

Michigan Nurses For Life

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An educational group for prolife nurses

2005 - 2006 Meetings

September 13, 2005 at 7:15 pm

Double Header!

Topic: CPCs as Medical Facilities

Speaker: Vicky Mendler, MSN, WHNP
Professor of Nursing, Macomb Community College
Volunteer, Crossroads Pregnancy Center

Topic: PROLIFE ISSUES ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Speaker: Joanie Barrett, Wayne State University
student & pro-life activist

See page 3 for details.

November 15, 2005 at 7:15 pm

Topic: Human Cloning & Stem Cell Research

Speaker: Diane Trombley, RN, BSN, President MNFL

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January 10, 2006 at 7:15 pm

Topic: Health Insurance...

Parent s Rights in Michigan: Is there a conflict?

Speaker: Cynthia Dudek,
Executive Director of the Parental Rights Coalition



Conference Speakers: Regina Chapman (left), Julie Hage (right), with ECL Director, Phyllis Sullivan (center)

Conference Review

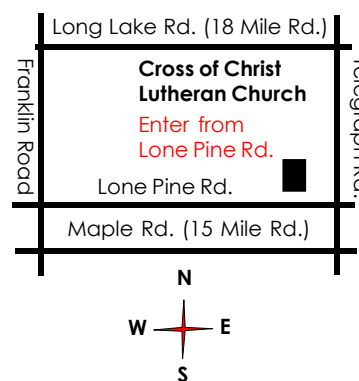
MNFL s Spring Conference titled STDs and Spring Break: What will be your Souvenirs? was held on April 9, 2005 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. The speakers were Regina Chapman, RN, BSN and Julie Hage, Abstinence Educator with the Why kNOw Abstinence Education Program. Their presentations on the current STD epidemic in this country and the need to educate young people, parents and educators on this topic were informative and well received by those in attendance. **FYI: The video Teen Sex: The Rules Have Changed shown at the 2005 Spring Conference is available for purchase. Call the MNFL office at 248.816.8489 for further information.**

September Speakers

Vicky Mendler, MSN, WHNP, is a Professor of Nursing at Macomb Community College and has taught OB nursing there for the past 5 years. She has volunteered for 18 years at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in different capacities: counselor, nurse, childbirth educator, board member and since 2001 has done limited ultrasound exams on abortion minded/vulnerable women.

Vicky will speak to nurses at our September 13 meeting about pregnancy centers becoming "medical" facilities. Vicky will address the purposes of medical CPCs, and... *Continued on page 3.*

Location of MNFL Meetings:



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

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

2.0 CEUs are offered at each meeting attended.

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For Life

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

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that the summer months gave all of you a chance to take some time for yourselves, relax, and maybe enjoy a vacation. We all need some downtime but often have a hard time fitting it into our schedules.

We have selected the topics for our three evening meetings this year (see schedule elsewhere) and hope that you will find them informative and timely.

We will have a table at this year's Michigan Nurses Association Convention October 4-7. This is a wonderful opportunity to let other nurses know about MNFL and to offer support to those nurses experiencing ethical challenges in the work place. We will need about four volunteers to help staff this table. We need someone from 10:30 am-1:00pm and another person from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm on Wednesday, October 5th. We also need someone from 7:30 am until 10:00 am and another person from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 6th. Whoever is at the table at 1:00pm on Thursday must take the display down (really easy - no heavy stuff) and make arrangements to get it all back to the MNFL office in Troy. I have broken the times down into two shifts so that whoever staffs the table can also attend some of the workshops and gather FREE contact hours. We really need someone (or four someones) to help out here.

Most of you are probably aware of the ongoing debate about embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. This issue will have a profound impact on nursing and nursing practice. We will try to keep you as informed as possible (including the November 15th evening meeting) but do keep in mind that wonderful strides are being made using adult stem cells that are obtained without having to destroy human life.

We will be renewing our membership in December and hope that you will encourage other nurses to join when you renew. It sounds so simple, but if each of you could get one more nurse to join, we would double our membership in the month of December!! There is an absolute need for our organization, and I would really like to see it grow, but we need your help. We need new board members who can bring fresh ideas to the table; we need folks who are willing to help with mailings and such, and others who can help with our spring conference with Wesley Smith (absolutely not to be missed!!!!). There is always something that needs doing and if you have the time, we have the project. Please call the office to see what you can do.

