



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

May 2016

Editor: Jim Burke

Contents

- Page 2 Upcoming Events
- Page 3 Dubuque PP Closes!
- Page 4 Government Update
- Page 5 Cedar Rapids Update
- Page 6 The Tree of Death
- Page 7 Tree (continued)

We welcome newcomers
to our meetings and
events

Iowa Draws Attention!

Several developments have led to Iowa getting more attention than usual. Planned Parenthood continues to close facilities in Iowa. Yet they get huge bailouts from the federal government.

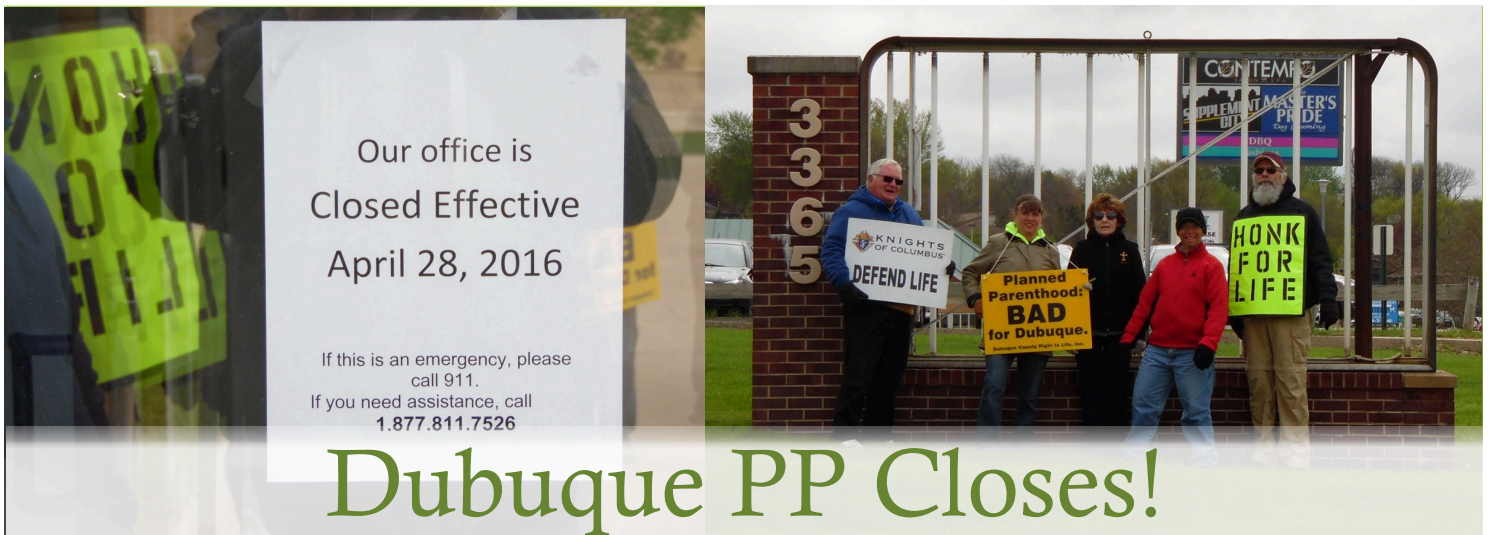
We will look at what might be in store for Cedar Rapids. We want to make sure the pro-life message reaches everyone possible. But people need to approach the issue the correct way.

This newsletter issue will begin an examination of the tree of death. Several inter-related life issues have origins and grow stronger from the culture's acceptance of other things.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa Board

Upcoming Events

Tue, May 24 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	CFLI Working Meeting Get involved in planning the activities for our organization! Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop 120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com
Tue, June 14 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	CFLI Board Meeting Get involved in the decisions that guide our organization! Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop 120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com
Tue, June 28 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	CFLI Working Meeting Get involved in planning the activities for our organization! Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop 120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com
Tue, June 14	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, June 28	CFLI Working Meeting
Tue, July 12	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, July 26	CFLI Working Meeting
Tue, Aug 9	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, Aug 23	CFLI Working Meeting
Tue, Sep 13	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, Sep 27	CFLI Working Meeting
Sep 28 – Nov 6	40 Days for Life
Tue, Oct 11	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, Oct 25	CFLI Working Meeting
Tue, Nov 8	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, Nov 22	CFLI Working Meeting
Tue, Dec 13	CFLI Board Meeting
Tue, Dec 27	CFLI Working Meeting



Dubuque PP Closes!

