

National Cancer Institute's Deadly Silence: Public Still Not Aware of Abortion-Breast Cancer Link

When Dr. Angela Lanfranchi started her practice as breast surgeon in 1983, a woman's lifetime risk of developing breast cancer was 1 in 12. The number of women in their 30's diagnosed with breast cancer was rising in Dr. Lanfranchi's practice. She started to investigate the data she had collected. Breast cancer is the only major type of cancer that is still growing in incidence. Currently, the lifetime risk for breast cancer is now 1 in 7.

Background

Dr. Louise Brinton, Chief of the Hormonal and Reproductive Epidemiology Branch in the NCI's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, organized the 2003 National Cancer Institute workshop on "early reproductive events and breast cancer." Despite claims that the workshop would be a "comprehensive review" of the data on the connection between abortion and breast cancer, presentations were entirely one-sided, the only presentations permitted were those that supported that conclusion that there was no connection between abortion and breast cancer.

The NCI said all retrospective studies were flawed because of reporting (recall) bias. Two of the studies dismissed as unreliable were studies conducted by Janet Daling of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in 1994 and 1996 which found a 20-50%

increase in breast cancer in women who had abortions. (Brinton was also one of the co-authors of the 1994 study). The panel concluded, "The lack of an abortion-breast cancer link had been established."

In 2009, Dr. Brinton participated as a co-author in a study led by Jessica Dolle of the Fred Hutchinson Center examining the relationship between birth control pills and triple-negative breast cancer. Triple-negative breast cancer was first described in medical journals in 2007. It is an extremely aggressive and dangerous form of breast cancer striking a disproportionate number of young, African-American and overweight women.

Dolle's study looked at 897 specimens of cancerous tissue that had been saved from Janet Daling's studies of 1994 and 1996. These specimens were tested for triple-negative breast cancer. The scientists already had the reproductive history of these women (from the previous two studies), so they could see who had had an abortion. Table 1 in Dolle's study showed that abortion increased breast cancer risk by 40%. Abortion was listed as one of the "known and suspected risk factors." The significant risk factors, including abortion were described as "consistent with the effects observed in previous studies on younger women."

The study also showed

that women who start oral contraceptives before age 18 increase their risk of triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) by 3.7 times. Women who had recently used the pill within the last one to five years increase their risk by 4.2 times. (See related article on oral contraceptives and breast cancer on page 15.)

In "Study Fingers Oral Contraceptives as a Probable Cause of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer," Dr. Joel Brind, Professor of Biology and Endocrinology and Deputy Chair for Biology at Baruch College, writes, "As a scientist representing the official policy of the NCI, Brinton says there is no abortion-breast cancer (ABC) link, while as a scientist publishing her findings in a peer-reviewed medical journal, she says there is a significant ABC link."

The Biology of Breast Development

Epidemiology, the study of statistical associations between causes, can't establish a cause/effect relationship. For example, a study could show that people who carry matches and lighters have a higher risk of lung cancer. Dr. Lanfranchi says, "The point of epidemiology is to understand the why of a disease. You can cook any study to make it say what you want it to, but you can't cook the biology. The goal of most epidemiologic studies is to provide associations which then provides clues for

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Accepted as Risk Factors for Breast Cancer

- No children, never had children
- Late first full-term pregnancy (after age 30)
- Premature birth before 32 weeks gestation
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Use of Oral Contraceptives

Accepted to be Protective Against Breast Cancer

- Full-term pregnancy
- Full-term pregnancy early in life (teens or young women)
- Each subsequent pregnancy reduces risk by 10%
- Breastfeeding, long duration of breast-feeding
- Having a full-term pregnancy within 5 years of an abortion



Life in Massachusetts

The Status of Abortion and Euthanasia Issues in Legislation and Culture

by Anne Fox, MCFL President

entire history. Their gratitude and encouragement were wonderful!

Two days after the election, the Supreme Court decision on campaign finance came down. Please read the detailed article about the decision on page 5. Its implications are incredible! If the Court hears the Buffer Zone appeal (you will probably know by the time your paper is delivered), wording in the campaign finance case will be extremely helpful about First Amendment rights. Also, Chief Justice Roberts specifically said it is okay for the Court to overturn past constitutional decisions. All the pro-ab senators talk about *stare decisis* during confirmation hearings for potential justices. By that they mean, will the judge promise not to overturn *Roe v Wade*. Justice Roberts blew all that specious reasoning!

Another very important thing about the case is that it cited *Federal Election Commission v Massachusetts Citizens for Life* twenty-six times! When the FEC came after us because of an election newspaper that we had published, we felt it was important not to give in to them. We felt that, if we gave in, no other group would ever be able to publish voter guides. The fine work of the late Kathy Healy and Francis Fox, Esq., took the case to the Supreme Court, where we won. Now it develops that our case did a lot more than allow advocacy groups to distribute voting records. Fran Fox's and his associates point out that Congress had, since 1975, been passing what we would call incumbent protection laws. The

FEC v MCFL has now helped to dismantle that effort!

All that happened in the same week as the March for Life. The official count for '09 was 325,000. Everyone agreed this year was much larger. Blue Mass. Citizens caps were much in sight and worn very proudly!

The week ended with Michael Clancy's moving presentation at the Assembly for Life at Faneuil Hall. He and his story were so impressive that no one wanted to leave. I finally got him to the airport as his plane finished boarding. He told me that he has heard from many of you with support and your own stories. We were truly blessed!

That week, also, Planned Parenthood announced it would establish facilities in Fitchburg, Marlborough, and Milford. They are funded by stimulus money so they will not perform surgical abortions. This works beautifully for PP because their plan is to do the abortions in the big new Worcester facility and use these facilities as feeders. Fitchburg is the first place targeted. Chris Hanley and our MCFL Chapter marched right into high gear with protests, testimony at City Council meetings, and numerous contacts with the prospective landlords. As I write, they are still working very hard. Ironic is PP's claim that they want to help lower teen-age pregnancies. Fitchburg High School, through its abstinence curriculum, has a very low teen pregnancy rate for which the town can be very proud.

On Valentine's Day I attended a lovely event in Adams – the opening of the Susan B Anthony Birthplace and celebration of her 190th birthday. Local and national pro-life leaders, town officials, and residents of Adams celebrated the resurrection of this source of local pride. Erik and Pat Anthony provided beautiful music for the celebration. Erik is a relative of Susan. He and Pat are active proliferators at the other end of the state. A web site, and demonstration sprang up designed to point out the disgraceful associations of the people involved in the restoration. Why, some of them are active in Mass. Citizens for life.

This is one of those tides which we must ride while we can. Mass Citizens is at a place and time when we must increase our membership. More than three million people in the state are pro-life. Many of them came out to work and vote in the

election. Individually, we can do some good but acting together we can save many, many lives. Every time we educate others by our actions it helps to save lives. We have a fun contest going until April 15th to help increase membership. The winner and a guest will fly to Washington, DC for a special, insider day. Please check out the details on p. 11.

Speaking of membership, I noticed something very interesting. The MCFL Chapter in Norwood, chaired by Jim and Terry Drummey, has the most members per population of any chapter in the state. Jim and Terry and the people in Norwood have been stalwarts for years.

We have had many people tell us that they would like to be able to give to Mass Citizens through automatic giving, particularly online. We have initiated a new online giving program that is working very well. You can find out more on p 11

The excitement continues with the upcoming "Stand Up! Speak Out! Save Lives!" and "Where Do We Go From Here?" in March and April. You will want to read about them and register as soon as possible. Please check pp 8 and 9.

As I write this, the Democrats are designing a "new" version of the health plan that they describe as "bipartisan" and they expect the Republicans to go along with it. **They will never give up so neither can we.** Please continue to call your congressman, especially Lynch and Neal. Again, they must guarantee to vote against any bill that does not have specific abortion restrictions. Neal's office tells our people he will vote for the restrictions but does not say he would vote against a bill without the restrictions. National pundits have identified most of our delegation as beatable in the upcoming election, so you may find someone unexpectedly willing to listen to you! Or someone who will take the Patrick Kennedy route...



Proud to be from Massachusetts, Sharon Keefe (left) and members of the new Wilmington chapter March for Life in Washington, D.C.

We have certainly had an exciting time since I last wrote to you! For months you and I and the other members of Mass Citizens were the only ones in the state working against the health care bills with their mandated abortion, rationing, denial of care based on age and disability and their removal of all conscience rights for doctors and patients. You were the ones who closed down Congressman Neal's phones and convinced him and Congressman Lynch to vote for the Stupak amendment. You were the ones who told your friends and associates about the bills and encouraged them to listen to the radio ads and read the newspaper ads. When it became obvious that Scott Brown would be the deciding vote against health care, you are the ones who distributed 170,000 fliers across the state and helped make possible the 440,000 phone calls and hundreds of radio ads. Any of you who were at the March on January 22nd know that people in the rest of the country are convinced that we saved the country from the most anti-life threat it has endured in its

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Lobbying the Legislature

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Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report.

House, No. 406 Presented by: William G. Greene, Jr. (Support)

For legislation to prohibit public elementary or secondary school students from participating in certain surveys without parental consent. Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report

House, No. 421 Presented by: Robert S. Hargraves (Support)

For legislation to require parental consent for the attendance of students in sexual education classes in the public schools

Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report

House, No. 437 Presented by: Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (Support)

Relative to requiring parental notification and consent prior to implementing curriculum concerning human sexuality.

Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report.

House, No. 472 Presented by: Elizabeth Poirier (Support)

For legislation to require parental consent on sex education in public schools

Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report.

House, No. 485 Presented by: Michael F. Rush (Support)

Relative to parental notification and consent for certain sexual education programs in the public schools.

Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken

In the Legislature

- **House No. 1670 (Support)** **A Woman's Right to Know, "Laura's Law"** Currently in the Judiciary Committee
- **House No. 421 (Support)** Bill to require parental consent for the attendance of students in sexual education classes
- **House No. 406 (Support)** Legislation to prohibit public school students from participating in surveys without parental consent.
- **House No. 437 (Support)** Relative to requiring parental notification prior to implementing curriculum concerning human sexuality.
- **House No. 472 (Support)** Legislation to require parental consent on sex education in public schools
- **House No. 1468 (Oppose)** **"An Act Relative to Death with Dignity"** Legislation to allow physician assisted suicide
- **House 3434 (Oppose)** Relative to the teaching of health education in schools.
- **House 402 (Oppose)** Legislation to provide for a comprehensive health education in the public schools.
- **House No. 218 (Oppose)** Legislation to provide health education in the public schools
- **House No. 2132 (Support)** An Act Relative to Reprogrammed Human Skin Cells for Embryonic Stem Cell Research
- **House No. 485 (Support)** Legislation to require parental notification and consent for certain sexual education programs in the public schools

The Woman's Right to Know - Laura's Law - **H.1670** is still before the Judiciary Committee. The committee members have not made a decision regarding any action on the bill. We need to continue to ask lawmakers to support the bill and urge committee members to issue a favorable report on this vital legislation - bill H. 1670.

House, No. 1468 Presented by: Louis L. Kafka - "An Act Relative to Death with Dignity" - For legislation to allow for physician assisted suicide for qualified patients to end their lives. On 1/20/2009 the bill was referred to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary. This is an assisted suicide bill and to date it still has not had a public hearing.

The following bills for the most part have had hearings (as noted), but have not had any further action from the committees they sit before:

House, No. 3434 Presented by: Alice K. Wolf (Oppose)

Relative to the teaching of health education in schools. Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report.

House, No. 402 Presented by: Mary E. Grant (Oppose)

For legislation to provide for a comprehensive health education program in the public schools. Joint Committee on Education - Public

by committee regarding issuance of report.

Senate, No. 218 Presented by: Harriette L. Chandler (Oppose)

For legislation to provide health education in schools

Joint Committee on Education - Public Hearing date 10/13 at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room A1 - no action taken by committee regarding issuance of report.

House 2132 Presented by Representatives. Elizabeth Poirier (R-North Attleboro), Angelo Scaccia (D-Boston) - (Support)

"An Act Relative to Reprogrammed Human Skin Cells for Embryonic Stem Cell Research"

This legislation prohibits the creation of human embryos for experimentation and destruction.

Joint Committee on Public Health - Public Hearing date 1/19/10 at 10:00 AM in Hearing Room B2 - no action

taken by committee regarding issuance of report.

Please send me any responses you have received from your U.S. Congressman

I want to thank those of you who have given me the responses from Massachusetts Congressman relative to their position on the health care bill. The battle still wages in Washington for passage of the health care bill. President Obama and top Democratic congressional leaders are pushing hard for abortion provisions in the legislation. If you have not, I would urge you to write to your congressman and tell him that you are opposed to the health care legislation, urge him to oppose the Senate-passed health bill (H.R. 3590) because it is written with anti-life provisions that would mandate abortion and abortion funding.

Wilmington Extends Warm Welcome to MCFL, Forms New Chapter



Newly elected chapter officers Mary D'eon (left), Sharon Keefe and Pat Meuse (right) pose with President Anne Fox and pro-life legislator James Miceli.



Pro-Lifers Wilmington, hosted by Fr. Kevin Horrigan, extended a most gracious welcome to President Anne Fox and decided to join MCFL as its newest chapter!



The Story of the “Hand of Hope”

Photos by Edward Boylan



The Shofar calls the Assembly to order.



Michael Maloney performed his pro-life hit “Deliver Me”



Cardinal Sean O’Malley reminded pro-lifers that hearts need to be changed as well as laws

On returning home from school, Michael Clancy always checked to see if his stepfather’s car was in the driveway. If the car wasn’t there, Clancy would go inside. However, one chilly, sleeting day, seeing the car and knowing what was in store for him if he entered the house, the boy sat outside on the curb shivering and crying. He questioned God, “How can you let this happen to little kids?”

After years of abuse, Clancy left home at age 16. He could not forgive his abuser. His torment only grew after being reunited with his sister and finding out that all his younger siblings had been abused too. Clancy had escaped by running away, but he, the oldest, had left them to continue being molested.

Clancy was “consumed by hate.” He wanted to kill his molester. One day, driving along I-40 in Tennessee, he broke down crying. Unable to bear the weight of his own guilt and hatred anymore, he asked Christ for forgiveness. At that moment Clancy found the forgiveness of Christ, he found the ability to forgive his abuser, he found the ability to forgive himself. He asked God, “Use me as you see fit.”

Three months later, Michael Clancy’s life would change forever.

The photograph of an unborn baby demonstrating his humanity threatened to blow the lid off the abortion debate. Decades of pro-choice propaganda would be for nothing if the nature of what was being destroyed by abortion was exposed, the baby no longer a convenient abstract concept.

Mainstream media would portray Michael Clancy as a born-again Christian nutcase, if his photo could not be buried, it would be declared a sham and Clancy’s credibility as a photojournalist would be in tatters. His livelihood ruined.



Michael Maloney entertains while looking on are (L to R): Flatley Award winner and Friends of the Unborn Director Marilyn Birnie, Choose Life License Plate organizer Merry Nordeen, and keynote speaker, photographer Michael Clancy.



The surgeon who operated on baby Samuel would later claim that he himself put his finger into Samuel’s hand and that Clancy’s photo was a fake.

The complete video of Michael Clancy’s talk is available online at:
www.masscitizensforlife.org

MCFL Caucuses In Washington, DC

The Pro-Life Comeback of 2009

The health-care debate has shown the pro-life movement's continuing strength

Professor Michael New told the caucus crowd some encouraging news. Despite the loss of significant ground during the 2008 elections and advice that Republicans moderate their positions on abortion and other social issues, "the events of 2009 have clearly demonstrated the movement's resiliency and heft," said New.

"It is safe to say that pro-lifers have been the most effective opponents of Obamacare. Their efforts on this issue alone show unmistakably that the right-to life move-

ment is an indispensable part of the center-right coalition."

New noted gains in the court of public opinion: pro-choice governors once thought to be the

future of the Republican party (Whitman, Wilson, Weld) have vanished and the infighting over the party's pro-life platform has lessened considerably.

Democrats have made some efforts to at least avoid offending pro-life voters, both John Kerry and Barack Obama avoided mentioning abortion in their acceptance speeches at the 2004 and 2008 Democratic conventions. President Obama usually talks about the need to reduce abortions and to find common ground.

In May, the greatest evidence of growing public support for the pro-life position was a Gallup poll that found 51 percent of Americans describing themselves as pro-life with 42 percent describing themselves as pro-choice. This was the first time that a Gallup poll has found a pro-life majority.

While mainstream media debated the results, later surveys taken by the Polling Company, Gallup, Rasmussen, Fox News, and Pew, all showed a substantial increase in people identifying themselves as pro-life or willing to support greater restrictions on abortion.

"The increased influence of the pro-life movement is perhaps the most conspicuous in the on-going debate over health-care reform," he said. "If abortion became a federally mandated health care benefit, it could potentially do away with a number of state-level laws, including parental-involvement and informed-consent laws that the pro-life movement has worked tirelessly to enact. Further, if the government subsidized insurance plans that cover abortion, it could make abortions easier to obtain, thereby increasing the abortion rate."

New cited the pro-life movement's unique position to create effective opposition to Obamacare. Most of the proposed reform plans included an individual health-insurance mandate

coupled with federal subsidies for low-income earners. "This created a politically difficult decision for the Obama administration: Should these federal subsidies apply to health-insurance plans that cover abortion?"

If the abortion subsidies were specifically excluded, due to the interlocking nature of the many rules and regulations of Obamacare, health insurers would not be able to offer abortion coverage through a regulated exchange, effectively banning them entirely.

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- Professor Michael New

"This would provoke outrage on the left, especially since pro-choice activists hate to lose ground. They

fought proposals to ban partial-birth abortion in the late 1990's and even oppose basic health and safety regulations for abortion clinics. Considering the influence the abortion lobby has over the Democratic party, it was not about to fall on its sword for the sake of Obamacare."

Having no option, the President let federal funds subsidize health-insurance plans that cover abortion, a problematic decision: 1) Most Americans oppose government funding of abortion whether their personal preferences are, 2) Pro-life Democrats from conservative districts won't support health-care reform that includes federal funding of abortion, and, 3) the President and other politicians sound disingenuous when they say they want to reduce the number of abortions, but then subsidize it through health-care reform.

Phony compromises included giving individuals the right to purchase a health-insurance plan that didn't include coverage for abortion, but plans that do cover abortion would still be available and subsidized by the taxpayer.

"The pro-life movement has insisted on an explicit ban on federal funding for abortion and has opposed phony compromise proposals. Pro-lifers realize that abortion funding is a very effective wedge issue dividing moderate Democrats from Obama and his liberal base. Indeed, more than anything else, the conflict over abortion funding is responsible for the delay, and quite possibly the eventual defeat, of Obamacare."

New concluded, "As pro-lifers gather for the 37th Annual March for Life, we should take heart. Many were willing to dismiss the pro-life movement as irrelevant, just twelve months ago. Instead, the movement rallied, made impressive gains in public approval



Professor Mark Rienzi speaks at the MCFL Caucus in the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. on January 22.

Rienzi: Latest Supreme Court Decision Shows Massachusetts Influence

The U S Supreme Court has a lot to say about Massachusetts and Mass Citizens these days in the *Citizens United v the Federal Elections Commission* decision that came down on January 21, 2010 and, we hope, in the Buffer Zone Appeal.

