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Right To Life, Inc.

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OCTOBER 16TH - 21ST PLA WEEK WITH EMILY ALBRECHT



Emily Albrecht is Director of Education & Outreach at Equal Rights Institute (ERI). At ERI, she is using her educational background to write, develop curriculum, and teach pro-life advocates how to change minds, save lives, and promote a culture of life in their communities. A sought-after speaker, Emily frequently presents lectures on college campuses, in high schools, and for churches and conferences, and she regularly appears in interviews and radio/TV/podcasts, including appearances on MSNBC, BBC Newsday, EWTN, Focus on the Family, Relevant Radio, Christianity Today, and Real Presence LIVE.

There will be four opportunities to hear Emily speak:

Emily Albrecht will be presenting a speech titled, "Considering Abortion in a Post Roe America" for our luncheon on Tuesday, October 17th, from 11:30am-1:00pm. This Luncheon will be held at Dubuque Golf and Country Club. Doors open at 11:30am and lunch will begin at noon. Registration is \$20 per person, but you are welcome to pay at the door.

Please RSVP before October 11th by calling our office at 563-556-5960 or email reception@dcrtl.org.

There will also be three evening talks titled, "A Woman's View on Bodily Autonomy" which will be open to the public:

- Monday, October 16th: UW-Platteville - 6 pm in the Platteville room
- Tuesday, October 17th: University of Iowa at 6 pm - see website for final location
- Thursday, October 19th: Church of the Resurrection Social Space - 6:30 pm



Gather your teams! Trivia Night will be Saturday, November 11th, at St. Columbkill's Parish Hall (1240 Rush St. Dubuque). 5:00 pm - doors open. 7:00 pm - games begin. Food will be provided by the Knights of Columbus for a \$5 donation. Teams are groups of 8 and under. Team donation amount is \$200. Register by Friday, November 3rd, by calling the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org. Prizes to be announced.

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Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, education organization dedicated to preserving and fostering respect for human life from conception to natural death. We educate the public about the dangers of abortion, euthanasia and infanticide.



LIFE CHAIN

Please join area pro-lifers on Sunday, October 1st at one of our local Life Chains. Signs will be provided. The Life Chain is a national effort with thousands of cities participating. It is a peaceful, prayerful witness to our belief in the sanctity of all human life. We will be praying for the millions of victims of abortion and all women in unplanned pregnancies, that they receive the good help that they deserve. We will also pray for all public officials, and for a deeper respect for the ill, the handicapped, and the aged. You need not address anyone, just stand holding a sign with a message of your choosing. Stand up for life with tens of thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada.

Dubuque: Highway 20 at Bluff Street (Proceed on Bluff St towards Rt 20 and you will come upon a little gravel lot on your right side where you will pull into to park. (Staff will arrive at 1:30 so you should see others there already). For those who will plug it into their phones, it is directly across the street from 22 Bluff St, Dubuque, IA. Please call the office if you have questions.

Dyersville: Highway 136 at Beckman High School, 1325 9th St SE, Dyersville, IA 52040



Would you like to help create awareness and pray for the closing of nearby abortion clinics? We will be helping three 40 Days for Life campaigns in Iowa that are closest to us. We will do two hour shifts at each site. Please join us for one, two, or all three days listed below. We will meet at the office and carpool to the location unless you would like to meet us at the location. Call the office at 563-556-5960 to RSVP so we know how many to expect.

The dates are:

Wednesday, October 4th: Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

- Meet at the office by 12:15pm for the carpool

Tuesday, October 10th: White Water Park in Manchester from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

- Meet at the office by 9:00am for the carpool

Friday, November 3rd: Planned Parenthood in Cedar Rapids from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

- Meet at the office by 11:30am for the carpool

We will also continue our trips to Emma Goldman abortion mill in Iowa City on Thursday morning. The Carpool leaves from our office at 5:40am and returns around noon.



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One of the things that the Democrats would like to draw attention to in the 2024 election cycle is abortion. Unfortunately, their goal is not to ban abortion and protect the lives of innocent human beings; rather, their plan is to “codify Roe.” As you may know, *Roe v. Wade*, along with the companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, made abortion legal up until birth. That is because *Doe v. Bolton* defined “health of the mother” to mean a variety of things outside of the true meaning of the word “health”.

During the Republican debate on August 23rd, several presidential hopefuls would draw attention to the Democrat Party’s extreme position.

