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## 2003 Legislative Wrap-up:

### 24-Hour Abortion Waiting Period Becomes Law, Countless MCCL Initiatives Blocked

There is no doubt that the “highlight” of the 2003 legislative session will be the audacity of the Minnesota Citizen’s Concerned for Life (MCCL) attaching the 24-hour abortion waiting period to a **circus bill** and its subsequent signing by their hand picked governor, Tim Pawlenty. And yet, from the perspective of the pro-choice community, the real story of the 2003 legislative session is that despite the overwhelming anti-choice majorities in the legislature, we were able to prevent a whole host of other nasty legislation from becoming law. Our victories included:

- ◆ **Securing** near full-funding for Family Planning without a ‘gag rule’;
- ◆ **Stopping** the MCCL’s #2 priority, the “Super Gag Rule”;
- ◆ **Preserving** adolescent’s ability to consent to their own care in several areas including mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, pregnancy-related treatment, and contraception (a.k.a. “Minor’s Consent”);
- ◆ **Defeating** nearly 20 other anti-choice initiatives ranging from the ridiculous: allowing a pharmacist to refuse to dispense a prescription based on personal, religious, or moral conviction; to the unrealistic: diverting at least 10% of state Family Planning Special Projects funds to groups devoted only to “natural family planning;”
- ◆ **Introducing** two pro-active, pregnancy prevention bills including mandating access to emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault and a requirement that health care plans treat contraceptives equally to other prescription drugs.

**Thank you** to all Minnesota NARAL members who contacted their legislators this session. We couldn’t have done it without you! **This month’s Choice Newsline features a legislative scorecard—check it out!**

### Volunteer of the Month: Kate Halverson



Minnesota NARAL thanks devoted volunteer Kate Halverson for all her work in the pro-choice movement. Kate first got involved after she signed up at a Minnesota NARAL table at a First Avenue concert and started receiving our weekly pro-choice email alerts.

Kate is part of the “Outreach Group,” which helps Minnesota NARAL with community outreach activities. She enjoys tabling and says, “I’m inspired by the other volunteers I meet. It’s very encouraging to see how diverse our backgrounds are and yet how committed we all are to choice.”

In April, Kate hosted a “Choice Celebrations” [see accompanying article]. Kate said her Choice Celebration went wonderfully and even her legislator, pro-choice state Senator Scott Dibble (DFL-60), made an appearance and spoke.

### Choice Celebrations: Honoring *Roe* and Preparing for 2004

In April, pro-choice supporters across the country organized house parties called Choice Celebrations to honor the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, educate people about the current threats to reproductive freedom and motivate people to become more invested in the issue. On or around April 30, hundreds of Choice Celebrations were held around the country, including Minnesota.

Each party had its own unique style and format, but the common thread was the message that the time to protect choice is now.

Due to the positive response, we will be holding more of them this year. If interested in hosting a Choice Celebration, please contact [volunteer@mnnaral.org](mailto:volunteer@mnnaral.org) or 651-602-7655.

# 2003 Legislative Scorecard

## Explanation of SENATE 2003 Votes

1. Senator Hottinger moved that the Senate not concur in the "Woman's Right to Know" (WRTK) amendment the House attached to a Circus Bill (SF 187). **Minnesota NARAL supported this motion; it failed 31-35.** April 14, 2003.
2. Senator Dille moved to concur in the House amendment of WRTK to SF 187. **Minnesota NARAL opposed this motion; it passed 40-26.** April 14, 2003.
3. Final passage of WRTK (SF 187). **Minnesota NARAL opposed this bill; it passed 41-24.** April 14, 2003.
4. Senator Nienow moved to amend the Omnibus Health, Human Services and Criminal Justice Appropriations bill (SF 1532) to give parents full access to minor child's confidential health records. **Minnesota NARAL opposed this amendment; it failed 27-38.** May 2, 2003.
5. Senator Bachmann moved to amend SF 1532 to eliminate medical abortion (RU-486) from a new prescription drug medical assistance plan and preferred drug list. **Minnesota NARAL opposed this amendment; it failed 29-36.** May 2, 2003.
6. Senator LeClair moved to amend SF 1532 to restrict abortion coverage for Medicaid recipients. **Minnesota NARAL opposed this amendment; it failed 31-33.** May 2, 2003.