Mark Rienzi, chief counsel for our side addressed the Mass Citizens Caucus at the March for Life. It was the day after the *CU v FEC* and he was very pleased with some of the wording. The case said that First Amendment rights must be applied equally. Since buffer zone restrictions apply only to pro-life people, not to "clinic escorts" or anyone else, this new ruling would definitely help us in the buffer zone appeal. Also, the ruling obviously would not approve of a statute that applies to only one kind of medical facility – abortuaries. The state of Massachusetts was supposed to have filed their reasons why the court should not overturn the buffer zone. They had not done so by the 22nd but have since. Mark says all their arguments are effectively answered in the briefs that our side has filed. The experts all predict that, **if the Court**

does decide to hear the case, the Massachusetts Buffer Zone will be overturned. He has learned the court will announce whether to grant cert – i.e., to hear the case, on March 5, 2010. Further reading of the decision provided other exciting news that could impact efforts to overturn *Roe v Wade*! During hearings on proposed Supreme Court Justices, the Senate keeps questioning them about *stare decisis* - code for "you can't overturn *Roe v Wade*" In the *CU v FEC* decision, **Chief Justice John Roberts** made it clear that the Supreme Court over which he presides **will not hesitate to sweep away its own major constitutional rulings when doing so is necessary to defend America's bedrock governing document!** Repeat, "... Sweep away its own major constitutional rulings..."

The third thing of interest to us is the fact that the Court quoted our case, the *Federal Elections Commission v Massachusetts Citizens for Life* twenty-six times. Analysis by Bingham

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Respondents who agreed with the statement, "Abortion is morally wrong."

Millennials (18-29) 58%
Generation X (30-44) 60%
Baby Boomers (45-64) 51%
Greatest Generation (65+) 60%+

Knights of Columbus - Marist survey, conducted Dec. '09 - Jan. '10
surveyed 2,243 Americans, including 1,006 Millennials.
www.kofc.org/moralcompass

and exerted considerable influence in the debate over health-care reform. All this bodes well for more gains in the future."

Michael New is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Alabama and is a fellow at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, N.J.



CHAPTER CHALLENGES



7 Fundraising

By Mary Fagan

Pro-Life Spaghetti Supper

For thirteen consecutive years, the South Boston Chapter held spaghetti supper fundraisers at St. Augustine's Hall to benefit Friends of the Unborn in Quincy and Mass Citizens for Life. We started with a list of goals our fundraising efforts could achieve.

Goals

- 1) Bring pro-life people together for an enjoyable evening in a social setting to strengthen their pro-life commitment and education.
- 2) Raise money for a crisis pregnancy center (Friends of the Unborn)
- 3) Advertise the pro-life message in an appealing way.
- 4) Organize a student pro-life essay contest.
- 5) Collect new baby clothes for women at Friends of the Unborn and for the Archdiocese of Boston's Pro-Life Office.

Although we started this idea as a simple fundraiser, it evolved into a local social event that many people looked forward to each year. Not only was it a fast moving evening (we start-

ed at 6:30 pm and finished at 9:00 pm sharp), the night's events included raffle drawings, essay contestants reading their winning papers, and speeches by prominent pro-lifers. The baby show-er table was also one of the highlights of interest and participation. The chapter members fostered a spirit of hospitality and made people happy to give generously to each activity of the evening.

Action Plan and Organization

Our Event Chairman wrote promotional articles before and after the supper and made the final decisions for all aspects of the evening in coordination with the volunteer in charge of a particular aspect: 1) ticket sales and admissions door captain, 2) food/vendors supplies captain, 3) kitchen preparations and food servers captain, 4) hall decorations and set-up captain, and 5) photographer. Often one person did multiple leadership chores. In addition to our chapter members, many individuals, families and friends volunteered to help serve, make desserts and clean-up.

Nearly all supplies for this event were donated so all proceeds went to the beneficiaries. Our vendor/supplies captain contacted businesses, submitted application requests for charitable donations and arranged for item pick-up of the following supplies to feed 400 people:

Spaghetti (or ziti) - The Pastene Company was very generous.
 Tomato Sauce - Pastene Co.
 Meatballs (from a local market)
 Fresh Salad (lettuce, tomatoes, onions, olives, etc. from a local market)
 Dinner Rolls (local bakery)
 Coffee and Tea (local vendor)
 Butter, salad dressing, paper goods, plastic utensils, salt, pepper (local supermarket)
 Chocolate Chip Cookies (supermarket)
 Assorted Desserts (provided by chapter members)

After the event, every participating vendor received a thank-you letter and report along with a clipping of a local newspaper article on the Spaghetti Supper to let them know just how their donation helped this great cause. Each year they gladly helped us again. Use of the church hall was donated by the pastor of St. Augustine's.

Speakers/Essay Contest

Some years a prominent pro-life speaker was the main attraction. Other years the essay contest winners read their papers upon receiving their cash prize and award certificate.

Area schools who read promotional articles in the local papers (*South Boston Tribune*, *South Boston OnLine* and *The Boston Pilot*) submitted as many as 400 entries. Grammar and high school students were given age appropriate pro-life topics for essays. Elementary school students were required to de-

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into action. One spunky senior had us make a special version of the flyer which urged early voting and she put one under each of over 200 doors in her elderly apartment complex several weeks before the election.

Then there was the college freshman who already had his hands full by agreeing to cover his own town who, when he found out that the city next door would be left uncovered, agreed to cover that as well. He reached out to his extended family and got his aunts, uncles and cousins to help!

As the weekend before the election grew close, there was a small handful of people that had hoped to volunteer as part of a team but when I told them that no one else had volunteered in their area, each one stepped up and agreed to work solo, one saying, "If I don't try, I won't succeed."

One woman told me that the robo call asking for help was her "dessert for the day" and another said it was

Master/Mistress of Ceremonies

Makes sure all activities move along smoothly and expeditiously.

Tickets

Our chapter designed, printed and numbered approximately 400 tickets. The Ticket captain then distributed them throughout the neighborhood to pro-life friends to sell to their neighbors. Ticket captain also took in the door admissions on the night of the supper.

300 tickets @ \$8/each = \$2,400

Raffle prizes

Display donated raffle items (donated by friends and families), sell chances at \$1 each or 6 chances for \$5 = \$500

50/50 cash drawing tickets (take in \$400, give out half) = \$200

Total net receipts for beneficiary

\$3,100

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A panel of three retired school teachers judged all entries and selected the winners. Cash prizes of \$25, \$50, and \$100 were donated by chapter members. Each winner also received a certificate and a certificate of appreciation was sent to their school.

In addition to the proceeds we usually received two tables full of beautiful new baby clothes to give to Friends of the Unborn and the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office.

This unusual annual pro-life fundraiser was an event many people anticipated and inquired about. It raised local awareness of the plight of women in crisis pregnancies as well as other aspects of the pro-life cause. The supper was an enormous amount of work for our chapter and friends, but we believe the efforts were well worth it. We hope others will carry on with even better ideas to foster a culture of life.

Pro-Life Forces Roll Out for Scott Brown

By Janet Callahan

The first robo calls to our membership went out on December 28th. The message said that the MCFL Federal PAC was supporting Scott Brown in the special election (to replace Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy who had passed away in August of 2009); that help was needed with a literature distribution that would take place the weekend before the election and to call or email me if the person could help. The plan was to leaflet pro-life churches, train stations, shopping centers, etc. across the state.

I was behind in my work from that day until the election. More robo calls would follow to our "monster" list, as well as Constant Contact emails. I simply could not keep up with the response! Even working nights and weekends didn't help. Hundreds and hundreds of people wanted to help and they came from anywhere and everywhere from the Cape to the Berkshires. I learned a lot more about the cities and towns of Massachusetts than I had ever known before.

What was very interesting to me right from the beginning was the large number of our people from all across the state that was already working on the Brown campaign as individuals. They saw early on that Scott Brown, although not a perfect candidate pro-life-wise, was our best bet to advance the cause of Life even if only incrementally.

Most importantly, they knew that Scott Brown was opposed to the then-



Janet Callahan had the herculean task of organizing the overwhelming number of pro-lifers who wanted to help defeat Martha Coakley and Obamacare by electing Scott Brown.

current form of the Health Care Bill which would have been deadly to some of our seniors and it is estimated would, if tax-funding for abortion were included, have added 100,000 abortions per year to the already staggering total. Even if he were to lose his seat in 2012, Scott Brown's election will likely have saved the lives of over 200,000 unborn babies and, for most Massachusetts pro-lifers, that understanding alone was worth the concerted effort to help get him elected.

I was also struck by the energy and enthusiasm of those who wanted to get involved. Some had left active participation in the pro-life movement years before due to life circumstances and had not reactivated themselves when those circumstances changed. The special election galvanized them

into action. One spunky senior had us make a special version of the flyer which urged early voting and she put one under each of over 200 doors in her elderly apartment complex several weeks before the election.

Then there was the college freshman who already had his hands full by agreeing to cover his own town who, when he found out that the city next door would be left uncovered, agreed to cover that as well. He reached out to his extended family and got his aunts, uncles and cousins to help!

As the weekend before the election grew close, there was a small handful of people that had hoped to volunteer as part of a team but when I told them that no one else had volunteered in their area, each one stepped up and agreed to work solo, one saying, "If I don't try, I won't succeed."

One woman told me that the robo call asking for help was her "dessert for the day" and another said it was

the "best phone call" she'd ever received. Now we know that most people don't respond to robo calls that way but I believe it just points out how weary our people have been with the radical abortion agenda that most Massachusetts politicians espouse. Just the thought of the possibility that a candidate from Massachusetts could win such a high-profile election while stating that he at least opposes partial-birth abortion and supports parental consent laws was enough to get people excited even while acknowledging that they wish he were 100% pro-life.

