



# News & Views

Serving the Community for 40 years

Summer 2012



A prolife educational organization that promotes the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The right to life is a fundamental human right upon which all other rights depend. We uphold this value without fear and proclaim this principle to the people of Canada.

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## THANK YOU! VOLUNTEERS

100s of the following volunteers and participants grace us with their prayers, time and expertise to help support our mission:

- Board Members
- Office Volunteers
- Catholic Women's Leagues
- Knights of Columbus Councils
- Students & Teachers from every level of education
- Prayer Vigil Attendees
- Walk— Volunteer fundraisers

## Volunteer Opportunities:

If you are over 18 and have a strong desire to protect the unborn and vulnerable, we need you.

## Politics and Motion 312 and Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth

Kitchener Centre ON  
By Jane Richard KW RTL President

Ground breaking possibilities have been presented to us by an MP who has done more for the prolife movement than anyone in the last 40 years or so.

Stephen Woodworth's present motion 312 represents a brilliantly pure effort to change abortion in Canada whether or not it is successful in passing.

Even prolife skeptics should concede that it is not "just another motion". Faulty politics and unrealistic expectations can lead some groups to hold back from the fundamental course for change that must begin with the repudiation of law 223(1).

This may explain why it has taken over 24 years to successfully counter abortion on demand in Canada. All other efforts pale and promise less success in relation to when life begins and ends than the issue of established personhood for the preborn.

By the passing of Motion 312, best results can change the landscape of abortion in Canada by granting personhood to hundreds of thousands preborn babies.

It would also provide a base for successful amendments to the criminal code around protection of life issues i.e. informed consent, sex selection, conscience clauses etc.

A united effort to market this prolife message across Canada could increase chances of success exponentially.

Results by Motion 312 not passing can drive discussion toward legislators' abuse of power through an archaic law in which modern society refuses to question its validity.

New generations are seeing truisms more clearly than those from the past who out of fear and ignorance fell for a mistaken belief of abortion as a means to personal autonomy.

Their will was more important than the life of a created child.

With Motion 312 we have great hope for the future. We pray for its success but we must also act to bring it about. The window of opportunity is closing as the vote will be in September.

We encourage you to contact all current 308 MP's to vote in favour of Motion 312.

For updated information on petitions and support for Motion 312 visit: [wenedalaw.ca](http://wenedalaw.ca) and [kwrtl.ca](http://kwrtl.ca)

Thanks for supporting unborn life's best chance, Motion 312. [jane@kwrtl](mailto:jane@kwrtl)

The second hour of debate will be in September. Go to [kwrtl.ca](http://kwrtl.ca) for up-dates and coming events regarding Motion 312.

Please send any completed petitions postage free to:  
Stephen Woodworth MP  
Room 334, Confederation Building  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

*Below, Stephen Woodworth MP and Jane Richard President of KW Right to Life are pictured with a sign that says Support Motion 312. Nearly 20,000 came to hear him speak. He should have been allowed to speak longer than 30 seconds.*



# KW Walk For Life 2012 Fundraiser

was held last May on a beautiful day with 103 walkers including those from Maryhill.



## Winners of prizes:

Cec Kavanaugh—McPhails & Roseanne Sheridan—\$150, Johanna Miller—Gibson Sound— \$50,  
Gen Furtado—Caruk Chiropractic, Faith Wojak—Caruk Chiropractic, Trinity Wojak—Caruk Chiropractic,  
Carol Adams—Door Prize, William Barrett—Door Prize, Don Miller—Door Prize, Kathryn Daly—Door Prize,  
Vince Morrison—Door Prize, Bert Te Winkel—Door Prize, Mickey Lowe—Door Prize, Joey Tomisiccio—Door Prize,  
Claire Hogett—Door Prize, Julia Miller—Door Prize, Jason Wojak—Door Prize,  
Donna Eckert—Door Prize, Rose Marie Gross—Door Prize,  
Met Dziak—Door Prize, Adam Nguyen—Door Prize, Della Wilson—Door Prize,  
Marlene Preiditsch—Door Prize, Margaret Smith—Door Prize

Door Prizes compliments of Connie Hudder, Estella Correia

Top Fundraisers: Cec Kavanaugh—\$4000,

Rosemarie Gross—\$1800—Jane Richard—\$1150

Total funds raised to date close to \$14,000.