One other thing, in order for us to grow, more nurses need to know about MNFL. If you think there is enough interest in your work place, any of the board members would be happy to come to you and offer a brief presentation about MNFL, what we do and what we offer. Just give us a call and we can set the date.

Love Life!
Diane Trombley

Elections:

According to our by-laws, the following offices are due to be filled: President, Secretary, and 3 members at large. The following slate of candidates is offered ---

President: Diane Trombley

Secretary: Mary Ann Barrett

Members at Large:

Margaret Joyce

Barbara Lubinski

Phyl Salle

These candidates, as well as any nominations from the floor, will be voted on by those members attending the September 13, 2005 meeting.

By-laws:

Periodically, our by-laws need updating. Three members of the MNFL board examined our by-laws and indicated the appropriate changes. These changes have been made. If you would like an updated version of our organizations by-laws, please call the office.

September Speakers

Continued from page 1... discuss the pros and cons of implementation; she will attend a Medical Clinic Symposium in mid August to learn more about the value of offering prenatal care and STD testing/treatment to clients, as well as limited ultrasound.

She will also discuss the various roles of a nurse in a medical CPC setting and share "stories from the heart" about her experiences. Come and share her love and enthusiasm for LIFE!

Joanie Barrett is a student at Wayne State University, majoring in Biology and hopes to enter the Physician's Assistant Program there in May, 2007. She is involved in many campus activities including College Republicans and Students for Life. Joanie is the fifth of seven children in a family fully committed to the sanctity of all human life. It comes as no surprise that Joanie was largely responsible for the creation and development of Wayne State University Students for Life and is its current president. Joanie will discuss her experiences establishing a pro-life student group on the college campus.

Oldest MNFL Member

In October 2004, Michigan Nurses for Life's oldest member died at 88 years of age. She was my mom. Although she lived on a farm in the Thumb area for most of her life, and never attended one of our meetings, she was proud to be a member and proud that her daughter co-founded the organization.

Herta Shope graduated from Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing in 1938 and continued her studies in OR nursing for 6 months in New York City. She worked at Henry Ford Hospital's operating room in the early 40s, married my dad in 1946 and worked in the clinic of Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, eventually becoming their Director of Nursing. She was proud of her background, valued the gift of life and treated each person as if they were special.

She was truly God's gift to our family and I'm especially thankful for the gift of life she gave to me!

Mary Lou Temple

Memorial Donations

Memorial Donations were made to MNFL in memory of Herta Shope by:

Mary Anne & Pat Barrett

Diane & Jerry Fagelman

Linda Seng

Phyllis Sullivan

Diane Trombley

November Speaker

At the November meeting, Diane Trombley, president of MNFL, will bring us up to date on embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. The issue is as complex as ever, and recent activity in Washington needs to be clearly understood.

Diane has a BSN from Loyola University in Chicago and has been involved in the pro-life movement for many years. She is Public Relations director for Right to Life Lifespan and office manager of the Oakland/Macomb Lifespan office. She and her husband Norv live in Troy and are the parents of three adopted children and the grandparents of the girlies, Mia and Maci Ellis.

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**REMINDER: December is
MNFL Membership Renewal Month!**

2005 - 2006 ProLife Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 2:00 - 3:30 pm National Life Chain

The first Sunday of October, prolife supporters across the nation celebrate National Life Chain Sunday. This event is not a march or a demonstration; there are no speeches. However, thousands of people stand silently along major thoroughfares in hundreds of cities across the county in support of human life. Each holds a sign for 90 minutes as a witness to the special value of all human life and our duty to protect it.

There are fourteen locations in the Detroit Metro area. Gather your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers and **STAND UP FOR LIFE!!** Call Right to Life-Lifespan at 248.478.8878 for the Life Chain location nearest you.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 - 9:00 - 12:00 noon Right to Life Lifespan ProLife Breakfast and Legislative Update

Location: Burton Manor, Livonia, MI
Featuring: Dr. Levon Yuille, Pastor, Bible Church, Ypsilanti, MI and Michael Bishop, State Senator
For reservations or information, call 248.478.8878

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - 1:00 - 6:00 pm Right To Life - Lifespan ProLife Teen Rally Co-sponsored by: Educational Center For Life

Location: Franco Communications Center, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Oakland, Pontiac, MI
Keynote Speaker: Brad Seng
Workshop Speakers: Matt Hill and Nick Thomm
For reservations or more information, call Lynn Gura at 248.816.1546

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2006

**MNFL Spring Conference - Futile Care Theory & End of Life Issues
Wesley Smith, attorney, author & international lecturer**