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Long Island's Pro-Life Newsletter

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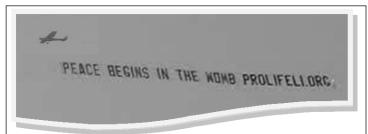
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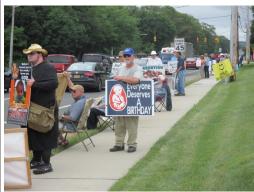
The LICL wants to thank all who are helping to make Long Island a Pro-life Island. Below are some of the things the Long Island Coalition for Life has been busy with this summer. VISIBILITY MATTERS!



Thanks to the LICL Educational Trust, aerial banners flew over LI beaches again this summer. This photo shows one of the aerial banners that flew over Jones Beach Fourth of July weekend.

(Photo courtesy of C. Broyles)

**Face the Truth:** Fourth of July holiday travelers



received the pro-life message from about 50 pro-lifers who lined County Route 111 at LIE Exit 70 in Manorville on Friday, July 1st. While everyone wasn't thrilled to be reminded of the plight of the

unborn, we received many honks of approval and thumbs up as people drove by. (Photo courtesy of C. Broyles)

# CHOOSE LIFE!

### IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE YOU CAN'T VOTE TO PROTECT THE BABIES AND ALL VULNERABLE HUMAN LIFE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

There are many important public offices in play on Election Day November 8, 2016. We will elect a President, who may appoint multiple Supreme Court Justices. We will elect one US Senator and our local US Congress members. We will also be electing all the members of the New York State Senate and members of the Assembly. Many of the elections will be very close and every vote will count. So if you are not registered, please register.

#### Register to Vote:

In order to register to vote, you must:

- be a United States citizen
- be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (Note: you must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote)
- live at your present address at least 30 days before an election
- not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

#### How and Where to Register to Vote:

- you can register in person at Suffolk or Nassau County Board of Elections
- registration forms are available at all post offices and libraries
- you can call (Suffolk) 631-852-4500 or (Nassau) 516-571-8683 to request a voter application
- you can download a PDF version of the New York State Voter Registration Form at http://www.suffolkvotes.com/ register or https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/580/Voting-Info-Services.

Once the form is completed, you need to print the form, sign it and mail it to the County Board of Elections.

Suffolk County Board of Elections, PO Box 700, Yaphank NY 11980 Nassau County Board of Elections, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501 You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteer work. Our next monthly meeting will take place on **Mon., Sept. 26** at **7:45 PM** at the St. Regis K of C Hall, 2850 Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. **All are welcome!** For information call 631-243-1435.



We're happy to announce the names of the latest Pro-Life letter writers. Congratulations to Robert Dougherty whose letter appeared in the *Garden City Times*, and to Walter Ruzek, Robert D. Teetz, and Julia Brandimarte whose letters all appeared in

*Newsday.* We encourage everyone to keep writing those pro-life letters. Submit published letters to LICL, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

The position of Treasurer for the Long Island

Coalition for Life is vacant. This is a Board of Directors position, requiring attendance at two meetings each month - the second and fourth Mondays. Bookkeeping and/or accounting experience would be helpful. The position of Educational Trust Trustee



is also vacant. The Trustee reports directly to the LICL Board. If you are interested in one of these position, please call the LICL at 631-243-1435.

#### **LICL Nomination Committee 2017 Slate**

Anyone who wishes to be interviewed by the Nominating Committee for an officer position should notify the Nominating Committee by September 15. Call Daniel Sherry at 631-249-2440 or 631-575-1482. The interview will commence at the September general meeting - (prior to start of meeting) and at least two (2) committee members will be present.

