



# Happy New Year 2014



**Concerned Women for America of Maine wishes you and yours a happy, healthy, prosperous, and God-honoring New Year 2014.**

*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Eph. 3:20-21*

## **Maine Legislation Update:**

To recap legislation CWA of Maine impacted last year, we report the following:

- Supported L.D. 1193, wrongful death of a viable fetus cause of action
- Supported L.D. 760, informed consent prior to an abortion procedure
- Supported L.D. 1339, parental consent for a minor’s abortion
- Opposed physician-assisted suicide AGAIN
- Supported L.D. 220, a ban on the United Nations Agenda 21
- Opposed Medicaid coverage for family planning
- Supported consistency in church property tax exemption
- Supported proper treatment of school bullying situations
- Opposed legalizing marijuana

Two bills that CWA of Maine will impact in 2014:

- Support vacating criminal records of victims of human trafficking
- Support religious liberty assuring that everyone is afforded the same freedoms

The other issue CWA of Maine is diligently following and opposing is Common Core State Standards in education.

## **Blaine House Christmas Tea:**

Thank you to all who attended the Concerned Women for America of Maine's (CWA of Maine) Christmas Tea at the Blaine House. We trust you enjoyed visiting the Governor's home, singing Christmas carols, seeing the decorations, and eating delicious goodies. It was a blessing to enjoy singing Christmas carols led by Christian Civic League of Maine's Executive Director, Carroll Conley.

For those who missed the tea, the first lady, Ann LePage, joined us during the fellowship time and warmly welcome us to the Blaine House. Carroll Conley gave an update on the religious freedom bill before the Legislature this year, and Heidi Sampson, a member of the Maine Board of Education spoke on the problems with Common Core.

If you would like to know about upcoming CWA of Maine events and/or legislation we are addressing at the Legislature and in Congress, please contact me by [e-mail](#) or phone at (207) 465-6015. We would welcome the opportunity to add you to our e-mail list.

We look forward to seeing you at other CWA events. May God bless and keep you.

## **Prayer/Action Chapter dates and times in January:**

Waldoboro - Monday, January 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Augusta - Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 12 noon

Brunswick - Monday, January 13, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

To attend one of these chapters, or to find out what it would be like to start one, [contact me](#) today.

## **Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) update:**

The goal of the EAL program is to encourage each member of the Legislature's House and Senate by praying for them on a regular basis and sending them a postcard once a month throughout the legislative session, January to May in 2014. We have 151 House members and 35 Senate members and thank each prayer warrior who has stepped up to participate again starting January 1. If you would like to take part in EAL, please contact me at [director@maine.cwfa.org](mailto:director@maine.cwfa.org) or **give me a call at (207) 465-6015** before December 31 if at all possible. Please consider an end of the year contribution to cover the printing and postage cost of this outreach to legislators.

## **Upcoming events:**

- February Winter School Break - students tour the Blaine House, enjoy munchies, and tour the Capitol from 1:30-4:00 p.m. We are planning two events: one for

home schooled students and the other for public school students. Date to be determined. If you would like to help with this event, contact **Theresa Aiello at (207)-443-1464.**

- A Candidate pre-primary forum for Congressional District #2 in conjunction with the Christian Civil League and Maine Right to Life. Date and place to be determined.
- February 26 Pro-Life Day at the Capitol. CWA of Maine will have a booth. This event is an excellent opportunity to meet your EAL legislators and learn more about the legislative process. Please plan on attending. **Contact me via [e-mail](#) or give me a call at (207)-465-6015.**

**Quote:**

*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."* **Jim Elliott**

**Concerned Women for America of Maine has monthly expenses for travel, phone and incidentals that can only be met as you share in the ministry with us in prayer and financial support. Please pray about what the Lord would have you do to help us apply Biblical principles to all levels of public policy. A monthly pledge will help insure we can meet our expenses. Please contact me by e-mail at: [director@maine.cwfa.org](mailto:director@maine.cwfa.org) or phone (207)-465-6015 if you would like to make a monthly pledge. If you would like to give a one time gift, [contribute online](#) or send a check to us at CWA of Maine, P.O. Box 451, Manchester, ME 04351.**

**Thank you so much for working with us.**

All for Jesus,

*Penny A. Morrell*

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