

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

## Quarterly Newsletter

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### President's Message

As we begin the Christmas Season, let us prepare our hearts anew for the coming of Jesus. Remembering that Christ was once a newborn child causes me to renew my commitment to the unborn. I can only imagine the fear that Mary must have felt as she said yes to God and took on this enormous responsibility. Yet, she trusted God and her faith kept her strong and confident that He was in control.

Let us, too, rededicate ourselves to reaching out to the mother who is frightened with the choice she must make. Loving both mother and baby, as God loves them, we will continue to make a difference in this community and the world.

Emanuel—Yes, God is with us! He will remain with us and He will bring an end to abortion as long as we do our part and trust in Him.

God's blessings to you and your families this Christmas Season.

Maureen Guth

### How the Other Side Views Election Results

The following article is indeed chilling, but we need to be aware of how our pro-life views are disdained by so many in the mainstream media:

San Francisco Chronicle, 11-10-2006, by Mark Morford, SF Gate Columnist:

The federal courts—and most importantly, the Supreme Court—have narrowly averted becoming choked with hawkish, regressive, homophobic neoconservatives. Bush had six years to pack the federal judiciary with extremist right-wing judges, and he did a nauseatingly good job of it. What's more, we'll be suffering John Roberts and Samuel Alito for decades to come. But Bush's extremist streak has been snapped. Supreme Court nominees from here on out will have to be moderate, if not even a bit progressive [*ed. note: i.e., vehemently pro-choice*], to earn appointment. Considering what the court could've become had just one or two more justices died or retired in the past few years, this is glorious news indeed. Praise Jesus, the Christian right's stranglehold on culture and morality is over.

### Use of Fetal Cell Lines in Vaccines

Are you aware that many vaccines are developed using cell lines from aborted fetuses? Do you oppose this use of fetal cell lines in vaccine production? If so, here is your chance to notify the FDA of your opposition:

#### Source: Children of God for Life

The FDA has issued new guidelines for the pharmaceutical industry regarding the use of various types of cell lines that are being used and will be used in the future for the manufacture of vaccines. These cell lines include several ethical sources as well as aborted fetal cell lines.

Since the FDA has invited the general public to respond through December 28, 2006, we are urging all concerned citizens, medical professionals, pharmacists and pro-life groups to let your voices be heard! It is imperative that the FDA receives a massive amount of public protest on the use of aborted fetal cell lines as your response may very well dictate the direction pharmaceutical companies will move in the future.

Currently, the National Institutes of Health is working with pharmaceutical companies to develop new vaccines for Ebola, HIV, Flu and Avian Flu in the event of a pandemic outbreak! Some companies are using aborted fetal cell lines. Others are using ethical cell lines such as bacteria, insect cell lines and chick embryos.

To express your feelings, write to:

Division of Dockets Management  
HFA-305  
Food & Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone: 301 827-5101  
Ref: Docket Number 2006D-0383

For further information and suggestions, visit the Children of God for Life website:  
[www.cogforlife.org/fdaalert.htm](http://www.cogforlife.org/fdaalert.htm)

### Introducing Mary Anne Brayton, New Board Member

We are pleased to welcome Mary Anne, who was born in Joliet, Illinois, and came to Yuba City with her parents when her father was assigned to Beale AFB. A graduate of Yuba City HS, she graduated with honors from UC Davis with a B.S. in Biological Sciences, then earned two graduate degrees in Microbiology and Immunology. She did medical research at the UC Davis School of Medicine but changed careers after deciding she no longer wanted to do research on animals, and became a Paralegal. In that capacity she has worked at the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, at the Yuba-Sutter Legal Center for Seniors, and at the Solano County Counsel's office. Currently she works as a Contracts Specialist at her alma mater, UC Davis, for Architects & Engineers, where she executes contracts to hire Architects, Engineers, Consultants and Contractors for various building projects on the UCD campus. She enjoys traveling and has traveled extensively world-wide. The last time she went to Italy, she took her mother with her and although unplanned and unexpected, her Mother received a Blessing by Pope John Paul four months before she unexpectedly passed away. Mary Anne firmly believes that God's greatest gift to us is life and that he has entrusted us with the responsibility to preserve and protect this wonderful, priceless gift. She states she "welcomes and is honored to be invited to serve on the Board of Directors for the Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee!"



## Proposition 85 – A New Look at the Opportunity that Challenges Us!

On November 7, Proposition 85, the **Parent's Right to Know** initiative failed in California. This was the second opportunity for Californians to join 35 other states in the U.S. that have either a Parental Notification Law (16) or a Parental Consent Law (19).