# Planned Parenthood helps with voter registration!

"In one of Planned Parenthood's newest disturbing schemes, women now can both register to vote and have their unborn babies aborted in its facilities across the country. The Hill reports Planned Parenthood just announced plans to begin helping people register to vote at its facilities in 45 states. [PP] said volunteers will help patients register to vote in person or online. [PP] says people can register at a Planned Parenthood "regardless" of their background, beliefs or political ideology"; but Planned Parenthood is hardly unbiased. It is throwing all its weight behind pro-abortion candidate Hillary Clinton for President...Planned Parenthood's political arm has become increasingly active in this year's election. The group plans to spend \$20 million ahead of the fall election to help boost Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton...who promised them that she would repeal the Hyde Amendment and force taxpayers to fund abortions." (Source: Micaiah Bilger, LifeNews.com, 8/5/16)

#### **UNICEF** – It's that time of year again

Before donating to UNICEF, please pause to consider the following:

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a UN organization that is, according to its website, "on a mission to reach every child and ensure their well-being, no matter where they live in this world. There's no limit to the lengths UNICEF will go, the risks we'll take or the depth of our commitment to save children's lives. We are committed to take action, save, rehabilitate and watch over children, with special attention to the most vulnerable and excluded groups."

In May 2016, UNICEF Canada pushed for assisted suicide and euthanasia for children, arguing that it conformed with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Manitoba Senator Don Plett stated; "[the UN General Assembly mandated UNICEF] to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help them meet their basic needs, and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. Do you not see a major problem with the consideration of allowing vulnerable children to request assisted death? Have these children... reached their full potential?" UNICEF Canada's policy director Marvin Bernstein stated, "Children who are experiencing irremediable conditions, intolerable and enduring suffering...should have the right when they reach a point of sufficient maturity to make some determinations for themselves."

UNICEF has called for Legal Abortion in the Dominican Republic, Peru, Nicaragua, the Philippines, and other countries worldwide. In 2007, UNICEF joined Planned Parenthood International and the UN's population control arm UNFPA in sponsoring a women's conference, 1/3 of which was dedicated to promoting abortions. Carol Bellamy was executive director of UNICEF from 1995 until 2005. During her tenure, UNICEF became a more direct force behind the promotion of abortion and abortifacient contraceptives worldwide. UNICEF has called for the right of children to confidential sexual and reproductive health services and information – access to 'safe abortion' and the morning after pill. Susan Yoshihara, Ph.D. writes for the Center for Family & Human Rights (C-FAM) and stated, "UNICEF's former mission of promoting child survival allowed the agency to prioritize such issues, but when it adopted a rights-based approach in 1986, it effectively had to emphasize equally all the rights contained in the Children's convention as well as the Women's convention." Controversy has resulted since then.



#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On June 27 the Supreme Court struck down (5 to 3) a Texas law requiring abortion facilities to meet the same medical safety standards as other 'walk-in' clinics, calling it an "undue burden" on women seeking abortions. - Whole

Women's Health v Texas (Hellerstedt). The law [TX HB2], also had a (court-blocked) provision that required abortionists to have hospital admitting privileges.

The five Justice majority cited data from TxPEP, a research organization gathering data from the abortion industry since 2011. TxPEP is funded by a foundation named after Warren Buffett's deceased first wife. It blamed the law for closing half the abortion mills in Texas, and overcrowding the rest. According to *bloomberg.com* [7/1/16], one of the researchers, Dan Grossman, is "a provider himself," but the term is not further clarified.

Justice Alito said the evidence did not prove HB2 was the reason some Texas abortion facilities had closed in the last few years. Austin Ruse pointed out the abortion industry, not individual women, had brought the case and the court accepted industry claims that the law made things too expensive for them.

<u>Éditors note</u>: Operation Rescue data from Dec. 2015 showed women in Texas wait two days *less* for an abortion than the U.S. average. (*lifenews.com* 12/22/15)

In his dissent, Justice Thomas (quoting Scalia) cites Court's "troubling tendency" to bend rules to prevent any effort to limit abortion. He decries the "habit of applying different rules to different constitutional rights – especially the putative right to abortion," and warned: "As the Court applies whatever standard it likes to any given case..." ("our law is now so riddled with special exceptions for special rights...")...that "....nothing but empty words separates our constitutional decisions from judicial fiat... [americanthinker.com 6/29]

A 2007 Washington State law says a pharmacy worker can refuse to dispense a drug for reasons of conscience, but *someone* at the pharmacy must dispense the drug. A family pharmacy, where all members oppose 'morning after' pills, sued. On June 28, the Supreme Court declined to hear their appeal, letting stand a lower court ruling *against* the family.

