard Bell (left) and Scotty Clark (right). Buchanan played on the McSweeney Team, while Bell and Clark made up half the Gold Sponsored Wessick Novelty Team.



The Matt Gilpin Team let us know how they felt about the Scott Ford hole-in-one car. There's always next year, guys.

Pro-Life Profile

by Patricia Johnson

Originally from Charleston, WV, Elizabeth McQuaide-Parlock now lives in Huntington. She is the mother of 10 amazing people, ages 20 to 39, and has been divorced for 15 years. Elizabeth obtained her bachelor's degree in Social Work with an emphasis in Gerontology from WVU in 1980. She is presently employed with the Cabell County School Board as a substitute classroom aide. She attended a Catholic Church for 41 years, an Orthodox Church for 5 years, and Unity Church for a few years. Elizabeth shares that God remains #1 in her life, she follows Jesus, and the world is her congregation.

In 1973, when *Roe v. Wade* was decided, Elizabeth was a freshman at Charleston Catholic High School. She came home one day and said something to her parents about the teacher saying that women had a "right to choose." Her parents replied with, "Let's talk". After their explanation, she joined the pro-life movement and has been active in supporting the right to life ever since. This involvement includes her four years in WVU's student pro-life organization with Professor Wanda Franz as the advisor.

Elizabeth said it is the babies who have kept her involved in the right to life movement. In her opinion, once we realize how horrific abortion on demand is, it is forever our duty to try and stop it. Her first job as Chapter Development Director will be to get official liaisons from each willing church on board with their respective county chapters so that the chapter will have an easy link for disbursement of information to the churches, and vice versa.

Elizabeth feels that one of the biggest challenges the pro-life movement faces is lethargy on the part of those of us who believe that abortion is a crime against humanity. Her hope for the future is that we as pro-lifers will each commit some amount of time each week to working on legally protecting preborn babies, to educating ourselves, and to lovingly speaking our mind and praying for an end to this violence against humanity. Elizabeth has a goal that pre-born human life in the U.S. will once again be legally protected before *Roe v. Wade* sees its tragic and sad 50th anniversary in 2023. WVFL shares this hope with Elizabeth and thanks her for her lifetime of commitment to God's most precious gift of human life!



Chapter Development Director
Elizabeth McQuaide-Parlock

WVFL Treasurer's Article

For LIFE's sake, NOW is the time!

Pro-abortion Leftists in Congress are going for the throat in ways that are dangerous to life, threatening to ensconce in statute the flawed, baseless approach of *Roe/Doe* and *Casey*, so it would not just be the de facto "law of the land" by way of judicial fiat, but rather also from a legislative front. Democrats are even attempting to remove the longstanding Hyde Amendment, so we'd all be forced to pay for abortions with our taxpayer dollars. We must make sure they fail. This means now, more than ever, you need to visit our "WV Speaks" pro-life site (wvspeaks.com) and utilize the crucial info there to contact, in particular, Senator Joe Manchin.

Why is the Left pressing for legislation in addition to court opinions? They sense the impending collapse of *Roe/Doe* and *Casey*. We could well see "the beginning of the end" of that bad precedent when SCOTUS renders its opinion (expected by June 2022) on Mississippi's abortion restriction law. That state's AG, Lynn Fitch, defended their law in her brief to SCOTUS: "*Roe* and *Casey* are egregiously wrong. The conclusion that abortion is a constitutional right has no basis in text, structure, history, or tradition."

Finally, we were so blessed to attend the 2021 National Right to Life Convention. Our presentations there were well received. You really ought to plan to attend the next one. It's an amazing event! As always, details at nrlconvention.com

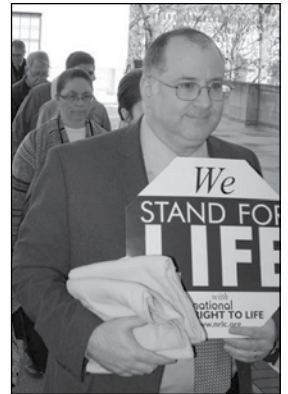
Yet again, I encourage you to be an Esther or a Mordecai, knowing you've been brought to this hour "for such a time as this." Your pro-life *support* and *voice* are needed now more than ever.

Join us: wvforlife.org/membership

Better yet, step up to **Rose Society Membership** while you're there!

Already a member? Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

*With Determination,
Pastor Doug Joseph
WVFL Treasurer*



West Virginia Teens For Life

Dear *Teens for Life*,

After many months of masking and sanitizing, West Virginians for Life is looking forward to the State Pro-Life Convention.

The Convention is again at Trinity Assembly of God on Saturday, October 9. The keynote speakers of this event will be Down syndrome rights advocate, Kurt Kondrich, and his daughter, Chloe. The father and daughter (age 17) team will address the teens at our Teen Day Camp. I am positive you readers will enjoy her company along with her father.

As everyone marks their calendars, be sure to do all you can in the community. It can take only one person to affect change. Be sure to reach out to friends, write essays, and do as much research as possible. Remember that every life matters.

