



MCRTL President, Dee Grieshop
Ft. Recovery, OH
January 2018

Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be **Thursday, January 11th**, 8:00 PM, at the Mercer Health Meeting Rm, Coldwater, to finalize our Send-Off Rally & the March for Life Trip to D.C. Why not come and see how you can get involved. With the new construction taking place at the Hospital, please use the **Out Patient Entrance** located on the East side of Hospital. Thanks! See you there!

ELECTION OF MCRTL OFFICERS, 2018: President Sarah Post conducted her last official meeting in December. **Thank You Sarah for a 'Job Well Done'. You are Special!**

At the conclusion of the December meeting, Dee Grieshop was voted in as our new President of the Mercer County Right to Life for 2018. Dee and her husband Troy live in rural Ft. Recovery. Dee graciously agreed to serve as President for our Organization. She is a stay at home mom raising three children, age 4, 2 and one. **Thank You** so much for getting involved in the pro-life movement. We all feel honored that you have agreed to add the RTL to one of your many duties. We know you will do a great job. When someone takes over as the President of our Organization, she or he does not act alone. There are many Past Presidents that will gladly help you out in any way.

Taylor McGee from Coldwater agreed to be our new VP. Taylor works at Holy Trinity Church as the assistant Youth director. Phyllis Wenning has agreed to continue on as Treasurer and Amanda Geier has agreed to continue to be our Secretary. Thank You Phyllis & Amanda for your service to the RTL.

Congratulations to our Officers. Even though we got some Newbies, our Organization will continue to do well. Being the Leaders of a RTL Chapter is a HUGE commitment, but a worthwhile one. Our Organization has been active for over 44 years, and we have LOTS of past officers who are willing to help out in any way they are needed. All anyone needs to do is ASK.

Words from Immediate Past President Sarah: I am extremely grateful to everyone that has helped me throughout this year! I received so much support from all the members of Mercer County RTL and I am very appreciative of that. 2017 was an eventful year for the Pro-Life cause. It is good to see the Pro-Life movement gaining victories in our country's legislation, but I was especially encouraged by hearing from the organizations that Mercer County RTL supports, like Created Equal. Some of the members of these groups have come throughout the year and shared stories about the specific people they have helped to see the truth about the horror of abortion. It shows that what Mercer Country RTL does is important, and I am glad I had the opportunity to be a part of it.

NEW YEARS BABY: As of this writing, 1/2/18 the *1st Baby of 2018 has not yet arrived. When he or she does arrive, he or she will receive several gifts from the Mercer Co. RTL. And, their family photo will appear in the Daily Standard and our Feb. Newsletter.*

NEWSPAPER SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN: To commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, our Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. The Pat & Dennis Pottkotter and the Joe Pottkotter Family was kind enough to Chair this Project.

The ads will appear in the January 17th issue of the Daily Standard. Many Thanks to all of you for participating in this Signature Ad Campaign.

MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SEND-OFF RALLY, Thursday, January 18, 2018: This years Send-Off Rally will take place at Mary Help of Christian Church in Ft. Recovery beginning at 6:00. We feel honored to have as our Guest Speaker Mike Spencer, from Celina. Mike is the Mid West Director of Training @ the Life Training Institute. He will be a very interesting speaker.

The annual '**Friend for Life Award**' will also be presented during the Rally.

At the present time, we have one bus Reserved for the Washington D.C. trip and are scheduled to leave from the church parking lot after the Rally. Several seats are still available. If you are interested in making the trip to our Nation's Capital, give Gary a call ASAP. Everyone is WELCOME to attend this Rally and wish those traveling to D.C. to participate in the March for Life a safe & successful trip.

MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C. – 1/22/18 – 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It will be celebrated in D.C. on Friday, January 19th. More than 100,000 people who support LIFE are expected to travel to our nation's capital for the annual March for Life. The Rally is expected to begin at NOON with the March to the Supreme Court building following around 1:30.

At the present time, we have one bus almost filled. Gary Borger, Coldwater 678-8538 and Chad Stolly, Celina have graciously agreed to co-ordinate the D.C. March for Life trip. If YOU are still interested in going to D.C. on the bus, contact Gary ASAP in order to Reserve A Seat. **Payment can be made later.**

Our bus will depart shortly after the Send-off Rally and travel thru the night. The plans include stopping at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C., where those wishing to attend the 7:30 AM Mass, can do so. Those that do not wish to participate, may wait in the Shrines cafeteria and enjoyed the beautiful sites of the building, until the services conclude.

The cost for the trip, **which includes a Breakfast Buffet**, is \$75 for adults and \$60 for students. As always, we rely heavily on contributions from individuals and organizations to help defray the cost of this trip. Your past generosity has enabled many students from our area the opportunity to participate in a very powerful pro-life experience. Many church groups are already sponsoring teens on the trip. We would like to see a good crowd from this area make the trip, however, if you personally cannot join us, please consider helping someone else go in your place.

At the Rally site, we will hear from many Congressional and Spiritual leaders, all sharing their thoughts of wisdom before making the long March towards the Supreme Court building. The crowd is expected to be Huge! What we plan to do after the March is still open for discussion, which we will do at our next RTL meeting, 1/11/18. We do know that when we board our bus for the trip home, we will stop for Dinner. Those traveling will need to bring extra \$\$ for this Dinner.

Also, don't expect the National Media to cover this event. Rely on our friends at EWTN.

2018 MERCER COUNTY RTL SWEETHEART DANCE: Saturday, February 24th, Ft. Recovery Legion Hall.. 4 Dance tickets & an envelope are enclosed with this mailing. Mark Your Calendar! Get your gang together & come out for a good night of fun & fellowship. The tickets will get you thru the door for the Dance and also enter you into the Raffle Drawing. Check out the Prize List!!! If you are unable to attend the Dance and want to be entered in the Raffle, send your completed ticket stubs along with a check, payable to Mercer County RTL in the envelope provided. The cost - \$5.00 per ticket. If you return your tickets in advance, just hang onto the Ticket Stub & it will be your ticket into the dance that night. Many Thanks to Celina Insurance Group for donating the printing of the tickets again this year!! The music for the evening will be provided by D.J. 'F I Sound'. Doors open at 7:00, with the music starting at a **NEW time**, 8:00 to 11:00. Tickets also available at the Door. ??? Call Marilyn Pottkotter, 375-2400 or Lisa Homan, 375-2515. **Please Note: NO alcohol is to be carried into the Hall.**

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST: Mercer County RTL will be sponsoring a t-shirt design contest again this year. The winning design will be used for the 2018 Mercer County RTL sponsored, 'Pro-Life T-Shirt Day.' All entries are to be submitted to mercercountylife@gmail.com by January 31, 2018. All entries are to have a front design using a maximum of two colors. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize. Please include your name and address in you design submission. Good luck!

In Loving Memory of our dear Friend, Eileen Whitsett who passed away on December 22, 2017. Eileen was one of the founding members of the Mercer County RTL in 1974. A donation was made in her memory to the National RTL.

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