The House passed the Conscience Protection Act on July 13, by 245-182. [King, Zeldin-Yea Israel, Meeks, Rice-Nay]. It protects medical providers, insurers, & facilities from forced participation in abortion, and says 'if you are forced, you can sue'. (The bill, originally HR.4828, was given the number of an already passed Senate bill, S.304.) The bill is now back in the Senate, then needs the President to sign it.

A different conscience bill, H.R.2802/S.1598, pending in Congress, addresses non-LICL issues.

In mid-July, the Senate failed to pass a \$1.1B anti-Zika bill, because Democrats insisted \$95M for seven Planned Parenthood backed clinics in Puerto Rico remain in the bill. PP claims they are the "front line" in the Zika battle.

On Jul 26, the DA's office (Harris Co., TX) dropped the remaining charge (using fake ID) against aborted babyparts videographers David Daleiden & Sandra Merritt. Daleiden still faces charges in California.



# NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The Special Needs Adoption Tax Deduction Bill - S.4121-A-Ritchie/A.10658-Rules (Simon)- passed both the Senate and Assembly. This bill allows adoptive parents of special needs children to deduct \$10,000 from their gross income for tax purposes to help mitigate financial concerns that might deter parents from adopting children with special needs.

Bill S.7697-Avella/A.8176-B-Crespo was **passed by the Legislature**. This bill requires a report on the potential impact of a tax deduction for parents who adopt children from NY's foster care system.

The following bills were **blocked** from becoming law in 2016:

Abortion Expansion Bill (S.4432-Stewart-Cousins/A.6221-Glick)

Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act (S.6013-A-Bonacic/A.8135-B-Cahill), which would mandate group health insurance coverage for abortion-causing drugs with no co-pays or restrictions.

The Boss Bill (S.2709-A-Krueger/A.1142-A-Jaffee), which would infringe upon the religious liberty of pro-life, faith-based employers in regard to personnel decisions.

The Child-Parent Security Act (paid surrogacy) (S.2765-Hoylman/A.4319-Paulin)

The Healthy Teens Act (funding stream for Planned-Parenthood-style sex ed in public schools) (S.700-A-Rivera/A.1616-A-Gottfried)

Physician-Assisted Suicide legislation (S.7579-Savino/A.10059-Paulin) failed to pass either the Senate or Assembly. (Source: New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms)

### **Primary Day:**

September 13, 2016 is Primary Day in New York

**State**. There are primaries for the Democrat nominee in the 3rd Senatorial District as well as the 6th, 11th, 18th & 20th Assembly Districts. The Green Party has a primary in the 6th & 9th Senate

Districts, and the Working Families Party in the 10th Assembly District. Both the Republican and Reform parties have primaries in the 11th Assembly district. If you are eligible to vote in the primary, please be sure to find out how the candidates stand on the life issues.



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#### **HEALTH & SCIENCE**

**Euthanasia Will Not Give People Dignity Any More Than Abortion Gave People Equality** 



Being pro-life means, by definition, being *for life*. The same groups that recognize the value of children in the womb are those who recognize the value of the elderly, the terminally ill, the mentally ill, and all human life. With euthanasia and assisted suicide now accepted in Canada as additional ways to eliminate inconvenience and suffering, it is worth considering how interconnected the issues of abortion and euthanasia are.

Assisted suicide can be paralleled to druginduced abortions, where a doctor prescribes pills that the patient ingests to accomplish their own goal of ending life. Euthanasia, on the other hand, can be compared to surgical abortion, where a doctor is called upon to take active measures to end a life. In cases of both assisted suicide and drug-induced abortion, if a patients' self-administered attempt fails, a doctor may be called upon to finish the job.

