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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

"But as for you, brethren. Do not grow weary in doing good."

-II Thessalonians 3:13

My comments are brief this month as I sensed the direction to allow more space for other articles of interest and importance. We are in the midst of a spiritual battle which can cause weariness. As the Apostle Paul encouraged the believers at Thessalonica to serve with faithfulness, may I encourage each one of you to not grow weary in the battle for the lives of the pre-born, but to be faithful and to persevere for the importance of one...

I never look at the masses
as my responsibility
I look at the individual.
I can love only
one person at a time.
I can feed only
one person at a time.
Just one...one...one...
-Author Unknown

CONSTANT CONTACT

After researching and discussing various options to better communicate with our members, the Board of Trustees approved contracting with Constant Contact which is one of the more reputable companies for secure email communication through a "blast" format. More information about how members can sign up to receive these email blasts will be in the annual renewal membership letter which will be sent in late June. Between now and late June, we will be working to develop our template for sending monthly messages to members who sign up for these communiqués.

Constant Contact email blasts will not replace our quarterly newsletter. Newsletters will still be mailed quarterly to our members and other supporters as there are members who have no email accessibility.

A TRIBUTE TO JUANITA SATTLER

It was with hesitation and some regret that Juanita Sattler submitted her letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees effective August 31, 2015.

Juanita Sattler has served on the Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees since October 1998. Having been retired from education for several years, Juanita is realizing that she must now downsize her life as the ordinary is becoming stressful. Her grandson has moved in with her which has been a real blessing for her.

Throughout her life as an educator, Juanita was very active within the local and state associations, having served in various positions including president of the local association. She tried very hard to "improve from the inside." Hanging on the wall over her desk was a saying from Abbey Press: "Education - in spite of all the ideas and all the technology and atoms in the world, it all comes down to shaping one individual at a time." Since retirement, it seems it all comes down to saving one baby at a time as she volunteers with Heartbeat. Juanita has also received numerous awards for her work as a volunteer with Heartbeat and other pro-life organizations.

Having been married over 50 years, her husband, Vern, went home to be with the Lord in July 2010. He was her safety and support net for all activities. They have six grown children, and twenty-six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom are active in local churches and a variety of community organizations. Her family also supports a variety of educational options - 2 of her children home school, 2 are involved in private education, and 1 has children in public schools. Her family is a smorgasbord of life and love, all supporting one another.

In her letter of resignation Juanita stated that "You [Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees] are doing what is acceptable and wonderful in the eyes of our Creator who promised to be with us till the end of time. When God is with you, who can be against you?"

Juanita was presented with a plaque for her seventeen years of service. Thank you, Juanita, for your dedicated years of service to the Board of Trustees for the cause of life.



A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN “JACK” WILLKE

By Judy Bruns

Occasionally we read about rare individuals who give up careers to devote themselves to a worthy cause. Dr. John Willke was such a man. He left behind full-time practice as a family physician and dedicated his life to the pro-life movement. Together with his sweet wife Barbara, who also left behind a

successful career as a nurse educator/trainer, Dr. Willke authored books, some of which became the “foundation manuals” for the pro-life movement: *Abortion, Questions and Answers: Why Can't We Love Them Both;* *Handbook on Abortion;* *Abortion and Slavery, History Repeats;* *Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia, Past & Present.*



Dr. “Jack” Willke and Barbara also put together the famous “Willke Slides,” with documented photos and information about human development in utero. The program exposed the various abortion methods used to kill babies during the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd trimesters. The Willkes used the slides in giving thousands of presentations nationally and internationally. Later, local right-to-life groups were trained to use the Willke slides for presentations, too, and they became a fundamental resource for educating and recruiting new members.

The accolades for, and the achievements of, Dr. Jack Willke are many: He hosted a daily radio program carried by hundreds of radio stations; he was interviewed by newspapers, TV, radio, and other media innumerable times; he was past president of the National Right to Life Committee, and the founder, along with wife Barbara, of Cincinnati Right to Life and Ohio Right to Life. And he encouraged our organization, Teachers Saving Children®, to be a voice among educators in the pro-life movement. For that encouragement, we are especially grateful.

Jack Willke departed this life February 20, 2015, only 2 months before his 90th birthday. He and his wife, Barbara, had been referred to by those who knew them, as inseparable “soul mates” until she died in April 2013.

Rest in peace, Dr. Willke, where you and Barbara are together again and very likely in the presence of millions of little babies, forsaken by our culture, but loved by Almighty God.

By Connie Bancroft

In June 2007, I wrote an article about an outstanding presentation that Dr. Willke conducted for several educators and their guests.

What really touched my heart during his presentation was how he shared story after story about the sanctity of life and how the

Lord used even those in the pro-abortion movement to eventually educate the nation about abortion.

One particular story he shared was how the Lord used a pro-abortion U.S. President’s veto power – not once, but twice – to educate a nation about partial-birth abortion. It was during President Clinton’s term that Congress first began debating and approving the proposed Partial Birth Abortion Ban. Congress passed a bill banning the grisly procedure two times. Knowing that there were not enough votes to override President Clinton’s veto, Congress continued to debate and pass this legislation. They could have shelved the bill; instead they pressed on. During those months of debate, Americans became educated on what partial birth abortion entails. The effect of that education eventually impacted national leaders to pass the Partial Birth Abortion Ban a third time and President Bush signing the bill into law. Even the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the law.

After listening carefully to Dr. Willke share this story, I came to the conclusion that we often look only at the negative that is taking place. Dr. Willke helped me to see the debate from a different perspective.



He helped me to see how God used this lengthy debate and process through the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches to educate a nation about a horrible abortion process – and, most importantly, about life.