More volunteers gave up their time by delivering tens of thousands of flyers all across the state - 170,000 total! Others agreed to use their homes or offices as a regional distribution point. Pro-life Republican candidates running for various offices also helped as did pro-life Republican Town or City Committee members.

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7 Reasons Why Pro-Aborts Hate Scott Brown

The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of its Parts

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC”

- Martha Coakley

1 Planned Parenthood Action Fund

The election to fill the Massachusetts U.S. Senate Seat formerly held by Edward Kennedy is **today**. The stakes could not be higher, and the differences between the candidates clearer. **As a supporter of sexual health services and information, it is critical that you vote today.**

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund endorsed Attorney General Martha Coakley in this race, and she needs your vote today.

The contrast on sexual health issues between Martha Coakley and Scott Brown is extensive and dramatic. Martha Coakley's record in support of sexual health services and information goes back decades. Coakley's involvement in issues of choice includes serving as a volunteer member of the Minors Lawyers Referral panel, testifying in support of the Buffer Zone Bill and the Archaic Law Repeal Bill, and filing a lawsuit challenging the Bush Administration's so called "provider conscience rule."

Scott Brown has tried to blur the lines, but his record is clear. He has actively promoted efforts to restrict women from accessing health care.

Let there be no confusion: Senator Brown authored and filed an amendment which would have effectively allowed hospitals to turn away sexual assault survivors rather than provide them with emergency contraception.

As a direct service provider, we frequently see the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors and recognize the imperative of providing timely and reliable care. There is no way that one can file such a destructive proposal, be supported by the National Right to Life Committee, and say they support women's health. **Clearly given his legislative record as a state senator, women can't trust Scott Brown to be their advocate in Washington.**

Scott Brown has made it clear that he intends to be the 41st and deciding vote to prevent passage of health care reform. While we may disagree over aspects of the legislation, Planned Parenthood remains firmly committed to the primary goal of reforming the health care system in order to fully provide quality health care services to those women and families who need it. Scott Brown's campaign has publicly stated that given the opportunity, he would have backed the disastrous Stupak Amendment proposed in the House.

Scott Brown is willing to create a class of women who will be denied comprehensive reproductive health care coverage. He supports leaving women worse off after health care reform than they were before.

We cannot afford to replace Senator

Kennedy, a steadfast champion for women's reproductive health care, with an anti-choice conservative who has worked to limit women's access to care at every turn.

This race will be incredibly close. It's likely to be a single-digit margin. Opponents of choice and health care reform are incredibly energized on a national level by the thought of the damage they could cause if Scott Brown is elected. They are coming out to vote today.

As a supporter of sexual health, we need you to vote for Martha Coakley for U.S Senate. Today. Polls are open from 7am - 8pm.

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund exists to ensure that elected officials support policies and programs that help women and their families make responsible choices about family planning and reproductive health. The Planned Parenthood Action Fund is an independent, nonpartisan, not-for-profit membership organization formed as the advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. The Action Fund engages in educational and electoral activity, including voter education, grassroots organizing, and legislative advocacy

2 National Organization for Women (NOW)

"Martha's a really great candidate for everything that NOW stands for," said Christina Knowles, director of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organization for Women.

3 Emily's List

"This week marks the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and it's a great reminder of why we work so hard," said President Ellen Malcolm wrote to her supporters in an email obtained by Lifenews.com.

"With the right to choose under attack over and over, we know we need to fight for every pro-choice vote. **And the results of this week's Massachusetts Senate race remind us how tough that work can be.**

There's a lot of talk in the news right now about the daunting challenges Democrats will face as the election cycle heats up," she said.

"There's no question: **The 2010 elections will be among the most difficult we've ever faced. As we saw in Massachusetts this week, the Tea Party activists are energized, independents are surging to the right, and the Republican Party is primed,**" she said. "At EMILY's List, we are not waiting for what we all know is coming in November -- we're preparing now to fight back. We need to act -- and act now," she said.

4 NARAL

"Anti-choice activists are rallying around Rep. Bart Stupak who has said that he will stop at nothing to block the final health-reform package if it

doesn't include his ban on abortion coverage," said Nancy Keenan. "We must triumph over divisive anti-choice politics and protect women's health. As this crucial fight goes down to the wire, don't let anti-choice extremists get away with using this historic legislation to roll back" abortion funding."

5 Republican Comeback

(LifeNews.com) -- On the heels of the enthusiasm generated from gubernatorial victories in New Jersey and Virginia last year and the special Senate election in Massachusetts this week, Republican 2010 election leaders say they think they could wrest control of the House from pro-abortion Democrats.

With Republican candidate Scott Brown defeating pro-abortion Democratic candidate Martha Coakley in one of the most liberal states in the country, Republicans are buoyed about their election prospects.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy, a pro-life California Republican who heads the party's House election efforts appeared jubilant in a new interview with The Hill. "Can we win the majority? Yes we can," he said. He and House GOP Whip Eric Cantor offered optimistic remarks today as they talked with reporters about the coming mid-term elections.

Most political observers suggest pro-abortion Democrats will lose seats in the November elections, and they say the question is a matter of whether they will lose enough for pro-life advocates to take back control of the House.

6 NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC

Endorses Attorney General Martha Coakley for Massachusetts Senate Contest

Pro-choice organization calls Coakley the candidate who will uphold the late Sen. Edward Kennedy's legacy as a pro-choice champion

Washington, DC – Nancy Keenan, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, today announced that her organization's political action committee proudly endorsed pro-choice Attorney General Martha Coakley in her bid for the open U.S. Senate seat in Massachusetts.

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC,” said Coakley. “As the only candidate in this race who has been and always will be a steadfast defender of a woman's right to choose, I know the work that NARAL Pro-Choice America does for women's health every day is vitally

important.”

NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC contributed \$5,000 to Coakley for her special general-election campaign, and Keenan said the organization will mobilize its 39,269 member activists in Massachusetts in support of her campaign.

“Martha Coakley will be an outstanding advocate for Massachusetts' commonsense pro-choice values,” Keenan said. “Coakley brings a distinguished record of support for a woman's right to choose to this race. We are confident that, as a member of the U.S. Senate, Coakley will continue to stand up for women's freedom and privacy in the proud tradition of Sen. Edward Kennedy – who was a tireless advocate for women's equality and an eloquent guardian of the values of freedom and privacy.”

7 NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts

Andrea Miller, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts, said Coakley's record of action on behalf of a woman's right to choose makes her the clear choice for voters in the Commonwealth.

“From the earliest days of her career, Martha Coakley has proven that she is a courageous champion of choice who is not afraid to stand for – and with – the most vulnerable women in the Commonwealth,” said Miller. “She understands that every woman deserves the right to make personal, private decisions about pregnancy and parenting – regardless of her income, age, race, or zip code.”

Overall, NARAL Pro-Choice America's political program has helped produce enormous gains for pro-choice forces in Congress, including the combined net gain of 44 pro-choice seats in the House and nine new pro-choice senators in the 2006 and 2008 election cycles. In its 2008 post-election analysis, *National Journal* ranked NARAL Pro-Choice America second among the nation's top 21 political organizations for its impressive win rate among endorsed congressional candidates in hotly contested races. For more information about NARAL Pro-Choice America's electoral work, please visit www.ProChoiceAmerica.org/Elections.

MCFL Thanks Pro-Lifers

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It took a lot of dedicated people to make the literature drop so successful. I want to thank you all for your hard work, your comments and insights, your humor and, in the cases where I inadvertently dropped the ball, your patience. We worked hard to help get Scott Brown elected. Now we must work hard to keep him informed on all of our issues.

You Are Invited to the MCFL Annual Convention!

Where Do We Go From Here?

Abortion, Healthcare, Euthanasia and the Law



Mark L. Rienzi is an assistant professor at the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America. In November 2009 Professor Rienzi served as counsel of record for a certiorari petition to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of [McCullen v. Coakley](#), a case that challenges the 2007 Massachusetts law that provides a thirty-five foot “buffer zone” around reproductive health care facilities.



Professor Leonard J. Nelson is an expert in health care law, including regulation of managed care, HMOs, PPOs; medical malpractice; pharmacists' liability; involuntary sexual sterilization of incompetents; international travel restrictions related to AIDS; HIV-infected health care workers' tort liability; legal issues in treating terminally ill patients. He is a professor at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Rev. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, O.P.

Fr. Austriaco currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Biology and an Instructor of Theology at Providence College in Providence, RI. He is also an Investigator of the Rhode Island-INBRE Program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a scientific advisor at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and an ethicist of the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York in New York City.

Fr. Austriaco has intellectual interests both in molecular genetics and in moral theology. His laboratory at Providence College is exploring the genetics of programmed cell death using the yeasts, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Candida albicans*, as model organisms. Papers describing his research have been published in *Cell*, the *Journal of Cell Biology*, and the *FEMS Yeast Research*, among others. His essays in bioethics have been published in the *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, *Studia Moralia, Ethics and Medics*, and the *Linacre Quarterly*.

Featured Speakers

Professor Leonard J. Nelson

Legal Issues and Health Care

Mark Rienzi

How the Buffer Zone case is proceeding and the restrictions on pro-life speech

Angela Lanfranchi, M.D., F.A.C.S.

The National Cancer Institute has admitted the abortion/breast cancer link but still neglects to inform the public

John Garvey

Conscience clauses: the right to refuse to perform unethical practices, and the state of current conscience protections

Rev. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco

The implications of the latest study on persistent vegetative state (PVS)

Don Feder

The social, economic and political consequences of demographic decline



Don Feder was an editorial writer and syndicated columnist for the *Boston Herald* from 1983 to 2002. His writings have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, *Insight Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *American Enterprise* and *Human Events*. He is the author of two books, *A Jewish Conservative Looks at Pagan America* and *Who's Afraid of the Religious Right?*



Angela Lanfranchi, M.D., F.A.C.S. is a breast surgeon and President/Treasurer of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute.

