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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Barbara Johnston is currently an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. She earned her BS in Elementary Education, her MS in Curriculum and Instruction, and Licensure in ESL. Her teaching career has also included pre-school, elementary classroom, summer intensive English Japan Program at St. Cloud State University, 5th grade at the American International School Kuwait, English at Kuwait University, and adult ESL night school.

She has been an NEA member since 1987 and was an NEA Representative in St. Cloud for 2 years. Now she would like to help develop a Teachers Saving Children® affiliate in Minnesota and raise awareness of the pro-life issues among her colleagues.

Barbara is a parish council member at Holy Family Catholic church, where she is also active in their ACCL pro-life group and teaches communion preparation religious education Wednesday class. Barbara and her sister, Sally, run “Rest On His Word,” a business dedicated to God and family, which produces holy art/prayer pillowcases.

Barbara is a widow with three grown sons who also live in the Minneapolis area.

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”

-Hebrews 10: 23 (NIV)

As I am sitting here at my computer, reflecting on some possible thoughts for this newsletter, the economic and political events all around me are changing so quickly that it is difficult to keep up with them on a daily basis. In less than one month, America will have elected a new president. Change, uncertainty, and concern are all around us.

Yet, I am so thankful for the hope we have in Jesus. It is because of Christ that we can stand firm when so much is crashing all around us. And it is because of Christ, that I have seen so many blessings in recent months – not just personal blessings, but also blessings that the Lord has given to us as an organization.

First of all, I want to give praise to the Lord for His protection during the recent wind storms that came through Ohio from the remnants of Hurricane Ike. Mine was one of the fortunate homes in my area that only lost electricity for about 15 minutes while many of my neighbors were without electricity for 5-8 days. In addition, my computer was protected from surges. Even though I do back up the data on a regular basis, I am thankful that all current data was safe, and I have been able to use my computer to complete the responsibilities as Executive Director.

Secondly, I praise the Lord for His provision financially for Teachers Saving Children®. Our membership is very similar to the 2007-2008 membership year, and many of you have given additional financial gifts, especially towards the exhibit.

Yes, the Lord is faithful. He will continue to provide a way for you, for me, and for this organization to be a “Voice for Life in Education.”



Finn Laursen, Executive Director of Christian Educators Association International, and Connie Bancroft, Executive Director of Teachers Saving Children® Inc., stand in front of the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit at a program in Celina, Ohio.

PRESS RELEASE

Two Ohio Teachers of Faith Win Right to Refrain From Supporting Objectionable Union

Will Collins, Deputy Director of Communications, NRTW

Cincinnati, Ohio (September 24, 2008) – National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation staff attorneys recently obtained a settlement with the National Education Association (NEA) union on behalf of two teachers whose consciences would not allow them to pay mandatory dues to support a union involved in activities they consider immoral. GERALYN BUENING and TESSY HUWER, both practicing Catholics, objected to the NEA's positions on abortion and special rights for homosexuals.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act forbids discrimination against religious employees and requires companies and unions to attempt to reasonably accommodate employees' sincerely-held religious beliefs. The obligation to accommodate includes the payment of compulsory union fees, as no employees should be forced to fund a union that engages in activities that offend their religious convictions.

The Ohio teachers originally filed charges against the NEA teacher union with the Ohio Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), alleging that the union was in violation of their rights as religious objectors. In return for withdrawing the charges, the settlement allows the teachers to redirect their mandatory agency fees to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, rather than pay any funds whatsoever to a union hierarchy steeped in objectionable social activism.

The Ohio Education Association (OEA) has a long and abusive record of refusing to accommodate religious objectors in the workplace. National Right to Work Foundation attorneys have helped Ohio teachers in dozens of cases over the last decade involving the OEA and its affiliates. The EEOC has filed suit against OEA affiliates and released findings that OEA affiliates violated the rights of religious objectors. Congress has also investigated the problem of the OEA and its treatment of employees of faith. In fact, one OEA attorney went so far as to tell Carol Katter, a life-long Catholic, that she should "change religions" when she requested a religious accommodation to redirect her union fees to a charitable organization.

"While we applaud the EEOC for working with our legal aid team to reach an equitable settlement, abuses of this nature will continue as long as Ohio lacks a Right to Work law," said Stefan Gleason, vice president of the National Right to Work Foundation. "Making union affiliation completely voluntary is the most effective way to free employees from the abuses of forced unionism."

The National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization providing free legal aid to employees whose human or civil rights have been violated by compulsory unionism abuses. The Foundation, which can be contacted toll-free at 1-800-336-3600, is assisting thousands of employees in over 200 cases nationwide. Its web address is www.nrtw.org.

(Source: National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation)

PRO-LIFE HERO EARNS OLYMPIC MEDAL

Bradley Mattes, Executive Director
Life Issues Institute

There's great news coming out of Beijing! You may be familiar with the story of Tasha Danvers-Smith. This athlete from the United Kingdom was one of Britain's best hopes for gold in the Athens 2004 Summer Olympics. However, she became unexpectedly pregnant. The father of her baby was her coach-husband.

There was *enormous* pressure from the track and field community to abort her baby. A child, she was told, would destroy her Olympic dreams of gaining a medal. Tasha and her husband, Darrell, chose life for their baby. As a result, Tasha was castigated in the media. We, on the other hand, presented her with our *Hero At Heart* award, given to those who demonstrate outstanding courage or compassion on behalf of innocent human life. Tasha and I became fast friends ever since. During the first season of our half-hour weekly TV program, *Facing Life Head-On*, I interviewed Tasha and Darrell regarding these events.

