
Michigan Nurses For Life

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"An educational group for pro-life nurses."

2003 - 2004 Meetings

September 9 at 7 pm - Details on page 3

PRENATAL ULTRASOUND:

A Review of the Basics

Janette Jablonski, BAS, RDMS, RDCS, RVP
Program Coordinator Providence Hospital

ULTRASOUND IN PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS

Virginia "Tinker" Johnston, RN
Nurse Manager, Crossroads Pregnancy Ctr.

November 11 at 7 pm - Details on page 3

**AMNIOCENTESIS: SEARCH & CURE
OR SEARCH & DESTROY?**

Lorna L. Cvetkovich, MD, OB/GYN,
Caritas Center for Women - Ann Arbor

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Linda Sipos

January 13 at 7 pm - Details in next newsletter

PEDIATRIC RESPITE CARE

Barbara Lubinski, RN, BSN, MSN
Precious Children Respite Home

PEDIATRIC HOSPICE

Mary Christine DiGiovanni, Chairperson
Ethics Committee, Angela Hospice

March 9 at 7 pm - Details in next newsletter

LIFESTORIES

Dramatic reading and song portraying
well-known personalities involved in the
Roe v. Wade decision and its aftermath.
Music written & performed by Patty Ward

PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Diane Trombley, RN, BSN, President of MNFL

2.0 CEUs are offered at each meeting attended.

Michigan Nurses for Life meets bimonthly at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, on the northwest corner of Lone Pine and Telegraph.

Fees: MNFL member \$5; MNFL non-member \$10; general public admission free.

Reserve This Date!!



Saturday, April 3, 2004

MNFL Spring Conference

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Pontiac
Franco Conference Center

"The Abortion/Breast Cancer Connection"

Speaker: Angela Lanfranchi, MD

2003 - 2004 Calendar

We have planned a really interesting series of meetings for this year—everything from Amniocentesis to Legislation. You will find the specific dates listed elsewhere in this Newsletter and we will provide details as each event approaches. One thing that is very special is our Spring Seminar on April 3, 2004. Once again it will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and our main speaker will be Dr. Angela Lanfranchi. In her practice, Dr. Lanfranchi saw an unusually large number of young women presenting with breast cancer. These were young women in their late 20's and early 30's with no known risk factors. The only common characteristic they shared was having undergone an elective abortion! The information Dr. Lanfranchi has to share with us makes the abortion/breast cancer link more and more apparent. It clearly throws a great deal of doubt on the NIH's report that no such link can be proven. This is a don't miss conference and, as always, will offer continuing education credits to those attending.

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Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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President's Perspective

"How Did I Get Here?"

When I graduated from Loyola University (Chicago) all those many years ago, I figured I would work a few years, marry, have kids, grow old as gracefully as possible and go back for reunions and exclaim over how much nursing had changed since I was a student and how easy today's students have it. Well, some of those things did come true - I did work a few years, mostly in Peds, I did marry, 36 years ago, we did have kids-2 boys, and a girl, all adopted, I am growing old (I don't know how gracefully-that is for others to decide) and nursing sure has changed!!! The change however is not what I expected. January 22, 1973 changed nursing, medicine, and society in a way we could not have anticipated.

Instead of office nursing or Peds, or ICU or whatever, my nursing education put me squarely into the pro-life movement. You see, in the early days of the abortion movement, people were saying that the "thing" a pregnant woman carried in her uterus was neither alive nor human so it did not matter what she did with it. Well, even in college in 1963, my text books were acknowledging the "aliveness" and humanness of the unborn child (called unborn child, not fetus). I could not sit quietly by and allow such nonsense to be offered as an excuse for the taking of innocent human life. The rest, as they say, is history.

I have been involved in the pro-life movement since 1972. I wear several hats-Public Relations Director for Right to Life-Lifespan and office manager for the Oakland/Macomb office; speaker for the Educational Center for Life; board member of the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses and now president of Michigan Nurses for Life.

MNFL is a fine organization, filled with caring, intelligent and dedicated nurses. I would like to see more nurses join us. Growing our organization is the goal I would like to pursue while I am president but I will not be able to do that without your help. Each of you know at least one other nurse who would join MNFL-ask them to a meeting so they can get to know us. Wear the little feet pin and when asked what it stands for, explain about the baby and our organization. You may receive a fund raising letter from me asking for financial help to fund a mailing to Michigan nurses, inviting them to join us. We will need help stuffing envelopes for these mailings and will come to you for an hour of your time. We hope to have informational tables at several professional conferences this year and will need help staffing them. I will also need your wise counsel. Please tell me what we can do better, what we should do that we have not done before. Tell us what your needs are-we are not just an educational organization but one that offers support and a listening ear to our members.

I suddenly find myself having to fill the very capable shoes of MaryLou Temple, Sarah Ewing and Ann Bellar as president of Michigan Nurses for Life and wondering if I am up to the task. I am excited, humbled and a little nervous about my new responsibilities but I am truly honored to be your president and promise you my very best effort.

