



Concerned Women for America of Maine Newsletter

March 2014 Newsletter

Message from State Director Penny Morrell:

GET READY FOR SPRING! March 9 is Daylight Savings, March 17 St. Patrick's Day and March 20 spring begins. God is so good and always gives us hope and things to which we can look forward.

A special thanks is warranted to you out there supporting this ministry with your time, talent and treasure. We are seeking more participation with increased member numbers and Prayer/Action Chapters while thanking God for those Chapters already at work. The "**Respect Life Day at the Capitol**" was a huge success with our Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) Encouragers meeting and greeting their lawmakers as well as other CWA of Maine members participating in the legislative process with education and information. View pictures on page three. Please continue to keep CWA of Maine in your prayers as we labor for faith, family and freedom for all. Maranatha!

Maine and National Legislation Update:

State of Maine: As we look back at February and all God did, we are thankful for Rep. Amy Volk's bill addressing the problem of sex-trafficking in Maine and how we can help these victims, for Sen. David Burns' religious freedom bill (who would have thought even 10 years ago we would need such a thing?) and for the courage some lawmakers in Augusta have to oppose Medicaid expansion in Maine. CWA of Maine testified on all three bills. To read our statements on sex-trafficking and religious freedom, please visit our website at: <http://me.cwfa.org>

I am sorry to have to report that we lost the religious freedom bill in both houses of the Legislature February 18 in the Senate and February 20 in the House of Representatives. As was reported February 19, Senator John Tuttle, Jr., crossed over in the Senate and was the only Democrat to support L.D. 1428. Our request was that you contact him and strongly thank and encourage him for doing what he believed was right against all odds and persecution he expects to receive.

Rep. Amy Volk (R-Scarborough) reported that the Work Session on her sex-trafficking bill was mixed. She said, "We won't get the vacating piece, but I was expecting that to be the case. The committee may send a letter to the pardon board asking them to consider pardons for victims earlier than 10 years. I also won't get the aggravated crime for furnishing drugs to a prostitute because it would trigger a fiscal note. Oh well. The affirmative defense is a huge win and I am surprised they did not decrease the assessment amounts."

National: Last month we prayed that every baby would have the right to life and liberty, and contacted our U.S. Senators, Collins and King asking them to urge Sen. Reid to bring the "**No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act**" up for a senate vote.

We prayed that our leaders would find out the truth about **Benghazi**, hold those responsible accountable, and for a shield around Americans serving abroad that they will be protected from terrorists. We called our representatives and asked them to co-sponsor H. Res. 36 and to urge House leadership to appoint a Select Committee to investigate Benghazi.

We prayed for the “**State Marriage Defense Act**” that affirms the rights of states to define marriage for their citizens and called our representatives asking them to co-sponsor H.R. 3289.

We prayed and called our senators and urged their support for the “**Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2013**”, which is a widely-backed bill by members on both sides of the political “aisle.”

Upcoming Events for March 2014:

Prayer/Action Chapter meetings:

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 at First Baptist Church in Waldoboro

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at noon at the Christian Civic League of Maine, 70 Sewall St., Augusta

Concerned Women for America of Maine is looking for individuals to host a Prayer/ Action Chapter in their home or church. There is no cost. Prayer/Action Chapters meet monthly to review current issues on the local, state and national level. Meetings include time to educate the group on an issue, pray about the issue and for our state and nation, and then take action such as writing a letter or committing to make phone calls. Meetings typically run from one to one and one-half hours. See more at: <http://www.cwfa.org/cwa-prayeraction-chapters/#sthash.PYyeLysA.dpuf> or contact Theresa Aiello at taiello@myfairpoint.net

What You Can Do in This Election Year:

Inform your like-minded family, friends and neighbors of your area caucuses. Also, sometimes when people move they forget to register to vote. That is why it is important to give new neighbors a voter registration card. If you would like to receive voter registration cards, contact Penny Morrell by phone at **207-465-6015** or e-mail: director@maine.cwfa.org.

Quote:

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation—whom shall I fear?
Psalm 27:1

Renewing of Your Mind

There really is a devil
And his playground is your mind.
He fills you up with fear and doubt
These paralyze you'll find.

And when you listen
To his thoughts
Discouragement comes on.

He drags you down
So you can't see
The good things God has done.

And while you focus on the doubt
And worry fills your mind.
Your life moves by you slowly
While you just sit and whine.

But fill your mind
With God's good thoughts
They drive the devil out.
They chase out fear
They bring in hope
They wash away the doubt.

And gradually the joy returns
And peace and strength abide
And things once monumental
Are taken in your stride.

For God is with us always
In sickness as in health.
It's resting in His loving arms
That really gives us wealth.
Just looking to Him day by day
Gives courage to go on.
And day by day – we'll watch and see
The battle will be won!

Dorothy L. Herbert
CWA member
November 12, 1988

Give a Gift: 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 send your gift to CWA of Maine, P.O. Box 451, Manchester, ME 04351. Or make it easy by donating [online](#). If you are making a monthly pledge then be sure to note it in the “Comment” box. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments by [e-mail](#) or phone at (207) 465-6015. Thank you so much for working with us.



A Wonderful Day at the Legislature

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Concerned Women for America of Maine had a wonderful day at the Legislature. Our Encourage-A-Legislator pray-ers had the opportunity to meet and greet their lawmaker as did other members of CWA of Maine. We joined many other pro-life groups for a first ever Pro-Life Day in the Hall of Flags. Maine Right To Life spearheaded the event, and CWA of Maine had coffee and pastries for 200 people at our booth sponsored by Dennis Keller of State Farm Insurance Company in Augusta and other generous donors. Crisis pregnancy centers and prayer groups also participated. A highlight of the day was 14-year-old Jared McCabe who did a pencil drawing of an unborn baby and had copies printed to share with participants. On the drawing he wrote Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."



Pastor Bob Emrich, Rep. Amy Volk and Jan Pinkham



Wendy Merrill



Helen Webster, Rep. Jeff Gifford and Merritt Webster



Jonathan Haines and Joseph



Rep. Matt Pouliot



James Thomas



Tim Russell and Rep. Jeff Gifford



Rep. Paul Davis and Pastor Bob Emrich



Jan Pinkham and Katrin Teel



Rep. Rick Long and wife Debbie

