

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

Quarterly Bulletin

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"It does not take a majority to prevail ... but rather an irate, tireless minority. . . "

Samuel Adams

Meet Dr. Mike

In our last issue we introduced you to Miss Rachel Williams, who has started an activist group that regularly pickets Planned Parenthood in Yuba City. This time we are pleased to introduce another warrior for life, Dr. Mike Gabhart, who is educating our community on post-abortion syndrome. Here's his recent update:

"As of about five months ago, we started operating under the auspices of A Woman's Friend. This is working out to be a wonderful relationship. Becky, Vivian and their board have been so very supportive. Vivian Hoffart and Damaris Baral have attended a four day conference on the East Coast on Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. Others are attending the retreats as a prerequisite for serving as staff for future retreats. This is all leading up to our plan to be able to put on non-denominational Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in our area as an activity of A Woman's Friend. Couple the retreats with the current PACE program and our area will begin to enjoy the enviable 'best of both worlds' when it comes to healing for post-abortive women.

"For the past couple months we have switched focus from education of doctors to education of clergy. We have put on one very successful program for clergy. Out of it we received an invitation to present our program to Victory Christian Fellowship earlier this month. This program was very well received and is bearing much fruit. We have also put on two programs for Christian Business Alliance over the past two weeks.

"We have about 300 copies of *The Forbidden Grief* out in our community. We hope and pray that they are being put to use. If you have a copy be certain to put it to use. I can assure that within in a week you can couple it up with someone in dire need of its message and direct [them] towards a path of healing.

"It has become very clear to me that the average individual on the average day does not want to hear about post-abortion syndrome or any other aspect of abortion. . . no more than they would like for you to give the grim details of cleaning out a septic tank. But we can clearly see where thirty plus years of not talking about abortion has gotten us. With practice we can all learn the skill of charitably broaching the subject at the appropriate time and place. When in doubt, prayerfully petition the Holy Spirit for guidance. We know that He is always eager to help us in these situations and allow us to serve as conduits of God's love and grace. God arranges several divine appointments for us each week. We need to ask for our eyes to be opened to recognizing them. . .

"We are living in a very exciting time where we just left the bloodiest century of human history behind us. We have seen multiple social experiments with the Godless 'isms' of Marxism, Fascism, Nazism, communism of the east, all with eventual loss of sanctity of life and bloody results. But today I think that we can all feel change for better in the wind. We have seen the worst Christian bashing of Christmas this past year with more Christians finally waking up and standing up. The same with same-sex marriage, with partial birth abortion, removing God from the pledge and attempts to remove [him] from everything else. We have seen court decisions that have given us hope in terms of the double murder in the case of Laci Petersen and her unborn child, the decision in Chicago a couple of weeks ago calling the discarding of a frozen embryo a case of wrongful death. The second case of a successful lawsuit filed against an abortion clinic based on lack of informed consent about the abortion breast cancer link. And finally the wonderful, powerful, beautiful amazing first annual Walk for Life West Coast that was held in San Francisco last month.

"Keep up the great work! We are winning!

"Blessings,

Mike

YSRTL 2004 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1/1/04	\$1,384.74
Total Contributions, Dues & Fair	+ 7,245.50
	\$8,630.24

Disbursements:

Non-Profit bulk mail & PO Box	\$188.00
Newsletter postage, supplies, printing	609.29
Educational mtls.	818.50
Fair booth & insurance	503.50
Billboards	1,037.50
Cable TV broadcasts	100.00
Web page exp.	218.95
Projector	1,452.84
Miscellaneous	259.61
Priests for Life	284.00
AWF telephone Hotline	350.00
SOHLNET contrib.	<u>50.00</u>

Total Disbursements **-\$5,872.19**

Ending balance 12/31/04 \$2,758.05

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

Tongue-Twisting

The anti-life forces are at it again. Over the last several decades they have co-opted and corrupted our language a la George Orwell's newspeak and doublethink: Abortion (killing the unborn) became "choice;" homosexuality (performing unnatural sex acts) became "gay." Now, assisted suicide (helping someone kill him- or herself) will become "compassionate care" if the California legislature has it's way.

AB 654—"California Compassionate Choice Act"—Assemblymembers Patty Berg (D-Eureka) and Lloyd Levine (D-Van Nuys): This assisted-suicide bill would authorize an adult who has been determined by his or her attending physician to be suffering from a terminal disease, as defined, to make a request for medication for the purpose of ending his or her life. The bill would establish procedures for making these requests and provides for immunity from civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action for physicians participating in assisting in this suicide.

*Meetings:
 First Wednesday
 every month
 St. Isidore Parish
 Hall 7 p.m. All
 are welcome!
 Questions?
 671-5347*

For more information on pro- and anti-life legislation pending state-wide and nationally, please visit the legislation page on our website, www.ysrtl.org/legislation05-06.htm. If you are not on the web but want a hard copy of the information, please call **Chuck or Miriam Page, 671-5347**.

Yuba-Sutter Fair

Every year YSRTL sponsors a booth at the Fair. This is our greatest opportunity to contact and educate our community on pro-life topics. This is a wonderful chance for those who want to become more actively involved to do so.

What is required? We have a training meeting (approximately two hours) the week before the fair. A typical shift is two and one-half to three hours—not a large time commitment, but an important

one. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Maureen Guth (673-1437) or Miriam Page (671-5347)**. This year's fair is August 3 through 7.

"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance—it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



CONSUMER REPORTS

American Life League (ALL) is calling on pro-lifers to cancel subscriptions to **Consumer Reports**, which published deceptive material about abortion and birth control in its February issue. Consumers Union CEO James Guest is a former Planned Parenthood executive. Jim Sedlak of ALL's STOPP (Stop Planned Parenthood) International said, "a Planned Parenthood ideologue has gone on to taint another organization whose reputation had previously been beyond reproach." ("Planned Parenthood bias infiltrates Consumer Reports," American Life League news release, 1/12/05, <http://www.all.org/stop/st050112.htm>) Note: The article did rate condoms and actually found the poorest quality, least protective, were Planned Parenthood's own brand!

We encourage you to renew your annual membership in YSRTL for 2005 by returning this form along with a \$10 check for your dues. If you want to remain on our mailing list but cannot afford the dues at this time, please check the appropriate box. If you have recently paid for your membership or made a contribution, please confirm by checking the appropriate box and returning the form. You can also help us update our mail list by completing and returning this form.

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