## Some of our younger volunteers: Kathryn and Ella Daly

My sister and I went to the Right to Life Walk on this 40th year of Right to Life, which was on Saturday, May 12th, 2012. We helped to hand out the door prize tickets and we also participated in the walk. It started at St. Michael's Church and went to Waterloo Town Square.

Before the walk started we saw many speakers who included: Colleen Kavanaugh who has Down Syndrome. She spoke with her dad, Cec Kavanaugh. She said that she was "19 years old" and she seemed like a lot of fun! Steve Woodworth also spoke and he spoke about Motion 312, when life really begins. Another interesting speaker was Harold Albrecht; he mentioned that people like Colleen were his favourite patients when he was a dentist. Some of the other people we saw were, Jane Richard and Della and Ruthie who volunteer at The Right to Life Office.

We go to the walk every year to stand up for life and raise awareness against abortion. We also go because we think that every life is precious, and all babies should have a chance at life because every life is a gift from God and we love babies.

## Thanks to all our contributors and members who faithfully support our life saving work through prayer, volunteer work and financial contributions

We were able to have 13 presentations so far in support of Motion 312 and we thank Stephen Woodworth MP for his effort to bring this motion to parliament and to public attention.

Tasty.sugar.cookies@gmail.com by Sharon and Sarah Runstedler and Mary Alice Zister were our main contributors for treats after the Motion 312 presentations. Thank you ladies. Sharon and her daughter Sarah make speciality cookies for baptisms and baby arrivals. Delicious!

Special thanks to the Euchre Club of the St.Teresa Parish Centre 44 Leonard St. Kitchener, whose proceeds go to KW Right to Life. Their games take place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome. Last year they donated \$191.75.



# 40th Anniversary of Kitchener-Waterloo Right to Life Association

June 7, 2012

By Marilyn Bezner, R.N

Founding Member of KW RTL

I am grateful to Jane Richard and to the Board of RTL for planning this 40th Anniversary Celebration of K-W & Area RTL Association, and what a delight it is to see so many here tonight.

Just a little bit of history: In 1971 Hart and I happened to see a TV programme called THE BEAR PIT, where Grace Hargreaves of Toronto Right to Life was speaking for the pro-life cause. It seemed to be a hostile group, but we were impressed by Grace's calm and well reasoned rebuttals. At the end of the program it was announced that a prolife march from NATHAN PHILIPS Sq. to the St. Lawrence Centre of the Performing Arts would take place on a certain date and the guest speakers would be Dr. & Mrs. Jack Willke of Cincinnati, Ohio. We decided to attend, I was about 7 months pregnant at the time. The Willkes showed slides, and also had for sale their book, Handbook on Abortion, We bought the slides and the book.

We shared this information with our friends, John and Judy Vanderkooy who attended the Christian Reformed Church on Ottawa St. Kit. They arranged for a showing at their church and the response was very gratifying. In fact they put their convictions to the test and gave us some money for a newspaper advertisement. It was through that ad that Madeline Gaboury and several others made contact with us. I believe that Norene O'Connor allowed her phone number and address to be the contact for anyone wanting to get in touch with RTL. What was in the air at the time was a movement to get all mention of abortion out of the criminal code. On January 12, 1972, six of us gathered to prepare for a public meeting with speakers Dr. & Mrs. Jack Willke at Waterloo Lutheran University, on February 26.

At this time we decided to form a steering committee, and to take the

name Kitchener-Waterloo Right to Life Committee. Responsibilities were distributed as follows: Chairman: Madeline Gaboury, Treasurer: Judy Vanderkooy, Public Relations: Janie Rusticus, Director of Information Dr. Hart Bezner, Ministerial Advisor: Rev. Ralph Humphries. About 150 people came to that meeting. The Willkes showed a film of an actual abortion, and I remember that one man fainted.

