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## 2004-2005 Pro-life Events

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 • 9:00 – noon**

**RTL-Lifespan Legislative Breakfast**

Burton manor, Livonia

Featuring Dennis Kasprowicz &  
State Representative, Dave Robertson

For more info call: (248) 777-9090

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 7:00 - 10:00 pm**

**Truth & Purity Rally**

(Promoting Abstinence in the Lives of Youth)

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills

Speaker: Supermodel Kim Alexis Music by  
EightySixDrama & Katie Arnold

To register or for more info call: (248) 293-0070

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**Mother/Daughter Program**

"God's Plan for Growing Up"

Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland

For more information call: (248) 889-0634

## NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

**Sunday, October 3 • 2 – 3:30 pm**

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.

Michigan Nurses for Life will have their own spot on Woodward Ave. Meet MNFL members at the SW corner of Woodward Ave. and Linwood (S of 12 Mile Rd.) in front of Standard Bank. Call (248) 816-8489.

**Stand Up For Life!!**

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## Diane's Commentary

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It is hard to believe that a whole new season of professional support and education is beginning.

The Board has met several times and tried to line up the speakers and topics most requested by those who attended last April's conference. One of the most requested topics was education on the emotional impact of abortion. We intend to have a speaker who will address that issue.

Slowly but surely we are gaining new members. As you may recall, increasing the membership of MNFL was one of my primary goals when I was honored to be selected as your president last year. Unfortunately, lack of finances has made attaining this goal more difficult than planned. But, don't give up!! We will grow! A good dose of money (a substance not found in the PDR) would help a lot but so would your word of mouth to your co-workers. Please, encourage all of your nurse friends and relatives to become members of MNFL.

At the recent Democratic Convention, Ronnie Reagan, son of the former president, addressed the attendees on what was supposed to be the topic of embryonic stem cell research. If you get a chance to read the text of his speech, you will find that what he describes is really human cloning!! Unfortunately, this is not an isolated instance. Promoters of ESCR and Cloning are masters at blurring the definitions of these two concepts. Both take the life of the newly conceived human being, but most people are very wary of human cloning. Calling it something else for those who don't understand the science is a very clever way to gather support. Be very careful of what you see in print and remember—we do not have to sacrifice one life to treat another. Adult Stem Cell Research works!

One last reminder—**Vote on November 2** and remember the unborn, the handicapped and the elderly and their right to life when you do!

Love Life!

Diane

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## NEW! Prolife Chat Room

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The National Association of Pro-Life Nurses announces the initiation of a monthly chat room for the discussion of bioethical issues confronting nurses in the workplace. They will be held the fourth Tuesday of every month. Access to the chat room is via the NAPN web site: <http://www.nursesforlife.org/>

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## Telling the Story of Hope

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Join us as we begin our 2004-05 season of educational prolife meetings. On September 14 at 7:15 PM we will meet at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills to hear Lynn Zuellig RN BSN, Director of Hospice of Hope in Frankenmuth; she will speak about her 2002 medical mission trip to Ambur, India to share information about hospice. She will identify the 3 "bridge building" roles of being a hospice professional in another culture: guest; student; servant.

She will share the "culture shock" she experienced and identify the economic, cultural, societal, health care and religious systems that influence end-of-life care in India. She will also identify how one measures the success of short term medical mission opportunities as a health care professional. Her presentation will include power point, slides and pictures of her trip.

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**Please join us!**

*Invite your friends and co-workers  
to attend this educational opportunity!*



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## November: Gift of Life

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On November 9th at 7:15 PM, Michigan Nurses for Life will meet to hear Rita Unis RN BSN, Donation Coordinator for Gift of Life of Ann Arbor, speak on organ and tissue donation. Rita educates families and hospital staff about the donation process; she also speaks to the public about the crucial role that organ and tissue donation has in health care today.

Rita will share facts about the history of organ donation, regulatory requirements, and discuss factors that influence individuals towards organ donation. She will explain the organ consent process, including "non-heart beating organ donation" and share how donors are monitored and managed before donation takes place. Please join us to hear Rita speak on this very important and timely issue.

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**RESERVE THIS DATE !!**



## MNFL Spring Mini Conference

Saturday, April 9, 2005

"Sexually Transmitted Diseases"

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Oakland

Franco Communications Center, Pontiac, MI

**More information to follow in the next newsletter.**

## 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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10 am - 3 pm

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Martha Jacobs, Membership

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Susan Beardsley

If you would like to add or delete a name from our mailing list, please contact Michigan Nurses For Life at (248) 816-8489. Thanks!

