

SAVE THE DATES: Fall Events

Saturday, September 12 National Day of Remembrance: Dover, Holy Cross Cemetery, 10:30 a.m. and Wilmington, Church of the Holy Child, 10 a.m. (Prayer Service)

Sunday, September 20, 11-4, Newark Community Day on UD Green (DRTL Exhibit Booth)

Thursday, September 24, 5:30-6:30p.m., Planned Parenthood fundraiser, The Waterfall, Claymont (Prayer vigil)

Saturday, October 3, talk by Ramona Trevino in Dover for start of 40 Days for Life.

Sunday, October 4, Life Chains: 1-2, Concord Pike, Wilmington; 12-2, 805 Governors Ave., Dover; 12-2, St. Jude's, Lewes; 2-4, 9th St. and Coastal Hwy, So. Bethany

Saturday, October 10— 3rd Annual Dee Becker Memorial Tribute, 10 a.m., Cathedral Cemetery

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUR WEBSITE:

www.derighttolife.org/

Get Ready for Fall

The first event of the fall season is just around the corner as we honor the memories of all babies aborted in Delaware at significant sites throughout the state on the **Day of Remembrance**, Saturday, Sept. 12. Holy Child will host a prayer service at their outdoor memorial at 10:30 a.m. The Dover vigil begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Cross Cemetery.

The following Sunday, Sept. 20, is **Newark Community Day** where we have manned an exhibit table for decades. The event is from 11-4 and we are in need of volunteers to help.

Every year we stand up outside the annual **Planned Parenthood fundraiser** to show attendees the truth about what they are supporting. The event is on Thurs., Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. this year. It is usually packed with local politicians

who have passed several laws making abortions easier to get in Delaware. This year, Joe Biden will be receiving an award for his support of child killing—see announcement, p. 6. Stand against this!

Dover 40 Days for Life will host Ramona Trevino, a former Planned Parenthood manager, to speak at Holy Cross on Oct. 3. Details will be on the website when finalized.

DRTL will host an exhibit at the first ever **Catholic Men's Conference** at St. Mark's the same day, Oct. 3. Details at <https://www.delmarvacatholic.org/>

Sunday, Oct. 4 is **National Life Chain Sunday** and locations and times are in the panel to the left of this article.

Our 3rd Annual Dee Becker Memorial Tribute will take place on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. at Cathedral Cemetery. All details at website.

In Memoriam: Hannas and Walters

Two stalwarts of Delaware's prolife movement died since our March newsletter. Joe Hannas and Marlene Walters, both 93 when they passed, contributed selflessly throughout their lives to advocating for the babies.

Joe was a familiar sight on the corner of 7th & Shipley Sts. in downtown Wilmington on abortion days at Planned Parenthood. For years he made it a priority to pray outside the city clinic before or after attending Mass at the nearby Cathedral of St. Peter, where he tended their flower gardens. He volunteered for nu-



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Joe Hannas outside Planned Parenthood in Wilmington

State Fair Stories 2026

Several of our volunteers shared their “Stories from the Fair” confirming that our presence does, indeed, make a difference. This year’s exhibit, which featured a banner copy of our latest billboard promoting abortion pill reversal, elicited the most positive feedback we’ve heard in years.



Tanya Williams, at right with her mother, visited our exhibit in 1987 and took some literature and a fetal model. A few weeks later she found she was pregnant at age 14. She kept her baby because of the pamphlet, which depicted an abortion. She told us that because of the pamphlet, “my first thought was ‘OMG I’m going to be having a baby, how can I make this all work?’” She gave birth to a daughter, went to school, and worked. She told us, “She was and still is an amazing daughter. Thank you for saving her life!”



Another gentleman told the story of his premature son who, 15 years ago, was born at 23 weeks gestation, but only lived 21 days. He remembers his tiny diaper was the size of a quarter and his wedding ring fit on the baby’s leg. They named him Zachary because “he was a real person.”