*Your WV Teens for life President,
Margaret Deely*



**WV Teens for Life
President**
Margaret Deely

2021-2022 Calendar of Events

- September 11 (Sat.) **Board meeting, Clarksburg**
- September 25 (Sat.) **Monongalia County Chapter Walk-for-Life, Morgantown**
Contact for details: 304-599-0768
- October 9 (Sat.) **State Pro-Life Convention, Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont**
- November 11 (Thurs.) **23rd Annual Rose Dinner, Holiday Inn, Morgantown**
- November 13 (Sat.) **Board meeting, Clarksburg**
- January 21 (Fri.) **Annual March for Life, Washington, D.C.**
- February 7 (Mon.) **Pro-Life Rally Day, Charleston**

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October 9, 2021

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Berkeley



Left: Berkeley County Chapter's Vicki Saenz and Pam Brush at the 2020 Celebrate Life event. Above: The Chapter had a booth August 1-7 at the Berkeley County Youth Fair where volunteer Judith Leitner got to educate the youth.

Cabell



New WVFL Chapter Development Director Elizabeth McQuaide-Parlock has been a long-time friend of outgoing Cabell County Chapter Leader/ Board member George Wallace.



Surrounding Board member George Wallace for the last time at the June 12 meeting were (seated) Mary Anne Buchanan, Faith Meyer, Wanda Franz, and Julia Chaplin. Standing are Mary Tillman, Louise Deal, George Wallace, Karen Cross, Sherri Stevens, Judy Fuller, Pastor Doug Joseph, and Pam Brush.

Doddridge



Doddridge County is the latest to borrow the Cross Memorial Project. Pictured holding the banner are Miriam Lopez, Marge Northrop and Chapter Leader Chuck Northrop.

Nicholas



Nicholas County Chapter holds an annual golf tournament. This year's 1st Place team won \$550 with a winning score of 18 under par. They are Rock Moyer, Kathy Thompson, Larry Powers, and Tony Giles. They stand with Jim Gilbert's widow, Brenda Gilbert, for whom the tournament is named. Brenda is an active member of the Nicholas County Chapter of West Virginians for Life.

Monongalia



The Precious Baby Photo Contest attracted nine contestants. 1st Place (L to R) was Ryley Hansen, 2nd Place was Bowen Robey, and 3rd Place was Crue Kennedy. The chapter made roughly \$900. Ryley gets to ride in the WVU Homecoming Parade on October 1. All entrants are invited to join us.

Photo courtesy of Grayson Hall, Dominion Post



Chapter Leader Wanda Franz, Ph.D. gave the Commencement Address at Trinity High School on 5/28.

Raleigh



Pictured at the Women's Expo are Marge Smith, Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter, and Vickie England.

Upshur



The Upshur County Chapter held a highly visible Walk-for-Life on June 26. The local paper gave great coverage!

Monroe



Farmer's Day Parade Entry above and below



Pro-life Delegate Todd Longanacre spoke at one of the summer chapter meetings. Chapter Leader Martha Hunter was happy he attended.



Berkeley County

Berkeley County West Virginians for Life had a booth at the 2021 Berkeley County Youth Fair from August 1 through August 7, 2021. Their Celebrate Life Event is September 18 at War Memorial Park 1-3 pm. All are invited for family fun and information on pro-life matters.

Cabell County

Decades-long Chapter Leader George Wallace has made the move to Alabama to be near his grandchildren. Cathy Weiss, another long-time member has taken his place as Chapter Leader. Though he will be missed, WVFL is confident she will do a great job and all the best is wished for George and Yoko. The chapter was also a hole sponsor in the July 10 WVFL Golf FORE Life tournament.

Clay County

Sheena Rapp-Leedy, the chapter president, is looking for more interest from others in her county. The contact email is sheena192001@gmail.com and phone is 304-587-7073.

Doddridge County

The Cross Memorial Project found a new temporary home in Doddridge County near West Union. Chapter Leader Charles Northrop, wife Marge, as well as chapter members Miriam Lopez and Oscar Lopez put in time and effort to erect them so that the pro-life message could be spread. Where will the project end up next? Call the State Office at 304-594-9845, if interested.

Harrison County

The Harrison County Chapter sponsored a hole at the Golf Fore Life Tournament and member Mary Tillman worked the sign-in table. Pastor Doug and LaDonna Joseph attended the National Right to Life Convention. Pastor Joseph gave a presentation at the NRLC Board Committee on the Digital Voter Guide, which he has developed. The Chapter will have a booth at the Lost Creek Festival on Sept. 18 to hand out pro-life literature, answer questions, and obtain signatures for the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act petition.

Greenbrier County

Chapter Leader Paula McLaughlin had a space at the State Fair in Fairlea where pro-life literature was handed out and petitions signed. Many were drawn to the beautiful unborn baby models.

Kanawha/Putnam County

The chapter is working to secure a booth at the WV Pumpkin Festival in Milton October 7-10.