The next public meeting was held April 12th at Kitchener Public Library, to hear Dr. Barry De Veber, a noted Paediatrician at Victoria Hospital, London. Around 50 people attended. After this meeting the committee decided that it was not our purpose to hold public meetings, but rather to provide speakers with slides, and films and literature to interested groups, and that proved to be very effective.

That spring we used the gazebo at Fairview Mall to set up a display and give out literature. Several members helped to staff the booth and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with the public. On the basis of that good experience we decided to rent a booth at the COE, Aug 29-Sept 4. 34 volunteers staffed the booth, and again, public response was most encouraging. 1,000 copies of Speak Up for Life were given out plus many other articles. 750 signatures were obtained on the petition to be presented to the federal government.

About petitions – we presented the largest petition ever to the federal government. I think it carried about 475,000 signatures. The word that came back was, that is not enough, bring back 1,000,000. The government's response to the 1,000,000, in 1975, was the Badgley Commission to ascertain if the abortion law was being applied equitably across Canada. This was such a downer. I would say that the 1970's was a time of ferment politically and socially – the feminist movement – women's rights, the Vietnam war, student unrest. All of us were caught up in this, whether we realized it or not. Henry Morgentaler opened an abortion clinic

in Montreal, and on one Mother's Day we were treated to watching Henry M. perform an abortion on CBC. It was also a time of the presenting of briefs by RTL to the Ontario government, to the medical board at K-W Hospital, and to the news media.

Speaking engagements were many. It was such a privilege to share with students and adults how the unborn child develops and what an abortion does. When we spoke in schools, we told students what they would be seeing, (the journey that each of them had taken) and made it clear that they didn't have to watch, but with the reminder that these slides would act as a reality check. We cannot make an informed decision without all the facts. The picture, What about his rights? and the Tree of Life pin are symbols that speak volumes. We also had available the specimens of a 12 week old baby and a 18 week old, noting the rapid growth that takes place in just 6 weeks to awaken in each one a sense of wonder and awe.

RTL is all about education; getting out the facts, whether it is the statistic about the development of the unborn child, abortions done province by province, in our hospital, post abortion stress, child abuse, the importance of language (liberal law-permissive law), respecting life, loving life, a culture of optimism rather than despair. A lot of information was being gathered and we began to realize that an office centrally located would be a very good thing.

The office was opened at 91 Frederick St. Kit. September 1977 by the Hon. Perrin Beatty, Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo. Perrin was also bringing forth his own private member's bill asking that "health" be removed from the law on abortion. I believe that our first office coordinator was Wynn Eastman, followed by Pam Dlugokechi, Pat Schiebel and then Barb Davie. After offices on Scott St., Victoria St. S. then King St. N., Jane Richard, now houses the office on Lancaster St. W.

I would like to give a huge thanks to Pat Macauley who ordered and stored all the literature in her home in those early days, and to Doreen Schaeffer who looked after the Membership Drive from her home and to Helen Bastien who stuffed the newsletter envelopes with a company of volunteers in her home, and fed them her wonderful onion sandwiches.

It gives me much pleasure to honour our presidents, Madeline Gaboury, Pat Partington, Mary Bruder, Bernard Currie, Kathy Morrison Lance, Roseanne Sheridan, and Jane Richard. With each President there was also an executive, so our thanks go out to those individuals who gave much.

I can see the faces of many volunteers in my mind, some of them are no longer with us, some can't be here because of infirmities, but you are here. I give thanks

for each one, because I believe that each of us has made a contribution to the protection of human life.

I SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO BIRTHRIGHT whose volunteers have given a loving form to the respect for life ethic.

Let me go back to the paragraph we had on our membership form.

In a free society the life of an innocent human is simply not up for discussion, no matter how tiny or how defenceless, and the deliberate killing of the innocent has always been regarded as the basest of acts. It is not sufficient to turn aside and wish to have no part in it.



Knowing and not ACTING is participating and may be regarded as complicity. Act now – join RTL and get one other person to join. \*

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## Views misrepresented

### June 28, 2012 The Record

Re: A woman's decision — June 21

One challenge of public debate is that opponents can misrepresent your views.

