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Michigan Nurses For Life 2006 SPRING CONFERENCE

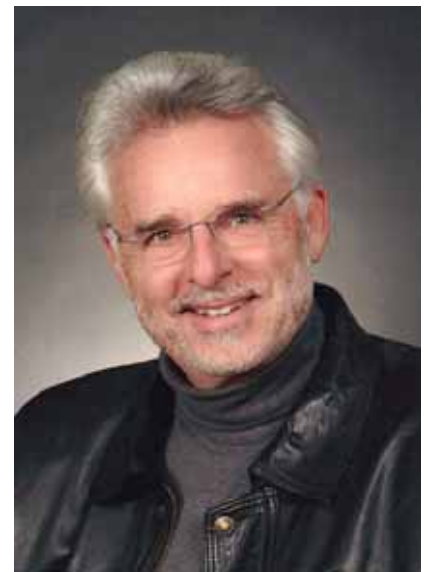
Saturday, April 8, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

San Marino Club, Troy, Michigan

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Futile Care Theory... The Duty to Die?

Keynote speaker, **Wesley J. Smith** is an Attorney, international lecturer, public speaker and award winning author of several books dealing with assisted suicide, human cloning and stem cell therapies, has appeared on national TV programs such as *Good Morning America*, *Larry King Live*, *ABC Nightline*, and *CNN Crossfire*. Mr. Smith is considered to be one of the top experts in the nation in bioengineering. His most current book is *Forced Exit: Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and the New Duty to Die*.



Durable Power of Attorney : Understanding Michigan Law



Charles Kleinbrook, President of the Kleinbrook Law Firm is an active hospice and crisis pregnancy center volunteer and a well known speaker on issues of assisted suicide and euthanasia.

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Michigan Nurses



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,

First a very big thank you to all of you who renewed your dues to MNFL. Having some idea of how much money our organization has to work with is a great help in planning our speakers and activities. If you have not renewed your membership, won't you please consider doing it today? Our ability to be a viable professional pro-life organization depends entirely on our membership dues. We get no funding from any other source and we really need you!

As you all probably know by now we have two new justices on the United States Supreme Court who appear to be, in the case of Chief Justice Roberts as pro-life as his predecessor and in the case of Justice Alito, more pro-life than Justice O'Connor whom he replaces. There are never any guarantees on judicial philosophy but these two gentlemen do give us reason to hope.

Embryonic stem cell research and human cloning are still very troublesome issues. As health care professionals we would all like to see the end to diseases and conditions such as diabetes, Parkinson's disease, paralysis due to spinal cord injury, etc. The problem enters when society determines that it is alright to take one life to save another. Adult stem cells offer much more immediate promise and obtaining them does not destroy any human life. We have recently seen, with the scandal in South Korea regarding falsified research, that a rush to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research is blurring the lines of ethical research protocols and delaying actual cures and treatments that are coming from adult stem cells.

Each day I find more and more information coming across my desk as it relates to end of life issues. Most recently, the House of Delegates in West Virginia voted not to advance a bill that would have allowed doctors to refuse to perform CPR on patients they determined to ill to benefit. Wesley Smith, Esq., the featured speaker at our Spring Seminar (see details elsewhere in this newsletter) will address the issue of "futile care" and other end of life issues. I have heard Mr. Smith speak on these issues and he is really terrific. I recommend this seminar to you and ask that you attend and bring a co-worker or friend!

Love Life!

Diane E. Trombley, RN, BSN

Right to Life - Lifespan Resource Book

Each year Michigan Nurses for Life has a page in the Resource Book for Right to Life - Lifespan. The ad lists the names of those nurses who send in \$10.00.

Please consider adding your name to the list of nurses who seek to protect all human life from conception to natural death.

Make checks payable to RTL-Lifespan and send to Michigan Nurse For Life, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G, Troy MI 48084.

Is it an Oath or a Suggestion?

Whether you support or oppose capital punishment is not the focus of this article. The issue of who should live and who should die and who should help make that decision is the focus.