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## President's Perspective

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Most of the 34 years I have spent in the pro-life movement have been spent speaking before various groups—schools, churches, service organizations, debate situations, radio and television. I have always tried to prepare myself before hand, reading information from both pro-life and pro-abortion sources. I have tried diligently to speak factually, clearly and without shading my position with euphemisms. If I did not know the answer to a question, I said so and promised to find that answer for the questioner. It was important to me, professionally, personally and as a representative for the pro-life movement and Right to Life – Lifespan that anyone hearing me would know that I believed in what I was doing and had the courage of my convictions. In short, my word could be trusted.

With a recent announcement by a candidate for the presidency of the United States, it would seem that pro-lifers have two pro-life candidates for that office this year. They have both said that they believe that human life begins at conception. However, it would be enlightening to look at the acts and deeds of the two candidates regarding that statement. One candidate has signed into law a ban on partial birth abortion—the other voted to overturn that ban. One candidate, speaking about stem cell research and human cloning has said that human life should not be viewed as a commodity—the other has voted for embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. One candidate has not allowed US tax dollars to be awarded to organizations that promote abortion in foreign countries (even when those countries have laws against abortion)—the other has voted that your tax dollars be used for such activities. One candidate has signed into a law a measure that recognizes the unborn child as a separate victim of violent crime—the other has voted against the measure.

The list goes on.

This election season, it is critical that we hear the words of the candidates. It is critical that we carefully look at the actions of the candidates. It is most critical that we determine if the candidates have the courage of their convictions, even when it is not popular, even when celebrities and the wealthy condemn him. Why? Because if he does not have the courage of his convictions, if he cannot act in concert with them, if he hides behind slogans and pious pronouncements, then his words cannot be trusted.

Diane E. Trombley

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## Petition Drive Update

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The drive to collect signatures for the petition to define legal birth and end partial-birth abortions was a great victory. The prolife people of Michigan stated clearly that partially-born children must be protected. On June 9, 2004 the Michigan House and Senate voted to pass the Legal Birth Definition Act overriding Governor Jennifer Granholm's earlier veto. This law will be enforceable in the spring of 2005.

**YOUR EFFORTS MADE THE DIFFERENCE!**

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*"An educational group for pro-life nurses."*

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## 2004-2005 Meetings

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This year's calendar of meetings has been designed with the feedback we received from those attending last May's conference when we heard from Drs. Lanfranchi and Cvetkovich.

We will hear from speakers who will address the issues of hospice care, organ donations, emotional and physical consequences of abortion and, in May, a morning seminar on STDs and young people. The STD issue was the most requested topic from the conference attendees followed by a speaker who deals with the emotional response to abortion. As in the past, this morning conference will be at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Pontiac.

We have a new protocol in the way continuing education credits are being conferred. Recognizing the professionalism of Michigan Nurses for Life, we have been given permission to confer these credits in our own name. They are as valid as credits from any hospital or professional organization and clearly recognize the standards and level of excellence Michigan Nurses for Life requires of its seminars and speakers.

Look for the important dates of our upcoming events elsewhere in this newsletter. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

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### Why Vote?

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"If citizens neglect their duty, and place unprincipled people in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made, not for the public good, so much as for the selfish purposes; the public revenues will be squandered and the rights of citizens will be violated or disregarded. If a (republican form of) government fails it must be because the citizens...elect bad representatives to make and administer the laws."

Noah Webster, 1798

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#### September 14 at 7:15 pm - See page 3

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##### **HOSPICE AROUND THE WORLD:**

##### **Telling the Story of Hope**

Lynn Zuellig RN BSN,

Director of Hospice of Hope, Frankenmuth.

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#### November 9 at 7:15 pm - See page 3

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##### **GIFT OF LIFE: ORGAN DONATION**

Rita Unis, RN BSN, Donation Coordinator

Gift of Life, Ann Arbor.

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#### January 11 at 7:15 pm

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##### **POST ABORTION SYNDROME**

Speaker to be announced.

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#### Saturday, April 9, 2005

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##### **MNFL MINI CONFERENCE**

Sexual Transmitted Diseases

St Joseph Hospital - Oakland

Speaker to be announced.

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**Michigan Nurses for Life** meets bimonthly 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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