

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life

## Quarterly Newsletter

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### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2010

Beginning Balance 1/1/10	\$2,089.58
Receipts from Contrib. & Dues	3,041.75
Receipts for Buses	2,555.00
Knights of Columbus/Colusa Fair	290.00
Bishop of Sacramento—Grant	<u>2,116.00</u>
	\$10,092.33
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Bulk Mail & P.O. Box	\$ 229.00
Newsletter: Expenses	1,366.92
Educ. Materials/Fair Supplies	786.28
5 4x8 Banners	665.54
Y-S Fair Booth Fee, Ins. & Passes	525.00
Colusa Fair Booth	290.00
Website Expenses	231.45
Contrib. AWF	300.00
West Coast Walk for Life/2 Buses	2,578.00
Radio Spots (KCYC)	50.00
Miscellaneous	100.32
Total Disbursements	(\$ 7,122.51)
Ending Balance 12/31/09	\$ 2,969.82
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### 2011 WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life participants were among more than **50,000 people** who enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day in San Francisco on the 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The speakers were incredibly motivating and got us all energized for not only the walk but for bringing the fight for life back home as well. We had so many people joining us this year that both of our chartered busses were full and overflowed into a few private vehicles. You'll definitely want to get your tickets early next year! To see a slide-show of pictures taken at the 2011 West Coast Walk for Life, click [here](#).



### IN THE NEWS:

December 6, 2010—Washington, D.C. ([LifeSiteNews.com](#)) Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a breast surgical oncologist and co-founder of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, shared her expertise at the “50 Years of the Pill” conference held in Washington, D.C. “Women want to know, and women have a right to know, what researchers have known for over 20 years.” she said. Hormonal contraception—essentially the same drug as hormone replacement therapy, which was found to be a carcinogenic in 2002—continues to be touted as harmless and even healthy. And yet in 2005, the International Agency on Research of Cancer, a branch of the World Health Organization, **classified hormonal contraceptives as a group one carcinogen along with asbestos and radium.** ([see page 294 of the report here](#)) Did you know that in order to remove asbestos you need to wear a respirator, disposable coveralls, rubber gloves, rubber boots and eye protection? And yet somehow it's okay to have girls and young women swallowing these pills on a daily basis for years on end. Would you want to swallow asbestos or radium? Would you give your wife or daughter asbestos to eat?



In 2009, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center found that women starting “the Pill” before age 18 nearly quadruple their risk of triple negative breast cancer. ([You can read an article on their findings here](#)) . “It’s like you took this Molotov cocktail of a group one carcinogen and threw it into that young girls’ breast,” said Lanfranchi. Dr. Lanfranchi is Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. You can download and read her paper entitled “Normal Breast Physiology: The Reasons Hormonal Contraceptives and Induced Abortion Increase Breast -Cancer Risk” [here](#).

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life **thanks RICHARD’S TREE SERVICE for donating billboard space at Hwy 99 & Oswald for our “Abortion is forever. Get the facts first.” campaign!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

*You Are Cordially Invited....* To our meetings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

**40 Days for Life in Yuba City?** YES! Join us in front of the Planned Parenthood on Palora Avenue the **last Wednesday of each month** from 4-5pm. For more information, call Heather at 751-9349.

### **40 Days for Life in the Sacramento area:**

Our spring Sacramento 40 Days for Life will be at [Women's Health Specialist](#) abortion business, 1750 Wright Street, commencing Wednesday, March 9th, 7am to 7pm, 6 days a week (Mon-Sat). You can [sign up at the online vigil schedule](#). For more information or to coordinate a trip down to the vigil site, call Maureen at 673-1437 or Heather at 751-9349, or [visit the Sacramento 40 Days for Life website](#).

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## IN THE NEWS CONTINUED:

January 3, 2011—Spain ([Pro-Life Action League](#)) The results of a [new study](#) recently published in "*Contraception: An International Reproductive Health Journal*" on the correlation between contraception use and abortion rates in Spain have researchers scratching their heads.

From 1997-2007, researchers recorded the methods of contraception being used as well as the abortion rates of a representative group of Spanish women.

What the researchers have discovered has them completely baffled, but has most pro-lifers saying, "Told you so." The results? As contraception use increased, so did the abortion rate. In fact, while contraception use went from 49.1% to 79.9%, abortion rates rose from 5.52 to 11.49 per 1000 women. In other words, ***a 63% increase in contraception use was accompanied by a 108% increase in abortions.***

The conclusion reached by the researchers is that "the factors responsible for the increased rate of elective abortion need further investigation."

Their bewilderment is a result of the assumption that many have that contraception can be used to reduce abortion. Instead, the opposite is true. The impact contraception use has on behavior and attitudes is far-reaching. Believing themselves free of the most significant consequence of sex—pregnancy—people behave differently, just as one would expect. They're more willing to take risks—more sexual partners, more casual sex, more cheating, etc. The result is more unplanned pregnancy, not less; more abortion, not less. The widespread use and abundant availability of contraceptives has altered the way society views sex. Sex has become disengaged from pregnancy, marriage, and family and has been instead focused on the instant gratification of the self without any thought or concern for anyone or anything else.

Let's pray that the "further investigation" the researchers call for in the study takes place and is viewed in the light of truth.

## Prayer for Healing

Eternal Father, source of all mercy and love, out of love for us you sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from his side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence. Hear the cry of each woman who mourns the loss of her child to abortion. Forgive her sin, restore her to your grace, and still the terror of her heart with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen her faith in you. Give her the consolation to believe that her child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Source: [Project Rachel](#)

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February 18, 2011—Washington, D.C.