Dr. Lanfranchi has presented testimony on the abortion-breast cancer link for MCFL at the State House in Massachusetts.

2010 MCFL Convention, Where Do We Go From Here?

REGISTRATION for Convention includes coffee, lunch, afternoon drinks, and materials

COST: \$30.00 per person or \$10 per student through April 5, 2010*

\$35.00 per person or \$15 per student after April 5, 2010*

Boston College Law Students are invited as our guests

I enclose \$_____ for ____ participants

I enclose \$_____ to help support Convention / provide scholarships

Total enclosed \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone, _____

I am a Boston College Law student ____ ** Maximum of \$60.00/ \$70.00 per family

***Registration must be received by April 7, 2010 to guarantee lunch.**

Register at www.masscitizensforlife.org

Or please make checks payable to Mass Citizens for Life, 529 Main St., Charlestown, MA 02129

Stand Up Speak Out Save Lives

MCFL Youth Pro-Life Convention



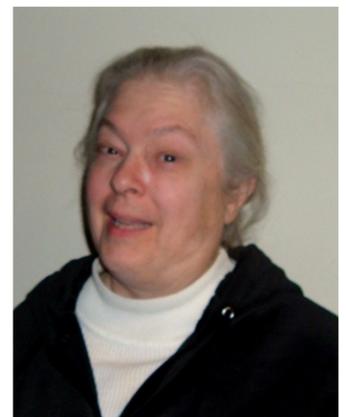
American Life League
MIKE BARNETT

Mike is a gifted speaker who will lead workshops on how to organize and lead active pro-life youth groups.



Live Action
LILA ROSE

Lila Rose is nationally known for her undercover video work exposing Planned Parenthood. Posing as an underage pregnant girl, Lila went into abortion facilities and recorded their lies and deceptions.



Massachusetts Citizens for
Life Board Member
LINDA THAYER

Linda is a well-known educator throughout Massachusetts. Through her perspective as a biology teacher, she has created dynamic presentations on human life and development.



Sunday, March 7
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Registration 12:30 pm

Boston College High School

150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston
Free if you pre-register online at:
www.masscitizensforlife.org

\$10 at door, adults free when accompanied by a student



Jim Ledger joins other pro-life stalwarts from Fitchburg who have been holding regular peaceful protests against a proposed Planned Parenthood facility in their town. (Photos by Ted Turner)



Rev. Ed Chalmers (left) and Rev. Thien Nguyen (below) have been providing support through prayer and public witness.



Fitchburg Pro-Lifers Say “NO” to Planned Parenthood

By Ted Turner

During the Feb 16 City Council meeting, the City Solicitor and majority of the City Council were very hostile towards pro-lifers. Now, beyond the councilors fear of saying “boo” to PP, the councilors started to berate those citizens at the Public Forum who spoke and used the words “Planned Parenthood” or “abortion”. Most vociferous in his criticism was Tom Conry, who not only loudly complained and interrupted citizens when they used the phrase “Planned Parenthood”, but also when they used the phrase “the unmentionable organization”. It was hard for many of the citizens to express themselves. Kevin Starr seems not to have read the zoning petitions in that he was berating me for being off-topic and using the word “abortion”.

And this is for the 17 pro-life people who went out in a snowstorm to attend the meeting.

Prior to the first CC set of meetings on Feb 2, the City Solicitor Ciota admonished the Councilors that they could not divulge what the solicitor had instructed them because of “attorney-client” privilege. At this meeting, he gave them pages upon pages of case law.

The citizens’ constitutional rights

were trampled on. The councilors’ actions seem to revolve around their own fear of lawsuits.

At the meeting the zoning petitions were nixed with a vote of 1 in favor (Rosemary Reynolds) and the rest against.

The resolution to keep PP off Main Street was brought up as a late file by Dean Tran, but was considered by the councilors before the zoning petitions. We were not able to address the resolution as a separate agenda item. Many of the councilors were concerned that voting positively or even speaking of PP in the resolution discussion would open up the city to lawsuits. The councilors were reluctant to vote in the affirmative for the resolution in that if the zoning petitions were to go forward, the affirmative vote for the non-binding resolution might be held against the city. Yet the councilors would not put off the resolution vote until after the zoning petition vote. The resolution failed 7 against and 4 for (Rosemary Reynolds, Dean Tran, Marcus DiNatale, Kevin Starr).

The meeting will be posted to www.fatv.org



Men, women and children have all been part of the prayerful witness for life.

New Online Giving Program: Easy, Safe and Secure

If you’ve ever wanted to donate to MCFL on an automatic basis, now you can!

In looking at programs, we had two concerns. First, we wanted to insure the safety and the security of the program. Our Sunday Visitor now administers Online Giving secure sites. MCFL has evaluated OSV’s services and feels very comfortable working with them.

Second, we didn’t want you to miss any of the MCFL news that is contained in the fund raising letters. We’ll send you mailings, invitations, etc., anything that contains vital updated information that isn’t in the *MCFL News*.

You benefit from the ease of automatic giving.

You don’t need to write checks, keep track of the last time you have given, or hunt for reply envelopes and stamps. The contribution amount is easily adjusted. You can remain anonymous. There is no need to share confidential credit card or account information, you can enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site. You can take advantage of credit card benefits like airline mileage or cash bonuses.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life benefits by having a much more user friendly web site. We are able to plan our yearly budget and activities with more assurance. People will be less likely to mean to give, but forget. **Funds you contribute will go directly to programs rather than being eaten by direct mail costs!**

Frequently Asked Questions

How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?

Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to MCFL’s bank account.

Please go to www.masscitizensforlife.org or call (617) 242-4199 to give Online Giving a try!

When will my contributions be deducted from my account?

Your electronic contribution will be deducted on the date you specify on the “My Gifts” page.

If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

Your bank statement provides an itemized list of electronic transactions as well as your online reports.

What if I change bank accounts?

Log in and update your account information in the “My Payment Schedule” window. Each checking/savings/credit card account can be changed utilizing the edit button, deleted completely, or new accounts can be added on the right side of the screen.

How much does online giving cost?

It costs you absolutely nothing.

What if I try online giving and don’t like it?

You can cancel your authorization by deleting your accounts and donation dates.

How do I sign up for Online Giving?

Visit www.masscitizensforlife.org

Check the Online Giving link

Complete the registration form

If you are not online, we are happy to help you at the office, (617) 242-4199, or you could have a friend or relative who has a computer assist you.

Membership Contest

Help us work more effectively to save lives, win lunch with a Congressman in Washington, D.C.



Photo: Architect of the Capitol

Massachusetts Citizens for Life needs to bring in as many new members as possible so that we will be

ready for the next election, lobbying job, or community effort that needs to be done.

An election expert predicts there will be at least 387,461 more votes cast in 2012 than there were in the past special election. We know there are many more pro-lifers in the state, but we must find them between now and November 2012!

The small staff at MCFL has been working incredibly hard to save lives and to be good stewards of the funds donated by dedicated pro-lifers.

In order to grow, though, we need new technology. The computers and other equipment at the office are at least 15 years old. This equipment is slow and incompatible with newer technology. We desperately need the technology to fight for the pro-life

cause in the 21st Century!

We have an incredible prize for the person who brings in the most new members between now and April 15. Congressman Steve Stockman, former pro-life congressman from Texas, has offered a private tour of Congress and lunch in the Members Dining Room, on Monday, April 19 for the winner and a guest. We will fly the winner and guest to Washington, D.C. for their inside adventure!

A different date can be arranged if necessary. The winner must obtain at least 38 new members, **this total can include people whose membership has lapsed.**

We must grow to stay effective. Growing is expensive and we need your help!

**YES!
I Want to Join
MCFL!**

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

I will pay my membership dues of:

- Individual \$25
- Household \$40
- Additional Gift \$ _____

Check or money order

Please enclose

Online at:

joinmasscitizensforlife.org

Credit Card

A staffer will call for your card #

Mail to:
MCFL, The Schrafft Center
529 Main Street
Boston, MA 02129

It's That Time Again!

To Enter the "2010 Walk Baby" Contest



Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends! You know you're just dying to show off your little ones' latest pictures. Why not put your pride to good use and enter them in the MCFL 2010 Walk Baby Contest?

The MCFL 2010 Walk Committee traditionally features a baby as a highlight of the Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children. The winning photograph will be printed on our posters and sponsor pledge forms.

This year's contest starts immediately so act now to submit your photos!

SAVE THE DATE!

**MCFL Respect Life Walk
to Aid Mothers and
Children**

**Sunday, October 3, 2010,
1:30 p.m.**

**Boston Common
Parkman Bandstand**

**Corner of Tremont and
Boylston Streets**



ENTRY FORM

The rules are simple, easy to follow, and require these criteria:

- 1) The baby must be between 6 months and 24 months of age and a current photo, **preferably shot by a professional studio.**
- 2) The photo must be at least 3" x 5" in size.
- 3) The photo must be submitted to the MCFL office and received no later than **June 11, 2010**
- 4) You must complete the entry form in its entirety.
- 5) Your photo submission is non-returnable, becoming the property of MCFL, and gives permission to MCFL to use the photo in this contest.

BABY'S NAME: _____

BABY'S GENDER: ___M___F BABY'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PARENT(S) TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____

I give MCFL permission to use the enclosed photo for the "2010 Walk Baby Contest" and understand that it becomes the property of MCFL upon submission and is non-returnable. MCFL reserves the right to edit, adapt, trademark, copyright, publish, and/or transfer to third parties all photos/submissions. I also understand and agree that the photo of the baby selected can be used for any and all promotion of the 2010 Walk. I understand and hereby give MCFL permission to use my child's name in any publication MCFL deems appropriate. All entries must be submitted for receipt by June 11, 2010 at MCFL. Please send to: MCFL, Attn: Walk Committee, The Schrafft Center, 529 Main Street, Boston, MA 02129-1100

Parent(s) Signature: _____

Chatter Box

Letters to the editor

Is Population Control Needed?