A few months ago we reported the news that Planned Parenthood planned to close their Dubuque abortion facility. At the time they discontinued most of their services, but they continued offering webcam abortions. The Dubuque facility is now closed for good!

Some of our regular prayer warriors observed the delivery of much of the equipment from the Dubuque facility at the Cedar Rapids facility on the last Friday of April.

The Dubuque facilities drained the resources of Planned Parenthood for many years. Their first facility was ideal in many ways for protesters and

prayer warriors to be effective. Planned Parenthood obviously struggled at that time. The expansion to both Dubuque and Monticello almost proved too much for Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa. The financial drain almost put all three facilities out of business, including Cedar Rapids.

They quickly closed the Monticello facility and accepted the offer to merge with Planned Parenthood of the Heartland in order to survive. Under new ownership they decided to use funds from their massive capital campaign to buy a facility that would make protesting less effective and open the doors

for performing webcam abortions. But prayers always work.

Dubuque County Right to Life coordinated prayer activities for years. Someone was praying outside every hour their Planned Parenthood was open. They even started an hour before the surprise relocation to the better facility.

But Planned Parenthood continued to bleed money. They stopped doing the “good” things they brag about doing, while focusing on webcam abortions they downplay in the media. But now they are closed for good. They will send business to Cedar Rapids. Now it’s our turn!



Government Update

Pro-life forces are united across Iowa. A few months ago we learned from pro-life advocates in Southwest Iowa that Planned Parenthood received a large government grant. Planned Parenthood received \$5 million to provide sex education in some rural counties. Planned Parenthood was touting it as a good thing because those counties had the highest rate of teen pregnancies in the state. It was tempting to break this story earlier, but it wasn't clear if Planned Parenthood made that same claim in the grant application. The claim is not accurate. Those counties do not have the

highest rates in the state. If that was used in the grant application, it seemed like it would be fraud against the government. It was prudent to hold off on releasing such news in case a lawsuit or challenge ensued.

\$5 million is a small amount of money in the federal budget, but it's overkill for a program like Planned Parenthood has. Without material costs, it could fund \$50,000 worth of staffing for 100 years. If it covered only material costs it would fund \$10 for every student in the state. A few rural counties contain a tiny percentage of that. Why do they need so much money to reach so few students?

Subsidiarity would suggest that a community would address the needs in their own community, rather than reaching out to more distant and less connected entities. A few years ago the instructor this grant will fund to educate students was doing that same job. But the material was deemed inappropriate, and the program was halted.

Planned Parenthood will now force their inappropriate content on communities against the will of parents. Planned Parenthood continues to close facilities, but they also receive huge bailouts like this to keep them operating. They are in Linn County schools, too.



Cedar Rapids Update

The closing of the Dubuque Planned Parenthood abortion facility will affect us in Cedar Rapids. We have already seen them moving things into the Cedar Rapids facility. They plan to refer clients to Cedar Rapids. Although we aren't aware of webcam abortions returning to Cedar Rapids, there is more pressure than ever to do so.

For the first few months, their existing clients will likely come our way. But they will lack a facility from which to refer clients. It's hard to draw new clients without a local presence. When we consider that their business was inadequate to keep their non-profit organization profitable, we shouldn't

expect too much of an increase in the short-term.

It's clear that the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood is heavily involved in providing sexual education in schools throughout Linn County. Although we aren't certain what type of curriculum materials they use locally, many parents are shocked at the contents of Planned Parenthood's programs nationally. That's why a community in Iowa previously kicked Planned Parenthood out of their schools. If you are interested in doing something about this or know what they are teaching, please contact us.

