

# People Concerned for the Unborn Child

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **YOU ARE INVITED**

*To join with your friends in the pro-life family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and fine food. We'll see you on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 12 Noon*

*Scoglio's Greentree  
661 Anderson Drive. Bldg. 7  
Foster Plaza, Greentree  
- \$20 per person*

*Call Joan 412-341-6160 for menu choices.*

### **Founder's Award to Sandra Strong**

When she calls the PCUC office she always introduces herself as "Sandra Strong from Our Lady of Joy." Her calls tell us of the work she is doing in her parish and on behalf of the local pregnancy resource centers. She sings in the choir and her husband, Don, also volunteers.

No one sold more "precious feet" pins, pro-life roses, and other pro-life symbols. Every year she has a baby shower for one of the womens help centers. The parish hall is bright with food, drinks and piles of colorfully wrapped gifts. We play party games, and everyone goes home with a "memory."

Sandy and her friends are a constant presence at PCUC events. We love her spirit, her determination and her love of life.

*We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the men and women who were murdered at Tree of Life Synagogue on Saturday, October 27, 2018.*

### **PRAYER BREAKFAST JANUARY 12, 2019**



Rev. Joseph Stump, pastor of Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene, will deliver words of love and inspiration at the first event of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of PCUC's founding in 1969.

We will gather at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Road in Penn Hills at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 12.

Invite your family, your pastor, church members and neighbors. Reservation form is on page 7.



### **MARCH FOR LIFE 2019 FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

The theme of the 2019 March for Life, "Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science" affirms the current state of the pro-life movement. We see that medical and technological advances always affirm our principles. DNA is present at fertilization, and no fingerprint on earth, past, present, or future, is the same. We know a baby's heart beats at just six weeks, and we can see it with ultrasound technology. Every life is unique from day one in the womb. We will work for laws to affirm this truth.

Groups in southwestern PA are planning our annual March and Rally on Friday, January 18. Our **January Newsletter** will have the list of buses leaving from sites where you can board before dawn and return around midnight.

The March for Life is the largest pro-life event our country has ever seen. YOU should plan to be there. Let us pray now for the safety and success of the March and that 2019 will bring laws to protect our most innocent brothers and sisters.

## MEMORIALS AND CELEBRATIONS

In honor of Dave Gartner (Poompa) on his 88th  
Birthday, October 1, 2018

from Bernard & Katie O'Keefe

In honor of the veterans of War

from Mrs. Theresa M. Hammond

In honor of all Law Enforcement Officers

From Joseph & Susan Cirincione

In honor of Judy Verzella from Lillian Rausch

In memory and honor of Raymond Schneider,  
veteran, from Mrs. Theresa M. Hammond

In honor of Joan & Bob Newman with love  
from Anita Theiss

In honor of Jim Quinn, radio talk show host who is  
very pro-life, from Joe Krill

God bless Bill Kness on his Birthday and always  
Love, Aunt Aggie

In honor of all faithful Deacons, Priests and  
Bishops from Deacon Frank Kenski

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Bob & Dawn Aul from Evelyn Turocy

Memory of Fr. Angelus Schaughnessey  
from Jerry & Peggy Wrabley

Memory of Riley Sara Hough from Kim and Bill  
Memory of David Freedy

from mom and dad, Hank & Judy Freedy

Memory of Al Colonna from his dear wife, Pat

Memory of Al Colonna from Josh Abajian

Memory of Dr. Jack Walsh from Pat & Bill Bennett

Memory of Dr. John Walsh  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of John Reich from Rosemarie Chrobak

Memory of Mrs. Terry Shearer from her Family

Memory of Mr. Joseph Hufnagel  
from Philene Revitsky

Memory of Dolan & Ryan Families

from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ryan

Memory of Laura Lancia on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of  
her death from Stephanie, Bob, Bobby, Matthew,  
Joshua, Billy & Catherine O'Mara

