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## Life Run 5K hits the ground running

People for Life launched a brand new fundraiser on October 11: Life Run 5K. This was our very first attempt to do an event for runners and walkers. Thanks to lots of wonderful people, especially our Race Director Kelly Cooney, Life Run 5K was a big success and full of fun and excitement. Things fell into place so nicely (including the weather) that it was easy to sense that the whole morning was an answer to prayer.

Life Run 5K was not envisioned until after we published the previous issue of the Erie Echo, so this might be the first you have heard about it. We relied on E-Mail Updates, Facebook, and our community outreach booths to get the word out. Achilles Running Shop and the Erie Runners Club were also helpful in this regard.

Burch Farms on Sidehill Rd. in North East hosted the event. The unique 3.1 mile cross-country race course traced its way through vineyards, apple orchards and a tall stand of field corn. It was a perfect setting:



beautiful fall foliage with Lake Erie in the distance, ripe fruit hanging from tree and vine, and the fragrance of Concord grapes wafting through crisp autumn air.

A total of 144 people registered to run or walk. The youngest participant was 6, the oldest, 78. The fastest time was 18 minutes, 6 seconds (an average pace of 5 minutes, 50 seconds per mile!). The most leisurely time was 1 hour, 12 minutes, 4 seconds. Two kids with disabilities had a great time, we're happy to say, being pushed

in three-wheeled all terrain chairs.

Two dozen businesses, professionals, and non-commercial organizations stepped up to be sponsors. Seven more business contributed door prizes, and several others provided snacks and refreshments.

Achilles Running Shop generously shared their expertise and donated gift cards for our winners. They even kept their store open two extra hours so runners could pick up their race packets.

A complete list of contributors is online at [www.peopleforlife.org/](http://www.peopleforlife.org/) race supporters. We thank each one of them.

Thanks also go out to our dozens of race-day volunteers, many them high school students. What a powerful pro-life witness! We could not have done it without you guys.

We owe our biggest debt of gratitude to Tim Burch and the Burch family for placing their beautiful farm at our disposal, and also the facilities of Burch Farms Country Market & Winery. They even treated the

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### Dr. Paul Kengor to Speak at Pro-Life Breakfast

People for Life's 37th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will feature another nationally recognized speaker this January: Professor Paul Kengor. His presentation will be titled, "Death's Progress."

Dr. Kengor will examine the reasons for America's continuing shift away from a "Culture of Life" to a culture of death: Why have we "progressed" so far in this deadly direction? How did it get this bad? Will it continue to get worse?

Dr. Kengor is a *New York Times* best-selling author and professor of political science at Grove City College. He is also executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College and a visiting fellow with the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and

Peace at Stanford University.

As a presidential historian known for his scholarship on the Cold War, Communism, and Ronald Reagan, Dr. Kengor's opinion editorials have appeared in the nation's leading print and online publications, and he is a frequent commentator on top-rated radio and television news programs.

Kengor received his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and his master's degree from American University's School of International Service. He holds an honorary doctorate from Franciscan University. A native of Western Pennsylvania, Kengor

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# Pennsylvania General Election: November 4, 2014

The candidates listed below will appear on northwestern Pennsylvania ballots in the November 4 General Election. Determinations about the candidates' stance on human life issues presented here were made by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC and/or the National Right to

Life PAC. These determinations are based on each candidate's answers to a questionnaire; other statements by the candidate; and/or, in the case of an incumbent, the candidate's voting records and other legislative actions.

Governor			State Legislative District 1		
Tom Corbett	R	pro-life (incumbent)	Patrick J. Harkins	D	pro-life (incumbent)
Thomas W. Wolf	D	pro-abortion	State Legislative District 2		
Lieutenant Governor			Flo Fabrizio	D	pro-abortion (incumbent)
Jim Cawley	R	pro-life (incumbent)	State Legislative District 3		
Michael J. Stack III	D	pro-abortion	Ryan A. Bizzarro	D	pro-life (incumbent)
3rd Congressional District			Luke E. Lofgren	R	pro-life
Mike Kelly	R	pro-life (incumbent)	State Legislative District 4		
Dan C. LaVallee	D	pro-abortion	Curt Sonney	R	pro-life (incumbent)
5th Congressional District			Curt Smith	D	unknown (see article)
Glenn Thompson	R	pro-life (incumbent)	State Legislative District 6		
Kerith Strano Taylor	D	pro-abortion	Brad Roae	R	pro-life (incumbent)
State Senate District 50			Juanita Shutsa	D	pro-abortion
Michele Brooks	R	pro-life	State Legislative District 17		
Michael T. Muha	D	pro-abortion	Parke H. Wentling	R	pro-life
			Wayne E. Hanson	D	unknown

## Governor

Pro-life Republican Governor Tom Corbett and his pro-abortion Democratic challenger Tom Wolf are polar opposites on human life issues.

