

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

*Galatians 6:9*

## 1999/2000 PROJECTS

### UPDATE:

- **Pro-Life Supplement:** A major project last January was placing a supplement in the *Appeal-Democrat* (circulation 22,000). Many of you responded generously to our appeal for contributions to support this effort, and we thank you again!
- **Pro-Life Billboards:** We have placed seven boards in the Yuba-Sutter community this year (two in January for Sanctity of Life Sunday, two for Mother's Day and three for the county fair).
- **Doctor's Office Project:** Cheryl Bartlett continues to faithfully distribute literature to pro-life physicians—Drs. Almond, Beiler, Brouette, Blanchard, Chan, Copley, Genato, Hansen, Ohmoto, Sheih and Van Hall—for their waiting or exam rooms. This project places approximately 2,000 pieces of pro-life literature into the community each year.
- **Presentations:** Board members made pro-life presentations to students at Marysville High School and St. Isidore's middle school students.
- **Sanctity of Life Sunday:** St. Isidore's Church collected “baby shower” gifts for A Woman's Friend.
- **Mall Community Fair:** Members staffed a booth for this event in February.

- **Pro-Life Library Packets:** We placed hard-bound books at Sutter, Yuba City, and Marysville High Schools; Yuba and Sutter County Libraries; and Yuba College.
- **Gift for Young Mom's Program:** We presented a metal cabinet and building blocks to the Marysville Joint Unified School District Infant Toddler/East Marysville Children's Center
- **Yuba-Sutter Fair:** Members staffed our Right to Life Booth.

### Special projects planned:

- Bring **Scott Klusendorf** to Yuba-Sutter in April to present a seminar for youths. Scott provides training to pro-life advocates throughout the U.S. and Canada.

*Watch for more information about this in our next Newsletter!*

## YUBA-SUTTER FAIR

The annual Fair offers us the opportunity to reach out to more people over the course of just a few days than we are able to reach during the rest of the year. This year our fair workers made personal contact with almost 1,900 people. Three hundred eight people signed our Petition to Governor Davis and our State legislators asking them to oppose the selling and use of baby body parts for medical experimentation.

Our efforts to educate our community each year would not be possible were it not for the willing, dedicated and loving

volunteers who worked the many shifts over the course of the fair:

*Frank Alvarez  
Andrea Bonnenfant  
Susan Burky  
Jan & Joe Caputo  
Linda Conger  
Cheryl Ericson  
John Guth  
Jennifer Hackney  
Beth & Scott Jarvis  
Patty Justus  
Jennifer Justus  
Judi Mallen  
Gretchen Marsh  
Art & Cindy McMillan  
Sara Mendenhall  
Chuck & Miriam Page  
Beth & Larry Reimers  
Amy Reister  
Fran Rex  
Dianne & Jim Walsh  
Amber Wilks*

## FAIR SHARE

It is difficult not to be discouraged when we think of how long the struggle for life has been waged in this country. About 40 million Americans have been killed in the womb since Roe v. Wade. Yes, there was abortion before that, but for most of history it was considered contrary to conscience, morality, and law. Those who performed or participated in abortion hid it and were ashamed. It is only within the last three decades or so that it has become legal, approved, encouraged, and promoted as a “right.” In the overall scope of time, it won't be long before no one alive will remember that it was not always so.

Those of us in the pro-life movement warned at the time of

- Pathfinder International, which works with institutions worldwide to provide abortion information and services
- National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), a pro-choice lobbying group

The Berkshire Hathaway Companies include:

- GEICO (car insurance)
- General RE Corporation
- Nebraska Furniture Mart
- R. C. Willey Home Furnishings and Star Furniture
- International Dairy Queen
- Borsheims and Helzberg's Diamond Shops
- Scott Fetzer Companies
- See's Candies
- H.H. Brown Shoe Co., Lowell Shoe, Inc. and Dexter Shoe Co.
- Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group
- Berkshire Hathaway Direct Insurance Group.

### POST-ABORTION HELP:

For those suffering the pain of an abortion, we are blessed to have local resources. Contact the **PACE (Post Abortion Counseling and Education) Program** at A Woman's Friend (741-0556), or **Project Rachel**, counseling and reconciliation sponsored by Sacramento Diocese (1-877-mercy2u).

