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"Only fanatics — in religion as well as in politics — can find a meaning in someone else's death."

Elie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor).

Stand Up For Life on Sun., 10/3 was a success again thanks to all of you! The weather was absolutely beautiful. Individuals from all walks of life - infants to elderly, all political parties and different races and ethnic backgrounds - came out as Pro-Life! We had approximately 433 attendees in Huntington and 115 in Manorville. Next year, **Stand Up for Life** will be on **Sun., 10/2/2022!** We are excited as it will be our **25th Anniversary!** **Save the Date!**



Stand Up for Life, Huntington



Stand Up for Life, Manorville

Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Although this is not a presidential election, it is imperative you vote! Please check locally to see who is running and what office they are running for so that you are well informed prior to going to the voting booth.

Exercise due diligence. Vote! If you have questions regarding voting status or poll location, please contact:

Nassau Board of Elections 516-571-2411

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Ask your candidates where they stand on the life issues:

- *Protecting the unborn from fertilization to natural death
- *Prohibiting the use of taxpayer funds for abortion
- *Requiring parental consent for a minor seeking abortion
- *Informed consent for a woman seeking an abortion
- *Prohibiting the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide
- *Banning human cloning and research that destroys human embryos for stem cells
- *Prohibiting taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood



**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next meeting is **Mon., Nov. 22 at 8:15 PM** at the St. Regis Council K of C, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. Our guest speaker will be **Bob Williams** who will share how he put his business background into launching the 40 DFL campaign in Patchogue.

Please join us! All are welcome! For information call 631-243-1435.

2021 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

In July 2021, **Mr. DenMark Simon** was awarded the 2021 LICL Educational Trust High School Scholarship for his active participation in Respect for human life. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and congratulations!

HIGH SCHOOL 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its *2022 High School Scholarship Award*. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities. Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life.

Applications are available at www.ProlifeED.org and www.ProlifeLI.org or call 631-575-1482 to request a copy of the application

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Oratory Contest

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust will sponsor a Pro-Life Oratory Contest for High School Juniors and Seniors on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**.

Participants have the opportunity to express in a logical and organized way, their respect for the life of every individual, no matter how small or incapacitated. Stay tuned for more info. in *Life News*.

DEADLINE NOTICE:

Dec. & early Jan. 2022 events to be considered for publication in the December 2021 issue of *Life News* **MUST BE RECEIVED BY Nov. 5** Send to: Life News, LICL, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 or email: LICoalition4Life@outlook.com.

IMPORTANT PROPOSALS ON NOVEMBER ELECTION BALLOT

There are five statewide Proposals on the election ballot this November. These are Amendments to the NYS Constitution. Here is information on 4 of them.

Proposal 1: "Amending the Apportionment and Redistricting Process" – This amendment affects the bipartisan Redistricting Commission, which is tasked with redrawing Congressional and Legislative districts in NY following the US Census. Among several other changes, this amendment makes changes to the redistricting process in NY such that it would give an advantage to the majority party to decide the new district lines.

Proposal 2: "Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment" – In establishing the right of each person to clean air, clean water and a healthful environment voters should consider how such a broad 'right' in the hands of anti-life legislators may be used to limit family size due to the impact children/people have on the environment. In an effort to create a clean environment, is it conceivable that activists may attempt to reduce carbon footprints by limiting the number of children 'permitted' through government requirements such as 'licensing' or 'parental evaluations'?

Proposal 3: "Eliminating Ten-Day-Advance Voter Registration Requirement" – Current NYS law requires a citizen to register to vote at least 10 days before an election, which gives time for voter verification. This Amendment authorizes the legislature to enact laws permitting a citizen to register to vote less than ten days before the election, including same-day voter registration (which can make it easy for a person to vote multiple times). A newly registered voter would cast their ballot via the same method as already registered voters, instead of a 'provisional ballot' that is subject to verification.