What was interesting was what happened after that. Jen Psaki, former White House Press Secretary to President Biden and now MSNBC host, and others would quickly respond with “no one supports abortion until birth”, or “Democrats don’t support abortion up until the day of birth. Every single Republican candidate on the debate stage is lying to the American people right now. Disgusting.” Prominent people are saying that the Democrat Party doesn’t support abortion until birth, so who is correct? Aside from codifying Roe, what other evidence is there that the Democrat Party supports abortion up until birth? Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who is running for the Democrat nomination, stated at the Iowa State Fair that he would support a ban after three months, stating, “I believe a decision to abort a child should be up to the woman during the first three months of life... Once a child is viable outside the womb, I think then the state has an interest in protecting the child.” After those remarks, not only did Democrats call his claims outrageous and out of touch with fellow Democrats, but his very own campaign came out stating that Kennedy misspoke and that he doesn’t support any bans on abortion. Apparently, Kennedy didn’t know what he thought about the issue of abortion. What is more likely is that Kennedy was pressured into getting in line with the Democrat Platform.

Other common examples are the past votes on banning abortion at 20 weeks, which was then thought to be the mark when the child could feel pain; today, scientists say that it could be as early as 15 weeks. The votes on those bills would be decided primarily along party lines, with the Democrats preventing the law from going into effect.

This evidence is just a sample of how the Democrat Party stands for abortion through all nine months. It is far from their position in the 1990s when they were advocating for “safe, legal, and rare.” Please note: This does not mean that every Democrat VOTER believes in abortion through all nine months; rather, it is evidence that the party supports it.

Where do Republicans stand on the issue? From what I have seen of the presidential candidates, it is varied. I will try to get a summary of their statements in a future newsletter. One thing worth mentioning is that just prior to Donald Trump’s visit to Dubuque on September 21st, Trump stated that he would sit down with both sides to see what conclusion they could come to in order to make both sides happy. Following that statement, he said that Governor Ron DeSantis signing the Heartbeat Law in Florida was a “terrible thing and terrible mistake.” Time will tell if this is a Trump being Trump moment, or if his thoughts on abortion have changed.

As a 501c3, we do not endorse any candidates for any office, but we will keep you informed on the candidates and both parties’ positions.

We have a busy month ahead of us! I hope you are able to attend one or multiple talks by Emily Albrecht, our Pro-Life Awareness Speaker.

For Life,

Augustine Payne

Sources: Lowry, Rich. "The GOP Debate Exposed Democrats' Extremism on Abortion." National Review, 4 August 2023

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- Misty Auer, Emeric Auer, Jean Blaser, and Dianne McDermott & the Women of Service for their help getting our lifesavers ready for Lifesaver Sunday!
- Emmy Sharaan for donating stamps!



Movie Night - Unplanned

In conjunction with the 40 Days for Life vigils, DCRTL Ambassadors for Life is hosting a community showing of the movie Unplanned on Saturday October 7th at St. Columbkille's parish. Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation from Director at Planned Parenthood to an outspoken advocate for life with 40 Days for Life. This is a free showing, with popcorn and refreshments provided.

Saturday, October 7th - 6:30 PM
St. Columbkille Parish
1240 Rush St., Dubuque

This is an R rated movie and due to the disturbing/bloody images of the abortion pill process



PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

by Art Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



First, some international news. Mexico's Supreme Court ruled on September 7, 2023, that in one Mexican state, a state law that punished women for having abortions was unconstitutional. Mexico is a federal republic made up of 32 governmental entities: 31 individual states and Mexico City. The Mexican Supreme Court ruling focused on one particular state, Coahuila, which has a common border with Texas and had its own state law regarding abortion. Under Mexico's legal system, the Supreme Court ruling did not invalidate laws on the books in 20 of Mexico's 32 states. It does mean, however, that government healthcare providers won't concern themselves about risking federal penalties for killing unborn babies. It is to be noted that no true pro-lifer believes that women who have abortions are criminals, or that they should be jailed. They need to be helped in their unintended pregnancies with whatever they need: financial aid, housing, employment, healthcare, and the like. To the extent that the Mexican Supreme Court ruling recognizes that women should not be punished, it's a good thing. To the extent that it legalizes abortion on demand, it is a terrible ruling.

In national news, Senator Tommy Tuberville's fight to protect pre-born babies in the military continues. The Alabama senator would not unlock a senate vote to confirm simultaneously several hundred military promotions due to the Pentagon's policy of paying for abortion-related travel for members of the military. Senator Tuberville rightfully saw this policy as violating the principles of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of taxpayer funds for abortions, except in very limited circumstances. The Department of Defense policy that Tuberville objects to provides for three weeks of paid leave and reimbursement of travel expenses for military personnel and their dependents who seek an abortion. Tuberville's principled action has been taken, in his own words, to prevent "thousands of abortions a year" being paid for with taxpayer dollars. The Hyde Amendment dates back to 1980, when Republican congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois, offered an amendment to a federal spending appropriations bill to prohibit taxpayer funding of abortion. At press time, the Senate had begun bringing up individuals and small groups for promotion votes. In response, Senator Tuberville has continued his principled stance, blocking large group promotions as long as the defense department's pro-abortion policy remains.