*"Rachel mourns for her children; she refused to be consoled because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: 'Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shall have its rewards. There is hope for the future.'" Jeremiah 31:15-17*

### ONE VOTE

If you think your vote doesn't count, consider the following:

- ☞ In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England
- ☞ In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed
- ☞ In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German
- ☞ In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union
- ☞ In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment
- ☞ In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States
- ☞ In 1876, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic
- ☞ In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party
- ☞ In 1999 two votes stopped the conviction of a president

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

Since we only send this Newsletter to those who request it, it's a safe assumption you are pro-life.

*But what are you doing for life?* Do you sit around and bemoan what's happened to our country and our world because of the culture of death, or do you actively try to promote the culture of life?

Have you considered participating in pro-life activities such as the Life Chain? Have you considered actively supporting pro-life organizations that serve women such as A Woman's Friend? Have you considered speaking up and

defending life to your family, friends, co-workers? Have you considered supporting and voting for pro-life candidates?

God has called us to be stewards, to appropriately use our time, talent and treasure. Everyone can contribute in some way. Even if you are aged or infirm, you can pray; you can write letters to the editor and to our legislators. There are numerous ministries in pro-life work. If those of us who are pro-life do not speak up, the only voices that will continue to be heard are those of the liberal media and the pro-abortion feminists.

We have over 450 people on our mailing list. Once a year, around 25 volunteer to staff our pro-life booth at the Yuba Sutter Fair; they are truly a blessing and we appreciate them. The rest of the year, there are only about six of us who actively participate in this ministry.

We are not complaining, but we are tired! None of us is getting any younger and we need fresh blood and new ideas. Please prayerfully consider taking a more active role in our organization.

If you sense the Lord nudging you to get more involved, call Maureen Guth (673-1437), Patty Justus (846-2868) or Miriam Page (671-5347). We meet once every six weeks.

*If you don't have the courage of your convictions, you don't have any convictions.*

*Anonymous*

### UNITED WAY:

Each Fall the United Way solicits contributions for charitable organizations through payroll deduction. Did

Roe v. Wade that it was the beginning of the slippery slope. We thought the bottom of the slope was euthanasia and never conceived such things as partial birth abortion and a whole industry built upon the selling of body parts from aborted babies for medical experimentation.

Yet there are positive signs. A growing percentage of Americans want greater restrictions on abortions. The number of abortions is down. There is a growing trend toward abstinence, including "secondary virginity," in this country which can only reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies and abortions. We hear of these and begin to have hope. But the biggest boost comes when we hear of lives that have been saved. Then we know we have an impact and are encouraged to continue the good fight and keep the faith. As we work the fair booth, strangers come by and share their stories and affirm our faith. We want to share with you, our members, a couple of these stories.

Last year a woman told our fair workers that her 18-year-old had just graduated from high school. She confided that he was alive only because when she had been pregnant and considering an abortion, Mrs. Guth came to her school and talked about fetal development. She decided to have her baby. It so happened that Mrs. Guth was manning the booth; can you imagine the rush of finding out a child is alive and well because of YOU?

This year a young military mom from out-of-state shared a story with our workers of her own experience working a pro-life booth several years ago when she herself was pregnant. A teenager approached her and began asking "hypothetical" questions. During

the course of the conversation the worker's baby became rambunctious and kicked. The teen saw the woman's shirt moving and asked what that was. The worker offered to let the teen feel the baby moving in the womb. The teen was visibly affected, left the booth, and later returned with a friend and her mom. It turned out both teenagers were pregnant and had been considering abortion, but the brief fetal development lesson they learned that day changed their lives. Several months later the booth worker received a note from the mom of one of the girls. Both girls had given birth to healthy babies!

### **PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION**

In a five-to-four decision, our United States Supreme Court has ruled that a Nebraska law prohibiting partial birth abortion is invalid on the grounds that it did not make an exception to protect the health of the mother. In his dissent, Justice Scalia stated, "The method of killing a human child, one cannot even accurately say an entirely unborn human child, proscribed by this statute, is so horrible that even the most clinical description of it evokes a shudder of revulsion." Justice Kennedy stated, "The State chose to forbid a procedure that many decent and civilized people find so abhorrent as to be among the most serious crimes against human life."