As usual, young children were attracted to the baby models and eager to hold and touch them, including a young family with 3 boys and a girl. The boys cradled the babies, not wanting to give them back, especially their 2 year-old.

*Pictures, clockwise from top left:
Ed and Phyllis Delate volunteering for the first time at the State Fair
Tanya Williams at right, with her mother.
Jacob and Abigail hold twins, Francis and Kateri, while visiting our booth at the Fair.*

Thank you to all the volunteers who manned our exhibit over the 10 day event!

Several teenage girls asked questions about the abortion pill and reversal that confirmed the need for lots more education on this topic. A group of young people took the abortion reversal pamphlet, then came back to ask about how it works.

ProLife Legends Remembered

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merous charitable causes and worked until only about a year before his death; he was profiled as a “prolife hero” in our June 2025 newsletter. Joe was an example to all of us with his zeal for the Catholic faith and his dedication to pro-life ministry.

Marlene Walters was equally zealous and became involved early in DRTL’s history. She gave

testimony at Legislative Hall when Delaware was attempting to legalize abortion in the state before Roe v. Wade. She also ministered to families affected by suicide and was active with many social service agencies in Delaware, but her heart was for the unborn. She wrote a book about her experiences, “The Crucifix,” which she self-published about 7 years ago.



Marlene Walters

Both Joe and Marlene will be missed by many who were touched by their charity. May their souls rest in peace.

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We rely exclusively on donations from members like you, as we are an all-volunteer organization. We are an educational 501c(3) and all donations are tax-deductible. Our focus is educating Delawareans about the life issues, which keeps us busy all year:

- Fighting pro-death laws in Dover, especially an amendment to put abortion as a “right” in our state constitution
- Sponsoring exhibit tables at various community events like the State Fair
- Hosting prayer vigils and rallies at local abortion clinics to assist mothers and save babies
- Hosting Life Chains, an annual Walk, and rallies throughout the state .
- Launching billboard and radio campaigns to bring awareness to the public year-round

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Walk for Life in Dover Focuses on Lobbying



The crowd at the East Steps for the rally after the walk.



Attendees head into Legislative Hall to lobby.



Lilybeth Otero, director of Her Care Clinic, and family at the Walk for Life

Another enthusiastic crowd joined us in Dover for DRTL's Walk for Life on June 8. The weather cooperated as we made our way from the Liberty Bell on the Green to the East Steps of Legislative Hall. This year's event featured fewer speakers so that attendees could take advantage of the legislature being in session to lobby their representatives. Moira Sheridan of DRTL, Lilybeth Otero from HerCare Clinic in Seaford, Nandi Gamble, legislative liason from Delaware Family Policy Council, and Sen. Bryant Richardson addressed the crowd. All spoke about the at-

tacks on life by our sitting legislators who continue to focus on death as the solution to problems in Delaware. Most concerning were two bills, SB5 and HB272, which drive the left's favorite obsession, "abortion access." SB5 is a proposed state constitutional amendment to enshrine "reproductive freedom" into the Delaware Constitution. The second bill threatened free speech by abortion opponents outside places where abortions are performed. Postcards outlining the flaws of both bills and urging legislators to vote

no were given out to all Walk for Life participants who delivered them to legislators inside after the rally.

Update: The Lifeline has reported extensively on these two bills, which, by the grace of God, were DEFEATED at end of session, by not being brought up for a vote on the last day.

Onesies collected on site were distributed to pregnancy care centers after the Walk for Life. Thank you to all who participated.



Lobbying, young men attendees, and Sen. Richardson at the Walk for Life.

Annual Banquet Exposes Abortion Pill Dangers

Our luncheon banquet on April 25 featured two excellent speakers who discussed the effects of the abortion pill, Delaware's main method of abortion.

With 77% of abortions happening via pills (mifepristone and misoprostol)*, the topic is timely and an attentive crowd filled the Newark Country Club to hear the latest on the topic.

