

# Life Lines

A quarterly publication of Right to Life of East Texas

*"To promote respect for the worth and dignity of all human life, including the life of the unborn child from the moment of conception."*

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### 3rd ANNUAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT RALLY

We are planning the 3rd annual Youth and Young Adult Rally for January 19 and 20, 2018. The event will feature presentations and panel discussions by our state legislators concerning the 2017 session and plans for the 2019 session. Tentative plans call for one session at Kilgore Junior College on Friday evening and a second session at LeTourneau University on Saturday evening. Watch Facebook and our website for final details. Please make plans to attend and invite your church youth group, school organizations and friends.

There is also a Sanctity of Life for Teens event planned for Saturday January 6, 2018 in Tyler from 8:30 to 4:30 This is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Tyler and will feature speakers on subjects including Theology of the Body and the Transgender Movement, Social Media and Human Dignity and "Pro-Life, What Can I Do About It?" Visit [www.dioceseoftyler.org](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org) to register.

### CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

The 25th annual Celebrate Life Banquet will be held on Saturday February 24, 2018 at 6:30 p. m. The speaker will be Bobby Schindler, Jr. who became involved with protecting the medically vulnerable when his sister, Terri Schiavo, was starved and dehydrated to death by her estranged husband. See the banquet flyer for more details and to register for the banquet.

We will recognize Marguerite Duhon as the Pro-Life Person of the Year. She has been a strong supporter of pro-life issues for many years representing St. Theresa Catholic Church in Union Grove.

We will recognize Catholic Daughters of the Americas, District 6 as the 2018 Pro-Life Ministry. Their seven parish based Courts support local pro-life groups and events through financial support and member participation.

Reservations are required by February 15, 2018. See the enclosed flyer for reservation details.

### CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS

The annual Cemetery of the Innocents is a powerful tool to draw attention to the tragedy of abortion in America. We mourn the loss of OVER 60 million babies by abortion since the Supreme Court Roe v.

Wade decision on January 22, 1973. The rows of white crosses present a silent memorial that has a profound impact on all who pass by. The cemetery saddens and draws to prayer those who respect life. It is meant to touch hearts of the undecided and confront those who favor abortion. It compassionately draws to repentance those who have had an abortion. The 2018 event is recommended from January 13 to 28. Some churches also install a banner with the suggested message: "In Memorial of the **151** Baby Texans Who Die Each Day From Abortion." (55,287 for 2015 from the state website which is the latest data available)

[www.dshs.state.tx.us/CHS/VSTAT](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/CHS/VSTAT)

The good news is that this is a 32% reduction over 2007 and further reductions are expected due to additional restrictions that have been enacted. There were 633 abortions in eight East Texas Counties.



You can order the crosses from The Good Name Company, [www.goodname.com](http://www.goodname.com) or call 906-428-6363. They are provided as painted yardsticks and the website says they are now available in pink and blue besides the standard white. This year we recommend 151 crosses to represent the number of abortions daily in Texas.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual membership meeting will be Tuesday January 23, 2018. A notice has been mailed to all members. If you need additional information please call the telephone number on the front of this newsletter. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact president Tom Mittler prior to the annual meeting.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Please see the enclosed application for the scholarship essay contest for 2018 for graduating high school seniors. You are encouraged to copy this form for your church or school. The deadline for submitting the application is January 26, 2018. Please note that the scholarships are available for graduating seniors planning to attend a trade school, join the military or other career choice besides college.

### **THE TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE**

The Texas Alliance for Life is sponsoring the Texas Rally for Life in Austin at the Texas State Capitol on Saturday January 27, 2018 at noon. Consider joining thousands of other pro-lifers in Austin to publicly show your support for LIFE. You can get more information at [www.texasrallyforlife.org](http://www.texasrallyforlife.org) or phone 512-477-1244.

### **WEBSITE**

Please visit [www.righttolifeofeasttexas.org](http://www.righttolifeofeasttexas.org) to check on current events and activities. We also have a new tri-fold brochure about RTLET, contact us if you are interested in sharing information about us.

### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

Our annual garage sale is scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2018. Please note that this is the week after spring break for Longview area schools.

The sale will be held at St. Matthew's family center. It is located on Arrow Lane, one block southeast from Pine Tree Road and Dundee Road.

This is our largest fundraising event which enables us to do most of our programs, including sharing this newsletter with 3,000 households and funding the scholarships.

Please save your surplus, but usable, items for donation and plan to come and shop for those missing treasures. Donations can be dropped off in Longview at St. Matthew's on Arrow Lane beginning Monday March 19.

We have some limited donated storage space (provided by Horaney's) so if you aren't able to save your items at home contact us to donate your items now.

Help is always needed Monday through Thursday, March 19-22 to set-up and Friday and Saturday during the sale. We need extra help Saturday afternoon for the clean-up.

### RELATED MINISTRY

There is a ministry committed to helping workers leave the abortion industry- *and THEN THERE WERE NONE*. They provide support, healing and even help finding new employment for those interested in leaving the killing business. The group was founded and is led by Abby Johnson. More information can be found at [www.abortionworker.com](http://www.abortionworker.com).

