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### A Word From John Gordon

John Gordon, Ad Hoc Committee Chair

**Numbers.** . .we see them every day, use them for many purposes, and generally take them for granted. Numbers can enlighten us, startle us - even break our hearts – when we ponder their meaning.

Yet, it is easy to ignore the meaning of numbers. A recent devotional by Bill Crowder in *Our Daily Bread* put it this way: “Statistics are tricky. While numbers give us information, we are sometimes desensitized to the people those numbers represent. They are individuals loved by God.”

Consider these numbers: **3,500** and **35,000**. The first is the estimated number of **abortions on average per day in the United States!** The second is the number of estimated **abortions per day in China. Each day!** Lives precious to God, yet destroyed by those who were made in His image. My heart aches when I meditate on the human loss and suffering that those numbers represent. How much human potential is destroyed daily? How many women (and men) will carry grief for the remainder of their lives?

**It seems that we are in a battle designed to convince us that lives being ended by abortion is an innocuous event.** A recent example of this disregard for the pre-born appeared within our own state of Pennsylvania. Perhaps you have read that “the morning-after pill” was made available in vending machines at Shippensburg University a few months ago. I challenge you to ponder the assumptions behind that decision.

**On the other hand, legislative effort is being made here in our state to permit women to view an ultrasound of their pre-born child prior to undergoing an abortion.** We know why this is being resisted so vehemently by those in the abortion industry – **when women see the child in their uterus, they most often choose not to abort.**

Let’s put aside all euphemisms and consider the reality that **abortion ends a human life.** I cannot fathom why the evil of abortion has been tolerated in our midst. Yet it is our present reality. We must not sit idly by, wringing our hands. In Psalm 37, David encourages us to “Trust in the Lord and do good” and to “Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”

David also encourages us with these words, “Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes...(since) a little while, and the wicked will be no more...”

**We must pray to end abortion. We must also be a righteous “Voice for Life” in our homes, schools, social circles, and places of worship. How can we be silent when we ponder the numbers?**



## Need Ideas for being a Voice for Life?

If so, here is one way for you to express your position: at [www.stoptheabortionagenda.com](http://www.stoptheabortionagenda.com) you can access information about how to support legislation that would protect pain-capable unborn children from abortion. The pledge of the National Right to Life organization is to promote legislation based on the truth that unborn babies feel pain.

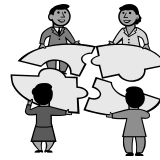
**Their initiative is based on facts such as the following:** "...with the advent of sonograms and live-action ultrasound images, neonatologists and nurses are able to see unborn babies react physically to stimuli such as sound, light, and touch "...surgeons who enter the womb to perform corrective procedures on unborn babies have seen those babies flinch, jerk and recoil from sharp instruments and incisions..." and, "...abortions that involve dismemberment of the living baby continue to be performed frequently on unborn children who can feel pain, taking their lives and causing them intense pain."

**Check the website referenced above for details.** (Reported in *National Right to Life News*, Winter 2011)

## Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Pennsylvania Ad Hoc Committee met on May 30, 2012. Officers elected for 2012-2013 are Chairperson and Secretary Pro Tem, John Gordon, and Treasurer, Patty Yamrick. Recruitment of additional Ad Hoc Committee members was discussed as a matter of major concern. The committee also discussed supporting an agency that delivers services directly to pregnant women, which will be discussed further after members explore agencies in Pennsylvania. The resignation of the newsletter editor, Pat Bartow, was accepted, effective August 31, 2012, after eight years of service as newsletter editor, and five years as a board member. The Ad Hoc Committee will make a donation in Pat's name to a pro-life organization of her choice.

The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2012.



## Help Needed!

John Gordon, Ad Hoc Committee Chair

I will get straight to the point: **The Pennsylvania Affiliate of Teachers Saving Children® needs several more members on the Ad Hoc Committee!** You may recall that the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Affiliate Chapter was changed to the status of an Ad Hoc Committee due to the resignation of several members in 2009. (Our Bylaws require five voting members, excluding the Executive Director, to be a full Board of Trustees.)

You may also recall that in 2011 our Secretary, Julie Myers, resigned due to increased work responsibilities resulting from job consolidations where she teaches. Recently, our newsletter editor, Pat Bartow, submitted her resignation, effective August 31, 2012. Pat has been retired for some time.

Therefore, as of September 2012, our present Ad Hoc Committee will consist of the chairman and treasurer.