### **PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' POSITIONS**

Vice President Al Gore: opposed bills to ban partial birth abortion; supports Roe v. Wade; has stated that if elected he will use a litmus test to judge candidates for the

federal judiciary and will only appoint candidates who support Roe v. Wade

George W. Bush: believes partial birth abortion should be banned; supports the Republican platform which would overturn Roe v. Wade; has stated that in appointing judges he would appoint those who will read the constitution and enforce what it says rather than those who create constitutional rights (such as abortion) which do not appear in the Constitution.

*As the election draws nearer, if you have questions about the positions of candidates for other offices, call Maureen at 673-1437.*

### **BOYCOTT REQUEST**

We try to keep you apprised of corporations and/or organizations that actively promote the culture of death and request that you not patronize them. It has come to our attention that Warren Buffett, chairman and chief shareholder of Berkshire Hathaway and one of the world's top three wealthiest individuals, is a major contributor to anti-life organizations. The Buffett Foundation during 1998 contributed more than \$11 million to the following organizations:

- Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the U.S.
- International Projects Assistance Services, which promotes and distributes abortion devices to third-world countries and provides guidance in testing and introduction of medical abortifacients worldwide.
- The Population Council, which performed clinical trials of RU 486 in the U.S.

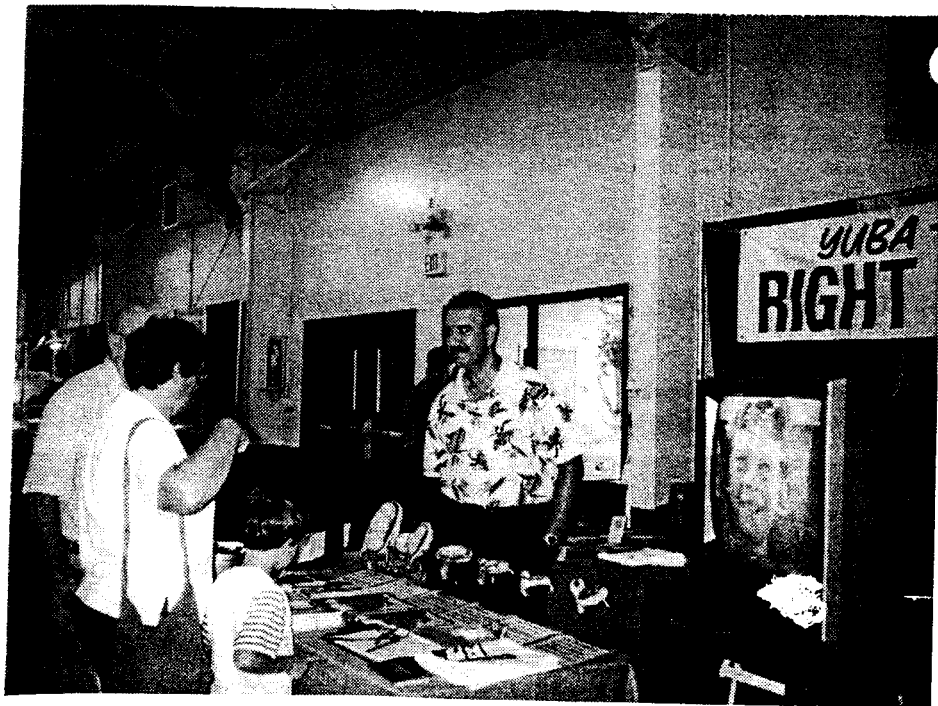
you know that in addition to those organizations listed in the UW catalog, you can also designate Yuba-Sutter Right to Life? All you need to do is write in that you want your contribution to go to YS Right to Life, PO Box 1341, Yuba City CA 95992.

If you decide to make your donation through United Way please let us know so we can track it. Thank you!

### **A WOMAN'S FRIEND FALL BANQUET**

**O**ur local Pregnancy Resource Center and Medical Clinic will host its annual banquet Saturday, October 21, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. Christian author Frank Paretti is this year's featured speaker. Call **741-9136** for complete information.

## **Yuba-Sutter Fair 2000**



Helping educate the community

*Booth Worker Frank Alvarez*