Laurie Chapman, medical director at A Door of Hope pregnancy care center in Wilmington, spoke from experience about what she sees regularly at work. She started with an interesting comparison between suicide and abortion risk factors, which include isolation, a lack of support and not knowing where to get help. She said for those who survive suicide and those who get abortions, "they instantaneously experience regret." The introduction of the abortion pill reversal has given hope to many women. "It's a chance to change their minds and see a path forward," she said. If the pregnant woman avails herself of the protocol, a dose of progesterone, within 72 hours of taking the first pill, mifepristone, she has a 67% chance of her baby surviving and her giving birth.

Laurie told stories of some of those women she cared for at ADOH, including "Lilian," whom she initially met at a Wawa parking lot at 3:30 a.m. She was able to assist her in getting a telehealth appointment and because she's a nurse practitioner, filled the prescription for her and then did a follow-up ultrasound. She remembers Lilian saying, "Even if it's hard, I need to save my baby." She later delivered a baby girl.

Laurie stressed the need for prayer and talking about abortion pill reversal with others.

Featured speaker, Dr. Christine Cirucci, president of American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), practiced gynecology for years but now dedicates most of her time to research for the Charlotte Lozier Institute. She has written and lectured extensively on the abortion pill and its many dangers. Her mission, as she explained it, is to "unwind the lies," especially the most common one that the abortion pill is safer than Tylenol.

Most of the damaging lies about the abortion pill being "safe and effective" stem from a flawed 2013 study of women who had taken the abortion pills. When she and colleagues reviewed the reports they requested via FOIA, they concluded "something is not right here." Information was missing and they discovered that, of the women involved in the study,



Some of the crowd at Newark Country Club at the annual banquet.

24% had no follow up at all. Of those they could account for, 7% needed surgery and 8% ended up in the emergency room. Despite these obvious flaws, the report concluded a 0.65% complication rate, far below what the actual numbers revealed.

Dr. Cirucci also compared how use of the abortion pill has changed since being approved by the FDA in 2000 when three office visits with a physician and all serious adverse events were required to be reported. At the time, the pill was limited to 7 weeks gestation. By 2021, the pills were approved up to 10 weeks with no office visits nor follow up required. It's well known that today many women bypass the medical system altogether by ordering pills online without a doctor's examination or prescription. Most dangerous of all, many women use the pills beyond the 10-week limit. "This is not adequate healthcare," she stressed. Dangers include hemorrhage, infections caused by retained tissue, as well as a rare bacteria associated with mifepristone. In addition, without an ultrasound, ectopic pregnancies, which can prove fatal, go undiagnosed.

An insidious and criminal danger has been the (mostly) male partners who have snuck abortion pills into food or coerced women into taking the pills. Many of these perpetrators are now in jail.

Because Delaware has such a high percentage of abortions by pill, we're focusing on exposing the lies, as Dr. Cirucci suggests.

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Fiscal Year End Review—Looking to Future

DRTL just closed its fiscal year at the end of June and so it's normal to see this "year-end" as a time to look back. We can be encouraged by a few legislative developments that give us a reprieve of sorts. Two pernicious bills, SB 5 and HB272, were declared dead in the water this past legislative session when they failed to be voted upon. (Descriptions of the bills are in a previous article on p. 4.) Likewise, HB14, which would have established a "right to privacy," like the penumbra discovered to support *Roe v. Wade*, was also declared void. All of these bills may and probably will resurface in 2027, unfortunately. Much hinges on the mid-term elections this fall. If the Democrats gain a supermajority, all those bills will pass with negligible opposition.

On a victorious note, the law passed in Delaware last year targeting pregnancy centers has

been overturned by court order because of a lawsuit filed against the state by A Door of Hope and an association of pregnancy care centers. According to Alliance Defending Freedom, the law firm that defended the prolife groups, "Delaware's Senate Bill 300, which went into effect last year, imposed government-compelled speech upon the pregnancy care centers by requiring them to post disclaimers within their facilities and in all their advertising materials that they do not have a licensed medical provider on staff directly supervising the provision of services. The lawsuit explained how such a disclaimer is false, burdensome, and limits the centers' digital advertising options, thus impeding their freedom of speech."