SD	PARTY	SENATOR	1	2	3	4	5	6
01	DFL	Stumpf, LeRoy A.	-	-	-	+	+	-
02	DFL	Skoe, Rod	+	-	-	+	+	+
03	DFL	Saxhaug, Tom	+	-	-	+	+	+
04	R	Ruud, Carrie L.	-	-	-	-	-	-
05	DFL	Tomassoni, David J.	+	+	+	+	+	+
06	DFL	Bakk, Thomas M.	+	+	+	+	+	+
07	DFL	Solon, Yvonne Prettner	+	+	+	+	+	+
08	DFL	Lourey, Becky	+	+	+	+	+	+
09	DFL	Langseth, Keith	+	-	-	+	+	+
10	R	Larson, Cal	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	DFL	Sams, Dallas C.	-	-	-	+	-	-
12	R	Koering, Paul E.	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	DFL	Johnson, Dean E.	-	-	-	+	+	-
14	R	Fischbach, Michelle L.	-	-	-	-	-	0
15	R	Kleis, Dave	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	R	Wergin, Betsy L.	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	R	Nienow, Sean R.	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	R	Dille, Steve	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	R	Ourada, Mark	0	0	0	-	-	-
20	DFL	Kubly, Gary W.	-	-	-	+	+	+
21	R	Frederickson, Dennis R.	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	DFL	Vickerman, Jim	-	-	-	+	+	+
23	DFL	Hottinger, John C.	+	+	0	+	+	+
24	R	Rosen, Julie A.	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	R	Neuville, Thomas M.	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	R	Day, Dick	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	DFL	Sparks, Dan	+	-	-	+	+	+
28	DFL	Murphy, Steve	+	-	-	+	+	+
29	R	Senjem, David H.	-	-	-	+	-	-
30	IP	Kiscaden, Sheila M.	+	+	+	+	+	+
31	R	Kierlin, Bob	-	-	-	+	-	-
32	R	Limmer, Warren	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	R	Olson, Gen	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	R	Ortman, Julianne E.	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	R	Robling, Claire A.	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	R	Pariseau, Pat	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	R	Knutson, David L.	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	R	McGinn, Mike	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	DFL	Metzen, James P.	+	+	-	+	+	+
40	R	Belanger, Jr., William V.	-	-	-	0	0	0
41	R	Michel, Geoff	-	-	-	-	+	-
42	R	Hann, David	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	R	Gaither, David	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	DFL	Kelley, Steve	+	+	+	+	+	+
45	DFL	Rest, Ann H.	+	+	+	+	+	+
46	DFL	Scheid, Linda	+	+	+	+	+	+
47	DFL	Foley, Leo T.	+	+	+	+	+	+
48	R	Jungbauer, Michael J.	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	R	Johnson, Debbie J.	-	-	-	0	0	0
50	DFL	Chaudhary, Satveer	+	+	+	+	+	+
51	DFL	Betzold, Don	+	+	+	+	+	+
52	R	Bachmann, Michele	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	R	Reiter, Mady	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	DFL	Marty, John	+	+	+	+	+	+
55	DFL	Wiger, Charles W.	+	+	+	+	+	+
56	R	LeClair, Brian	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	DFL	Marko, Sharon	+	+	+	+	+	+
58	DFL	Higgins, Linda	+	+	+	+	+	+
59	DFL	Pogemiller, Lawrence J.	+	+	+	+	+	+
60	DFL	Dibble, D. Scott	+	+	+	+	+	+
61	DFL	Berglin, Linda	+	+	+	+	+	+
62	DFL	Skoglund, Wesley J.	+	+	+	+	+	+
63	DFL	Ranum, Jane B.	+	+	+	+	+	+
64	DFL	Cohen, Richard J.	+	+	+	+	+	+
65	DFL	Pappas, Sandra L.	+	+	+	+	+	+
66	DFL	Anderson, Ellen R.	+	+	+	+	+	+
67	DFL	Moua, Mee	+	+	+	+	+	+

