

Pregnancy Support Center

of Ulster County

July 2008

Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

I am grateful that many of us who hold to the sanctity of human life were invited to a luncheon at the Benedictine Hospital to share our concerns about the Benedictine/Kingston Hospital alignment. It is a pivotal time in the history of both hospitals. Our meeting today was time well spent.

For those of us who know and understand that life begins at conception, there is no middle ground. Life is either sacred or it isn't. It is. To say we have the privilege of taking a position is to say the truth is negotiable. Life is sacred from conception to natural death (as another member of the group so aptly put it). Because of the nature of our organization we come face to face with abortion daily. Whoever takes the position of CEO of the governing board of both hospitals has a very big job ahead of him or her.

The Pregnancy Support Center of Ulster County has served the community since 1986. We are an important contributor to the health and welfare of the unborn and their families. We work in tandem with many organizations and agencies throughout the county.

Our mantra for this year has been "TOMA 2008." As of this date, we have enjoyed many new relationships and opportunities to get our name and services on the "top of the minds" of those who live in Ulster County.

It is because of your support we have been able to accomplish so much. Please consider supporting this organization in a very significant way. This is your community...this is your Center. Thank you.



Executive Director

To Let You Know...

Many in our community support the Center in concrete ways. On Thursday, May 29 at a special Board meeting, the following people contributed toward our meal:

*Bella Carne
Michael's Diner
Lox of Bagels
Alyssa Venett
Tom La Rose*

Thank you to all of you for contributing to the success of our meeting.

20% of all the new HIV-infections in the U.S. each year occur in New York State. Our area has the highest HIV infection rate in New York State outside of New York City.

*...Excerpted from
Planned Parenthood SOS Brochure*

Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood is funded by your dollars and mine. The total clients served in 2006 were 3,140,540 with abortion services of 289,750.

According to FOX News, pastors urged Congress to initiate an audit of the organization and have written letters demanding that money for Planned Parenthood be eliminated from federal Title X funding, of which the group got \$65 million for the fiscal year 2007, according to pro-life Concerned Women of America. In total, Planned Parenthood received \$300 million in government contracts and grants in the current fiscal year.

The Pregnancy Support Center of Ulster County needs funding to raise our profile in the community. We want the community to know we are here to serve them. Will you help us?

Sharon La Rose

Temperaments and Personalities Before Birth

In several references we learn that God knows and relates to unborn children as individuals. He said to the prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5, RSV). The apostle Paul said he was also chosen before birth (Ephesians 1:4). And in a remarkable account, we are told of the prenatal development of the twins Jacob and Esau. As predicted before their births, one turned out to be rebellious and tough while the other was something of a mama's boy. They were fighting before they were born and continued in conflict through much of their lives (Genesis 25:22-27). These references tell us that unborn children are unique individuals with whom God is already acquainted. These examples also confirm for me, at least, the wickedness of abortion, which destroys those embryonic little personalities.



*Excerpted from Dr. Dobson's book "Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide."
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Your Moment in Time

**Pregnancy Support Center
of Ulster County
Fundraising Banquet**

**Thursday, September 25, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

*Hudson Valley Resort
Accord, New York*

Speaker

Dr. Marc T. Newman
President of MovieMinistry.com

Dr. Marc Newman is founder and president of FRONTLINE Communication Services, a training firm dedicated to equipping pro-life advocates nationwide with public speaking skills. He has spoken at nearly every major pro-life convention in the nation. His book, *The Great Abortion Debate Book*, is designed to teach pro-life advocates how to have their ideas represented on college campuses through the agency of public debate.



He is the former Director of Speech and Debate at the University of California at Irvine, and currently teaches in the graduate school in the College of Communication and the Arts at Regent University. He has trained speakers in the public and private sectors for over twenty years. In addition to teaching he heads *MovieMinistry.com* – a site that helps Christians use movies to reach out to others. He lives in a beautiful cabin in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee with his wife, Sharon, and their two boys, Jesse and Joel.

Let me introduce you to a new member of our Board...

Born in Cleveland more than a half century ago, Randall Johnson moved with his mother and brother to Hartford, CT at the age of 10. Randall attended prep school in New Hampshire. He attended Yale University for three years and spent 1 year at the Yale's Graduate School of Art and Architecture.

While in college, he began a crafts business to supplement his scholarship funding. Following Yale, he moved to New York City. During his 20 years there he established two fashion jewelry businesses selling nationally and internationally to department stores, chains, special stores and catalogues. Sales approached \$1 million annually with 20 plus employees. International travel to Europe and the Orient was part of his 20 year business experience.

Randy was saved through the ministry of Times Square Church in New York City and taught Church School there for four years. In 1992, the Lord moved them and their business from the East Village of Manhattan to the Catskill Mountains where, on their first weekend in Andes as full-time residents they were invited to Christ Community Church and never left! Randy has been an elder for 2 years, has served as the Sunday Service Coordinator since 1993, teaches Church School and serves on the financial team as well as other duties.

He and his wife Letty have been married 33 years. Their daughter, Lauren, is in her senior year of college at SUNY Delhi.

Welcome!



Baby Bottle Story

An 11 year old girl took a baby bottle from our director at the New Paltz Center, Karen Candelaria, on Saturday evening when Karen was presenting our baby bottle campaign at the Vineyard Church of Lake Katrine. The next morning the girl presented Karen with a baby bottle full of change. She couldn't wait until the end of June. Her father told Karen that his daughter took the bottle home Saturday evening and filled it from her piggy bank. Giving children learn from giving parents.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saugerties Center

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Monday • 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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