Memory of Joanne Cook from Mary L. Cook

Memory of Rosemarie Pascaretta  
from Julene Pegher

Memory of their beloved son, Stephen M. Saupe,  
from Theresa and George Saupe

Memory of Rick Givan from Trish Lindsay

Memory of Mary Margaret Rattay and  
Anthony Robert Rattay

from Michelina Peters

Memory of Anthony and Loretta Maimone

from Joan Ellen and James Maimone

Memory of Margaret Dolinar from Joseph Dolinar

Memory of John Kassak, Linda Staberow,  
Charles/ Carol Putnam and Edward/Helen Kassak  
from Cheryl Kassak

Memory of Nancy Lang from her Husband, Paul

Memory of Laureen Hartman

from Dave & Marlene Wohleber

Memory of Laureen Hartman

From Helen & Frank Cindrich

Memory of Laureen Hartman

from Buck & Kathy Koontz

Memory of Laureen Hartman

from John & Elaine Thomas

Memory of Laureen Hartman

from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Kate Murcek

from Dave & Marlene Wohleber

In loving memory of my wife, Diane M. Slagle

From John P. Slagle

Memory of Angela Gogniat

from Dick & Mary Jo Kelly

Memory of Pat Collins from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Diane Slagle from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Edward A. Gromek

from his beloved wife, Mimi

Memory of Jack Donahoe from his dear wife, Joan

Memory of my beloved Mother, Elsie Brophy, from  
her daughter, Barb Williams

Memory of my beloved husband, Art Williams,  
from his wife, Barb

Memory of Margaret Soboslay

from her husband, John

Memory of Jean Indovina from Evelyn Turocy

Memory of Teresa McKeown from Evelyn Turocy

Memory of Jonathan Wehner

From his Father, Bill Wehner

Memory of Ronald Gorecki

from Rosemary Gorecki

## ACTOR KEVIN SORBO SPEAKS OUT



"Abortion is the definition of evil, pure and simple." His words put him on the short list of actors in Hollywood with a profound respect for unborn children killed in abortions. Sorbo has spoken out repeatedly against abortion and the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

He did so in the form of an editorial with his wife, Sam.

Secular humanists have made the word *abortion* sound like a woman's right, synonymous with health care, standing for women's issues, female empowerment, a choice, a solution; anything but the truth.

## LAUREEN HARTMAN, R.I.P



After a long and valiant battle, our dear friend Laureen Hartman went to be with the Lord on October 15. No one fought harder to make a wonderful life for her family and for those in need than Laureen. She and her beloved husband

Jack made a wonderful life in their home in Brentwood, their parish (St. Sylvester), the battlefields of Gettysburg and the adventures of DisneyWorld.

Laureen was a long-time member of the PCUC Board of Directors. We are grateful for her service. We send deepest sympathy to her family, who suggested donations can be made to PCUC or to the Anna Seethaler Hospital, c/o Rev. Scott Seethaler, St. Conrad Friary, 9448 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101.

## 40 DAYS HOSTS SEAN CARNEY



Prayer, fellowship and the warm-hearted hospitality of devoted Pittsburgh pro-lifers welcomed Sean Carney, founder, President and CEO of 40 Days for Life on Monday, October 22.

Pastor Joe Stump led us in prayer and song at the doors of Planned Parenthood. A short stroll took us to a reception at Catholic Charities where Shawn had words of encouragement and praise for our volunteers. Nikki Bruni, our dauntless leader, and hostess Barbara Lewis provided a beautiful setting and fine desserts. Thank you to all who came.

## MICHIGAN "HELLO" AT BANQUET



As we "set up" for our Banquet at the Crowne Plaza, a fine young couple from Michigan came in to say "Hello" and offer best wishes. They could not stay for lunch, but we were delighted to meet Mark and Marti from Constantine, MI.