### WHO ARE MY LEGISLATORS?

To find your legislator look at your mailing label. The upper right corner will have a number (your senate district) with a letter (the A or B side of your senate district) which is your representative.

#### Vote Key

- +** is a pro-choice vote
- is an anti-choice vote
- 0** is not voting

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**Explanation of HOUSE 2003 Votes**

(see pages 4 &amp; 5 for House votes)

1. Representative Paymar moved to amend “Woman’s Right to Know” (WRTK / HF 668) to define sexual assault as a circumstance in which a woman can be released from the requirements of “Woman’s Right to Know.” **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 46-86.** March 31, 2003.
  2. Representative Walker moved to amend HF 668 to require the distribution of information and materials for the future prevention of unwanted pregnancies as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 43-89.** March 31, 2003.
  3. Representative Davnie moved to amend HF 668 to allow women to waive their rights to information stipulated in the provisions of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 43-89.** March 31, 2003.
  4. Representative Kahn moved to amend HF 668 to remove any mention of breast cancer as part of the WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 48-83.** March 31, 2003.
  5. Representative Kahn moved to amend HF 668 to provide women with the Internet address for the federal Center for Disease Control fact sheet on abortion and breast cancer as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 48-83.** March 31, 2003.
  6. Representative Wagenius moved to amend HF 668 provide women with medically accurate information on how to avoid risk factors during pregnancy as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 49-83.** March 31, 2003.
  7. Representative Slawik moved to amend HF 668 to eliminate funding for WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 39-93.** March 31, 2003.
  8. Final passage of WRTK (HF 668). **Minnesota NARAL opposed the bill; it passed 91-41.** March 31, 2003.
  9. Representative Kahn moved to amend the WRTK amendment to the Circus Bill (SF 187) to remove any mention of breast cancer as part of the bill. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 44-88.** April 7, 2003.
  10. Representative Wagenius moved to amend SF 187 to provide women with medically accurate information on how to avoid risk factors during pregnancy as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 44-87.** April 7, 2003.
  11. Representative Kahn moved to amend SF 187 to provide women with the Internet address for the federal Center for Disease Control fact sheet on abortion and breast cancer as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 45-87.** April 7, 2003.
  12. Representative Walker moved to amend SF 187 to require the distribution of information and materials for the future prevention of unwanted pregnancies as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 47-85.** April 7, 2003.
  13. Representative Davnie moved to amend SF 187 to allow women to waive their rights to information stipulated in WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 40-90.** April 7, 2003.
  14. Representative Greiling moved to amend SF 187 to require that in addition to women being informed that medical assistance benefits for prenatal, childbirth, and neonatal care may be available as a provision of WRTK, that women also be informed of what the eligibility criteria for medical assistance benefits are. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 40-89.** April 7, 2003.
  15. Representative Clark moved to amend SF 187 to require equity in health care coverage for prescription contraceptives as a provision of WRTK. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 37-93.** April 7, 2003.
  16. Final vote to accept the WRTK amendment to the Senate Circus Bill (SF 187). **Minnesota NARAL opposed the amendment; it passed 88-40.** April 7, 2003.
  17. Final passage of SF 187. **Minnesota NARAL opposed this bill; it passed 90-39.** April 7, 2003.
  18. Representative Otremba moved to amend the Omnibus Health and Human Services bill (HF 437) to give parents full access to a minor’s health records. **Minnesota NARAL opposed the amendment; it passed 92-40.** May 1, 2003.
  19. Representative Davnie moved to amend the Otremba amendment by making parental access to minor’s health records contingent upon the minor’s consent. **Minnesota NARAL supported the amendment; it failed 40-91.** May 1, 2003.
  20. Representative Howes moved to amend HF 437 to eliminate medical abortion (RU-486) from a new prescription-drug medical assistance plan and preferred drug list. **Minnesota NARAL opposed the amendment; it passed 88-43.** May 1, 2003.
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HD	PARTY	REPRESENTATIVE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
01A	R	Penas, Maxine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01B	DFL	Lieder, Bernie	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
02A	DFL	Eken, Kent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
02B	R	Lindgren, Doug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
03A	DFL	Anderson, Irv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
