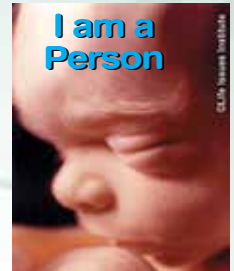




# KW RIGHT TO LIFE

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## News & Views

SUMMER 2014 Serving the Community for over 40 years

### From the President – Jane Richard

On the issue of a gestational law versus an all or nothing protection law for the unborn, Campaign Life's national organizer Mary Ellen Douglas verified in an email to a KW RTL Member that, "A known prolife member of parliament who favours a gestational approach will still be qualified as prolife."

The conundrum that occurs if a gestational protection law for the preborn was presented in parliament, Campaign Life Coalition by all accounts would not support it.

For over 10 years KW RTL has worked toward a unified consistent message through advertising with all the national and provincial groups. We believe it is a good marketing strategy to reach our collective goal faster. It can be done if all the groups see the plan as viable. For various reasons, not all do, so we continue to work on an individual basis to do as much as we can with an array of prolife topics. It plays out like a kind of competition. Doing something the same way over and over for many years limits growth and bigger returns.

I hope someday we can develop the leadership that will provide nation-wide, unified, frequent messages that will be cost effective and bring constructive results. If we all come together on the fundamentals we can create a greater force for change while still respecting our individual differences.

A logo or ad that stands out in your mind was carefully planned to have its impact on a large number of people. The same marketing strategy can work with a unified prolife movement through advertising.

### KW RTL Advertising Campaign:

#### I am a Person

The picture above will appear on buses, billboards and other forms of media.. A simple obvious message with a picture of a 24 week baby in the womb and our charity name and contact number written on it.

The picture above is the basic graphic and will be altered. If you would like to contribute to this campaign please contact 519.746.5433, email jane@kwrtl.ca or send a cheque to the office at the above address .

#### Some facts:

- The 1988 Morgentaler decision did not say abortion could not be regulated. It only struck down the system of hospital committees.
- The Mulroney Conservative Bill C-43 did not pass the Senate in 1990. No government has tried to legislate abortion since.
- Justin Trudeau declared that Liberal candidates are to vote pro-choice although existing MP's can still maintain their choices.
- Thomas Mulclair does not allow his incumbent NDP MPs to vote for anything but abortion.
- Stephen Harper Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party manages to avoid the abortion issue but does the least to offend the freedom of opinion.
- An Ipsos Reid Survey found 60% of Canadians support the introduction of a law that would place limits on when a woman could have an abortion. (facts from Canadian Press)

### Coming Events:

**Forty Days for Life: Opening Ceremony on Monday September 22nd with a Mass at St. Anthony Daniel's, Celebrant Bishop B. Crosby at 6:30pm.**

At Freeport site from Wed. September 24th to Nov. 22nd. Info. to come on our web-site and in church bulletins.

### Life Chain Memorial:

**Sunday October 5, 2014 from 2:00—3:00pm** in front of KW Health Centre 835 King St. W, Kit. Hold a sign along King St. to remember the millions of lives slaughtered in the womb for the sake of expediency. A short memorial service will be held at 2:50pm at the memorial site with a wreath, candles, letters and poems for babies and parents, all victims of abortion. (Christmas cards will be for Sale at the site)

**KW RTL Dinner and Silent Auction & Speakers Fri. Nov. 7 with Rebecca Kiessling, a prolife attorney from Michigan conceived in rape.** She is coming to the area and will speak



at several venues including local schools and universities. She tells her compelling story and says rape exceptions in abortion laws turn a woman's right to privacy on its head. **Second Speaker: Robert Borys back by popular demand will speak about Pornography and its effects Place: The Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall 145 Dearborn Place Wat. Please call or email the office if you would like to attend.**

#### Itinerary:

**6:00pm Social hour with bar and a chance to view the Silent Suction and place a bid. Auction donations welcomed at the office or we can pick up. Call 519.746.5433 Dinner at 7:00pm Menu—Fish or Chicken purchased at the club, about \$10. Donation boxes at each table. Receipts will be issued. Seating is limited so reserve yours early. Tables of 8 available . Call 746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca**

*Everyone welcome. Great speakers, food and company!*

Promoting the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death

# Winner of Essay Contest - Topic: The Reason for Apathy Surrounding Abortion

Pro-Life and Feminism: An Analysis of Complimentary Values in Canadian Society by Kristen Borho

People sometimes ask, the less reserved, the more confident, the ones who are not afraid of societal taboo, if there are situations in which Abortion could ever be the right answer. My response will always be a resounding “no.” The beauty that is life should never be tossed away without hesitation, without reflection, without considering all other possible avenues. Do we worry that a seed might turn into a weed once it is planted or do we trust in God’s creation that it may bloom into the most exotic of flowers? Life is always something to be nurtured, loved, and preserved. It is precious in and of itself, regardless of the circumstances surrounding its conception or birth. While some of those situations may be tragic and disheartening, nothing can lessen the exponential joy and value of that child.