Proposal 4: "Authorizing No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting" – This Amendment would delete the current requirement that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county, illness, or physical disability. That is, all voters can request an absentee ballot, opening the door to the recognized increased risk of voter fraud. (Mail-in voting and absentee voting are not the same. Mail-in voting is not as regulated as absentee voting. This amendment would make absentee voting more like mail-in voting.)

These Amendments can impact voting demographics, voting integrity and balance of power of the major parties in the legislature, and thus can affect the ability to pass pro-life legislation or stop anti-life / anti-family bills. Pro-lifers should educate themselves on these amendments (and all 5 proposals) and what passage will mean for preborn babies, those at risk for assisted suicide, etc.; and then cast their ballot accordingly.

***CORRECTIONS TO CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES PUBLISHED
IN OCTOBER ISSUE ***

The chart published in the October 2021 newsletter contained an error. Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R,C Dist.12) answered YES to question #5 (Would you vote for legislation to prevent the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide?). Michael Simonelli (C), candidate for Suffolk Dist. 13, answered "Undecided" for question #5. Stephen C. Becker's CQ (R, Suffolk Dist.17) arrived after the October issue went to print. He answered "Yes" to all 7 questions.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Despite lawsuits filed against it, the US Supreme Court [5-4] let Texas law SB8 take effect Sep. 1, banning abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detectable. SCOTUS said the suits had novel arguments but did not meet "their burden to prevail in an injunction or stay..." On Oct. 6 a federal judge issued a ruling temporarily blocking the Texas

abortion ban. On Oct 8 a federal appeals court ruled the ban can go back into effect.

Speaker Pelosi brought up **HR.3755**, the so-called 'Women's Health Protection Act' in response. President Biden asked his Gender Policy Council and White House Council to make a "whole-of-government effort" to ensure Texas women can still get abortions. Both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees will probe the SCOTUS "shadow docket," i.e., ruling on hot-button issues without holding oral arguments, as occurred here.

The House passed **HR.3755** on Sep. 24, 218-211. All GOP members voted nay. Rep. Cuellar [TX] was the only Democrat to vote nay. A last-minute effort to add 'born-alive' protection to the bill failed. This bill is not "Roe codified." If enacted, it would end all Federal and State pro-life laws, and ban introducing any new ones.

S.1975, companion bill to **HR.3755**, faces tough going in the Senate. Maine Sen. Collins has already said she will vote NO, due to conscience protection concerns.

SCOTUS will hear *Dobbs v Jackson*, a case involving a 15-week abortion ban, on Dec. 1. The State of Mississippi has asked the Court to overturn Roe. In an amicus brief, Professors John Finnis & Robert George argue *Roe* (and *PP v Casey*) are rulings that don't even try to be constitutional. The "right to privacy" or "personal decisions" was never agreed to by the framers of the 14th Amendment's 'due process' clause. They then cite many pre-Roe examples of a fetus being recognized as a person in US law. (Prof. George & Ryan Anderson summarized the brief in USA Today, 8/3/21.)

The Biden Administration is appointing Federal judges at a faster rate than any President since Nixon. Senate Democrats introduced a bill to add 77 Federal judgeships.

ObamaCare Sec. 1303 says qualified health plans that cover abortion must collect, and keep, the abortion fees separate. This was done under Trump, but not under Obama. It will not be done under Biden. In another flip from the prior Administration, Title X recipients will again be able to refer patients for abortions. On Aug. 10, the US Dist. Court (N. District of TX) ruled in favor of Catholic and Christian doctors and hospitals who refused to provide abortions as per ObamaCare Section 1557.

As of Oct. 5, most of the action in Congress involves Stimulus or Infrastructure bills. **Several Appropriation (spending) bills have passed the House, without Hyde Amendments being added to prevent the funds being used, in some way, for abortions.** Their future in the

Senate is unclear, but Congress has already passed (and Biden signed) a bill to continue current government spending until Dec. 3, avoiding a so-called government shutdown. On Oct. 6, Madeline Leesman reported on Townhall.com that Biden "indicated to reporters" he would sign a reconciliation bill that included the Hyde Amendment.