## THANK GOD & CHARLES & DERRICK

(A note from the 40 Days blog)

*God was clearly working today when he sent "K." "K" came up and started talking to Charles and Derrick. She asked if Planned Parenthood was closed today as she saw on their website, but she came by anyway. She is pregnant and wanted to get an ultrasound to see how far along she was. She is having a lot of pressure from her mom and boyfriend to abort. Charles and Derrick ministered to her and then we all prayed for her before Charles drove her to Women's Choice Network in Oakland. Please continue to pray for "K."*

## UNITED WAY BOOSTS PP \$\$\$



Pennsylvania is among the states whose United Way Chapters donated nearly \$2.8 million to Planned Parenthood affiliates in 2016, funding an estimated 2,901 abortions.

Reported in *LifeSiteNews.com* by Calvin Freiburger, this research highlights just how irresponsible some corporations are. "Donating to PP-supporting United Way Chapters should make these chapters anathema to responsible funders." For more information: [www.2ndvote.com](http://www.2ndvote.com).

Source: *Life Advocacy Briefing* 9-3-2018

## WE WERE SO PLEASED TO SEE YOU



Among the guests at our Celebrate Life Banquet on October 21 were Elsie Lewis Rothfus and members of Students for Life from Robert Morris University: Selene Cerankosky, Victoria Yeany and Mikelle Miles.

Elsie is a pro-life activist, even from her high school days. The Students for Life group are active at school and in the community. They recently held a rally on Grant St., downtown to encourage confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh.



## TRUMP RALLY OCT 10, ERIE, PA

*by Susan Deasey, co-chair,  
PCUC New Castle Chapter*



I attended a Donald Trump rally at the Erie Insurance Arena in October with two friends. Erie is an hour and a half north of my home in West Middlesex, PA. We left here at 3:30. We arrived in the parking garage at a few minutes after 5 pm. The line to the arena was so long, it took us at least ten minutes to get to the end of it! I was interviewed twice; once by a local TV station and once by a woman doing a study for a college class. When asked why I support the President, my answer was that we need to stop the huge number of abortions in this country, and Donald Trump is the man to take us in that direction.

We finally arrived at the arena at 6 pm, only to discover that the Secret Service had sealed it off because the President was already in town. So we stood outside with around 2000 others and watched the rally on a Jumbo Tron screen. The cameras inside panned the arena. It was nearly full; a man who got inside later said there were about 50 empty seats. The arena holds 7-9 thousand, plus the 2000 outside; it's safe to say the crowd size was 9-10 thousand. The President came in at 7 pm. The rally lasted until 8:30, with appearances by Michelle Brooks, Mike Kelly, Lou Barletta and Scott Wagner. What impressed me the most was that the President announced that he recently signed the Right to Try Act, allowing terminally ill patients to purchase experimental drugs not yet approved by the FDA. To me this is a pro-life action. Why should those people not have the opportunity to try something new if they have exhausted all other medical treatment? The diversity of the crowd also had my attention; women and men, young and old, were there to support conservative values and the America First agenda. I would encourage everyone to become politically active; your vote and your participation DO make a difference in the direction of our country.

## NIKKI & JOE BRUNI GRANDPARENTS OF TWINS



Jensen and Nora are the newest grandchildren of Joe and Nikki Bruni. Born in July, they are the delight of the whole family. We thank Nikki and Joe for all they do for everyone in our pro-life family.

## THANK YOU, ST. ANN, CASTLE SHANNON



God bless the effort of your Respect Life Committee for their splendid abundance of diapers of all sizes. We accepted delivery of more than 1800 diapers at the PCUC office. We will send them to local centers where they are needed most. Moms & babies thank you.

## ST. E'S LADIES ARE ALL WINNERS



Cathy Park (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) was the happy winner of the tickets to her choice of any Penn State game for the 2019-2020 season. Sharing her joy are friends from St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Rosie, Mary Lou and Mary Ellen.

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

## **Memo from Mary Lou Gartner, Secretary of LIFEPAC**

### **To all who labored in the November 6, 2018 Election**

Dear Pro-Life Friends:

We again thank you so much for all you did to circulate our LIFEPAC pro-life voter's guides. They can really make a difference in close contests!