**Will you prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know might be called to serve with us?** The requirements are that you be a member of Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania, support life from conception to natural death, and have a desire to serve. You do *not* have to be an educator.

**The commitment is minimal.** We hold two regular meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Meetings are planned to be centrally located to all participants to minimize travel time. Our most recent meeting was done by a conference call, so no travel was required and the meeting took just one hour of our time.

Of course, we would love to have people step up and fill our vacant positions and we would appreciate being able to reconstitute a full Board of Trustees. **We are hopeful of recruiting others who have a vision for growing Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania as a vibrant "Voice for Life."** If that is you, please contact me at 717-944-7708 to discuss this great opportunity. Thank you for considering this request!



## Taking Back Medicine: Changing the Dynamic of the Debate about Abortion

**Pro-life medical students are on the march!** Quite literally in that they are currently conducting a National Medical Students for Life Tour across the United States, but also by reporting this article on “Taking Back Medicine” in a recent newsletter.

Kathryn Jean Lopez, editor-at-large of National Review Online, recently spoke on this very topic to a group of the traveling medical students. She quoted Dr. John Bruchalski as saying, **“We have to get beyond the...rhetoric,” referring to abortion.** Dr. Bruchalski is pro-life, but wasn’t always so, having once performed abortions. However, observing the effect of abortion on women, he made the transformation from pro-choice to founder of a pro-life medical practice.

Ms. Lopez relates in her talk, **“Dr. B. wants to change the dynamic of the debate about abortion in America, specifically among the next generation of doctors...Dr. Bruchalski is one doctor who wants to see the next generation take back medicine from the politicians.”** For the full article and more on Medical Students for Life, visit their website, [www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org).

## U.S. Adults’ Position on Abortion Changing

According to a May 25, 2012 report (“Polling Life” by National Review Online Symposium), **41% of Americans identify themselves as pro-choice, down seven points since last July.** To analyze this figure, NRO consulted with some experts for their opinions.

Dorinda Bordlee, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, suggested that one reason may be that **millions of women sadly learned the hard way about what abortion does to one’s body, emotions, and relationships.** Another is the life-affirming sensitivities of a generation of young

people who know they could have been legally aborted.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, is of the opinion that **Americans are trending away from the pro-choice label because they have come to terms with what “choice” really means.** Furthermore, she states, those who would have us continue to fund abortion with our tax dollars are arguing in direct opposition to pro-choice politicians and the abortion lobby who have radically overstepped their bounds, causing Americans to turn away. **Americans are increasingly identifying with the position of protecting human life,** she points out. (As reported by National Medical Students for Life, [www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org))



## Pro-Life Books on Abortion Issues

John Gordon, Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Summer reading, anyone? If you are searching for ideas, consider first reading the article, **“Nine Pro-Life Books You Should Read,”** by Kristi Burton Brown (see [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com) for details). Kristi is a pro-life activist in Colorado, a pro-bono attorney for the Life Legal Defense Fund, and a stay-at-home mom who blogs for Live Action news. **She recommends nine books** to those who want to expand their knowledge on pro-life topics:

- ✓ *Why Pro Life? Caring for the Unborn and their Mothers* by Randy Alcorn
- ✓ *Third Time Around* by George Grant
- ✓ *A Perfect Persecution* by James R. Lucas
- ✓ *Make Me Your Choice* by Cheryl Chew
- ✓ *Gianna* by Jessica Shaver
- ✓ *True to Life* by Janet Folger
- ✓ *Does the Birth Control Pill Cause Abortions?* by Randy Alcorn
- ✓ *Why Can’t We Love Them Both?* by Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Wilke
- ✓ *The Miraculous World of Your Unborn Baby* by Nikki Bradford

Another important book by Randy Alcorn is *ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments*, originally published in 1992 but recently revised and updated.

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### Equipping the Pro-Life Generation

[www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org)

The organization, Secular Pro-Life, has unveiled a new website to inform women of medical malpractice and health code violations at abortion centers across the country.

The online database, which is available at [www.abortionsafety.com](http://www.abortionsafety.com), provides women considering abortion with the latest information on health violations and malpractice lawsuits ensuring that they make more informed decisions and giving them more time to reconsider their decisions. The site also includes information on abortion risks and alternatives.

The site was inspired by the Chicago Method, a woman-centered sidewalk counseling approach that the Pro-Life Action League has successfully employed for years. “Now we don’t have to wait until women are already at the sidewalk to give them this information,” said Kelsey Hazzard, director of SecularProLife.com. “They’ll have it as soon as they do a Google search for abortion centers in their area.”

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