Fast forward to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. Tasha is once again competing against the best in the world in the 400 meter hurdles event. On August 20, 2008 she ran her personal best to claim the bronze medal! With this tremendous victory, Tasha has demonstrated to women all over the world that they don't have to sacrifice their unborn children to fulfill their dreams. Tasha's three-year-old son, Jaden, was an inspiration to her Olympic goals. The very thing critics said would destroy and derail her hopes was central to helping her fulfill them.

Tasha stood strong for life, even when it meant **temporarily** giving up her dreams for an Olympic medal. Now she has become a member of the exclusive club of Olympic champions, and she has her **beautiful** son, Jaden. I couldn't be happier for her.

(Source: Life Issues Institute, August 20, 2008)

"THE WONDER OF LIFE" EXHIBIT

Once again we have the opportunity to reach thousands of educators with the pro-life message. The NEA Expo 2009 will be held July 1-3 in San Diego CA prior to the NEA RA. The purpose of the exhibit will be to promote and provide educational classroom materials especially for science and health teachers.

Through your generosity, the Lord has already provided some additional funds in the past three months. As a result, the \$1300 needed for the exhibit application is already in hand. Thank you.

Funds will still be needed for miscellaneous expenses and materials for distribution. Please consider financially assisting Teachers Saving Children® in sharing the truth about "The Wonder of Life."

Note: Please make checks payable to "TSC Inc. – National". Please carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (NEA Exhibit) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. Contributions are **NOT** tax deductible.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 4, 2008: The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Columbus, Ohio, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees approved the name of Barbara Johnston to fill the open seat on the Board of Trustees. (See related article).
2. The Board of Trustees accepted the reports of the State Affiliate Chapters. Due to amended Constitution & Bylaws, both the Michigan and Pennsylvania Affiliates will now have 5 Board of Trustees members (plus the Executive Director) instead of 7 members.
3. The Board of Trustees made a decision to make application for an exhibit at the NEA Expo 2009 in San Diego, CA, July 1-3, 2009.
4. The Board of Trustees approved the 2007-2008 fiscal report and the following 2008-2009 budget:

Affiliate State Chapters	500.00
Awards & Gifts	100.00
Legal & Accounting	750.00
Office Administration	750.00
Postage	2500.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2500.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	900.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1500.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00

5. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, May 2, 2009 in the lower Michigan area. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

NATIONAL 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIPS

The National Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of September 30, 2008 there are 285 paid National Teachers Saving Children® members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards will be mailed later this month.

TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2007-2008 FISCAL REPORT

Balance - September 1, 2007 \$2,409.91

Receipts:

Contributions:

Interest Free Loan	\$ 400.00
NEA Exhibit	4874.75
Designated	272.50
Undesignated	2210.00

Memberships:

2007-2008	2270.00
2008-2009	6185.00

Interest 8.17 \$16,220.42

Disbursements:

Awards & Gifts	45.00
Legal & Accounting	500.00
Office Administration	405.85
Postage	2169.90
Public Relations	
Printing	1925.50
Promotion	
NEA Exhibit*	4359.82

State Affiliates

Designated Gifts	257.50
Memberships '07-'08	973.00
Memberships '08-'09	2705.50

Telephone 888.99
Travel Expenses 409.85 \$14,640.91

Balance - August 31, 2008 \$3,989.42

*The NEA Exhibit Line Item Balance is \$982.21

Please note: This past spring our finances were very low. One of our board members gave an interest free loan to assist us through this low financial time. Due to the large number of membership renewals paid prior to September 1, 2008, it is the hope of the board to repay this loan before the end of the year. In addition, there were several large donations this summer for "The Wonder of Life" exhibit in 2009. Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances would be like for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. A reminder that all memberships are now being handled through the National Office. Teachers Saving Children® does not solicit additional contributions beyond memberships, but does appreciate any additional contributions received throughout the year.



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T-SHIRTS & LONG SLEEVED SWEATSHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE

Both items are white with the design in burgundy. The suggested donation for T-shirts is \$7.00 (XX - \$8.00). The suggested donation for sweatshirts is \$15.00 (XX - \$18.00). Since this is not a fund raiser, but is being used as another means to publicize Teachers Saving Children®, any additional donation would be appreciated to cover postage.

Sizes listed below are currently available. Return the information below along with your donation to Teachers Saving Children® Inc. of Ohio, PO Box 125, Damascus, OH 44619-0125. **Please make checks payable to: Teachers Saving Children® Inc. of Ohio.**

Name _____ Address _____

Note the # of Items & Sizes you need. Total Donation Enclosed: _____

T-shirt: ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL Sweatshirt: ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL



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ELECTION 2008 – BE INFORMED

Dramatic changes within our government and economy continue to occur every day, which bring about unpredictable changes in national politics. Again this year the general election in November is vital on both the state and national levels as decisions will be made regarding representation and critical issues. It is important for **all** eligible US citizens 18 years and older to be registered voters and to express their freedom of choice through voting. The biggest reason people give for not voting is that they do not know enough about the candidates and the issues. And with today's media, it is very difficult to discern the truth about where the candidates stand on many important issues. The best resource for receiving good bi-partisan information about the presidential candidates is through USAVOTER (www.usavoter.com). May the American people become informed and voice their conscience at the polls this November!

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

-Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

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PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN
PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT DAY – APRIL 28, 2009

For more information about Pro-Life T-shirt Day, contact American Life League (Rock for Life) at 1-540-659-4174 or www.all.org.

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