In regional state news closer to home, we still await a ruling from the Iowa Supreme Court on the heartbeat bill passed this past summer by the Iowa legislature and signed by the governor. A ruling is not expected before June 2024, after oral arguments this winter. Illinois continues its legislative march toward abortion on demand, and Chicago is following suit. The Democratic-controlled legislature in Illinois, the Democratic governor, and the Democratic mayor of Chicago are all proponents of abortion on demand at any time during pregnancy. Minnesota's Democrat-controlled Legislature, Supreme Court, and Governorship, are controlled by pro-abortionists, although pro-lifers in Minnesota continue to fight. In January of this year, Minnesota Democrat Governor Tim Walz, signed the so-called "Protect Reproductive Options Act," allowing the killing of pre-born people up to the moment of birth for any reason or no reason. Lastly, our pro-life neighbors in Wisconsin have an uphill battle. Recently, a pro-abortion Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate was elected, making it likely that the court will eventually strike down any proposed Wisconsin law protecting preborn people as unconstitutional.

During this month, known as Respect Life Month, keep reading and listening for more news on abortion and other life issues. If you educate yourself, you can educate others. DCRTL will do its best to assist you every step of the way.



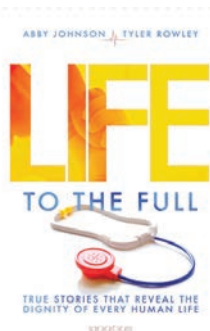
October 2023	
Sun. Oct. 1	Lifesaver Sunday / Life Chain Sunday
Weds. Oct. 4	40 Days for Life @ Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City 2 PM
Wed - Fri. Oct. 6-8	Rachel's Vineyard Retreat @ Shalom Spirituality Center, Dubuque
Sat. Oct. 7	Rain Date - setup Cemetery of the Innocents @ Divine Word College 9 AM
Sat. Oct. 7	Movie Night @ St. Columbkille's 6:30 PM
Tues. Oct. 10	40 Days for Life @ White Water Park in Manchester 10 AM
Weds. Oct. 11	Ambassadors for Life Meeting 6:15 PM DCRTL Office
Sat. Oct. 14	Sidewalk Training Advocates training @ St. Wenceslaus Church, Davenport
Mon. Oct. 16	PLA Speaker Emily Albrecht - UW Platteville in the Platteville Rm. 6 PM
Tues. Oct. 17	PLA Week Luncheon with Emily Albrecht 11:30 AM
Tues. Oct. 17	PLA Week speaker Emily Albrecht - University of Iowa 6 PM
Thurs. Oct. 19	PLA Week speaker Emily Albrecht - Church of the Resurrection Social Space - 6:30pm
Sat. Oct. 21	Euthanasia Prevention Coalition conference 8:30 AM
Tues. Oct. 24	Board of Directors Meeting
Thurs. Oct. 26	Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 7 PM Dubuque Co. Fairgrounds
Thurs. Oct. 26	Holy Hour for Respect Life 7 PM (<i>St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta</i>)

November 2023	
Fri. Nov. 3	40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood, Cedar Rapids (see pg 2) 1 PM
Nov. 3-5	Rachael's Vineyard Retreat - Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center, Robins, IA
Thurs. Nov. 9	Membership meeting and Board of Directors Election
Nov. 10-12	Rachael's Vineyard Retreat - Durward's Glen Retreat Center, near Baraboo, WI
Sat. Nov. 11	Trivia Night @ St. Columbkille's
Thurs. Nov. 16	Board of Director's Meeting
Nov. 23-24	Happy Thanksgiving! DCRTL Office closed.

Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Johnson County Right To Life is hosting a comprehensive training course in conducting peaceful and prayerful sidewalk advocacy at the abortion clinic. It seeks to reach the woman's heart and supply her needs so she can confidently choose life. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8:30am to 1:30pm at St. Wenceslaus Church, 630 E. Davenport St. in Iowa City. Our Executive Director Augustine Payne will be hosting a carpool for those who are interested. The carpool group will be leaving the office at 6:45 am. Lunch will be provided, and a freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by Oct. 11, and let us know you are interested in coming by calling us at 563-556-5960. Contact Sheryl if you have additional questions - director@JCRTL.org.

New Book in the DCRTL Library!



"Life to the Full: Unveiling Voices of the Unborn" - Amid the battle against a culture of death, the book champions love, mercy, and miracles as the driving forces for change. Authors Abby Johnson and Tyler Rowley gather twenty-three poignant personal accounts, revealing the devastating consequences of a society plagued by a distorted perception of love and freedom. By sharing these harrowing stories, it aims to awaken a fresh perspective on the pro-life cause and ignite a new generation of advocates dedicated to safeguarding the unborn. "Life to the Full" is a catalyst for transformation, inspiring the already committed and prompting abortion advocates to reevaluate their convictions.