We lost the U.S. Senate and PA Governor's races, but in the 11 counties where we distribute LIFEPAC flyers, both Lou Barletta and Scott Wagner were winners. Armstrong, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington and Westmoreland Counties gave them great numbers. I am very proud of every one of you who distributed flyers. Sadly, we lost in Allegheny and Beaver Counties. I have no doubt we gave the "establishment" in those counties a lot to think about for next time.

I am heartsick at the loss of the Congressional seat in the new 17<sup>th</sup> District by our dear friend and strong pro-lifer, Keith Rothfus. He put up a very good fight and a fine campaign, but the reapportionment made the difference. PA has 18 Congressional seats. Nine were won by Democrats and nine were won by Republicans. **Because of the reapportionment!** Prior to this move, there were five Democrats and 13 Republicans in Congress from PA.

In the new districts, we congratulate John Joyce, who won in the 13<sup>th</sup>; Guy Reschenthaler, who won in the 14<sup>th</sup>; Glenn Thompson, who won in the 15<sup>th</sup>; Mike Kelly, who won in the 16<sup>th</sup>. Keith Rothfus' loss was in the 17<sup>th</sup>. Two write-ins, Kim Mack and George Karpacs, lost in the 18<sup>th</sup>.

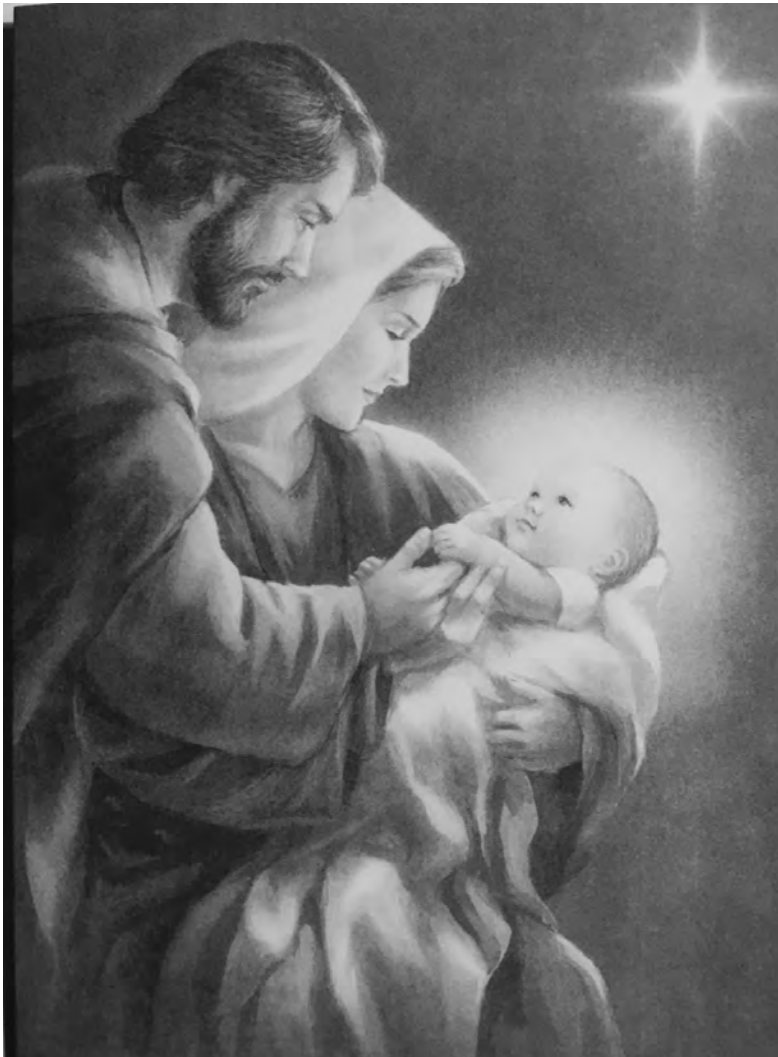
We regret that Jeremy Schaffer lost in the PA Senate 38<sup>th</sup> District. He was an excellent pro-life candidate. We congratulate Pat Stefano, who won in the 32<sup>nd</sup> District. Best wishes to Camera Bartolotta, who won in the 46<sup>th</sup>, and Michele Brooks who was victorious in the 50<sup>th</sup> PA Senate seat.

