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...On behalf of the unborn, disabled and elderly.

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News and Activities



Mark your
calendars
for upcoming
RTLl events

Volunteer Opportunities:

CarmelFest July 3 & 4

Black Expo July 19 - 22

State Fair August 8 - 19

Celebrate Life Dinner

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
(see reservation form, page 3)

“Dr. Death” Released from Prison

Jack Kevorkian, known as “Dr. Death” for killing at least 130 people through the practice of assisted suicide, was released on parole on June 1, 2007. Many of the assisted suicides he orchestrated were on people who were not terminally ill, but depressed. Kevorkian reported that out of his first 69 victims, only 17 were terminally ill. Close to 75% were women, most of whom were divorced or never married. Eventually in 1999, Kevorkian went to prison for giving a lethal injection to a man, which was videotaped and televised on *60 Minutes*. On the tape, Kevorkian dared authorities to try to stop him from killing more people. Kevorkian now plans to lobby for legalization of assisted suicide.

Did you know????
Euthanasia is
legal in Oregon.

Local Adult Stem Cell Researcher Finding Success

Continued from May 2007 Newsletter

Dr. Keith March, who has a combined M.D. and Ph.D., is Indiana University School of Medicine’s Director of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, and Professor of Medicine, Physiology, and Bio-Medical Engineering. The following is the second part of a recent interview with Dr. March:

5. Why is adult stem-cell research the most promising right now over embryonic stem-cell research? What are the advances in adult stem-cell research? **There appear to be several advantages with adult stem cell therapies.**

- Adult stem cells appear to be as flexible as those derived from an embryo.
- Adult cells are already somewhat specialized and are poised to repair disease within the body; embryonic stem cells are poised to create a baby.
- Adult stem cells are not subject to immune rejection as the cells are obtained from the patient, not a random embryo donor.
- Adult stem cells are readily available and in some cases easy to procure such as those found in the fat, skin and bone marrow. Others are trickier to obtain such as those found in the olfactory bulb.

Actual therapies using adult stem cells have been used to treat patients for more than a decade. Umbilical cord blood transfusions have successfully treated Fanconi’s anemia in children, a life-threatening condition. This source of stem cells has great potential to treat a variety of other blood disorders.

6. Do you see a debate among your peers over the ethics of embryonic stem-cell research or is it a non-issue? **I think that the debate over embryonic stem cell research is just as active among the lay public as it is within the scientific community. I do believe, however that most scientists are primarily interested in making the best discoveries to help patients as quickly as possible. I think that adult stem cells hold more promise for developing therapeutics and will accelerate finding cures for life-threatening diseases.** *Continued on page 2*

RTLl Message Reaches Far and Wide

Please read this recent email sent to our office...

This morning (June 10, 2007) my husband saw something stuck in one of our trees in our backyard. I wanted to let you know that it was a blue balloon with a happy face on it, that says "Smile! Your mom chose life" on it. Your number and email address was on the back.

I assume this balloon traveled from Indianapolis. The back side of the balloon says: Right to Life of Indianapolis.

We live in Max Meadows, Virginia. Just wanted to let you know how far this little balloon made it. Bless you all !!



LOCAL ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCHER FINDING SUCCESS.....Continued from page 1

7. What do you think the big push is for embryonic stem-cell research with some researchers over adult stem-cell research? I think it is believed that stem cells from human embryos can potentially provide endless supplies of cells with defined characteristics. I think it is also believed that there are vast quantities of human embryos that are available from in vitro fertilization clinics that would otherwise go to waste or be frozen indefinitely. What I think people need to know is that adult stem cells have already been used successfully and if all efforts were focused on cells from adult sources then scientists would have a jumpstart on finding cures for life-threatening diseases.

8. Why do you feel the public isn't informed about the advances in adult stem-cell research? Stem cell research has become a lightning rod for controversy. People have taken sides around the issue of using embryos for stem cell research or not using embryos for stem cell research. The lay public is mostly unaware of the differences between stem cells derived from adult sources and those for embryos. The media likes to fuel controversy, making it a political issue rather than a scientific one.