In both abortion and euthanasia, we see debates dominated by the word "choice". It is becoming increasingly common in Canada for the word "choice" to be associated with ending life. We have essentially eliminated our fundamental right to life, and instead made it only a right to die. There is no legal protection for a woman who chooses to carry her child to term, and no legal guarantee that a terminally ill patient will have access to quality palliative care. Instead, the discussion is focused on the right to end pre-born life, the right to end one's own life, and, some suggest, a right to end the life of someone else who has been rendered incapable of making such a decision for themselves, for reasons such as dementia or mental retardation.

As some try to tell women they are empowered by the choice to kill their child, so we are telling those suffering that they are empowered by euthanasia. Just as we tell a teenage mother she cannot, or should not, consider parenting, so we tell a terminally ill patient that he should not continue to drain resources while his illness runs its course, that he cannot find meaning in his suffering, and that he has nothing of value left to offer to society. We are telling both that the only empowering choice is death.

Pre-natal screening and high abortion rates have set the stage for a culture that is willing to embrace euthanasia. By trying to determine before a baby's birth whether her life is worth living, we break down our resistance to the same question later in life. If I, as a mother, will decide the value of my child's life based on her prenatal diagnosis, I had better be ready to extend that same measuring line to myself, my spouse, my parents, and my born children. I should also consider not only the quality of life of the person whose life is in question, but also how the continued life of that person will affect my quality of life. Is this going to affect my goals?

Be too much of a draw on my personal time and energy? Maybe that life, then, is not worth keeping.

Having the right to abort a child does not enhance a woman's equality, it tells her that what makes her unique is her weakness. So having the right to die at the hand of your doctor does not enhance a patient's dignity, it tells them their doctor is just as happy not to care for them, to move on to another patient with more value. These are lies sold in an attempt to capitalize on physical or mental weakness, fear and self-doubt, lies to cover for a system that is inadequate to meet prenatal, post-natal and palliative care needs. These are lies the pro-life movement has never bought, lies no Canadian should accept as good enough.

Our current void of abortion restrictions and new embracing of euthanasia show a consistent devaluing of life in Canada. If euthanasia "rights" follows the course abortion "rights" have taken, it will soon be available at any age or developmental stage, for any reason, from poverty to inconvenience to relationship difficulties.

But, if we *are* a country that values life, or at least we want to be, then we need to stop looking for legal ways to end it and instead look for ways to embrace and enhance it. As pro-life individuals, it is our responsibility to model respect for life, to tell our friends and neighbours that we value them, and to show in how we treat each and every person we meet that we believe they have something to offer and a reason for existing.

Mike Schouten 7/22/16 (Reprinted with permission from www.LifeNews.com)

*Editor's Note:* Although this article was originally written to Canadians, it is just as timely and important for Americans to read.

#### **Embryonic Experimentation**

Rob Stein reported at NPR.org on August 4th, "The federal government announced plans to lift a moratorium on funding of certain controversial experiments that use human stem cells to create animal embryos that are partly human. The National Institutes of Health is proposing a new policy to permit scientists to get federal money to make embryos, known as chimeras, under carefully monitored conditions. The NIH imposed a moratorium on funding these experiments in September because they could raise ethical concerns. One issue is that scientists might inadvertently create animals that have partly human brains, endowing them with some semblance of human consciousness or human thinking abilities. Another is that they could develop into animals with human sperm and eggs and breed, producing embryos or fetuses inside animals or hybrid creatures...Critics [have] denounced the decision. "Science fiction writers might have imagined worlds like this - like The Island of Dr. Moreau, Brave New World, Frankenstein," says Stuart Newman, a biologist at New York Medical College. "There have been speculations. But now they're becoming more real. And I think that we just can't say that since it's possible then let's do it." The public has 30 days to comment on the proposed new policy. NIH could start funding projects as early as the start of 2017."

