

Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, Sept 11 Coalition for Life of Iowa Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday, Sept 25 Kick-off Rally for 40 Days for Life
- Wednesday, Sept 26 The start of the fall 40 Days for Life
- Sunday, Oct 7 Life Chain near PP along 1st Ave
- Saturday, Oct 13 Faithful Citizenship Forum at Mercy Hospital Hallagan Center



Crossroads Update

In last month's Life Matters newsletter, we provided some information about the Crossroads Pro-Life Walk Across America. Although the young adults that participate often face a variety of challenges, tragedy struck this year when one of the walkers on the Central Walk was struck by a passing vehicle and died.

Andrew Moore was among the walkers that had made it to Indiana and were on the night shift. Although he followed the safety protocols, a vehicle hit him. It was considered an accident.

The walkers were shaken, but they continued the walk and reached Washington D.C. on time. It's always important to pray for safety in our efforts.



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CFLI Elections

By Aaron LaGrange

Every year in July officer elections are held for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The table at the right shows the previous officers and the newly elected officers.

The Coalition for Life of Iowa thanks Bill Brennan for his dedicated service as Vice-President over the past year and all his ongoing contributions. Bill is currently leading an effort to spread the word about the Faithful Citizenship message the United States Council of Catholic Bishops is promoting. This Coalition for Life of Iowa sub-committee charter is voter education primarily with regard to life issues.

Results from our Election of Officers

	2011/2012	2012/2013
President	Sue Martinek	Sue Martinek
Vice-President	Bill Brennan	Jim Burke
Treasurer	Marty Lammers	Marty Lammers
Secretary	Aaron LaGrange	Aaron LaGrange

Also congratulations to Jim Burke who has accepted the nomination as Vice-President. Thank you to all those who volunteered to serve in their newly elected positions.

In addition, three-year terms were up for three of the nine board members. Members whose terms expired this year were, Sue

Martinek, Jim Burke and Aaron LaGrange. Each has accepted a new 3-year term on the Coalition for Life of Iowa board. If you or anyone you know may be interested in serving as a board member, please attend the monthly meetings to find out more about our organization and responsibilities of the board members.



Sue Thayer made news by leading 40 Days for Life outside the Planned Parenthood (PP) in Storm Lake, Iowa that she used to manage. It closed soon after.

But she also filed a lawsuit last year, which was unsealed in July. It alleges \$28 million of Medicaid fraud from 2002-2009. If successful, the penalties would bring the total owed by PP to \$5.5 BILLION!

Sue alleges that nearly half-of-a-million false Medicaid claims were made. At \$11,000 per violation, this alone leads to nearly \$5.5 billion of the lawsuit. But they could owe three times the amount of the \$28 million the government overpaid.

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What Sue alleges:

1. Billing the government for products that were never delivered to program recipients
 - a. Pills shipped in the mail and came back were still submitted for government funds
 - b. Worse, they were not destroyed, but were resold. At times, rebilling the government for the same product.
2. Overbilling the government (in addition to b above)
 - a. Receiving \$26 for less than \$3 of pills, far in excess of allowable government limits
3. Coercing money from patients for products or services fully covered by government funds
 - a. Pushing low-income clients for donations
 - b. Billing low-income clients for things already covered by government funds
4. Providing prescriptions in violation of law
 - a. Without doctor exam/approval
 - b. Without patient consent
 - c. Despite patient refusal
5. Illegally funding most of the steps of an abortion
 - a. “Unbundling” the steps of abortion, then billing the government for every step except the killing of the child (Government-funded abortion)

Source Information: Image from American Life League.

Lawsuit Text: <http://www.adfmedia.org/files/ThayerComplaint.pdf>

The Economics of Abortion

The title of this article may initially make you think it's about the money the abortion industry generates. But this article focuses on the economic impacts resulting from legalized abortion over the decades.

Harry S. Dent Jr. noticed the link between birth rates and the economy 40-45 years later, when people reach their peak spending in their lives.

Demographics influence our economy more clearly than just about any other factor.

1970's – Overpopulation Myth & Legalized Abortion

After the release of the book, the Population Bomb, some people grew fearful of overpopulation. With the legalization of abortion, many children were killed for many reasons. The baby boom lasted for a long time, and started to fall off. Normally, booms have follow-on booms, and the duration of the baby boom

should have given some upward support rather than just dropping off at the rate it did.