In the PA House all pro-life incumbents, both Republican and Democrat, won their elections. We congratulate Robert Matzie (16); Dan Deasy (27); Mike Turzai (28); Anthony DeLuca (32); Harry Readshaw (36); Bill Kortz (38); Anita Kulik (45); Jason Ortity (46); Joseph Petrarca (55); Jeff Pyle (60); Donna Oberlander (63); Aaron Bernstine (10); Jim Marshall (14); Tedd Nesbitt (8); Brian Ellis (11); Darryl Metcalfe (12); Lee James (64); Bud Cook (49); Pam Snyder (50); Matthew Dowling (51); Ryan Warner (52); Cris Dush (66); Chris Sainato (9); Parke Wentling (17); Mark Longietti (7); George Dunbar (56); Eric Nelson (57); Justin Walsh (58) and Mike Reese (59).

Joshua Nulph lost in the 33<sup>rd</sup>, and the other House losers that lost were running against another LIFEPAC candidate. We are sorry that Steve Schlauch (25); Betsy McClure (50) and Gregory Michaled (9) did not win. There were eight open PA House seats, and LIFEPAC won them all. We congratulate Brandon Markosek (25), Lori Mizgorski (30); Michael Puskari (39); Natalie Mihaled (40); Valerie Gaydos (44); Bob Brooks (54); Joshua Kail (15); Jim Struzzi (62); and Tim O'Neal (48).

**Pro-life still remains in the majority in the PA Legislature in spite of our pro-abortion Governor. Again, thanks for all your hard work. Mary Lou**

**2018 Christmas Card**  
**2018 PCUC CHRISTMAS CARD**  
**"Gazing on their Creator"**



The Message of the angel to Mary has come to fruition in the tiny body of the child born this night in a stable in Bethlehem.

Scripture Verse: *While they were there, the time came for the Baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:6*

***A Christmas Prayer***

*God of love and mercy, In this season of Christmas We offer you our thanks and praise. We want to spread the word of peace you give us through Jesus Christ.*

*May the birth of your Son overcome human suffering, calm our fears, and bring peace to our homes, our families and the world. Amen*

*Blessed Christmas and a happy, holy New Year.*

***Colors: Shades of blue and white***

***Size: 5" X 7" Set of 10 cards with white envelopes = \$6.00***

***Postage for one set = \$2.26 2 sets = \$3.52. 3-6 sets= \$6.70 Call local distributor for free delivery. We have a few sets from previous years. Call the office if you wish to order "older" cards.***

***Aspinwall Area: Mary Catherine Scanlon – 412-781-6550***

***Beaver Area: Anna Marie Grubbs – 724-457-7283***

***West: Kathleen Weaver – 412-531-9272 East and Westmoreland – Helen Cindrich 412-823-8150***

***Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ sets of cards. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for cards and postage.***

***Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_***

***Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_***

***People Concerned for the Unborn Child, (PCUC), 3050 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222***  
***As you send your cards, you send a prayer to each recipient.***



## KATE MURCEK, R.I.P.

We send our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Kate Murcek. Kate was a true friend of the pro-life movement in Westmoreland County. She was a familiar face at conservative affairs, and she was a loyal member of Eagle Forum.

## BIOTECH FIRM CAUGHT SELLING HEADS OF UNBORN BABIES



A Michigan biotech firm sold two human heads and a cervical spine from Restore Life USA, a broker based in Tennessee. There is no information on whether the babies died in miscarriages or were victims of abortions. Marsha Blackburn, recently elected as U. S. Senator in Tennessee, chaired a special U.S. House Committee on the use of fetal tissue. We can hope this investigation will continue.

**PENCE:** “Abortion will end in U.S. ‘in our time.’” Vice President Mike Pence, in a speech he gave on February 27, 2018, said, “If all of us do all we can, we can once again, in our time, restore the sanctity of life to the center of American law.”