9. What do you think the public should know about stem-cell research? The public needs to know that there are distinct types of "stem cells" and distinct sources for their derivation. It should also be publicized that adult stem cells have already proven effective in treating diseases and their potential for treating a broader range of diseases is very promising.

10. Do you think the continued success in the area of adult stem-cell research would essentially put and end to this major ethical debate by eliminating the need for research on embryonic stem-cells? I think that you will always find scientists who want to push research efforts forward on all fronts with the goal of finding cures or treatment for patients who are suffering. I feel that adult stem cell research is far ahead of research using embryonic stem cells and therefore more likely to achieve success more quickly. Directing financial resources to support adult stem cell research is one way to accelerate success. The source for stem cells that proves most effective at treating patients will win the race and everyone will support a winner.

For more information on adult stem cell research, Dr. March may be contacted at:

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Stem Cell Research Information to be continued in next newsletter.....

Thanks for supporting the Eighth Annual Golf Outing!



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25th Annual Celebrate Life Dinner

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Sagamore Ballroom Indianapolis Convention Center



Reception 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Alan Keyes 8:00 p.m. Pro-life champion, author, radio and TV host

Reservations

Fill out the form below and mail
or make reservations at www.RTLindy.org
\$50/person (\$45/person before August 17th)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (work) _____

Email _____

Number of reservations _____

Would you like to be a table captain and arrange a table of 10? Please call Betty Mitchel at 846-5586.

Please print the names of those in your party:

Please respond by September 4th.

Donations

Your donations, in addition to the purchase of reservations to the dinner, enable us to continue the work of educating the community on protecting the unborn, elderly, and the disabled.

To Donate: Fill out the form below and mail or donate online at www.RTLindy.org

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Please designate on the lines below the students, school, or church you wish to be the recipient. If undesignated, Right to Life of Indianapolis will provide seating to deserving youth otherwise unable to attend.

Donors, please respond by August 20th.

2007 RIGHT TO LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Seventh Grade Winners:

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| 1. Grace Moore | St. Luke |
| 2. Daniel Sahn | Lumen Christi |
| 3. Chelsea Pratt | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel |
| 4. Grace Kinnaman | St. Maria Goretti |
| 4. Alyssa Sventeckis | St. Louis de Montfort |
| 4. Shelby Ennis | Central Catholic |

Ninth & Tenth Grade Winners:

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| 1. John O'Rourke | Home School |
| 2. Kelly Dyer | Home School |
| 3. Alec MacDonell | Cathedral H.S. |
| 4. Kiani Sexauer | Home School |
| 5. Rachel Smith | Suburban Christian |

Eighth Grade Winners:

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| 1. A.J. Gorsage | Lumen Christi |
| 2. Taylor Whittier | Home School |
| 3. Johanna Richardson | Home School |
| 4. Jonathon Ray | Suburban Christian |
| 5. Stephanie Israel | St. Louis de Montfort |

Eleventh & Twelfth Grade Winners:

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| 1. Katie Dapper | Cathedral H.S. |
| 2. Reid Brewster | St. Theodore Guerin |
| 3. Michael Barmes | Suburban Christian |
| 4. Heather Poe | Covenant Christian |
| 5. Elissa Mason | Roncalli High School |

2007 ART CONTEST

**Congratulations to the winner of our
first annual Art Contest!**

Melissa DeCapua- Cathedral High School

In Memory of

Margaret Mooney
From Ruth Ann Hanley
Dennis Kadan
Roger & Linda Sisterman

Marguerite Lanie
From Wendy Manubay

In Honor of the Marriage of

Susan Redenbaugh &
Nathan Moore
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Hear Dr. Alan Keyes speak at the 25th Celebrate Life Dinner! See Inside!

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