Bills with items of concern for pro-lifers: HR.1, HR.4, and HR.5 passed the House. Only HR.1 has had recent action. On Sept 15th, the Senate decided not to vote on HR.1's new companion bill, S.2093. HR.1440 is in a House sub-committee. (See LN p.3, Sept 2021 and June 2021)

On Aug. 19, a majority of 5th Circuit judges upheld a Texas law limiting dismemberment abortions.

Ezekiel Emanuel is being mentioned as a possible head of the FDA. He is an advocate of rationing medical care for the elderly.

Justice Clarence Thomas has said abortion is now "a tool of modern-day eugenics".

Special Rapporteur for the UN's Human Rights Council, Dr. Taleng Mofokeng, says abortion saves lives and is "a radical act of self-love." She is on the board of over eight pro-abortion organizations and has received awards from the Gates Foundation and International Planned Parenthood.

On Aug. 13, pro-lifers from Stanton Public Policy and Purple Sash Revolution were arrested by Capitol Hill Police 10 minutes after they began advocating for the Hyde Amendment on the Capitol steps. Just the week before, Rep. Cori Bush and followers were allowed to camp on the same steps for several nights, advocating for a different (apparently approved) policy.

ACTION ITEM

Go to <https://www.prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative> to find links to contact Federal, State, and local lawmakers. We need to urge Federal officials to reject the Women's Health Protection Act (HR.3755/S.1975). Please politely express your own pro-life concerns.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The NYS Legislature is not currently in session. Therefore, legislation on life issues is on hold, for now.

Kathy Hochul, who became Governor upon Cuomo's resignation, recently urged congregants to be her "apostles" by convincing their friends to get vaccinated, which she said demonstrates the love Jesus commanded. Apparently, she doesn't believe that principle extends to the right to life for the preborn.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

HEALTH & SCIENCE

“The Risks of Abortion”



Human Life International (HLI) posted an article on their website (hli.org) on abortion risks on 8/11/21. In addition to the death of the preborn child, abortion is also dangerous to the mother. Late-term abortionist Warren Hern wrote, “In medical practice, there are few surgical procedures given so little attention and so underrated in its potential hazards as abortion. It is a commonly held view that complications are inevitable.” (Abortion Practice, 1990, pages 101,103)

Operation Rescue (OR) has documented maternal deaths from abortion. Some of the documentation includes 911 calls and autopsy reports. The OR website notes that their “archive represents just a small fraction of women who have died from so-called “safe and legal” abortions. We believe strongly, based on our years of research, that abortion facilities under-report patient deaths to keep the truth from the public. That truth is the fact that abortion is not safe, and sometimes – more often than the Abortion Cartel wants you to know – women die along with their unborn babies.”

Former abortion providers submitted an amicus curiae brief in the 2019 *June Medical Services* case acknowledging that abortion doctors need hospital admitting privileges. The HLI article explained there are “frequent dangers to the mothers – dangers that are exacerbated when the abortionist cannot or will not send mothers to the hospital after something has gone wrong.” The brief highlighted the Report of the South Dakota Task Force - the largest government study on abortion. The Task Force stated, “The record reflects that abortion places women at increased risk of physical injury including the risk of: infection, fever, abdominal pain and cramping, bleeding, hemorrhage, blood transfusion with its subsequent risks, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary or amniotic fluid embolism, injury to the cervix, vagina, uterus, Fallopian tubes and ovaries, bowel, bladder and other internal organs, anesthesia complications (which are higher with general anesthesia), failure to remove all the contents of the uterus (leaving parts of the fetus/baby or placenta), need to repeat the surgery, possible hospitalization, risk of more surgery such as laparoscopy or exploratory laparotomy, possible hysterectomy (loss of uterus and subsequent infertility), allergic reactions to medicines, mis-diagnosis of an intrauterine pregnancy with a tubal or abdominal pregnancy being present (which necessitates different treatment with medicines or more extensive surgery), possible molar pregnancy with the need for further treatment, emotional reactions (including but not limited to depression, guilt, relief, anxiety), death of the woman, and risk of a living, injured baby.” The amicus brief noted the “increased risk of other long-term physical injury including placenta previa which necessitates a c-section and has higher rates of complications and pre-term birth in subsequent pregnancies.”