Dan Norton

During the United Nations Climate Summit in Copenhagen last December, a couple of media outlets discussed the possibility of mandatory population control. Diane Francis wrote an article for the *Financial Post*, a newspaper in Canada, on December 8, 2009 entitled, "The Real Inconvenient Truth." The article argued that China's one-child policy was a model for the world in order to avert the crisis of overpopulation.

A few days later, on December 11, the story was picked up by John Cafferty of CNN's "The Situation Room." The story asked if mandatory population control was necessary to stop overpopulation, the depletion of the earth's resources, and global warming. At the end of the broadcast, it was evident that Cafferty supported the idea of mandatory population control.

Is there any support for coercive sterilizations and abortions by people in the Western world? That is the question after Diane Francis' article endorsed China's one-child policy.

Her article, "The Real Inconvenient Truth," argued that the real crisis threatening the world was not the warming or cooling of the earth, but human overpopulation. The earth's land, species, water supplies, the Amazon, were all threatened by humanity's soaring reproductive rate. The only solution to this problem is mandatory population control by the nations of the world similar to China, that uses forced sterilizations and abortion in order to enforce a state policy of allowing only one child per family.

Jack Cafferty of CNN's, "The Situation Room," asked his viewers if mandatory population control was necessary to fight global warming and ecological disaster. While the opinion of his viewers went unreported, Cafferty himself seemed to support the idea.

The idea that the world is overpopulated is not new. The overpopulation scare has been going around ever since Paul Erlich wrote "The Population Bomb" in 1968. He argued that the world was running out of space and resources. However, most people in the sixties and seventies believed that the solution to the problem was making contraception and abortion more readily available, especially to those nations in the developing world. What is new today is the additional perceived threat of global warming and the belief that voluntary methods of birth control and abortion have not solved the problem and more drastic measures are necessary.

Is the world overpopulated? Is it running out of land? Is the Amazon River basin threatened by the birth

rate in South America? If one examines South America, one finds that there are approximately 56 people per square mile on the continent. The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs projects that South America will increase its population by approximately 50% later this century. That would make the density of the continent 84 people per square mile. In addition, if the Amazon River Basin, which takes up a third of the continent was designated a nature reserve where no one could live and develop the land, the population density of the remaining South America would become 126 people per square mile.

Is 126 people per square mile too many? The answer is no. The current population of Europe, which is home to some of the most economically prosperous and environmentally friendly nations in the world has approximately 180 people per square mile. A South America with a protected Amazon River Basin, would have a population density that was far less than that of Europe.

The same is true for Africa. The continent currently has a population density of 80 people per square mile. If the population were to increase 50% and a third of the continent was designated a nature reserve due to deserts or rain forests, the resulting density would be 180 people per square mile. That is the exact density of Europe as

a whole today.

The developing world nations of South America and Africa are not overpopulated. They are less crowded than Europe which is prosperous, has plenty of resources and is considered

a leader in the fight against global warming. Abortion and sterilization, whether voluntary or coerced, is not necessary for the earth's survival.

Dan Norton is President of St. Clement's Shrine Pro-Life Club.

Friday Fax Notes Important UN Meetings

By Austin Ruse

January 25 - February 3 UN NGO Committee

This is the group of countries that approves or disapproves groups for official UN status and where radical groups sneak into the UN. NGO stands for Non-Governmental Organizations.

February 3 - February 12 UN Commission for Social Development

Meeting of 54 UN Member States that feed documents into the General Assembly.

March 1 - March 12 UN Commission on the Status of Women

This meeting will see upwards of 2,000 radical feminists braying for a right to abortion. This will also be the "Celebration" of the Beijing Women's Conference. This will be dynamite.

March 8 - March 26 UN Human Rights Committee

The Human Rights Committee monitors the treaty for the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. This largely unknown committee will hassle governments to change their laws on abortion. We will watch and report!

April 12 - April 16 UN Commission on Population and Development

This body will promote population control and a right to abortion.

May 3 - May 14 UN Commission on Sustainable Development

A meeting of UN member states that will promote radical environmentalism, population control and a right to abortion.

May 26 - June 4 UN NGO Committee

Yet another meeting to approve radical groups coming into the UN.

July 12 - July 30 Committee on Discrimination Against Women

This is a treaty monitoring body that has told 90 countries to change their laws on abortion.

It's Time to Recognize Our Regional Pro-life Heroes

Who are heroes?

They are ordinary people who through diligence and willingness to give of themselves accomplish great things!

Where are the heroes?

They are in your chapter and your local community. They have been supporting your chapter and its pro-life mission for many years.

For the **Sixth** year, **Massachusetts Citizens for Life** is going to recognize those "Regional Pro-life" heroes who make our chapters successful! The two categories are: **Pro-life Community Award** and **Local Chapter Service Award**. The awards will be given to the recipients at the annual MCFL Dinner.

It's easy to nominate someone!

Have your chapter chair or designated member send in a write-up explaining why your nominee is a "Regional Pro-life Hero." The winners will be judged on the following criteria:

Local Chapter Service Award

- 1) Person is a dues paying member of the chapter.
- 2) Person is an outstanding supporter of your Chapter's Pro- Life work.
 - Describe how the individual has supported your Chapter work.
 - Time and personal involvement
 - Above and beyond the level of expected dedication and involvement
 - Please list specific examples of work accomplished
- 3) Person has supported your Chapter for a minimum of three years.

Pro-Life Community Award: (May be awarded to a person or organization)

- 1) Person/org. is a member of the community and not a member of the chapter.
- 2) Person/org. is a supporter of your Chapter's Pro- Life work.
 - Describe how the individual/organization has supported your Chapter work.
 - Financial support, material support, time and personal involvement and public participation

(These are sample attributes the person/org. has demonstrated. The nominee(s) does not have to exhibit all of these to be chosen.)
- 3) Person/organization has supported your Chapter for a minimum of three years.

Deadline for nominations is April 5, 2010 Winners will be announced in the *MCFL News*. If you have any questions please contact any member of the Dinner Committee: John Curry, June Newman, Connie and Cathleen Murphy, Paulette Martinville, Andrea St. Germaine or Bea Martins at ddaniels@masscitizensforlife.org Mail nominations to: Dinner Committee, 529 Main St., Boston, MA 02129-1100 or email to Bea Martins at: bjmartins@comcast.net, fax (508) 617- 8478. You be notified that your nomination has been received.



Nuggets



Gleanings from around the world

Russian population grows for the first time since 1995

Reuters reported that the population of Russia has grown for the first time in over a decade, increasing by between 15,000 and 25,000. A 4 percent decrease in mortality and an increase in immigrants from former Soviet republics gave the country a total population of 141.9 million in 2009.

Reuters quoted Health Minister Tatyana Golikova, "The difference between birth rates and mortality rates will be covered by a rise in migration." Golikova added that Russia was trying to cut the number of abortions.

"Our abortion rates are comparable to birth rates," Golikova said. In 2009, Russia recorded 1.7 million births and 1.2 million abortions.

While Russia is trying to stabilize its population at 145 million, officials warn that the population could decline to 125 million by 2025 unless the quality of medical care improves and Russians cut their high smoking and alcohol consumption levels.

Reuters.com

Scotland

A man who was diagnosed with an incurable brain illness 20 years ago has now been told he does not, in fact, have Huntingdon's disease after both his wife and daughters terminated

pregnancies for fear of passing on the disease. The patient, known only as Mr C, was told in 1989 - while in his early 30's - that he was a likely sufferer of Huntingdon's. The disease causes brain deterioration in later life, and Mr C and his family lived in fear of the day he would succumb to the symptoms.

But in 2007 - 18 years after the original diagnosis - he was retested, and told he did not have the illness at all. Now a complaint against NHS Lothian and Edinburgh's Western General hospital, where he was treated, has been upheld and health bosses have been forced to apologise. Jim Martin, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, said: "I think in the case of the family nothing will give them the years back. At least now they know someone independent has looked at this case, has agreed with them, they didn't get a good deal.

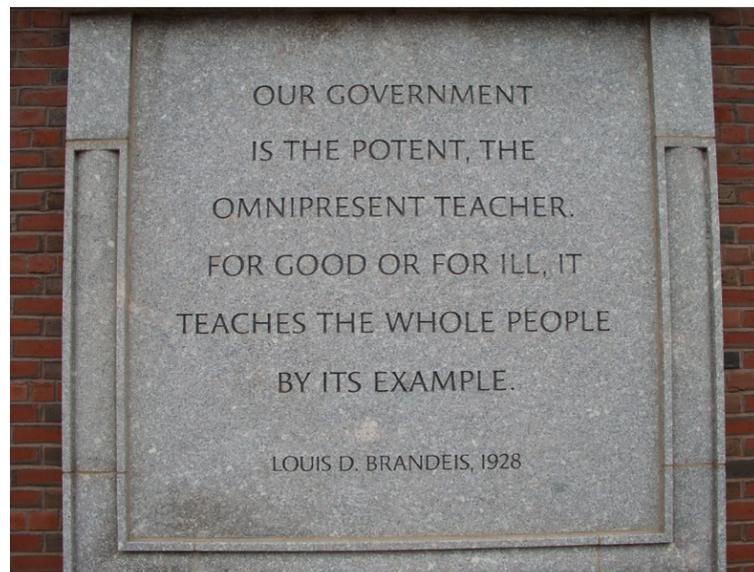
"And the small consolation for them I think will be that that lesson has been learnt." NHS Lothian has issued a statement publicly apologising to the family for the anxiety and distress caused by this false diagnosis. The statement read: "We are deeply sorry for the anxiety and distress caused to Mr C and his family and we would like to publicly apologise to them. "We have accepted and implemented the recommendations of the report to prevent a repeat of a similar incident."