I must respond to Helen Hansen's recent letter.

Motion 312 does not restrict a woman's access to early abortion on demand, as Hansen suggests.

It proposes no more than a review of evidence about whether or not a child is a human being before the moment of complete birth. Does Hansen suggest that a woman's access to abortion

depends upon the pretence that a child is not a human being before complete birth if the evidence establishes otherwise?

Motion 312 is not about "when an embryo is a person," as Hansen suggests. It is about the decree in subsection 223(1) that a child is not a human being until the moment of complete birth. Very few Canadians doubt that a child in the final weeks of gestation, with perfectly formed organs and limbs, is a human being.

Motion 312 is about whether Canadians will tolerate a law giving governments the right to strip any human being of human rights, contrary to the principle

that human rights are universal and inherent, not subject to cancellation by a decree like subsection 223(1).

Motion 312 is about the need to reconcile differing views through informed dialogue.

Should a 400-year-old definition of human being be frozen in time forever because of the int ransigent refusal of a few to consider modern evidence?

Stephen Woodworth  
Member of Parliament, Kitchener Centre

**KW RTL has received many thanks for our support  
of Stephen Woodworth's Motion 312.**

**Thank you to the over 1000 people who attended 13 presentations so far  
sponsored by KW Right to Life**

**Be sure to contact all the MP's to vote in favour  
of Motion 312**



## An Evening with Stephen Woodworth MP and Student Protesters

by Rosanne Sheridan  
KW RTL Past President

In March this year, over sixty people attended a talk held at an Engineering Bldg. at the U of Waterloo. These people came to hear Stephen Woodworth MP speak about Motion 312, the beginning of human life.

About twenty minutes into his speech, one-half of the audience stood up with signs that carried prochoice messages as well as gay messages.

The display was shocking but in our democratic society, it was not illegal. When the participants began to interrupt Steve's speech verbally, the evening became more difficult.

What I learned that night is that Stephen Woodworth has the ability to disarm upset people: he calmly invited the protestors to stand beside him at the

front. This gesture is one that truly humbled me. And because Stephen was civil and courteous, the protestors did get the chance to discuss and to vent. (I am not sure that the protestors anticipated this opportunity.)

The initial purpose of this was to host an evening at the University of Waterloo and to have students listen to and participate in a discussion about the beginning of human life. And so, Stephen Woodworth did accomplish what he had wanted to do: he got students talking.

Thank you Stephen



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## WeneedaLAW.ca

by Nancy Menard  
RTL Board Member

While visiting my mother in Vancouver, she received the BC Catholic newspaper, which I had the opportunity to read. One article, in particular, caught my eye, in support of the weneedaLAW.ca.

The title of the article written by Paul Ranalli, a Toronto family doctor, was "Abortion law unlikely without change in tactics". The sub-heading reads: All-or-nothing approach by some pro-lifers to force policy against 'choice' hasn't worked.

So, here is the substance of the article. Alliance for Life's goal is legislated protection of life for every Canadian

citizen in or out of the womb. All OR NOTHING. And which one of us in any pro-life group would oppose that goal, probably not one. The problem lies in the getting there.

The article goes on to give many examples from Mahatma Ghandi to Martin Luther King how the incremental strides were the key to success. Ghandi's step was to go to the coast to make salt without paying the salt tax to the British or the incremental step of a black person sitting anywhere on the bus. History is full of these first steps, their participants thinking that so far they had accomplished nothing, just as Motion 312 would accomplish, maybe nothing, maybe everything.

Criticism of the process that is making its way to the media, and to the legislature cannot be tolerated. Any move towards our goal is good. If the tables were turned, and a bill was up for discussion on ending all abortion in Canada, would all of us, though it would not be realistic to expect success, not support it with all we had. We need to support every non-violent stride by any pro-life group or member of parliament to move forward in any way, on any means of education or law. Motion 312 should not be undermined or minimized by one of our own.