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important. Signs provided. Note: Vigils & Witnesses are NOT sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

Nassau County - Location	Day/Time_	<b>Contact Phone (516)</b>
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405
" "	(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy*	741-3405
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056
Suffolk County - Location	<b>Day/Time</b>	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-8541
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-8541
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) We 10-10:30 AM	667-2532
" "	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(W) Sa 9:45-11:45 AM	265-2736
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-0033
" "	(M) 2nd Fr Noon-1 PM	790-6629
595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN	(W) Fr 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	807-6001
*Beginning Oct. 1st.		

**IMPORTANT:** Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.



#### Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); **Hempstead** 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 6 E. Main St., Ste. 2, open Mo, We, Fr 10 AM-4 PM

#### Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on Cable V Ch 20 (except where noted) through Sept. 30, 2016:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL – Nas/W Suf Tu 9 PM, CSuf Tu 9 PM & Rvhd We 9 PM

Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics - Nas/W Suf Sa 6:30 PM Rvhd We 9 PM

Defending Life - hosted by Priests for Life on EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 We 2:30 AM & Th 11 PM

Long Island Teen Freedom Sexual Integrity and Risk Avoidance-a product of Life Center of L.I. Nas/W Suf Tu 3 PM, CSuf Mo 4:30 PM, Rvhd We 3 PM

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#### In Memoriam:

George Walters — Ray Jamieson

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#### ASSISTED SUICIDE PROPOSAL IN NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION MEETING

Tom Renker, General Counsel, Diocese of Rockville Centre will speak on the proposals to legalize Assisted <u>Suicide in NYS</u>

> Thursday, September 29, 2016, 7-9 P.M. Our Lady of Victory Church 2 Floral Parkway Floral Park, New York 11001

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#### Culture of Life & Politicians

Carl Anderson, leader of the Knights of Columbus, in an address to the K of C International Convention in Toronto on August 2nd stated,

"It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for proabortion politicians. Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale." He said politics does not mean partisanship, but a stand for the common good and for moral and religious values that make free, democratic institutions possible. Foremost among these values, is "the equal dignity of every human life and the right of every person to freely practice their religion. We will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death...Some partisan advocates have sought to excuse support for pro-abortion candidates through a complex balancing act. They claim other issues are important enough to offset a candidate's support for abortion. But the right to abortion is not just another political issue. It is, in reality, a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths...What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? The answer, of course is that there is none.,,[we need to] think in new ways [to build] a civilization of love."

(Source: www.ncregister.com, CNA/EWTN News 8/5/16)

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### Annual Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children—Sat, Sept. 10



Christ the King RC Church, 2 Indian Head Rd., Commack. Exit 3MA off Sunken Meadow Pkwy. Turn left at light. Church on left. A Prayer Service in front of the K

of C's Stone for Life will follow the 8:30 AM Mass. Call Ann 631-754-9141. **Note:** This is a nation-wide event. Visit nationaldayofremembranceforabortedchildren.com.

Stand Up For Life - Sun., Oct. 2, 2016

2-3:30 PM (rain or shine) This is a nation-wide event. There is strength in unity. Please join us at one of our locations: Manorville, LIE, KILLS Exit 70S along Cty. Rd. 111, (contact

CHILDREN Peter at 631-289-2095) or in Huntington at Rtes. 110 & 25, (contact Jack at 516-724-6821).

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### SAVE THE DATE! Fri., Sept. 30th the Life Center of Long Island Celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

2016 Annual Dinner Dance at the Woodbury Country Club in Woodbury,

Distinguished Honoree: Msgr. James Lisante **Guest Speaker: Rick Hinshaw** 

\$150 per adult ~ \$95 per student. Tickets & information, call 516-798-9100 or go to website at lifecenterli.org.

#### St. Patrick's Pro-Life Family **Annual Communion Breakfast**

Sun., Oct. 2 - 10 AM (following the 9AM Mass). St. Patrick RC Church, Canning Hall 280 East Main St., Smithtown, NY 11787

Honoring Larry Cervellino Guest Speaker: George Frost, Chairman LI Coalition for Life

Tickets: Adults-\$10, Children under 18-\$5, Family- max. \$25. For info/purchase tickets call 631-979-7017

Happy Labor Day!