During his first term, Corbett put his pro-life convictions into action in several important ways:

He took swift action in response to the Kermit Gosnell scandal. Pennsylvania had for years, under previous administrations, ignored a steady stream of complaints about Gosnell's mistreatment of his abortion clients. Gosnell is now in prison for murdering newborn infants in his Philadelphia abortion mill.

Corbett ordered annual inspections and instituted numerous changes at the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and State to ensure proper monitoring of abortion facilities and quick action when deficiencies are identified. Eleven state employees resigned or were fired outright in the wake of the scandal.

Then Corbett signed SB 732, a measure which requires abortion facilities to meet the same standards for patient safety as ambulatory surgery centers. At least six abortion facilities chose to shut down rather than comply with the improved standards.

Corbett also signed HB 818, a bill to prohibit Obamacare-funded insurance plans from paying for elective abortions within the Commonwealth.

Governor Corbett is endorsed by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation and the National Right to Life Committee.

In stark contrast, Corbett's challenger Tom Wolf is endorsed by the National Abortion Rights Action League and Planned Parenthood. Both organizations support unlimited abortion during all nine months of pregnancy.

## Congress

Incumbent U.S. Representatives Mike Kelly (3rd District) and Glenn Thompson (5th District) are each running against pro-abortion challengers. Both congressmen have perfect voting records on human life issues: perfect zeroes from NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood and perfect 100% ratings from National Right to Life.

Both congressmen attended our 2013 and 2014 Pro-Life Breakfasts and both spoke eloquently on each occasion about their pro-life convictions.

Mike Kelly's 20-something challenger, Democrat Dan LaVallee, is listed as pro-abortion by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC. Glenn Thompson's challenger, Democrat Kerith Strano Taylor, is also listed by the PAC as pro-abortion.

Strano Taylor is endorsed by The Women's Campaign Fund, which describes itself as "dedicated to dramatically increasing the number of women in elected office who support reproductive health choices for all." WCF candidates include Nancy Pelosi and DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman-Schultz.

## State Senate District 50

In state Senate District 50 (Crawford and Mercer Counties and parts of Erie and Warren Counties), four-term state Representative Michele Brooks is vying with Michael Muha, a lawyer from Hermitage, for the seat being vacated by pro-life state Senator Bob Robbins. Brooks has a solid pro-life voting record. She is passionate about human life issues and frequently travels from her home in Jamestown, Crawford County to attend the Pro-Life Breakfast in Erie. Michael Muha is listed as pro-abortion by the PPLF PAC.

## State House District 4

In state House District 4 (eastern Erie County including Harborcreek, North East, Mill Village, and Corry), incumbent Republican state Representative Curt Sonney is facing a challenge from Democrat Curt Smith. Both candidates describe themselves as pro-life. Rep. Sonney has a solid pro-life track record. Smith, however, failed to substantiate his pro-life position by returning his candidate questionnaire to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, despite two face-to-face reminders over the summer from People for Life. (More precisely, no questionnaire from Smith ever arrived at the Federation office in Harrisburg.)

## PAC endorsements

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC has endorsed Republicans Gov. Tom Corbett (R) and Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley (R) for reelection. In state House races of local interest, the PAC has endorsed state Rep. Curt Sonney (R-District 4) and state Rep. Brad Roae (R-District 6) for reelection. The PAC has also endorsed Republican Michele Brooks for election as state senator for Senate District 50).

## Community Events

People for Life participated in 13 different public events this year to remind everyone about the value and importance of each human life and to inform our pro-life friends and neighbors about the latest developments in the fight for life. Here's where we were: WCTL Women's Conference, Erie Rib Fest, Lake City Fire Company Carnival, Gathering at French Creek, Cherry Festival, Dan Rice Days, Celebrate Erie, North East Rib Fest, Wattsburg Fair, Waterford Fair, Albion Fair, 1:38 Women's Conference, 2232 Men's Conference.