On February 21, 2006 a man was scheduled to be executed in California by lethal injection. He had been tried and found guilty of the rape and murder of a 17 year old girl in 1981.

His execution was delayed some 15 hours when two court appointed anesthesiologists, who had been assigned by the court to assure that the execution was carried out in a painless and humane fashion, walked off over ethical concerns.

In a statement read by prison spokesman Lt. Vernell Crittendon, the doctors said, "While we contemplated a positive role that might enable us to verify a humane execution protocol for Mr. Morales, what is being asked of us now is ethically unacceptable."

In a statement last week, Dr. Priscilla Ray, chairwoman of the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, condemned the ruling that required the anesthesiologist's presence. "The use of a physician's clinical skill and judgment for purposes other than promoting an individual's health and welfare undermines the basic foundation of medicine—first do no harm," she said. "Requiring physicians to be involved in executions violates their oath to protect lives."

One must wonder which oath is violated when a physician terminates the life of an unborn child or refuses to follow the expressed wishes of his patient for life saving treatment, even when the prognosis is poor. It would seem that in today's society, that oath, and how it is applied, is clearly a personal decision. For the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs to imply otherwise is self serving in the extreme.

Michigan Citizens for Life Petition

A coalition of pro-life organizations, Michigan Citizens for Life, has been formed in order to circulate an initiative petition that would amend the Michigan State Constitution to include the unborn child, from the moment of conception, as a person, enjoying the rights and protections of all other persons in Michigan, including the right to life.

The language of the petitions has been approved by the state Board of Canvassers and are currently being circulated. If an appropriate number of signatures are obtained, approximately 375,000 signatures, the issue will be placed on the November, 2006 ballot for voter approval.

Right to Life – LIFESPAN is one of the groups in the coalition and petitions are available from that organization for those individuals who wish to circulate them.

To obtain a petition and instructions for circulation, please call Right to Life – LIFESPAN's main office at 248-478-8878.

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MNFL Members - \$37.50
MNFL Non-members - \$40.00
Students - \$10.00
General Public - \$25.00
Nurses: 4 Contact Hours

Includes:

Informational Packet
& Continental Breakfast

Registration / Information:

Call: (248) 816-8489

Email:

info@mnfl.org

Print a registration form
from the web at:

www.mnfl.org

**Please register no later than
Saturday, April 1, 2005**

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Web sites

www.nrlc.org

National Right to Life's web site provides the latest information on prolife issues in Congress.

www.ethicalnurses.org

California Nurses for Ethical Standards is a professional organization which believes that ethical and moral integrity must be the basis for all medical care. This web site offers contact hours.

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please contact Michigan Nurses For Life at 248.816.8489. Thanks!

2006 Pro-life Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006 - 6:30 – 9:00 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 - 8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

**Making Abortion Unthinkable:
The Art of Pro-life Persuasion**

Dearborn Evangelical Covenant Church
18575 W. Outer Drive, Dearborn
Call RTL-LIFESPAN to register
or for more information: 248.478.8878

SATURDAY, April 1, 2006 - 9:00 – 11:30 AM

End of Life Issues Conference

Sponsored by the Detroit Guild
of the Catholic Medical Assoc.
Madonna University in Livonia

Keynote speaker: Dr. Charles Rice, Dean &
Professor of Law at Notre Dame University
Call Kathryn to register or for more information:
734.420.2784.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006

**Annual Mother's Day Dinner and Silent Auction
Sponsored by Lifespan/Educational Center For Life**

San Marino Club – 1685 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy
Silent Auction 5:45 PM – Dinner 7:15 PM

Guest Speaker: Sandy Rios, Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest public policy women's organization. Sandy is a respected voice on Capital Hill and at the White House. She has appeared on many major broadcast media, including ABC, NBC, CNN and FOX News. You won't want to miss this dynamic speaker.



For dinner reservations call: 248.816.1546.

To donate items for Silent Auction call: 248.816.8489
Auctions donations are tax deductible.