Those opportunities for discussion, however, have become few and far between. Now that I have moved away from the University campus (where the whole idea is to debate the issues and ideas of the world) and into my career, I very rarely find myself in conversations surrounding abortion. It appears to be a result of my (and apparently everyone else’s) hesitation to broach the subject. The apathy with which much of Canadian culture displays toward abortion comes down to the historical change in gender ideologies and, more specifically, the fact that abortion has come to symbolize the essence of feminism in North America.

As a young woman, my morals have always fought against the sexist and misogynist undertones of our incredibly gendered English language, and I am profoundly offended by the flippant vocabulary of my generation who are passing it down to the next, words forming on the lips of teenagers who are oblivious to the insult that they perpetuate every time they are spoken. I believe, without doubt, in the liberation of women from injustice, degradation and vulnerability. Even today, this very morning as I was teaching, I was taken aback by the comment of one incredibly bright grade 6 student, who had no hesitation in voicing what seemed to her to be an absolute truth: that women are both weak and fragile. To say that I was shocked would be an understatement. Yet even though my feminist tendencies are so strong, I do not agree with the action that has been adopted to symbolize that freedom. Abortion does not represent liberty – rather, it strengthens the chains of fear and death, and exempts our Canadian community from supporting young mothers.

Many of my former university peers would certainly disagree with my logic and comment that no good feminist worth the salt in her soup could ever fundamentally be pro-life. Abortion has become a member card for that exclusive club we call feminism. As such, I consistently felt out of place in my Women’s Studies courses at the University of Waterloo, bombarded by the outspoken, and sometimes hostile, radicals. The fear of insulting another person’s beliefs and, even more powerfully, the fear of humiliation, can eliminate all attempts at debate in a heartbeat. Pro-choice advocates have a tendency to quote statistics and present situational arguments in order to make their opponents feel insensitive to the needs of the mother. As such, even among young Canadians, abortion is not an open topic, and our incapability to easily express our beliefs is often mistaken for apathy. Most of the young people I know have very strong views on abortion, but do not think there is ever an appropriate time to discuss those beliefs because our culture has taught us that we do not want to offend anyone.

When we look back on the history of feminism in Canada, some of the most significant imagery involves the right to control the physical body. Before Pierre Elliot Trudeau’s Amendment to Section 251 of the Criminal Code of Canada in 1969 and the complete decriminalization of abortion in 1988, untold numbers of Canadian women died as a result of homemade and unprofessional abortive procedures. Thus, while many Catholics and other pro-life supporters would find the illegalization of abortion to be comforting, it does not solve the underlying issues of Canadian society.

The last I looked, it took two to tango, and I would like to challenge the attitude which society still strongly advocates through phrases like “boys will be boys.” At what point will “men become men” and take as much responsibility for the creation of a child as the mother must? This is not to say that there are not great fathers all around our city, our province, and our country, but these men are commended and praised for their efforts. It is not the expectation and I would like to know when it is going to be.

Too many times women seek abortion because of the lack of responsibility that the father is willing to take on. They are alone, and if the child is out of wedlock, they are often scandalized and insulted, looked upon by society as impure and trashy. If we are truly pro-life supporters, then we cannot pass judgment on these young women. It means we are called to protect them and help them to reconnect with their inherent human dignity. Far too often women are pressured by their significant other so that he can escape his obligations, and they are too afraid of losing their relationship that they feel there is no other option; how, then, does abortion symbolize pro-choice, when it has simply become another barrier which dominating societal attitudes have placed upon women?

Thus, Canadian culture’s desire to excuse the male counterpart from their participation in conception, their tendency to denounce young mothers, and many people’s inability to express their beliefs for fear of humiliation and offense, have led to the creation and perpetuation of indifference around the issues of abortion. What Canadian society needs is a foundational change in how abortion is viewed and debated, a shift in the paradigm that refuses to perpetuate demeaning attitudes, and more tangible supports and resources for those who are struggling. What we need is a profound communal generosity that seeks to mend the often broken relationships between these young women and society.



## Report by Jane Richard President KW RTL Activities

In 2013 with the help of our Board of Directors and over 150 volunteers we have responded to the following:

**Requests for Information:** over 700

**Pregnancy Counseling:** Average 30 calls a month  
**Speaking Events, Media Interviews, Displays:** 50+  
**Publications:** 3 Issues of **News & Views**, Periodical letters and articles. Web-site created by Alex Matan Administration [kwrtl.ca](http://kwrtl.ca)

**Gifts to Pro-life Groups:** Supported 6 pro-life groups  
 Students for Life U of W, NCLN, Life Canada, KW Prayer Vigil, 40 Days for Life and Choice Chain