## Erie March for Life

The Erie March for Life is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2015. The March will begin and conclude at Perry Square. The entire route is expected to be the same as last year. There is no registration fee for this event and it only takes an hour or so. It is always well-organized, orderly, and done with the official permission of the City of Erie. Traffic is directed by the City of Erie Police Department. This is a once-a-year opportunity to stand up publicly for the sanctity of every human life and the dignity of every human being. Please make whatever sacrifices are necessary and support your Erie March for Life.

— LIFE: It's worth the effort. —

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Life Run 5K**

runners and walkers to free wine tasting after the race. Thank you, Mr. Burch and family!

See an album of pictures from Life Run 5K at [www.facebook.com/LifeRunErie](http://www.facebook.com/LifeRunErie).

We are happy to hear that people are already looking forward to our next 5K. We are too! So mark your 2015 calendars, everyone, for *Life Run 5K: The Second Saturday in October*.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the educational work of People for Life and make possible projects such as our pro-life educational booths at community events throughout the Erie area.

**Abortionist runs out of licenses**

The New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners permanently revoked abortionist Steven Brigham's last remaining medical license on October 8, fining him \$140,000. Including court costs, Dr. Brigham is expected to face a bill exceeding \$500,000.

Brigham used to run the American Women's Services' abortion facility here in Erie. Abortions, some as late as 24 weeks, were carried out there from September 2003 until February 2007.

New Jersey is the fifth state to relieve Brigham of his right to practice medicine, following California, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania.

Brigham was found guilty of several counts of gross negligence, deception, and official misconduct in connection with five late-term abortions, one of which resulted in a lacerated uterus and bowel.

Only licensed persons are allowed to own medical facilities in New Jersey, so the future of Brigham's eight abortion facilities in that state is in question. They might be sold, but hopefully some, or all of them, will close for good. When Pennsylvania barred Brigham from owning abortion facilities in 2010, however, Brigham deviously transferred ownership of his two facilities in this state to his elderly mother in Toledo, Ohio.

*Memorials*

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Marian E. Adelman	Elwood "Woody" Dorn	The Kaliszewski Family	Matt Kaliszewski
Marian E. Adelman	Joseph P. Dunn M.D.	Jack & Margie Walsh	Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Bernadette Olander
K of C Council 11454 (OLP)	John Hoffman	Jack & Margie Walsh	Mr. & Mrs. Pete & Bonnie Peterson
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Robert & Patricia Schwarz	John Hoffman	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
Mark & Cindy Shulkosky	John Hoffman	Jack & Margie Walsh	Lyn Walsh, 71st birthday
Mary & Richard Shulkosky	John Hoffman		

People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent solutions of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are valued and protected. The Erie Echo is published in Erie, PA by People for Life; Tim Broderick, Editor.

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1. MEMBERSHIP DONATION    New     Renewal     DUES:    Individual \$10     Family \$20     Senior Citizen \$5   
                                  Student \$5     Group \$25     Patron \$50     Benefactor \$100

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*Donations may also be made by using the DONATE button on [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org) or by calling-in your credit card information.*

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  - \_\_\_ Phone Calling
  - \_\_\_ Office Attendant
  - \_\_\_ Newsletter Mailing
  - \_\_\_ Sidewalk Counseling
  - \_\_\_ Literature Distribution
  - \_\_\_ Public Demonstrations
  - \_\_\_ Pro-Life Breakfast Worker
  - \_\_\_ March For Life Bus Trip Worker
  - \_\_\_ Mother's Day Carnation Project
  - \_\_\_ Erie March & Motorcade Worker
  - \_\_\_ Call when you need an extra hand.

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### Speaker: Dr. Paul Kengor

lives with his wife in Grove City, Pa., along with their eight children.

### Breakfast tickets on sale now

The Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. Music will be provided by the local Christian group, Harmony's House.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now. Pricing: \$14 for adults and kids over 12; \$7 for ages 3 to 12; no charge for kids under 3. Make your check payable to People for Life or use the *Donate* button at [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org) to pay by credit card or PayPal.