The CDC’s Abortion Surveillance report for 1973-2017 stated 86.1% of the 519 maternal deaths were

from legal abortion. However, CA, MD, and NH were not included for 2007-2016 pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute estimates that these states were responsible for 19% of abortions in those years. HLI also said, “the CDC has noted that its annual reports only include 68-71% of the abortions reported by Guttmacher’s survey of clinics.”

HLI notes a problem in getting better statistics regarding abortion-related injuries is that abortion clinics “give women the option of seeing their primary doctor for the follow-up visit. Whether this is for the comfort of the women or for the convenience of the abortion industry is open to interpretation, but the result is that many injuries are unreported or are reported as something else. Further, women who suffer complications rarely return to the abortion clinic but go to the emergency room. This is especially common when a woman has taken an abortion pill. In this case, she may present herself as suffering from a miscarriage. In addition, when women do suffer complications from botched abortions – or die – their injuries or deaths are often attributed to other causes, especially since many women want to keep their abortions secret.”

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) “can lead to subsequent infertility and an increased risk of ectopic pregnancy.” It can “permanently damage the Fallopian tubes, or even cause blockage of the tubes. If a woman has an STD at the time of her abortion, her risks for PID are even greater.” A 2020 Pregnancy Care Clinic article stated, “If you have untreated chlamydia or gonorrhea, you’re up to 23% more likely to develop PID after an abortion.” Cervical tears occur in 3% of second trimester abortions. Other cervical damage includes “cervical incompetence, premature delivery, and labor complications. Cervical damage and scarring of the endometrium from abortion may also increase the risk of abnormal development of the placenta in subsequent pregnancies, thus increasing the risk of birth defects.” The risk of uterine perforation during a vacuum aspiration abortion is between 0.1 and 3.0 per 1000 women. HLI notes, “most of the perforations caused during first trimester abortions go undiagnosed [and] could lead to future problems that may require a hysterectomy or other major corrective surgery. Perforations occurring during late-term abortions are more frequent and are always serious.”

The abortion/breast cancer link is denied by most abortion advocates, but the website for CompassCare, a NY healthcare center that performs abortions states, “Studies show that abortion increases a women’s risk of breast cancer.” Other factors which may lead to infertility or at-risk pregnancies after abortion include heavy smoking, IUD use, uncontrolled high blood pressure, heart, liver, or kidney disease, and use of certain steroids or blood thinners.

Post-abortive women may suffer from Post-Abortion Syndrome/Post-Abortion Stress Syndrome, a type of PTSD. These women can suffer “guilt, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, feel numb, develop eating disorders, abuse alcohol and drugs, resort to sexual promiscuity, and find themselves unable to bond with future children.” They sometimes seek help 10-20 years after having an abortion. Abortion advocates also deny the existence of this syndrome. Post-abortion support groups help those suffering after an abortion. The road to healing is “to ask for forgiveness, and to learn to forgive themselves.”

Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435

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(Bold in original. Reference: See #23 of CPSO on MAiD.)

Planned Parenthood: American Life

League's Wednesday STOPP Report for October 6th reported that Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY) has reopened 5 locations, including Massapequa and Staten Island, that were temporarily closed during the pandemic and after PPGNY came "under fire for its racist activities." The STOPP report stated that among the reasons the centers were able to reopen "is the \$10 million Payroll Protection Program loan PPGNY received illegally from the Small Business Administration." In addition, the Biden Administration "has been working hard to increase federal taxpayer money" to PP. The building that housed the Glen Cove PP has been listed "For Sale".

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Annual March for Life, Washington DC

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