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### THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior." -I Timothy 2:1-3

I am writing this article on the eve of the 2015 Fall elections. Though it is considered an off-year election since State and Federal governmental positions are not on the ballot, there are still many very important issues and local positions being considered by the voters. And the quest for the White House began months ago, even though the Republican and Democrat Conventions will not be held for another nine or ten months in the Summer of 2016. A critical time for our nation!

The most active means of making a difference in our nation and in the world is through prayer. The Bible instructs us to offer prayers for those who are in authority so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives (I Timothy 2:2). In Romans 13:1, Paul writes to the Roman church that *"there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."* God allows both good men as well as evil men to move into leadership. It is our responsibility not only to pray as we prepare to vote, but also to pray for those who are elected to govern over us. God alone is able to turn leaders toward righteousness and wisdom. Proverbs 21:1 states, *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases."* 

We must remember that our true Kingdom is not of this world, but rather God has empowered His people to share the Gospel to America and a spiritually dying world until "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15). While here on this Earth, we must stay humble before God and remain true to His calling in our lives. Beginning with each of us, let's all take time in the days and months ahead to remember and act on this verse: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

#### EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

**Students for Life of America Conference 2016:** Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc. has purchased exhibit space at the East Coast Students for Life of America Conference (SFLA) to be held Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Upper Marlboro, MD. The cost for our exhibit space is \$2000, which includes 2 passes to the conference for our volunteers overseeing the display. In addition, the Board approved sending our California board member to the West Coast SFLA Conference to be held Sunday, January 24, 2016 at The Cathedral Event Center in San Francisco CA. We still need to raise travel costs for our volunteers. This SFLA Conference is a golden opportunity to reach thousands of high school and college students with information about Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> and to provide those going into education with options regarding union membership.

**NEA Expo 2016:** The Board of Trustees has submitted an application for a Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> exhibit at the NEA Expo 2016, to be held in Washington DC, July 2-3, 2016. (The 4-day 2016 NEA Representative Assembly runs July 4-7.) By submitting an application with a \$50 deposit in July, Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> will be able to pay the same \$1400 exhibit fee as last year providing we pay the balance by January 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition, by submitting an early application, we have secured a booth location that provides Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> with greater visibility at the Expo.

**Our Financial Need:** The sponsorship fee is paid for the SFLA Conference, and the deposit is paid for the NEA Expo. We need your financial assistance to fulfill our *current* financial obligations of approximately \$1500 for these two great educational opportunities. Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities placed before us, and for that provision we are grateful. Please consider being a part of these special endeavors in 2015-2016 and send in your contribution today.

**Note:** Please make checks payable to "TSC Inc. – National". Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.

#### **MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER**

**Frank Ebiner** is a graduate of Humboldt State University (California) with a degree in wildlife management and biology. Frank is currently a high school Biology and



a high school Biology and Anatomy/Physiology teacher in California. He has taught overseas (in the Peace Corps), in private schools and, for the past 30 years, in the California public school system. Over these 30+ years in education, Frank has facilitated student discussion on ethical and moral issues in science and math courses.

Having been a member of the National Education Association (NEA) and the California Teachers Association (CTA) since 1986, Frank serves as a school site representative at the local level and as an alternate delegate for the CTA.

Frank has been a member of Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> since 2004. He also is a member of California Pro-Life and National Right to Life. He is a strong advocate in respecting the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

One of 15 children, Frank has a developmentally disabled younger sister who has strengthened his resolve to work on behalf of the vulnerable. With so many siblings and nieces and nephews, Frank is busily involved with a multitude of family activities and celebrations.

Over the years, Frank has been actively involved in church activities including leading their local church-sponsored Boy Scout troop through 2013, Vice-Chair for their Pastoral Council, Confirmation teacher, Eucharistic Minister, Respect Life Coordinator, and Co-Leader for the ministry to the sick at the local convalescent homes.

Frank and his wife Noreen are the parents of one adult son who is presently in college.

#### CONSTANT CONTACT Communicating with Our Members by Email

After researching and discussing various options to better communicate with our members, the Board of Trustees last spring approved contracting with Constant Contact which is one of the more reputable companies for secure email communication through a "blast" format.

In mid-August, we began to send out monthly email communiqués with our members. Once a month, we send out a "Welcome" email to all individuals who signed up in the previous month. So, everyone who has signed up should have received a "Welcome" email. If you signed up and did not receive a "Welcome" email, then there are at least two reasons: 1) the email went into your spam box, or 2) the email "bounced back" because we do not have a current email address on file. To be sure that the email will land in your inbox, please add <u>info@teacherssavingchildren.org</u> to your address book. And please make sure that we have a current email address on file.

Since August, we have also sent out a September email blast, an October email blast, and a November email blast. In reviewing the statistics of emails opened, only about 50% of the emails sent are being opened by our members. So, again, please check to make sure that the email is not going into your spam box by adding <u>info@teacherssaivngchildren.org</u> to your address book.

We cannot thank all of you enough for your support of Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup>. We do not want anyone to miss opportunities to be encouraged and to hear about the work you are helping to accomplish through your membership and contributions. In order to communicate with you by email, we must have your permission. If you have not already done so, or cannot remember if you have done so, you can still sign up to receive monthly communiqués. To give permission, either sign up on your membership form or email us at info@teacherssavingchildren.org.

