

A NOTE FROM STACI



These past few months we have had to say goodbye to some incredible reproductive health advocates. Three amazing women, Carolyn V. Tyner, Linda Larkin Smith and Edna L. Saffy who tirelessly worked for the reproductive health and rights movement, recently passed away.

Carolyn V. Tyner was one of Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida's founding board members in 1973 and was a lifelong resident of Gainesville, FL. She championed women's rights, the environment, and population control. Linda Larkin Smith was a board member of Planned Parenthood of Northeast Florida and a Jacksonville, FL resident for over 50 years. Linda loved her profession as an Account Executive at Raymond James Securities. Dr. Edna L. Saffy was a political women's right activist, retired college professor, founder of NOW chapters in Gainesville and Jacksonville and Planned Parenthood of Northeast Florida and North Florida board member.

Carolyn, Linda and Edna were passionate women and we feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to know all of them.

It is difficult to believe that it has already been a year since the horrific murder of Dr. George Tiller. Dr. Tiller's courage, compassion, and dedication are a reminder and inspiration of why we keep working and fighting for our pro-choice community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these families. Without the courageous work of all of these champions we would not be where we are today.

Peace and Miracles,

Staci Fox

INVOLVE



GYT Benefit Concert, left to right, Desiree Orofino, Megan Frazier, Ilana Stewart, Katie Coyne, Helen Strain

April was national Get Yourself Tested (GYT) month. Planned Parenthood, the Kaiser Family Foundation, MTV and the Center for Disease Control joined together to sponsor a national campaign around STI testing and prevention. Our three Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood chapters located at FSU, UF and Santa Fe participated through 7 tabling events on their campuses. UF Vox held a campus HIV testing day and a Condom Crawl in downtown Gainesville. Additionally, on

April 17th over 100 people attended a GYT Benefit Concert at Brophy's Irish Pub in Gainesville. We are also excited to announce the formation of a new Vox chapter this 2010 Fall semester at the University of North Florida.

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GOING GREEN

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INVITE



Founder's Luncheon

Sweetwater Branch Inn
September 14th from noon 'til 1:30

2010 MAGGIE AWARD — MARGARET PARRISH
SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVIST & CO-FOUNDER OF THE
GAINESVILLE WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER & BIRTH PLACE, INC.

GUEST SPEAKER — BYLLYE AVERY
FOUNDER OF THE BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE

\$40 per ticket (\$20 tax deductible)
For sponsorship opportunities or more information
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IMPRESS

On May 7, 2010, over 100 PPNF supporters enjoyed an evening at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Attendees toured various animal exhibits that were staffed by zoologists who educated everyone on their reproductive health care - many of these animals are on or use contraceptives! We had great food, jazz from the University of North Florida Jazz ensemble, a wonderful silent auction and a keynote address by State Representative



Ada Nesbit feeds the giraffes at the Giraffe Overlook Exhibit

Audrey Gibson, a champion for Planned Parenthood in the Florida House of Representatives. We had a wonderful time and look forward to seeing all of our supporters again next year at the Zoo!

INFORM

In this 2010 legislative session, our pro active legislation, the Healthy Teens Act sponsored by Senator Deutch (D-30) and Representative Fitzgerald (D-69), and the Prevention First Act sponsored by Senator Rich (D-34) and Representative Gibson (D-15), were filed but not heard. All anti choice bills were either defeated or not heard this session, including the Fetal Homicide bill introduced by Senator Fasano (R-11) and Representative Poppell (R-29).

The proposed committee bill introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee relating to the public records exemption under the Parental Notice of Abortion Act, which is a housekeeping issue to ensure that any hearing concerning a minor seeking a judicial bypass to terminate a pregnancy remains confidential, was passed.

On Friday, June 10, 2010 Governor Crist vetoed HB 1143, which included policy-changing language restricting access to abortion that would have interfered with private health care decisions and would have restricted private health insurance from offering abortion coverage.

This is a great victory for reproductive rights!

IN THE NEWS

5/9/2010, The Gainesville Sun and The Tallahassee Democrat: President & CEO Staci Fox talks about the 50th Anniversary of the Birth Control Pill.

Excerpt from "Mothers Day & The Pill"

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the approval of the birth control pill by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1960, as well as a celebration of Mothers Day. The pill literally changed everything for women. It was a pathway for women to seek higher education, enter the work force and to plan the timing and spacing of their children.

In the past 50 years, with the help of the pill, the percentage of women who died as a result of pregnancy dropped by half, and there was a threefold decline in infant deaths. But as we celebrate the pill's golden anniversary, we must remember that many women in the U.S. still do not have access to affordable, effective birth control. The Guttmacher Institute estimates that over 35,000 women and teens in Alachua County are in need of birth control services.

Ensuring affordable contraception is one of the most crucial investments we can make for women.

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