*We KW RTL greatly appreciates the In memoriam donations sent to us with the passing of Mel Schiebel, a great RTL supporter and contributor to the cause. Mel along with his wife Pat Schiebel volunteered many years and he will be remembered as a quiet gentlemen who lived his life respecting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.*

## A unique approach to ending abortion

From **September 26 – November 4, 2012**, our community will be one of hundreds of cities across North America and Europe joining together for the *40 Days for Life* campaign. Our vigil will take place across from Freeport Hospital from 6am-8pm each day.

*40 Days for Life* is an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing, and lead our nation to repentance for the sin of abortion through three components:

- 40 days of **prayer and fasting**
- 40 days of **peaceful vigil**
- 40 days of **community outreach**



## KW RTL 40th Anniversary Dinner



**November 3rd, 2012**

**At the Schwaban Club**

**1668 Weber St. W. Kitchener**

**Speaker: Jojo Ruba**

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Do you have something to donate for our silent auction?

Please call the office at 519.746.5433 or email [kwrtl@golden.net](mailto:kwrtl@golden.net)  
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January 28, 1988

**20 Years Without a Law on Abortion. Bill C-43**

**Memorial Day**  
October 14, 2007

Denise and Dan Cummins

One hour. One hundred adults. One doz-



## Membership Form



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<b>Individual or Family Membership</b>	\$ 30.00
<b>Senior Citizen or Student Membership</b>	\$ 25.00
<b>Additional Donation</b>	\$ _____
<b>Total amount</b>	\$ _____

A receipt will be issued for income tax purposes for all amounts.

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**Are you available for...**

Specific Events

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Add your email address to our list for timely notices and events.

# KW Right to Life

## Serving the Community for 40 Years

### A Pro-life Educational Organization

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote, through education, the intrinsic value of all human life from conception to natural death and to encourage a pro-life presence in our community.

*Information is available on all life issues:*

Pre-natal Development - Abortion - Infanticide - Euthanasia - Reproductive Technology and Chastity Speakers - Video Presentations - Literature - Posters Pamphlets and an extensive reference Library

We believe the Right to Life Mission to be the most important mission on earth.  
All other rights depend on the primary duty to uphold this right.

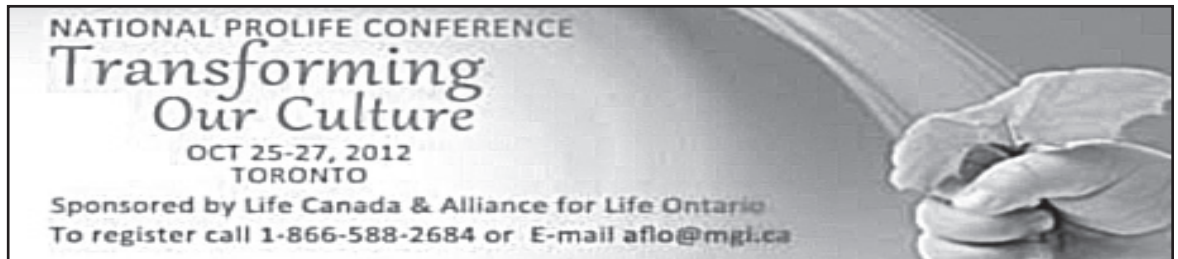
## Coming Events 2012

**Plowing Match** - International Plowing Match KW RTL Display September 18-22, 2012 Roseville, ON (near Kitchener) Call 519.746.5433 to volunteer at this exhibit. Expected attendance; 150,000.

**40 Days for Life** - September 26 - November 4th. Check web-site for link kwrtl.ca or call 519.746.5433

**Life Chain Memorial** - September 30th 2012 in front of Grand River KW Health Centre 835 King St. W. Kitchener 2:00pm - 3:00pm with speaker Tim Runstedler Masters of Divinity

### National Pro-life Conference



**40th Anniversary Dinner** - November 3rd, 2012 at the Schwaban Club on 1668 Weber St. W.  
Guest Speaker: Jojo Ruba renowned apologist & debater Cocktail Hour 5:00pm - Dinner At 6:00pm - Tickets - \$35

Please check below to see when your membership expires.



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