Unfortunately in California the effort to protect a Parent's Right to Know failed. The breakdown was 46% **Yes** for parents and 54% **No** for parents. Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry spent a lot of money in the metropolitan areas of the state to fight this citizen initiative; it had to be a citizen initiative since our legislature will not take on the issue for parents. If you look at the vote breakdown on the Secretary of State's website, you can see that those counties that voted against parents were primarily Los Angeles and the coastal counties, where the majority populations are, and where the pro-abortion money was spent. However, we may have fought this one battle but we are winning the educational war campaign. For example:

- ▶ opinion polls report that the majority of U.S. citizens are turning against abortion
- ▶ there is a declining number of abortions, abortionists, and abortion mills
- ▶ there is a strong contingent of young pro-life activists who know they are abortion survivors
- ▶ there is a growing voice of women and men harmed by abortion, who contradict abortion's promise of "benefit"
- ▶ people are learning from scientific evidence about who the child is
- ▶ there is increasing medical evidence that abortion is of no benefit to women
- ▶ there is increasing sociological evidence that abortion is no benefit to society
- ▶ there is a growing wave of citizens and clergy who are more ready than ever for the pro-life battle; and
- ▶ there is a growing wave of reporters and other professionals who are far more pro-life than their predecessors.

Thus, the failure of the initiative provides each of us an opportunity to continue the education battle to inform the minds and hearts of our neighbors of how out of step we in California are with the nation and how out of step we are in the ... pursuit of life, liberty and justice for all.

## Stem Cell Successes

Amid all the debate on using embryonic stem cells in research to find cures, the press for the most part remains strangely silent about successes of adult stem cell research. Lack of space prevents reproduction of a chart comparing adult and embryonic stem cell treatment successes, but the following is a summary.

### BENEFITS OF STEM CELLS TO HUMAN PATIENTS

Successful ADULT Stem Cell Treatments = 72

Cancers (26 types); Auto-Immune Diseases (15); Cardiovascular (2); Ocular (1); Immunodeficiencies (3); Neural Degenerative Diseases and Injuries (3); Anemias and other blood conditions (10); Wounds and Injuries (4); Other Metabolic Disorders (5); Liver Disease (2); and Bladder Disease (1)

Successful EMBRYONIC Stem Cell Treatments = 0

[www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/treatments.htm](http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/treatments.htm)

The following link contains the full names, dates, authors and citations of all those 150 studies from which the chart was compiled:  
[www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/asc-refs.pdf](http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/asc-refs.pdf)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

On January 22 it will be thirty-four years since the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion for the entire nine months of pregnancy. To commemorate these decisions and let the world know we have not forgotten the almost fifty million babies killed since that date, several events are taking place:

## Walk for Life West Coast Saturday January 20, 2006, in San Francisco

- **8 a.m.**, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
- **11 a.m.**, at Justin Herman Plaza: a short series of speeches and rally, centering on the theme of abortion's damage to women; children, born or unborn; and families. Confirmed speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone, **Priests for Life**; Rev. Clennard Childers, Director of **LEARN**; Talitha Phillips, **Silent No More**; and Vera Faith Lord, acclaimed author of **Through the Looking Glass: The Land Beyond Abortion**
- Following the rally: a beautiful, scenic walk along San Francisco's waterfront ending with an
- Info Fair at the at Marina Greens.

For more information, call 415-586-1576; or visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com). This year we hope to have several buses traveling from the the Yuba-Sutter area. Contact Cliff Petersen, 673-8862 or 713-7005.

**Sanctity of Life Sunday:** At most churches this will be on **January 21**. Check with your pastor to see what your church is doing. If there is nothing planned, ask your pastor to participate by putting pro-life inserts in your church bulletin, or having a special collection or a baby shower with the proceeds donated to A Woman's Friend in Marysville (or to your local pregnancy help center). Or you can be creative and do something else that will raise the consciousness of your congregation.

## California ProLife Council Annual Rally & Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, January 24, in Sacramento

- **8 a.m.**, Grand Hotel, Prayer Breakfast;
  - **10:30 a.m.**, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Pro-Life Mass
  - **10:30 a.m.** inside the Capitol prolife workshops
  - **12 Noon**, West Steps of the Capitol, Rally for Life
- Contact CPLC, 916-442-8315 or [info@californiaprolife.org](mailto:info@californiaprolife.org)

*The Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Board of Directors extends to all our members wishes for a blessed Christmas season. We appreciate your support throughout the year. We are dependent upon your contributions, which are tax deductible, and do our best to be good stewards of your contributions. No one in our organization is paid for his or her time or effort.*  
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