If you would like to borrow this book, or any of our books, cds, or DVDs, we are happy to let you borrow them for free. Stop by or contact our office.

Ambassadors for Life

The Ambassadors for Life was started by Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. (DCRTL) to get high school students involved in the pro-life cause and give them an opportunity to gain leadership experience that they will take with them and build upon for the rest of their lives. If you are a high school student who is pro-life and wants to make an impact, join us.

Ambassadors for Life will meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:15pm to 8pm, with dinner provided. The Ambassadors for Life three pillars are Activism, Formation, and Fun. By participating in The Ambassadors for Life, you will not only be helping build a culture that respects LIFE, but with the experience you will also have things you can talk about in future job, college, and scholarship applications. If you are interested, or want to learn more, contact Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org or 563-556-5960.



Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 26th, from 5:30 to 7, DCRTL will be participating in the Dubuque County Fair's Trunk or Treat event. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to interact with our community and spread some Halloween joy. We will be at the fairgrounds handing out our Lollipops, Lifesavers, and fetal models for those in attendance.

Board of Directors

Make A Difference Join Our Board! Join DCRTL's Board of Directors! Our wonderful organization is governed by a board of directors, consisting of 9-12 persons nominated and elected for staggered three-year terms by the members of DCRTL. Do you want to be a part of our mission in changing hearts and saving lives? Call our Executive Director, Augustine, at 563-556-5960 if you are interested! To be added to the slate of candidates in the November newsletter, please call the office by Wednesday, October 11th.

Our nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to the general membership at the November 9th membership meeting (held at our office – 2205 Carter Rd., Dubuque, IA). Nominations from the floor, by any DCRTL member in good standing, will be accepted during the meeting as well. All DCRTL members are eligible to vote, but must do so in person at the meeting or by calling the office on November 9th.

The slate of candidates will be run in the November newsletter.

Assisted Suicide is Not the Answer: Killing is Not Caring - Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Conference

Join us for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and Advocates for Better Care's national conference. The topic for this year's conference is Assisted Suicide is Not the Answer: Killing is Not Caring. We will be hosting a live viewing of the conference at our office Saturday, October 21st from 8:30 AM to 2 PM. Speakers include Josephine Glaser, Primary Care Physician, Betty Odello, retired professor and President of the Scholl Institute, Peter Wolfgang, Executive Director, Family Institute of Connecticut, and more. We will be providing lunch and snacks for those who wish to attend. Please RSVP before October 18th by calling our office at 563-556-5960 or email reception@dcrtl.org.

March for Life

This upcoming year, DCRTL is not hosting a trip to the March for Life in Washington DC. If you are interested in going, another Iowa Pro-Life group, Pulse Life Advocates (formerly Iowans for Life), will be having a bus trip. Pulse has organized several bus loads of Iowans to go to the event each year. You can learn more on their website at www.pulseforlife.org/march-for-life/. For more information, you can contact mdewitte@pulseforlife.org, or 515-255-4113.

Instead of the trip to Washington DC in January, this upcoming year we plan to host two bus trips in June, one for the Iowa March for Life in Des Moines, and one for the Celebration for Life in Washington DC. The plan is to see how that goes prior to making plans for future years. We will have more details to come in future Issues.

Justice For All Love3 A Seven-Hour Interactive Learning Experience

The course will be taught by Justice For All (JFA) staff, and you just need access to a computer/phone that has a microphone. In abortion conversations, some people think you can love the woman in distress or the unborn or the person with whom you're speaking. With JFA's Love3 Workshops, you can learn to create conversations in which you love the woman, the child, and the person who disagrees with you equally at every moment of every conversation. Register now and invite a friend to join you...from anywhere in the world!

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Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

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Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in the area:

- October 6-8, 2023 at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA.
- November 3-5, 2023 at the Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center in Robins, IA.
- November 10-12, 2023 at the Durward's Glen Retreat Center, near Baraboo, WI


Confidentiality: DCRTL strictly respects confidentiality and privacy. If you or someone you know is hurting, please reach out today. You can email us (dcrtl@dcrtl.org) or call (563- 556-5960) if you have any questions about participating in the retreat. For more information about Rachel's Vineyard and other retreat locations, visit: rachelvineyard.org.

Other Ways to Donate to DCRTL That Could Have Further Potential Tax Benefits

More Bang For Your Buck! Are you interested in donating to Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. and saving some money in the process? You can donate appreciated stock to DCRTL and you don't have to pay the capital gains tax. Similarly, those who qualify can donate to DCRTL the minimum required distribution from an IRA and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. If you are interested, please contact the DCRTL office for more information or consult your tax advisor.


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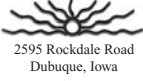
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