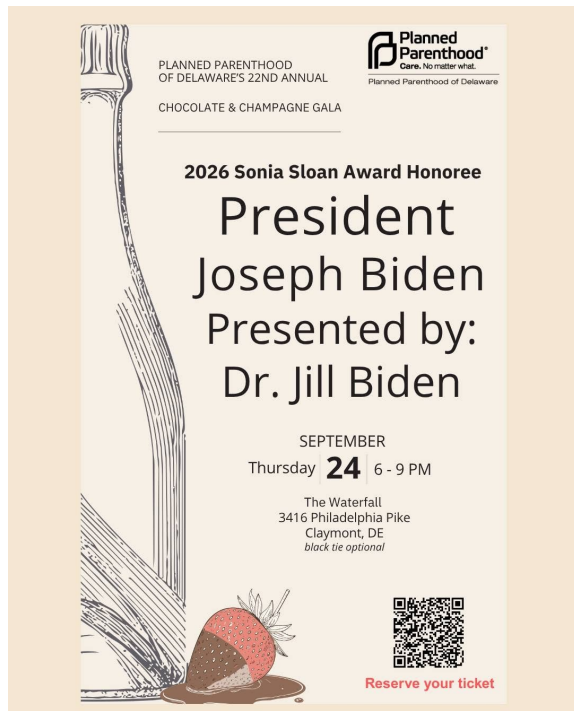
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With the acquisition of office space in Newark, DRTL has been able to store materials and take advantage of meeting space to better organize and plan. Located near the university and the Main St. shops and businesses, the office is convenient for board members and volunteers. Come visit anytime.

Unfortunately, DRTL finds itself in a similar situation with many non-profit organizations who rely on volunteer support—a shrinking pool of active members and no young people in the pipeline. More and more work falls upon fewer and fewer people, just when our situation demands the most vigilance and action. Having been involved in DRTL for almost 30 years, I'm not sure what the answer is.

It's not an option to give up fighting the greatest evil man has ever fought. But we may have to re-

think how we do everything. Social media and digital advertising have changed the landscape for how we get the word out but haven't inspired youth to be present at the front lines. Any ideas? Any takers? Email: prolifedelaware@gmail.com.



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BABY KILLING BY PLANNED
PARENTHOOD AND ALL THOSE WHO
SUPPORT IT! Be there on Sept. 24!
Details on p. 1 and on website**



Our first abortion pill reversal billboard went up atop another DRTL billboard over the Planned Parenthood of Wilmington parking lot. The two messages offer an alternative to the death-centered "options" at PP.

Billboard Campaign Focuses on Abortion Pill Reversal

A new DRTL billboard campaign just went into effect highlighting the availability of the abortion pill reversal. Billboards will go up at varying times from now into the fall throughout the state. They bear information about how to access the abortion pill reversal protocol.

Patients who call the number will be put in touch with local health professionals who can provide the progesterone shot that has successfully reversed pill abortions 65% of the time it was taken, resulting in live births.

Locally, A Door of Hope pregnancy center on Lancaster Ave. in Wilmington has medical staff able to implement the protocol and as Laurie Chapman told us at the luncheon, many babies have been saved. (See article, p. 5)

In addition, we are working on a radio ad to run in the fall with the same message.

Because Delaware has an unusually high percentage of pill abortions (77%), and because the numbers of abortions in the state have steadily increased in the past three years, we are focusing on this important issue

Sat., Oct. 3 at St. Mark's H.S.

**CATHOLIC MEN
OF DELMARVA**



Newark Community Day

**Volunteers and
attendees needed! See details on
p. 1 and on website calendar.**

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