Dr. & Mrs. Willke were strong supporters of Teachers Saving Children® and really encouraged our board during the early years of our organization. He also, along with his precious wife Barbara, impacted many lives, including mine. He encouraged every one of us with the message of hope.

Additional Thoughts

“Dr. Willke will be remembered for who he has been and what he has done to inform and inspire us all in the most sacred call to life – for all people.”
-Gary Winney

“Thank you to Dr. Willke for his life-long dedication to the pro-life movement. Also, for his straight talk about controversial issues.”
-Ruth Boyatt

“His exemplary life – especially his presentations and handling of people in a caring, loving way was such an inspiration to all of us pro-lifers who had the privilege of knowing him.”
-Juanita Sattler

“The challenges presented in Dr. Willke’s books remain timely for those who seek to be prepared to speak to the pro-life positions.”
-John Gordon

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 25, 2015 The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Columbus Ohio, for their regularly scheduled Spring meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed:

1. Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was held. Connie Bancroft will serve as the Executive Director; John Saxe will serve as the Assistant Executive Director; John Gordon will serve as Secretary; Gary Winney will serve as Treasurer.
2. The Board of Trustees approved a recommendation to make application for an exhibit at the NEA Expo 2016 in Washington DC. By making this decision now, there will be a savings in the costs as well as the opportunity to select an exhibit location that will allow Teachers Saving Children® to maximize their visibility.
3. The Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Juanita Sattler as a Board of Trustees member. See separate article.
4. The Board of Trustees spent several hours evaluating the goals of the organization. Various ideas were discussed to improve communication with members and to increase membership.
5. The Board of Trustees approved contracting with Constant Contact to more effectively communicate with our members through email blasts. See separate article.
6. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, August 8, 2015 in Swanton OH. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.



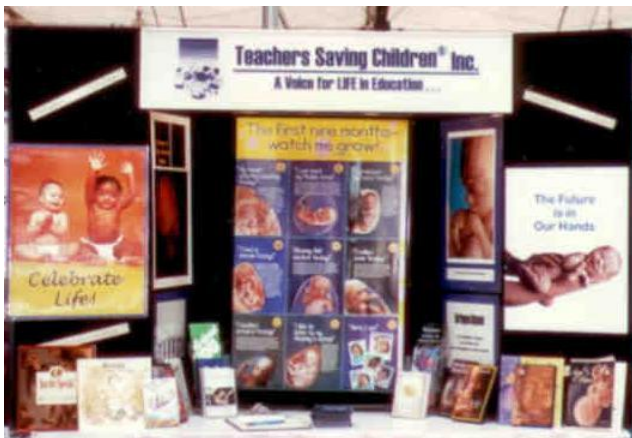
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: “THE WONDER OF LIFE”

FINANCIAL UPDATE

“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:19

Words cannot begin to express my praise to God for His provision through members. A number of individuals were led to give - over and beyond - towards the recent financial needs of the Education Outreach fund. I also want to express my appreciation for all of you who were praying that our needs would be met. Since the appeal letter was mailed on January 12, 2015, we have received over \$4500 towards our financial need for miscellaneous exhibit expenses and materials for distribution. That is a awesome outpouring of God’s provision.

THANK YOU!



So now, we ask for your prayers as we make those decisions to purchase materials for distribution to the hundreds of educators who will visit our exhibit. We want to make wise decisions in order to provide educational classroom materials, especially for science and health teachers, that will present the facts of life in a way that will have a major impact on teachers and students alike.

As we prepare to travel to Orlando, we are already making plans and preparing for additional conferences that we will be attending to share the message of life. Final decisions are not yet made, but we do know that it is very expensive to attend conferences in order to share our message. Your continued financial support is appreciated.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life education ministry opportunity we have had at various events, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2014-2015 by sending in your contribution today. ***“To God be the glory – great things He hath done!”***

Note: Please make checks payable to “TSC Inc. – National”. Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.



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2015-2016 MEMBERSHIPS

Teachers Saving Children® membership is open to all pro-life/pro-family educators and concerned citizens. Please be advised that, according to the Teachers Saving Children® Constitution & Bylaws, the membership year is from September 1 – August 31, though we do begin renewing memberships in June. Annual dues are \$35.00, with a reduced rate of \$15.00 for students presently enrolled in a college or university undergraduate degree program and also for retired educators currently receiving retiree benefits. Husband and wife may join under the same membership. Contributions and memberships are **NOT** tax deductible.

In June, we will begin accepting new memberships for the 2015-2016 membership year. We will again be offering the **\$15 coupon, which can be applied toward any first-time membership received during the 2015-2016 membership year.** Any new memberships received after June 1st are good until August 31, 2016.

Renewal membership information will be sent to all current members in late June. Please help the Teachers Saving Children® office keep accurate records by verifying all membership information. Please make sure your membership forms are accurate, complete, signed, and dated.

Thank you for your continued support in being “A Voice for LIFE in Education.”

NEA CONVENTION 2015

The 2015 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Orlando FL from July 1-6. If you are an NEA member, it is vital that you contact your delegates to the RA, letting them know your philosophy on various issues. If you have a delegate(s) from your local attending the NEA RA, contact should be very easy. However, many locals do not, or cannot, send delegates to the NEA either because of the financial burden or their small membership size. Regardless, know that someone will be representing you! Check with your local president as to who will be representing you – either as a local delegate, an at-large state delegate(s), or possibly a clustered local delegate. By the first part of May, local presidents should know who your area delegate representative(s) will be. If they don't know, ask them to find out by contacting your State Affiliate NEA office. Get involved by contacting your NEA delegates! They are your representatives!

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