----Diane Trombley----

Prenatal Ultrasound: A review of the Basics

2.0 Contact Hours Offered

Join MNFL members on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 pm to hear about prenatal ultrasound and its uses in a crisis pregnancy center setting.

Janette Jablonski, BAS, RDMS, RDCS, RVP is the ultrasound tech and Program Coordinator for Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, will speak about the basic physics of ultrasound, and its uses in determining normal and abnormal findings in pre-born babies. Janette is very pro-life, and looking forward to sharing about the important role ultrasound has in obstetrical care.

Ultrasound in the Crisis Pregnancy Center Setting

Virginia (Tinker) Johnston, RN is the Nurse Manager at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Auburn Hills. Tinker does ultrasounds to determine fetal viability in women who are abortion minded or vulnerable, and come to the CPC to have a pregnancy test done. She will share why many pregnancy help centers have become limited medical facilities in order to do this type of ultrasound. Many women who see their unborn baby in the womb through ultrasound end up choosing life rather than abortion.

Life Chain

Join Michigan Nurses On Woodward & 13 Mile

Each year on the first Sunday of October, pro-life people across the country celebrate National Life Chain Sunday. This event is not a march, or a demonstration. There are no speeches. However there are thousands of people standing silently along major thoroughfares in hundreds of cities across the country. They are standing silently, in support of human life. Each holds a sign that says, sadly, Abortion Kills Children, or Adoption, the Loving Option, or Life, the First Inalienable Right. They stand for 90 minutes in silent witness to the special value of human life and our duty to protect it. **This year Michigan Nurses for Life will have their own spot on Woodward Ave. co-sponsored by Right to Life - Lifespan and WUFL radio.**

Save Sunday, October 5 from 2 - 3:30 pm and meet members of Michigan Nurses for Life on the North-east corner of Woodward Ave and 13 Mile Rd and **stand up for Life!! Questions: call (248) 816-8489.**

Amniocentesis: Search & Cure or Search & Destroy?

2.0 Contact Hours Offered

All nurses and the general public are encouraged to join us Tuesday, November 11 at 7 pm to hear Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich, MD speak on the prenatal procedure "amniocentesis". Dr. Cvetkovich will present medical reasons for using this test, the risks involved and what can be done with the information provided. With more and more genetic diseases being found by various methods, pro-life people must stand firm in their opposition to abortion used to rid society of the less than perfect.

Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich is a Board Certified OB/GYN physician at Caritas Center for Women in Ann Arbor. Her experience with the hard decisions faced by mothers of babies with possible handicaps provides her with a wealth of information to share. She also has experience on topics such as STD's, artificial reproductive technologies, high-risk pregnancies and oral contraception.

Personal Testimony

Personal testimony will be given by Linda Sipos, who was strongly encouraged to have an abortion after her amniocentesis revealed her baby had Down's Syndrome. Linda will describe how her decision to keep her child impacted her life and how the support of friends and neighbors have filled her life and the life of her child with joy.

Do YOU Have A Story To Share?

Do you have a story to tell? We are looking for true stories from our members who have experienced some event in their professional lives that relates to abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide or some other life issue. We know that our membership is filled with any number of "silent" heroes. If you have helped one of your patients make a decision for life, or if you have witnessed someone else help a co-worker or patient to affirm the dignity of human life, please let us know. You can call, e-mail or "snail mail" us. If you would prefer that your identity be kept secret, we can do that. But please—share your LIFESTORIES with us.

Along that same train of thought...here is a question we would like answered----**"Why did YOU join Michigan Nurses for Life?"** Jot your answer down on a postcard and we will publish them as they come in.

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2003 ProLife Events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 / 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Lutherans For Life Conference

St. Peter Church at 24 Mile and Romeo Plank Rds.
For more information or to register contact
Donna at (586) 781-3986

SEPT. 20, OCT. 11, NOV. 22 & DEC. 13

Bioethics Seminar Series - Sponsored by St John
Center For Youth & Family, Plymouth - Cost \$30/
session. Contact St. John Center (734) 414-1111

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 / 2 - 3:30 pm

Life Chain of Metro Detroit

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 / 9 am - 3 pm

Parish Nurse Day of Reflection

St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth
Contact Br. Paul Yasenak, (313) 237-5978.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 / 8:30 am - noon

RTL-Lifespan Breakfast / General Meeting

Featuring Lifestories & Legislative Update

Burton Manor, Livonia

For more information call (248) 777-9090

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 and 19

Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Programs

"God's Plan For Growing Up"

St. Patrick's Church, White Lake



Check it out!
MNFL Web Site
www.mnfl.org

2004 ProLife Event

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2004

2nd Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar

Call NFP Program for details at (517) 342-2587.



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mailing list, please call the office at (248) 816-8489.