**Note:** Constant Contact email blasts will not replace our quarterly newsletter. Newsletters will still be mailed quarterly to our members and other supporters as there are individuals who have no email accessibility.

#### NEWS FLASH !!!

The National Education Association (NEA) Board of Directors voted Saturday, October 3, 2015, to endorse Hillary Clinton for U.S. President. Normally, the NEA takes the Board of Directors' recommendation for U.S. President to the delegates for a secret ballot vote before announcing their endorsement. It appears that this is not the case this time. Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc. is concerned about this endorsement. Hillary Clinton has been an advocate for Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion provider and profiteer in the United States. Clinton has continued her vehement support of Planned Parenthood despite accusations that the organization has been selling aborted baby parts for profit.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

August 8, 2015: The Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> National Board of Trustees met in Columbus OH, for a special board meeting and work session. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees approved Frank Ebiner as a new atlarge Board of Trustees member. See related article.

**October 31, 2015:** The Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> National Board of Trustees met in Cincinnati OH, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

- 2. The Board of Trustees made plans for the exhibit at the SFLA Conference on January 23, 2016 and the NEA Expo 2016 in Washington DC on July 2-3, 2016. The Board also approved sending representation to the West Coast SFLA Conference on January 24, 2016.
- 3. The Board of Trustees approved the 2014-2015 fiscal report and the following 2015-2016 budget:

Awards & Gifts	100.00
Grants & Scholars	hips 500.00
Legal & Accounting	ng 1000.00
Office Administration	1500.00
Postage	2700.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2800.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	650.00
Travel Expenses	1000.00
Total	\$10,750.00

**4.** The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, April 30, 2016. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

#### TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN<sup>®</sup> NATIONAL 2014-2015 FISCAL REPORT

Balance (Cash & Assets) 9/1/2014		\$3443.24
Receipts:		
ACH Activities (Holdings)	0.75	
Contributions:		
Educational Outreach	6598.32	
In-Kind	450.00	
Undesignated	4196.44	
Memberships:		
2014-2015	1205.00	
2015-2016	3390.00	
Interest	1.18	15841.69
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Disbursements:		
Awards & Gifts	120.00	
Legal & Accounting	1340.00	
Office Administration	671.61	
ACH Fees	29.46	
Postage	2424.46	
Public Relations		
Advertising	165.00	
Printing	2276.05	
Promotion		
Display Materials	100.00	
Ed Outreach*	6361.59	
Telephone	433.60	
Travel Expenses	631.49	14553.26
ACH Holdings Transactions 2014-2015		-0.75
Balance (Cash & Assets) 8/31/2015		\$4730.92
		$\varphi$ 1750.72

\*The Educational Outreach Line Item Balance is \$2696.74

**Please note:** Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2015-2016 fiscal year by paying your memberships prior to September 1, 2015. Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc. - National is very thankful for your membership and, also, for the additional contributions many of you have sent during the course of the year.

#### **PRO-LIFE EDUCATORS CORNER**

Educators and students are always searching for excellent pro-life reading material and sources for research papers. Here are four excellent books that can be used by educators in the elementary classroom:

Angel in the Waters by Regina Doman: In the mother's womb, a tiny baby grows, explores the waters, and talks with the angel who is there. Soft cover. Also available in Spanish

*Before You Were Born* by Jennifer Davis: A joyful "lift-the-flap" book that tells the story of mother and baby throughout pregnancy. Full color whimsical illustrations and rhyming verse combine in this beautiful book that delivers delight, information, and reassurance. Ages 4 to 8. Paper over board. Hardcover.

*Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss: "A person's a person, no matter how small." This classic children's story remains the most simple and elegant way to explain to anyone, young or old, the intrinsic value of life. Hardcover.

*Justice Loves Babies* by Danielle & Darlene Wibeto: A children's book that speaks of a little boy's love of his baby sister, even while she lives within his mom. The main character, Justice, anticipates the arrival of Baby Destiny with joy and excitement until one night when he has a nightmare that a doctor is going to take Destiny – and other babies. The authors show courage in treating, with sensitivity, honesty, and overriding love, a theme that so many writers fail to address. Hardcover.

Please email Teachers Saving Children at <u>info@teacherssavingchildren.org</u> with your recommendations for great pro-life books so that we can share all these great resources with other educators across the nation.





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## 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

### WASHINGTON DC

**Forty-three** years ago on January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that allowed abortion on demand in America through all nine months of pregnancy. Awareness of this tragic decision should spur us on to make this coming March for Life the largest one ever!

## The March for Lífe Benefíts All

For complete details concerning the events of January 22nd, please contact your local Right to Life Chapter or State Right to Life office. For those pro-life teachers and school employees who cannot go to Washington DC, it is suggested that you attend the pro-life marches or rallies being held in your own local areas.

Let's stand together for the Sanctity of Human Life!

#### 2015-2016 MEMBERSHIPS

The National Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of October 31, 2015, there are 209 paid National Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards have been mailed.

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