We already know much about Planned Parenthood's local operations. We tend to

have good connections. So we know what materials they offer inside. We've been aware of various legal concerns spanning multiple years. It's no wonder they thought they had to keep their eyes on us so intently this year. But it's not people praying outside their facility that provide us this information.

Planned Parenthood shifted their evening hours back to Tuesdays. Several years ago they had a teen night on Tuesdays after school. It was the only day they were open late. The later hours shifted to Wednesdays a few years ago. But they know Tuesdays always worked well.

Are you ready to have a huge effect locally?



Tree of Death: The Roots

Carol Everett, who left the abortion industry, has made it clear that the Planned Parenthood approach to sexual education is step 1 in the strategy to sell abortion. This involves breaking down their natural modesty, separating them from their parents and their values, and becoming the sex experts in their lives. This builds trust and instills a mindset and behaviors that lead to step 2.

Step 2 introduces a low-dose birth control pill or condoms. The failure rate of either tends to be high. Consumer Reports rated

Planned Parenthood's condoms as being the worst available in 2005. The birth control pill is only effective if taken at the same time each day, which teens are unlikely to do consistently.

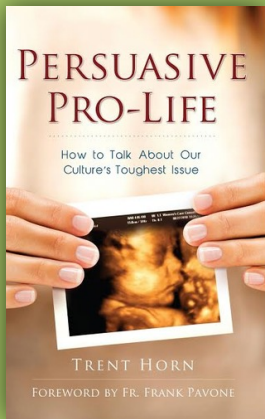
At a societal level, the rate at which the birth control correlates very strongly with the divorce rate. Abuse of women has increased. Studies with monkeys have shown that males resort to masturbation when females are given birth control. We've seen a similar increase in human

males, who further feed those desires with porn. The porn industry depends on abortion to deal with the numerous pregnancies that result from their frequent and casual sexual acts.

Fertility drops very quickly in every nation where the birth control pill is introduced. Miscarriages increase. Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections (STDs/STIs) increase. Many STDs lead to an increased incident of cancers. One example is the Human Papilloma

Continued on next page

Pro-Life Challenge



Read a Pro-Life Book!

Many of you own at least one pro-life book. Read it! If you don't have such a book, buy one. We can always recommend some.



Pray for Conversion!

We pray for more people to be exposed to the good pro-life arguments. But even more important is to pray for them to be open to the pro-life message so they can have a conversion of heart.



Tree (continued)

Continued from page 6

Virus (HPV), which has several strains that cause cervical cancer.

Abortion sprouts from the roots of the tree of death. As was predicted by some religious leaders, many of the previously mentioned effects would result. But it would also lead to increased demand for legal abortion. When a couple separates the procreative aspect of sex from the unitive aspect, bad things happen. People have sex expecting to not have children. When contraception fails, they look for a backup. The child is not welcomed as a blessing, and abortion

becomes the solution of choice.

Imagine society without the problems that sprouted from just this part of the tree! People create these problems, and then they convince people to support using more of the cause, rather than uprooting it.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) and NaProTechnology are morally good ways to avoid most of these issues.

Future issues will explore what branches out from abortion and from In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF). This tree keeps growing.

CFLI Board

Rich Brandt
Jim Burke (Vice President)
Mary Cherion
Sue Martinek
Tim Mason (President)
Pat Semelroth
Steve Speirs
Bonnie Yount (Secretary)
Russell Yount (Treasurer)



Spread the Word!

Do you know other pro-life people who might like to subscribe to this newsletter?

- Tell them about it
- Forward a copy to them
- Print a copy to hand to friends

Do you have ideas you want discussed in future issues? Contact us with your suggestion. We may consider including your article if you prefer to write your own.

Did you spot some issues with this newsletter that really bug you? Then perhaps you'd like to help edit it. Contact us to see how you can help.

We welcome advertisers for a reasonable price.

Remember, Life Matters!

Request electronic copies by email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Coalition for Life of Iowa

P.O. Box 864
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406