## THE MAGEE PROJECT

*Meredith Parente*

The Magee Project continues as 40 Days for Life wraps up the fall campaign. Magee committed 604 abortions in 2017, over half of which were in the second trimester according to reports submitted by Magee to the state.

We are seeking volunteers to commit to going to Magee to pray once a month for one hour. We send out weekly updates between 40 Days for Life campaigns making volunteers aware of opportunities to fill days. This way, we have at least one person going to pray at Magee every day.

Unlike 40 Days for Life, we have no regular visible presence at Magee. Volunteers pray privately at their convenience, except on days when we have public events like prayer walks, a weeklong Jericho Walk or a 24 hour prayer vigil.

We have been able to identify a number of abortion providers who we pray for by name as well as praying for members of the Board of Magee.

For more information or if you would like to receive weekly updates, contact:

**TheMageeProject@gmail.com**

## UPDATE ON SUICIDE BILLS

This year 21 legislatures considered bills to legalize or study doctor-assisted suicide. Only Hawaii passed a measure to legalize the practice, but it took supporters 20 years of intensive lobbying to achieve their goal. The law takes effect in 2019.

Sixteen other states defeated their assisted suicide bills. PA was not part of the “package,” but there are PA lawmakers who are always looking for ways to make assisted suicide part of PA law. PA Sen. Daylin Leach has tried to pass five such laws.

Utah not only rejected its bill, but it passed a new law that expands the crime of manslaughter to include intentionally and knowingly providing another with physical means to commit suicide.

*Thank you Patients Rights Council Vol. 32, No. 3*

## SALLY RAUSCHER, R.I.P.

Deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Sally Rauscher of Murrysburg, who died on October 31, 2018. Sally was a pioneer in the Pittsburgh pro-life movement who volunteered for many local groups. One of her presentations on life before birth and the reality of abortion inspired me (Your editor) to do the same kind of presentations for any audience who would listen. For this I am eternally grateful. (I remember the dress and shoes she wore.)

Sally is survived by her wonderful husband, Don, and a precious family. Sally's daughter, Susan, is Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Her family suggests contributions can be made to that charity at [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org).

## ABBY JOHNSON URGES ABORTION WORKERS TO QUIT THEIR JOBS



She used to work at an abortion mill, so Abby knows these “sisters” and the uneasy feelings they often keep to themselves. She holds retreats where they can share feelings. She offers temporary financial support and help with finding employment in other fields. She knows some will accept her offer primarily for the money, but she says *And Then There Were None* is in regular contact with more than 300 people who have left abortion-related jobs. Whatever the numbers, it is good to know that there are fewer people willing to kill babies as a “career.”

THE PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION FOR LIFE &

*People Concerned for the Unborn Child*

Invite you to our

***PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR LIFE***

*Saturday, January 12, 2019*

*10:00 a.m.*

***Comfort Inn***

699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235

**We welcome as our Speaker**



**Rev. Joseph Stump**

**Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene**

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We invite our guests to bring donations of non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning products. We will deliver them to a local food pantry. This year many more families are in need, and many of the pantries are struggling to serve their needy clients.

**Directions to the Restaurant**

**From Pittsburgh:** Follow 1-376 (Parkway East) toward Monroeville. Comfort Inn is located just off Exit 81 Penn Hills/Rodi Road. (Do not use Monroeville Business District). As you exit, the road to the Inn is your first right hand turn. Bear right up the hill.

**From Turnpike:** Exit at Monroeville/Pittsburgh interchange. Head west on Rt.376 toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 81 Penn Hills/Rodi Road. As you exit take first right turn and bear right up the hill.

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\_\_\_ I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_ for \_\_\_ breakfasts @ \$20.00 each

\_\_\_ I would like to reserve a table of ten (10) for \$200.00 **Deadline: January 8, 2018**

\_\_\_ I cannot come to the Breakfast, but I would like to make a donation. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you coming with friends/family? Whose name will identify your table?** \_\_\_\_\_