1980's – 'Me' Generation

Many people refer to the 1980's as the "Me Generation". People seemed more focused on their own success. With fewer children and some couples having no children, people had more money to spend on themselves.

1990's – Low Unemployment

With 20-33% of the incoming workforce having been killed before they could be born, unemployment plummeted. The baby boomers were rapidly increasing the number of people at their peak spending. The growing spending, increasing spending, and decreased number of people entering the workforce ensured the economic indicators would identify it as a strong economy. The strong economy lowered interest rates, making it easy to

rack up debt, just before an impending decline in the economy.

2000's – Stall Out

With fewer young adults, the number of children they have resulted in lower

spending as we neared the turning point when the birth rate decades earlier dropped quickly. The economy would struggle, seeming to stall out.

2008 Economic Downturn

Before the economy turned downward around 2008, demographers and economic analysts that considered demographics predicted the downturn. Yes, debt and other factors helped seal the deal, providing a significant trigger. But the downturn was the inevitable result of falling birth rates and legalized abortion decades earlier.

After 2008 – The Path Ahead

Having only reached the start of the two-decade long birth rate decline a few years ago, we could face serious challenges ahead. Some factors could cause some upswings in the economy, but it will still be challenging. Do not consider this a source for investment decisions, as any economic model can fail at any time, and criticism already exists for some of his past forecasts. But the model has provided an explanation of what has happened in recent decades since abortion was legalized.

Be Fruitful and Multiply!

The Lord commanded us to be fruitful and multiply. Not only is it more moral than abortion, but it helps the economy.

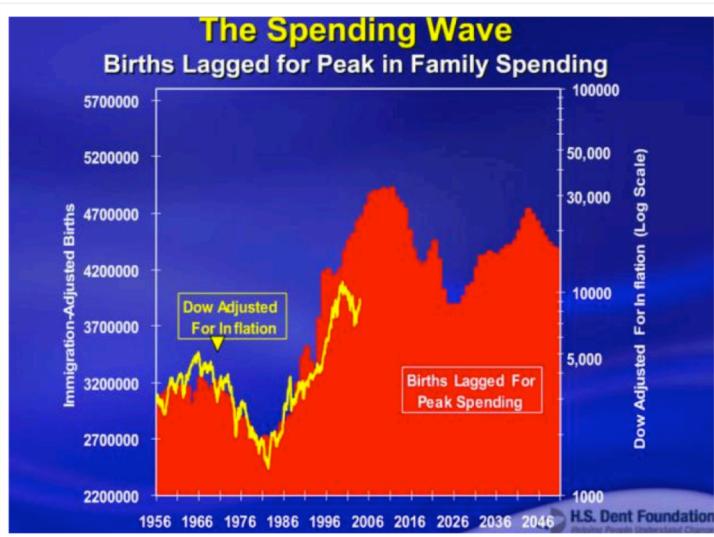


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Newsletter Feedback

There are many aspects to the pro-life movement. We thoroughly enjoy sharing the latest news and educating readers on the issue.

After a few issues, it seemed time to ask readers like you what you want to see in future issues.

We will always keep readers informed of local pro-life events. We try to roll in some national and global news.

The educational arena offers many areas we can include in future issues. During the 40 Days for Life last fall, people who signed up for email updates learned some ways to defend the pro-life stance for the so-called "hard cases" for abortion.

We can provide information about the Eugenic origins of Planned Parenthood. Many people falsely suggest that Roe versus Wade was the end of women dying from abortion. We hope to educate people to know what really decreased the number of deaths from abortion, and how minuscule the impact of legalizing abortion was.

We can include general information about voting in a moral way, but as a 501c3, we cannot endorse or publicly support specific candidates. That's the kind of thing a local pro-life Political Action Committee (PAC) can do. Our upcoming forum on Faithful Citizenship will address voting within the constraints placed upon a 501c3 organization like ours.

We can try to dispel many of the arguments made to support abortion. People justify abortion or the support for Planned Parenthood in many ways.

We plan to cover end-of-life decisions. We aren't just about abortion. But we can also explain why abortion stands out, since many people wonder why pro-lifers focus so much on abortion.

There is so much to write about. But we want to know what topics matter most to you. That way, we can prioritize the topics we include in future issues. Yes, we will allow current events to influence our content, but you can influence it too.



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