Mark Rienzi: Mass. Influence Shown in Supreme Court Decision

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McCutcheon, whose marvelous partner, Fran Fox, won the case, indicates that the federal government started in 1975 to put unconstitutional limits on public participation in elections. Our case put the only brakes on the process until the recent challenges to McCain Feingold election laws. At the time of the case, MCFL made the very courageous

decision to take on the Federal Elections Commission because we felt that, if we didn't, they would outlaw all distribution of pre-election material about the positions of candidates. **We saved the rights of groups around the country to publish voter guides.** We had not realized we would be instrumental in derailing the whole incumbent protection system!



Brandeis monument outside of Faneuil Hall (Sharon Keefe photo)

OUR GOVERNMENT
IS THE POTENT, THE
OMNIPRESENT TEACHER.
FOR GOOD OR FOR ILL, IT
TEACHES THE WHOLE PEOPLE
BY ITS EXAMPLE.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, 1928

Abortion/Breast Cancer Link

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people who say the risk isn't that great, that it's only gone from 1 in 10,000 to 3 in 10,000. It's significant if you are those women or their families. It's a significant cost to society."

Karen Malec said, "Some people are risk takers. Others are not. Not everyone who smokes will get lung cancer. But, due to education, a lot of people have either stopped smoking or not taken it up. Far fewer people are smoking now than in the 1950's and 60's. Education on the risks of abortion-induced breast cancer may help women choose life for their

babies, saving not only their child's life, but possibly their own. It's going to make a difference."

Summary

By choosing abortion, a woman increases her risk in four ways: 1) she creates in her breasts more places for cancers to start, which is the "independent effect"; 2) she loses the protective effect that a full-term pregnancy would have afforded her; 3) she increases the risk of premature delivery of future pregnancies; 4) and she lengthens her susceptibility window."

Memorials

Jane Leary

By Harold and Barbara Maini, Frances Resca and Family,
Dorothy and Vincent Zupperoli

Jane Leary

By Hadi Swett

Jane Leary

Our prayers and thoughts are with Keith and Kanako and the entire family during this difficult time.

With love, The Principe Family

Rev. Philip McConville

By Francis Gibson

Beatrice Daly

By Catherine Griffin

Ben Biron

By Gail Besse, Helen Cross, Kathleen Koenen,
Brigid Lowther, Louise Marciano, Nancy Tartol

Jane Leary

By Denise Lo

Dr. Jean Fredey

By Ken and Anne Fox

In Honor of

Dr. Mildred Jefferson

By John D. Koob

Thomas P. Quinn and Nancy Mullin

By David L. Quinn

Rose Drives



St. Eulalia Church, Winchester

\$480.00



Greater Framingham Chapter

St. Patrick's Parish

\$1,520.00

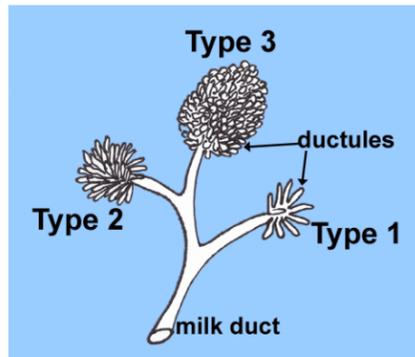
NCI Declares Cancer Risks, Neglects to Inform the Public

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discovery of the pathophysiology of disease.”

It is universally acknowledged that a full-term pregnancy has a protective effect in decreasing breast cancer risk. An article in the *Linacre Quarterly*, “Normal Breast Physiology, The Reasons Hormonal Contraceptives and Induced Abortion Increase Breast-Cancer Risk,” Dr. Lanfranchi wrote, “one must first understand three areas: normal breast development, the “susceptibility window,” and the carcinogenic effects of estrogen and progesterone reasons why both abortion and hormonal contraceptives cause breast cancer.”

At puberty, under the influence of estrogen and progesterone, breast lobules begin to grow; lobules are units of breast tissue comprised of a milk duct with surrounding mammary glands. The time before a full-term pregnancy is called the “susceptibility window,” where the breast has much smaller amount of normal tissue.



Breast tissue does not develop cancer-resistant Type 3 and 4 lobules until near the end of a 40 week pregnancy.

A normal pregnancy will increase the number of breast lobules in proportion to the length of the pregnancy. The susceptibility window is the period following puberty; the time the woman has immature cancer vulnerable breast lobules (Type 1 and 2) and the first full-term pregnancy, when the lobules have matured into cancer resistant (Type 3 and 4) lobules.

Each breast cell contains a nucleus that contains DNA, the genetic information for all the cells in the body. “The source of any cancer that develops is the result of a mutation or damage done to a cell’s DNA, the blueprint. The molecular basis for breast cancer risk, at a microscopic level, is revealed by analysis of the types of cytokeratin produced by stem cells in the breast. Breast cells do not fully mature until they undergo pregnancy and lactation. Literature also reveals that changes in gene-expression, i.e., the genes which are turned on and off, occur with a full-term pregnancy.”

The cells in Type 1 lobules have greater numbers of estrogen and progesterone receptors and an average 11 ductules. 85% of all breast cancers arise here. Pregnancy causes these lobules to mature to Type 2 lobules, with an average number of 47 ductules. 15% of all breast cancers start here. Further development forms Type 3 lobules with an average of 80 ductules that

have very few estrogen/progesterone receptors and do not quickly copy their DNA. Type 4 lobules are formed at 32 weeks gestation, are starting to produce colostrum, the first milk, and are resistant to cancer. The maturation process that protects a woman from breast cancer happens only because the child in her womb produces the hormones hCG and hPL.

Estrogen as a carcinogen

Cancer is caused when a cell’s normal DNA is damaged. Breast cancer can be attributed to inheriting the BRCA gene, but it is more commonly the result of the carcinogenic effect of estrogen.

Estrogen has two carcinogenic effects, as a mitogen and a direct carcinogen. As an initiator, when DNA needs to be copied before cells can divide in two, copying errors result in mutations. As a promoter, breast cancer cells can also be stimulated to grow.

Estrogen alone, and its metabolites can act as direct carcinogens by damaging the DNA. A metabolite of estrogen, 4-hydroxy catechol estrogen quinone can directly damage the DNA resulting in mutations.

Independent Link

Does abortion increase breast cancer risk independently of the loss of the known protective effect of a full-term pregnancy? Known as the “independent link,” it is the debated issue of whether abortion leaves a woman with more cancer-vulnerable breast tissue than before she became pregnant.

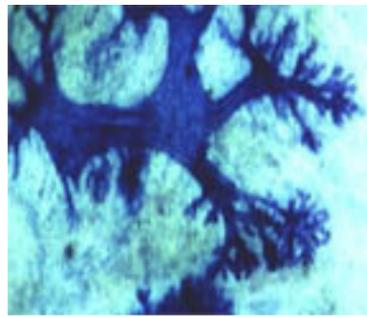
Karen Malec, Director of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer said, “It is known that delaying pregnancy increases breast cancer risk, 90% of all breast cancer develops in immature cancer-vulnerable tissue. Delaying pregnancy extends the time her immature breast cells are susceptible to carcinogens.”

The breasts grow a lot during pregnancy stimulated by estrogen, a known carcinogen, causing cancer-vulnerable breast tissue to multiply, so there are more places for cancer to start. A woman will have more cancer-resistant lobules if her pregnancy hormones mature her breast tissue. In a normal pregnancy estrogen levels climb 2,000 % by the end of the first trimester. At the conclusion of the first trimester a woman has an increased number of cancer vulnerable Type 1 and 2 lobules. Said Malec, “No scientist has challenged or refuted the biological reasons for an independent link. Since 1957, 72 epidemiological studies have been conducted; of these 80% have confirmed the independent link. Even abortion proponents agree that there are plausible biological reasons for the independent link.”

The most cancer-vulnerable time in a woman’s life is between the onset of menstruation and the birth of her first child (first full-term pregnancy).

Reporting (Recall) Bias

A review of web sites that deny that



Microphotographs show the development of breast lobules from Type 1 (left) to Type 3 (right). (Photo: Breast Cancer Prevention Institute)

existence of abortion-breast cancer link shows that they rely on studies that have been discredited by some scientists because of reporting (recall) bias. This hypothesis states that women with breast cancer will admit to having an abortion, where women without breast cancer deny having an abortion, thus causing inaccurate study results.

Despite its frequent use to dismiss relevant studies, there has never been any proof of recall bias. A Swedish study investigating recall bias could find no evidence of either underreporting or over-reporting.

Dr. Lanfranchi describes recall bias as the idea that women don’t want to disclose something embarrassing such as abortion when they are well, but they will disclose an abortion if they are sick.

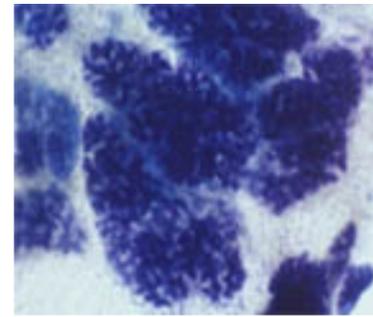
“But scientists use data from people answering all sorts of embarrassing questions, such as the number of sexual partners a woman had in order to look for cervical cancer, how many drinks a person had to investigate liver cirrhosis, they relied on answers about gay sex in order to develop a mode of transmission for HIV,” she said. “All other studies that rely on people answering embarrassing questions consider their answers credible. In countries where abortion is not a moral issue, credible studies are available where they can’t claim recall bias.”

