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"An educational group for pro-life nurses."

Movement in Motion

March for Life January 22-24, 2005

YOU can be part of a
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Board the Lifespan Bus To Washington, D.C.

Every year on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, thousands of pro-life people come from all across the country to rally in Washington, D.C. Join the movement determined to stop the violence.

How do you get there?

Sign up for a ride on the Lifespan bus! The cost is \$85 per person and includes all transportation, lodging, and two meals. \$30 is required for additional meals. Bus departs from Troy / Livonia on January 22 and returns January 25.



Call (248) 816-1546 or (248) 236-8145 for reservations or more information.

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January 11 at 7:15 pm

POST ABORTION SYNDROME

Speaker: Luann Adams, RN
Clinical Social Worker and
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.
See page 3 for details.

Saturday, April 9, 2005 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

MNFL SPRING MINI CONFERENCE

"STDs and Spring Break:
What Will Be Your Souvenirs?"
Speaker: Regina Chapman, RN, BSN
Certified Abstinence Educator

Michigan Nurses for Life meets 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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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

Published in the Detroit Free Press November 27, 2004.

Dear Editor,

November 15, 2004

In an effort to promote research that destroys the life of a human embryo, (*Michigan must ease ban against stem cell research, Nov. 15, 2004*) Mr. Andy Meisner (D-Ferndale) repeats the same misinformation that has been circulated by others regarding embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.

First, no matter how language is twisted to change what really happens, the human embryo, no matter where it resides, no matter how small or how young, is alive, indisputably human and must be killed for this research. If it were not human or alive, the whole concept of embryonic stem cell research would be pointless.

Mr. Meisner says that human cloning should be prohibited and then he promotes "cultivating" human embryos by way of Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer. In charity, we can only assume that Mr. Meiser is unaware that Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer and cloning is the same thing! To speak of "cultivating" human embryos is a particularly chilling way to dehumanize the human life being destroyed. He also speaks to polls of Michigan citizens regarding this issue. We all know that poll results are only as reliable as the question asked. What is, or is not, asked can result in skewed results.

Unfortunately, human embryonic stem cell research has been taking place for several years in our country. Researchers in the field agree that it will not have a positive impact on Alzheimer's disease. To date, not a single treatment or cure has resulted from such research. Such cures and treatments **have** been found using ethical, moral and non-destructive research on **adult** stem cells. These cells are found in dozens of places in our bodies and have resulted in treatments for such things as MS, spinal cord injury, Parkinson's disease, Bubble Boy Syndrome, leukemia, heart disease and on and on. Some 160 diseases and conditions have been favorably impacted with the use of these **adult** stem cells. No lives are sacrificed to obtain **adult** stem cells.

To attempt to marginalize those who object to embryonic stem cell research and human cloning by calling them a minority out of the mainstream or unreasonable, shows a level of disdain by Mr. Meisner for those with a different point of view that is particularly unattractive in an elected official. One wonders how many people would be persuaded to take a job in an industry that cultivates human life, sort of like hybrid corn or a new strain of tomato, only to destroy that life once created.

Respectfully,
Diane E. Trombley

A Word About Polls

It is pretty well understood that poll questions are devised to obtain the kind of response that the authors of the poll want. The questions are written in such a way as to have the respondents reply with the answers the group that is commissioning the poll wants promote.

With that in mind it is pretty annoying when polls ask to obtain the desired end. One case in point is a recent poll commissioned by the Associated Press.

In a November poll regarding nominees to the United States Supreme Court, the AP poll made the following statement: *"The 1973 Supreme Court*

first three months of pregnancy Now, that is true. The decision did do that, but it also made

Using the statement "...first three months" is designed decision made it legal for only those first three months.

In the 1980's, the senior news executives of—guess who, the Associated Press!..as well as the New York

acterizing Roe as legalizing abortion in "the first three months" was erroneous.

Boccardi, then executive editor of the Associated Press, dated September 4, 1981 said, "The [Roe v

summary purposes, you can say the court legalized abortion in 1973...Thus, it is wrong to say only that

months. It did that, but more"

specified that *"brief references to the Supreme*

that the Court legalized abortion, because the phrase, 'in the first three month of pregnancy' might

in the last six months of pregnancy remain illegal."

they know are false and misleading? Polls are used to sway public opinion. If someone quotes "a

formed. It would seem that there are those who would seek to sway public opinion even if they have

January Meeting

Join Michigan Nurses for Life on January 11 at 7:15 pm to hear Luann Adams speak on post abortion syndrome. 2005 marks the 32nd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand in America. To date, over 44 million abortions have been done, most of them for birth control reasons.

Abortion hurts women as well as destroying their unborn babies. Luann will discuss the history and statistics related to abortion, the symptoms and nature of post abortion syndrome, and how a woman can find emotional and spiritual healing through individual counseling and support groups. Abortion is something that women are uncomfortable discussing, but 4 out of 10 American women have had an abortion by their mid forties.

Luann comes with unique qualifications; she is a registered nurse, clinical social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist. She counsels post-abortive women in her practice with compassion and sensitivity. All are welcome to attend, including staff and volunteers at crisis pregnancy centers.

Please join us!



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

CANDLE LUMINARIES

Candle luminaries are available at the RTL-Lifspan offices. They should be placed outside on Friday, January 21, the eve of the 32nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. This annual event recalls that a preborn baby is killed every forty seconds of every minute, of every hour, of every day and done legally by abortionists.

Kits include a candle, bag and instructions. All you need to weigh it down is a little sand or kitty litter. Call (734) 422-6230 or (248) 816-1546 to obtain a kit.



Prolife Chat Room

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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2005 Prolife Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2005 · 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Rally For Life: Roe v. Wade Must Be Overturned!

Location: Madonna University

Directions: Corner of Schoolcraft & Levan in Livonia

CELEBRATE LIFE! Join us to hear inspirational speakers and enjoy the fellowship of other pro-lifers. Be inspired to change hearts and lives!

For more information, call (248) 777-9090.

JANUARY 22 - 25

Movement In Motion

Destination: Washington, D.C.

There is still time to "board the bus" for the trip to Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life. The Lifespan bus leaves on January 22nd and will return early in the morning of January 25th. While this trip is geared toward young people, anyone who has a sleeping bag, backpack, can take sleeping on a hard floor, and has the ability to withstand a long bus trip is welcome. The folks who went on this trip last year all agree it was a life changing event. Being in Washington with thousands of other pro-lifers is a lot like a booster shot of pro-life spirit.

Sharing this event with others at the Rock for Life concert, religious services the evening before the march, sightseeing and fellowship with marchers from all over the country provides the kind of renewal we all need to continue our pro-life work. If you can come, we still have a few seats left on the bus. This movement is definitely in motion---don't be left behind! Call (248) 816-1546 for reservations.

MARCH 30-31

**"Talking Sexual Abstinence
to the Sexually Active Client"**

Location: Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

All nurses, CPC staff, medical personnel, and school counselors are invited. CEU's for nurses pending. For more information call, (248) 816-8489.

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