([LifeSiteNews.com](#)) Each year, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America receives hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer funding. But on Friday, the US House voted 240-185 in favor of striking all federal funding for the abortion giant in the 2011 Federal Spending Bill.

The amendment will now go before the Senate, which remains in the hands of Democrats.

The vote came after a heated debate in the House and in the wake of an explosive series of videos released by the pro-life organization [Live Action](#), which showed Planned Parenthood staff continuously willing to aid and abet the trafficking of underage "sex workers" by offering advice on how to obtain secret abortions, contraception, and STD tests.

Tony Perkins of [Family Research Council](#) congratulated the House and released this statement: "The fact that Planned Parenthood not only left minor girls trapped in prostitution, but encouraged it, shows an incredible lack of humanity on their part. What goes on behind the windowless offices of Planned Parenthood, as Live Action's videos show, is both saddening and shocking, but the fact that it has often been done with taxpayer dollars is indefensible."

Lila Rose, the President of Live Action, issued the following statement about the coming Senate battle: "The case to cease funding is crystal clear. But for any Senator who remains unsure, imagine explaining to your constituents that you voted to keep sending \$350 million of their tax dollars to a 'non-profit' that puts young girls in harm's way and made \$63 million in profits by performing over 300,000 abortions last year."

We are at a historic crossroads. If ever there was a time to pray without ceasing for an end to abortion, this is it. Please pray that the amendment to the 2011 Federal Spending Bill striking all federal funding for Planned Parenthood will stand.

## My Story By Heather Pugh

In early 1994, I was unmarried and pregnant and living with a man who was not the father. The father was an African American man who told me he was divorced, but who I later learned was married. The fact that I was pregnant with the baby of a man of color did not sit well with my family. I was given what can only be described as the silent treatment. I was no longer invited to Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner and all communication stopped. My mother would come to visit me and we would celebrate holidays near the actual date, but never on them. Those days were for family.

My mother kept telling me how hard life would be for me and the child and, while abortion was never mentioned by name, it was clear that abortion was the choice they hoped I would make. On top of that, I was working 60 hours a week, 7 days a week at one full-time job and one part-time job in an effort to make ends meet. Nearly every “reason” to choose abortion was present. Except for one thing.

I am pro-life.

So I chose to have and raise my son, who I named “Gregory”.

One evening, when Greg was about two weeks old, I was sitting up in bed holding him in my arms. I had just finished nursing him and he was sound asleep. He looked so peaceful – completely oblivious to the fact that *I* was his mother. *Me*. The one who had made bad decision after bad decision after bad decision and gotten us into this mess. And this helpless child had no idea just how badly he had it having me for his mother. I began to cry.....to sob, actually. And as I sobbed, my tears fell on my son. I began to pray. I prayed for the first time in I don't know how long. I prayed with every fiber of my being. I begged St. Joseph to send a man who would be a good husband to me and a good father to Gregory. It was, at that very moment, abundantly clear that I was incapable of making this decision myself. The man with whom I was living proposed to me. I turned him down. I somehow knew he was not the one St. Joseph was going to send. I moved into my own apartment with Gregory and tried to turn things around. But, still trying things my way, I continued to fail. Every man I met who *I* thought would meet with Heaven's approval only added to my misery.

Gregory went from being a helpless infant in my arms to a fast crawler to an adorable toddler before I knew it. And then, one day, it happened. A new employee at work was being brought around and introduced to everyone. No, it wasn't love at first sight. In fact, I thought nothing of him for the first year. I was infatuated with one of his co-workers at the time. That is, until the co-worker asked me a question. “Do you prefer brain or brawn?” I paused and thought about the question and answered honestly. “Brain”, I said. He was surprised and asked me to explain my answer. “Looks fade, but the person you are is the person you will continue to be.” “Then you should go out with Mike,” he said. I won't tell you what my response was, but suffice it to say that I was not as convinced as the co-worker on whom I had a crush.

Day turned to evening and into day again and I could not stop thinking about the question, my answer, and the response. If doing what *I* thought was a good idea up until now ended in misery, what would doing the opposite accomplish? I mulled all of this over and over in my mind for a solid week. And then I decided to give it a shot. I worked up the nerve to call Mike's work extension. I asked him if he was married. He said, “No”. I asked him if he had a girlfriend. He said, “No”. I then paused, expecting him to ask me the same questions, or at least *say something*. It was a long, silent pause. “Well.....that's all I wanted to know....I guess.” “Okay,” he said. We said our goodbyes and hung up. Mike came to our office a time or two during the next week to do his job and didn't seem at all phased by my call. And then it happened. The phone rang. It was Mike. “Are *you* married,” he asked. “No,” I said, smiling. “Do *you* have a boyfriend,” he asked. “No,” I said, trying not to laugh. “Would you like to have lunch with me today,” he asked. “I would love to, but I already ordered my sandwich (it was raining outside so a couple of us girls ordered lunch to be delivered). But I'm free tomorrow. Can we have lunch then?” “Yes.”

That was the beginning of the end of my misery. St. Joseph made it clear to us both that Mike was the one for me and I was the one for him. Two and a half months later we were married. That was 14 years ago and I've never been happier.

Why did I tell you all of this? At the time, I had little hope. I also had no idea how God would use a helpless newborn to get my life on the proper track. I did not realize how my darkest hour would find a new dawn and a new day right around the corner. Today, Greg has a wonderful, caring man to call “Dad” - a man who loves him very much. I have a wonderful husband and my family has since embraced Greg and now cannot imagine life without him. I am glad I didn't listen to the lies from the abortion industry. Had I given in, I definitely wouldn't have the blessed life I have today. I thank God for sending my son Gregory as His messenger of hope and beacon directing me back to Him.