Cover-up

The Susan B. Komen Foundation web site mentions 34 lifestyle options that impact breast cancer risk such as smoking, obesity, and alcohol use. In their News section hundreds of articles on breast cancer and breast cancer research are mentioned, but none on the abortion-breast cancer link. Komen only lists six flawed studies in order to insist that the abortion-breast cancer link has no credibility.

Komen, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society were quick to report on the 2003 Early Reproductive Events Workshop and reassure women that scientists had concluded there was no link between abortion and breast cancer. The April 2009 Dolle study is almost a year old and there is still no update on the new research.

Dr. Lanfranchi likened the current climate of failing to warn the public to that of GIs returning home from WW II. Lung cancer rates jumped,



Vulnerable Subsets

- Premature delivery before 32 weeks
- 2nd trimester abortion
- Young teens
- Young teens with family history of abortion

Secondary Effects

- Abortion increases risk of premature birth, which is an accepted known risk factor.
- Risk of prematurity increases with each abortion

one reason being that GIs were given cigarettes in their C-rations. “It’s the government’s duty to protect people, they are clearly not doing their job. Political appointees typically get these jobs and the public has learned that the government is unreliable when it comes to women’s health.”

Malec calls the lack of warnings from the NCI, “crimes against humanity.” Referring to the NCI’s history of covering up health risks that adversely affect business, such as the link between tobacco and smoking, she said, “The NCI is remiss in its duty to protect the health of Americans. It’s bad for business to tell people the truth. In Dr. David Kessler’s book, *Ashes to Ashes*, he wrote that there was evidence of tobacco-related cancer as early as the 1920’s but that it was not acknowledged until 1964. Politicians from tobacco growing states made pay-offs to insure that their product was protected.”

Joel Brind writes, just as the NCI delayed in reporting the link between smoking and lung cancer, there’s been conclusive evidence since the 1980’s to declare abortion a risk factor for breast cancer.

Action

The Abortion-Breast Cancer Institute has sent registered letters and faxes to leaders of Congress. “This puts political leaders on notice of what the National Cancer Institute says and what the research shows”, said Malec. A press release dated January 25, has asked Congress to investigate failure of the NCI to warn women.

If the risks of abortion-induced breast cancer are “small,” what should be the response of the pro-life community? Said Dr. Lanfranchi, “Cumulative life-time risk is useful for plotting trends in a large group of people. Now, it’s 1 in 7. There are

WHO SEZ? World Health Organization Declares Oral Contraceptives and Hormone Replacement Therapy are Carcinogens

The role of combined oral contraceptives (OCs) and hormone replacement therapy (HRT) in the debate over the abortion/breast cancer link is related to the science of estrogen overexposure. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared in 2005 that these drugs were "carcinogenic to humans."

As a breast surgeon, Dr. Angela Lanfranchi sees women with cancer induced by oral contraceptives., "Every year women die from these pills. Television commercials advertising birth control pills show serious risks in a light-hearted way. Giving healthy women without a disease a drug which is recognized as a Class 1 carcinogen makes absolutely zero sense."

Oral contraceptives also affect the cervical mucus, the mucus plug that protects the transformation zone where viruses can enter the body and cause cancers to form. The mucus is either injured or not produced, making it easier to pick up a sexually transmitted disease when a woman is on the pill.

It's not just pro-lifers who are concerned about the harmful effects of steroidal estrogens. Said Lanfranchi, "The Breast Cancer Fund, definitely not a pro-life group, recognizes that OCs are an environmental pollutant. They are just facing the facts, such as plastics being endocrine disruptors."

"People don't think of OCs as a drug, they think of it more like you'd think of a vitamin. The use of the pill is ingrained. The mindset of poverty caused by overpopulation justifies using the pill to limit population growth; it's easier to deal with the people who get the problems, such as breast cancer. These are the people that I see. For doctors, looking at the data and telling women the truth is just too scary."

"More and more young girls are being put on the pill for trivial reasons: cramps, acne, etc. I may see a young woman of 22 years old, who's been on the pill for eight years."

"Obviously more women will die of breast cancer if the NCI fails in its duty to warn about the risks of OCs and abortion and if government funds are used to pay for both as part of any healthcare bill," added Karen Malec, Director of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer.

What about OCs reducing the risks of other cancers? "It's bad advice to tell women to take a carcinogen to prevent cancer," Malec replied.

The World Health Organization identified OCs use as a risk factor for breast, liver, and cervical cancer. WHO also identified HRT as raising the risk of cancers of the ovary and endometrium.

In an online report: "Oral Contraceptive Use and Breast Cancer Risk," Vanderbilt University Medical

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Tenth Edition of the Report on Carcinogens

The federal government today published its biennial *Report on Carcinogens*, adding steroidal estrogens used in estrogen replacement therapy and oral contraceptives to its official list of "known" human carcinogens. This and 15 other new listings bring the total of substances in the report, "known" or "reasonably anticipated" to pose a cancer risk, to 228.

This, the tenth edition of the report, was forwarded to Congress and released to the public today by the Department of Health and Human Services. It was prepared by the National Toxicology Program, an arm of the HHS located at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health. The reports are published every two years after lengthy study and scientific reviews by three successive expert panels of government and non-government scientists.

Even though the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Toxicology Program of the National Institutes for Health have stated the dangers of oral contraceptives in publications, the mainstream is largely unaware of the danger of estrogen overexposure. In 2002, when hormone replacement therapy (HRT) was shown to increase breast cancer risk, the public was quickly informed and women were advised against routine use. Breast cancer cases dropped 26%.

"It's an uphill battle to convince the mainstream that estrogen initiates cancer by damaging DNA."

Dr. David Longfellow, Head of the Chemical and Carcinogenesis Branch of the National Cancer Institute

Center and the Shanghai Cancer Center reported that hormone replacement therapy was identified as a 'slight' risk. "Women stopped taking it and breast cancer cases were reduced by 26%," said Dr. Lanfranchi. "It's scientifically accurate, but misleading to identify a risk as 'small.'"

Dr. Joel Brind called the 2009 Dolle report "dramatic new findings of a strong association between triple-negative breast cancer and oral contraceptive use."

"Among those whose first oral contraceptive use was under age 18, the risk for triple-negative breast cancer was 4.2x or 320% over those who never used OCs."

"The study reported a 20-30 % increase for other types of breast cancer and the results 'lend support to a distinct etiology.'

"The findings are strongly indicative of a genuine causal effect rather than simply promoting tumors (secondary carcinogen), synthetic estrogen-progestin combinations, or their metabolites act as primary carcinogens: causing mutations in breast cells that lead to cancer formation."

Karen Malec said, "In 2002, women were warned about the breast cancer risk from HRT, but were not told that oral contraceptives and HRT contain the same drugs. OCs have even higher doses."

Joel Brind called 2009 Dolle study as uncovering, "Astounding risks between oral contraceptives and triple-negative breast cancer. The use of OCs before age 18 raises the risk of triple-negative breast cancer before

age 45 by 3.7x (270%) and the risk of TNBC before age 40, by 4.2 %

Said Dr. Lanfranchi, "There is well-known and documented physiology supporting both induced abortion and hormonal contraceptives as risk factors for breast cancer. Yet these risks are largely unknown to women seeking family planning services. Without this knowledge, women cannot make informed choices when they are faced with the choice of an induced abortion or life for their child and the use of hormonal contraceptives."

Group 1: The agent (mixture) is carcinogenic to humans. The exposure circumstance entails exposures that are carcinogenic to humans. This category is used when there is sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in humans.

Triple-negative breast cancer refers to a specific subtype of breast cancer that does not express the genes for estrogen receptor(ER), progesterone receptor(PR) or Her2/neu. This subtype of breast cancer is clinically characterized as more aggressive and less responsive to standard treatment. Triple-negative breast cancers are themselves a subgroup of "basal-type" breast cancers. As triple-negative breast cancers make up the overwhelming majority of this subgroup, what limited data that is available typically deals with triple-negative breast cancers.

Triple-negative breast cancer account for approximately 15% of all breast cancer cases. (wikipedia)

Newly Listed in the Tenth Edition on Carcinogens 2005

Steroidal Estrogens

- **Uses**
Oral Contraceptives
Hormone Replacement Therapy
- **Cancers**
Breast, Cervix, Liver (OC)
Endometrium, Breast (HRT)

Broad Spectrum Ultraviolet Radiation (UVR)

- **Uses**
Tanning beds, sun lamps, medical diagnosis and other procedures, industry
- **Cancers**
Skin, lip, melanoma of the eye

Wood Dust

- **Uses**
Created when machines and tools cut, shape, and finish wood. Produced in sawmills, furniture making and cabinet making.
- **Cancers**
Nasal cavity and sinus

Nickel Compounds

- **Uses**
Many industrial applications, catalysts, batteries, pigments, ceramics
- **Cancers**
Lung, nasal

Beryllium and beryllium compounds

- **Uses**
Industry, missiles, nuclear reactors, electric and electronic equipment, jewelry
- **Cancer**
Lung

2010 March for Life, Washington, D.C.



MCFL Board member June Newman took the wood off her yard sign, rolled it up, packed it into her luggage and took it everywhere she went in Washington. June's well-worn sign went nationwide, when National Review Online posted it with Kathryn Jean Lopez' coverage of the March.



Sharon Keefe displays MCFL banner.



WAITING FOR BARNEY: Members from MCFL Cape Cod and Fall River chapters at Rep. Barney Frank's office.

Photos: June Newman, Sharon Keefe, Andrea St. Germaine



AND STILL WAITING...Reports Andrea St. Germaine, "They were going to put the nine of us into a larger room until they heard we were pro-life. Then there was no room at the inn."



Janet Callahan (right) and blue-hatted MCFL members entering the Russell Senate Office Building for the Massachusetts caucus.



The soggy weather couldn't dampen the spirits of the young people of Boston who marched the streets of Washington with Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

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