## March for Life Bus Trip

### Act now and save \$\$\$

Be a part of the biggest and most exciting pro-life event of the year this January: the March for Life in Washington, DC. If you've been to the March, you know it's an amazing experience. If you haven't, it's time to see what you've been missing!

The 2015 March for Life will take place on Thursday, January 22.

People for Life makes it easy for everyone to attend the March. We have already chartered four comfortable, 56-seat motor coaches from Anderson Coach & Travel, and we are hoping to fill every seat.

It's been an honor to send marchers to Washington every year since the very first March for Life in 1974. That year about 40 people made the trip; by 2013 the number was up to 265.

People who join our Bus Trip have an opportunity to proclaim the value and dignity of every human life, not only in our nation's capital but also right here in our own community. We do all we can to local news media coverage. Our departure from

Erie on the eve of the March does receive extensive coverage. Our departure is often broadcast live on the 11 p.m. news.

Numbers can make a big difference. The larger the Bus Trip, the better the news coverage. And the better the local news coverage, the more chances there will be to reach minds and hearts right here at home among our own friends and neighbors.

People for Life tries very hard to make sure we have enough bus seats for everyone who wants to go to the March, including school and church groups. You can help immensely by booking your seats as early as possible. We will have to decide by December 22 if we should (1) charter additional buses, (2) hang on to the four buses we already have, or (3) relinquish buses, thereby limiting the number of seats available for latecomers.

Groups are always welcome. If you are thinking of organizing a group, we would be happy to talk with you and discuss your ideas at your earliest convenience.

Seats this year are \$54, but to encourage everyone to avoid last-minute bookings, we are offering a special reduced rate of \$45 until December 22. So book your seat(s) as soon as possible! Send your check to our P.O. Box 1126 or use the *Donate* button on [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org) to use your credit

card or PayPal. Include a name, age, address, phone number, and e-mail for each seat.

Students and others on tight budgets are invited to ask about sponsorship assistance, which we will make available as we received donations from individual sponsors.

Full refunds will be available until December 22. After that date, refunds will only be possible if all seats are booked and we are able to resell your seat. You may also find someone to take your place.

## Seeking Bus Sponsors

Please consider being a March for Life Bus Trip sponsor. Your donation could help a college student on a tight budget, or a mom and dad with kids who will be making a sacrifice just to cover the cost of meals during the trip.

\$54 dollars will completely cover the cost of one seat or allow two people ☺☺ to travel for half-price. Sometimes even a partial sponsorship of \$10 or \$15 will make the difference between someone marching in DC and having to stay home. ☺

## Join People for Life

Please help People for Life continue the fight for life in northwestern Pennsylvania by becoming a member or making a donation today. Membership dues are only \$10 a year

for an individual and \$20 a year for a whole family. Memberships for students and senior citizens are only \$5 for a whole year. General donations are also welcome and appreciated.

Save postage by using our website to pay by credit card or call our office with your credit card information. You can even use the web site to set up automatic monthly donations of any amount you choose.

We exist almost entirely on modest donations from local individuals. We do not receive any funds from the government or charitable foundations. Your financial support is crucial to our ability to carry out our mission.

## 2014 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2015

Nov. 1	Pro-Life Table at Men's Conference - Warner Theater, Erie
Nov. 4	Election Day - Don't forget to vote!
Dec. 10	International Human Rights Day
Dec. 22	March for Life Bus Trip: Last day for the Early Bird Discount
Jan. 10	Erie March for Life, 11 a.m. - Begins at Perry Square, Erie
Jan. 17	37th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast - Bayfront Convention Center
Jan. 21	42nd Annual March for Life Bus Trip, 11 p.m. departure
Jan. 22	March for Life & March for Life Rally - Washington, DC
Mar. 2	PA Pro-Life Federation Student Essay Contest deadline
Mar. 6	People for Life Student Essay Contest submission deadline
Apr. 15	PA Pro-Life Federation Oratory Contest submission deadline
Apr. 18	People for Life High School Pro-Life Oratory Contest - Erie
Apr. 20	General Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
Apr. 20	Last day to register for 2015 Pennsylvania Primary Election
May 8-10	Annual Mother's Day Carnation Project
May 10	Mother's Day
May 19	Pennsylvania Municipal Primary Election
June 21	Father's Day and Father's Day Carnation Project