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2017 legislative session provided several pro-life and pro-family gains. Most of our East Texas officials had a very good rating from Texas Right to Life: Senators Hall, Hughes and Nichols all had a 100% pro-life score. Representatives were scored as follows (district number shown): Clardy (11) 90%, Dean (7) 100%, Flynn (2) 100%, Gooden (4) 90%, Hefner (5) 100%, Paddie (9) 100%, and Schaefer (6) 100%;. Their full report can be found at [www.texasrighttolife.com](http://www.texasrighttolife.com).

Texas Values Action provided a similar evaluation with more variable scores, probably due to including a different set of votes. Their report can be found at [www.txvaluesaction.org/scorecard](http://www.txvaluesaction.org/scorecard).

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST 40 YEARS

Continued from previous editions which covered 1977 to 1990.

In 1992 we elected Joe Dudas as president. He served ten years and "updated" the organization with many new initiatives. The first garage sale was held in 1991 and reported earning \$1,000; the 1992 sale was partially used to fund the college scholarships; both projects have continued since then. The first Longview Life Chain was held in October, 1991 with about 3,000 attending, a great success. While the Longview chain draws fewer people now, there are more than 15 chains across East Texas. In 1993, this newsletter was expanded to 6 pages with a mailing list that had grown to over 3,000 families. In 1993 we had three active chapters in Rusk and Henderson Counties and Sulphur/Cypress in the Mt. Pleasant area. Although none of these are still active due to the organizers moving, we currently have two active chapters- Marion/Harrison Counties and Deep East Texas in the Lufkin/Nacogdoches area.

### ADDRESS UPDATE

If you are planning to move or have recently moved, please notify us of your new address, we usually get back 50 or more newsletters without a forwarding address.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

Jan 6 -----Sanctity of Life for Teens  
Jan 13 to 28-----Cemetery of the Innocents  
Jan 19 and 20---Youth & Young Adult Rally  
Jan 28----- Texas Rally for Life, Austin  
Jan 26----- scholarship applications due  
February 24-----Celebrate Life Banquet  
March 23,24 ----- fundraising garage sale  
May 3-----Mother's Day Ad deadline  
October 7-----Life Chain

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS**  
**Recognizing 40 years of protecting life in 2017**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Right to Life of East Texas is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to further their careers (college, trade school, military, other). The scholarships will be awarded to individuals, not to institutions, based on the quality of the essay submitted in accordance with the theme described below. The scholarships will be presented at our annual Celebrate Life Banquet in Longview in February 24, 2018; the winners and their parents will be invited guests.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Career Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

Theme: **How have you been influenced to support pro-life beliefs and how do you plan to continue taking a stand for pro-life beliefs in the future?**

TO ASSURE IMPARTIAL JUDGING DO NOT USE YOUR REAL  
NAME IN THE ESSAY

Length: Maximum 500 words, MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN

Deadline: **Postmarked by JANUARY 26, 2018**

Submit to: Right to Life of East Texas  
P. O. Box 9294  
Longview, TX 75608

Telephone: Longview 903-295-8608

**Right to Life of East Texas may publish my essay submitted for this scholarship**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS**  
PROTECTING LIFE SINCE 1977  
25th ANNUAL  
**CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET**

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church 4715 Tenneryville Road  
At Pine Tree Road (FM1845), 2 miles north of Loop 281  
Longview, Texas 75604

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL AND A MEMORABLE EVENING

-----**FEATURING**-----



Bobby Schindler, Jr. is President of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network and advocates for the medically vulnerable in honor of Terri Schiavo, his sister. He has been involved with providing resources and support to over 2,500 patients at risk of euthanasia from health care providers.

**At the banquet we will honor:**

**MARGUERITE DUHON**  
**PRO-LIFE PERSON OF THE YEAR**

**CATHOLIC DUGHTERS OF AMERICAS**  
**DISTRICT 6**

**OUTSTANDING PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

**FOUR PRO-LIFE ESSAY WINNERS FROM EAST TEXAS HIGH SCHOOLS**  
*WILL RECEIVE \$1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS*

-----**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**-----

\$25 per person, attendees will be seated together upon request up to eight per table

**Seating is limited, mail or phone for reservations by Thursday February 15, 2018**

Reserve \_\_\_ seats at \$25 per plate, total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will be mailed if payment received by Feb. 13, otherwise check-in at the door

**Mail to:** Right to Life of East Texas  
P. O. Box 9294

Longview, TX 75608

**Phone:** 903-295-8608

(leave a message)

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

**MAIL TO: RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS**  
**PO BOX 9294**  
**LONGVIEW TX 75608-9294**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I would like to become a member of Right to Life of East Texas.  
Enclosed are 2018 membership dues (\$10 for a family; \$7.50 for single).

I agree to promote respect for all innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

[You will receive the quarterly newsletter that will keep you informed of pro-life activities and news.]