Lewis County

The chapter participated in the Upshur County Walk on June 26. Lewis County's Right to Life meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at New Life Southern Baptist Church in Weston. Call 304-269-4281 for more information.

Marion County

Marion County Chapter Leader Andy Sabak presented his annual workshop titled "List Development and Maintenance: Learning and Utilizing the Basics" at the National Right to Life Convention in Herndon, VA the end of June. Also attending were his brother Greg and chapter member Sandra Costello.

Monongalia County

Mon County President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. gave the Commencement Address for the graduating class of Trinity Christian School in Morgantown on May 28.

The Precious Baby Photo Contest was carried out via the WV For Life – Monongalia County Chapter Facebook page. It was held during the summer months. Baby pictures (sonogram – age 24 months) were submitted by email or by mail. Votes were 25¢ each placed by mail. The top three winners were: 1st place Ryley Hansen (daughter of James and Breanna Hansen of Morgantown); 2nd place Bowen Robey (son of Justin Robey and Alexis Siverling of Masontown, WV); and 3rd place Crue Hudson (son of Seth and Tiffany Kennedy of Fairview). The first place winner will ride in the car in the WVU Homecoming Parade to be held in Morgantown on Friday, October 1. All contestants are invited to walk with us.

The chapter was forced to cancel last year's annual Mother's Day Walk for Life, due to the Pandemic. It has been rescheduled for this year on September 25. It includes a walk of 3.4 miles along main streets in Morgantown followed by a Rally, with lunch and prizes to the top three walkers who collect the most in pledges, held at St. Mary's pavilion in Star City. The Walk begins at St. Mary's with registration at 9:30 a.m. with the Walk starting promptly at 10:00. For a pledge sheet, call 304-599-0768.

Monroe County

The float in the annual Farmer's Day parade in early June received lots of cheers as the float passed by spectators. Special thanks to Obe Dupree who constructed the giant birthday cake.

The theme for the float was "Everyone deserves a birthday." The chapter sponsored a hole in the WVFL Golf FORE Life on July 10. Delegate Todd Longanacre spoke at one of their summer meetings about the process of getting pro-life bills passed during the legislative session in Charleston. The chapter continues its monthly "Heartbeats" feature in *The Monroe Watchman*.

Morgan County

Although the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland, and that still continues. The number of unborn babies saved has now reached 562. **Also the abortion clinic has gone from being open two days a week to just one day.** 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.

Nicholas County

The 5th Annual Jim Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 24th at the Nicholas Memorial Golf Course in Summersville. A record number of 48 golfers competed in a team scrambles format with \$1,050 in total cash prizes awarded. The first-place team won \$550 with a winning score of 18 under par and is pictured on the opposite page. In addition to 2nd place \$350 and 3rd place \$150, prizes for men's and women's longest drives and closest to the pin on both par 3's on the course were presented. The tournament netted \$2,400 for the chapter. The chapter also paid for a hole sponsorship in the WVFL Golf FORE Life tournament.

Ohio County

The chapter paid for a hole sponsorship in the July 10 WVFL Golf FORE Life tournament.

Randolph County

Contact Chapter Leader Estep at elkinsfvc@gmail.com or call 304-614-7118 to get involved with the chapter.

Raleigh County

The Women's Expo was held at Raleigh County Convention Center on June 4th & 5th and the chapter was there!

Upshur County

June 26th roughly 60 walkers from Upshur and Lewis counties participated in the 38th Annual Upshur County Right to Life Rally and Walk for life at Jawbone Park, Buckhannon. According to Karli Hamrick's article in *The Record Delta*, 'Local Pastor and guest speaker Doug Spears relayed to the crowd the impact abortion has had on his own life. He began his message by stating, "My name is Doug and I am pro-life." Spears recounted the two occasions he and his partner at the time, visited abortion clinics, prior to becoming pro-life. He stated that during that time he wasn't "pro-choice" per say, but rather "pro-Doug." When referencing the atmosphere at the abortion clinics, Spears explained, "The place was packed. We in America have made murder look like a doctor's procedure—like if you're going in to get a tooth pulled or to get something extracted." Spears emphasized, "But it is so much more than just a procedure." Several other pastors participated and special music by a local band, FREE, performed. Delegate Caleb Hanna was present as well as Rhett Dusenberry with US Congressman Mooney's office. Chapter President Maureen Hull thanked multiple churches for making their pro-life billboards possible and many local businesses were thanked for the food donations that all enjoyed. If you are interested in joining the Upshur County Right to Life group, they meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Wayside Baptist Church on the Brushy Fork Road.

Wood County

Email Jaime Bigley at mrsjbig@gmail.com or call 304-494-0333 to get involved.

WV Teens for Life

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

WVU Mountaineers for Life

The group is participating in a Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 and National Cupcake Day on October 9. Contact Allison at ar0105@mix.wvu.edu if interested in getting involved in pro-life activities on the West Virginia University campus.



All Life Matters

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