**Laws:** Supported MP Stephen Woodworth's new Motion 476 - The importance of the legal principle of the recognition of equal worth and dignity of every human being and the implication of parliaments abandonment of that principle in defeating Motion 312, Supported Motion 408 - gender abortions, Opposed proposed Euthanasia Law Bill 52 in Quebec



**Fundraisers:** Walk for Life, - Christmas cards "I knew you in the womb" statues and 4 Bazaars Total fundraising proceeds over \$20,000. Special Project appeals to businesses and individuals, Membership Drive in churches (different every year)

**Outreach to 1000s of individuals:** March for Life bus trip to Ottawa - Walk for Life Sponsors-Christmas Card campaign to local businesses, churches and members-Church Membership drive-Dessert & Coffee evening- Prayer Vigils —40 Days for Life—Life Chain Memorial - Choice Chain - Speaking at University Women's Studies and Secondary Schools with exposure to thousands of students - Women's groups - Volunteer Fairs and Speaking engagements - Displays-Advertising in local newspapers, articles in university newspapers, local and national magazines, radio and television interviews.

## KW RTL Financial Report by Nancy Menard Treasurer

Both our income and expenses were lower than last year, but our net income, our bottom line, was higher. We didn't have the same expense requirements as the previous year. As well, things have picked up in 2014, giving us the means to fully concentrate on our promotion of the "I AM A PERSON" campaign. We are very excited about this new campaign. And we thank you for your prayers and monetary support. **Best wishes for a great summer.**



## KW Right to Life Profit & Loss Statement January - December 2013 (condensed)

<b>Income</b>	
Donations—Corporate	11,535.15
Donations—Individuals	12,193.77
Memberships	9,353.78
Fundraisers	18,109.50
Gifts from Organizations	-146.34
In Memoriam	2,811.99
Interest income	93.63
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>53,950.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Educational Information</b>	8,707.69
Contrib. to Affiliated Organ.	2,342.62
March for Life Expense	285.00
<b>Operations</b>	
Rent	6,600.00
Staff Wages	19,830.61
Office Supplies	460.56
Postage, Mailing	1,476.05
Telephone, Internet	1,430.89
Plus bank fees, printing, HST and WSIB	
Total Operating costs	30,830.36
Contract Services	3,970.00
Insurance	1,211.76
Meetings, speakers, miscellaneous	1,095.15
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>49,457.58</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,492.42</b>



## Membership Form



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**Individual or Family Membership** \$ 30.00  
**Senior Citizen or Student Membership** \$ 25.00  
**Additional Donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you available for...

- Specific Events  
 Ongoing Assistance



## In memory of John Devlin, father of Roseanne Sheridan – Past President, KW Right to Life

John Bernard Devlin passed away peacefully on March 27, 2014, at the Stratford General Hospital, age 91, loving husband of Mary Pauline Devlin. He is survived by his five children, eighteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and one unborn baby. He taught English for 31 years, coached football and directed plays. John was instrumental in initiating a Catholic Secondary School in Stratford. As well, he served as a Trustee for the

Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board for many years. He taught Lloyd Robinson, a well known Canadian broadcaster.

John was involved with many community agencies and believed strongly in social justice. His interests included reading, gardening, and the presence of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. John was dedicated in serving the Pro-life Movement for over 35 years – at the local, regional, and national levels. Here at KWRTL we knew and greatly respected John and his late wife Mary and all his family for the generous support and work they have done for the Right to Life cause.



## Christmas Cards for Sale (10 for \$10)

With beautiful Christmas messages inside with mixed packages available Call 519.756.5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca

## Statues by Timothy P. Schmaltz Sculpture of an Angel Mourning

The loss of an aborted baby is gripping and allows one to place a card, letter or flowers in the empty crib \$60 or email jane@kwrtl.ca Great gifts for someone you know who suffers from the loss of a child for any reason including abortion.



**Euthanasia in Quebec becomes law** as the first province in Canada to allow the killing of patients when they are suffering physical or psychological suffering, which cannot be defined. Along with the terminally ill it may include people with disabilities, the elderly and children. **Write the Hon. Peter MacKay, the Justice Minister and Attorney General** and urge him to bring an injunction against Bill 52 by taking legal action asking the court to strike down Bill 52. His address is: 284 Wellington St. Ottawa, ON K1A 0H8 or email [mcu@justice.ca](mailto:mcu@justice.ca) and **Berttrand St. Arnaud, Quebec's Min. of Justice at [ministre@msss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:ministre@msss.gouv.qc.ca)**

**Documentary exposing the truth on abortion** Boris Malagurski, a Serbian-Canadian film director, producer, screenwriter and activist will be available the end of this year to start. In the meantime, we are looking for anyone interested in helping out, planning, gathering or organizing information. Thanks for your response to this project. Email Aleksandra Govedarica at: [alexg.rtl@hotmail.com](mailto:alexg.rtl@hotmail.com)



**The booklet you must read: THE NEW PAGANISM and the WAR Against Life** by John Vennari

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