03B	DFL	Solberg, Loren	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	0
04A	R	Fuller, Doug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
04B	R	Howes, Larry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
05A	DFL	Rukavina, Tom	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
05B	DFL	Sertich, Anthony	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+
06A	DFL	Dill, David	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
06B	DFL	Murphy, Mary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
07A	DFL	Huntley, Thomas	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
07B	DFL	Jaros, Mike	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+
08A	DFL	Hilty, Bill	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+
08B	R	Soderstrom, Judy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
09A	R	Lanning, Morrie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
09B	DFL	Marquart, Paul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10A	R	Nornes, Bud	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10B	R	Simpson, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11A	R	Westrom, Torrey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11B	DFL	Otremba, Mary Ellen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12A	R	Walz, Dale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12B	R	Blaine, Greg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13A	R	Heidgerken, Bud	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13B	DFL	Juhnke, Al	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14A	R	Severson, Dan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14B	R	Stang, Doug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15A	R	Knoblach, Jim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15B	DFL	Opatz, Joe	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16A	R	Erickson, Sondra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16B	R	Olson, Mark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17A	R	Eastlund, Rob	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17B	R	Nelson, Peter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18A	R	Kielkucki, Tony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18B	R	Urdahl, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19A	R	Anderson, Bruce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19B	R	Borrell, Dick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20A	DFL	Peterson, Aaron	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
20B	DFL	Koenen, Lyle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21A	R	Seifert, Marty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21B	R	Finstad, Brad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22A	R	Magnus, Doug	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22B	R	Harder, Elaine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23A	R	Swenson, Howard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23B	DFL	Dorn, John	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
24A	R	Gunther, Bob	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24B	R	Cornish, Tony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25A	R	Brod, Laura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25B	R	Cox, Ray	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26A	R	Ruth, Connie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26B	R	Boudreau, Lynda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27A	R	Dorman, Dan	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
27B	R	Anderson, Jeff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28A	R	Dempsey, Jerry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28B	R	Sviggum, Steve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29A	R	Demmer, Randy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29B	R	Bradley, Fran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30A	R	Nelson, Carla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30B	R	Kuisle, William	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31A	DFL	Pelowski, Gene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31B	R	Davids, Gregory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32A	R	Lindner, Arlon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32B	R	Zellers, Kurt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33A	R	Smith, Steve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33B	R	Sykora, Barb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Vote Key</b>	<b>+ is a pro-choice vote</b>	<b>- is an anti-choice vote</b>	<b>0 is not voting</b>
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## Bush's Most Extreme Judicial Nominees Filibustered

### Pro-Choice U.S. Senators Holding Firm

At the end of this month the U.S. Supreme Court session will close and Minnesota NARAL will hold it's breath as we wait to see whether a Supreme Court justice retires. A few weeks ago *TIME.com* reported that Justices Rehnquist and O'Connor have told friends they would like to step down this summer. It has been nearly 8 years since a retirement from the high court; the longest span in 179 years.

While we prepare for a Supreme Court retirement, we are also keeping our attention on Bush's very aggressive campaign to pack the federal judiciary with far-right judges who share his anti-choice, anti-woman views. Three of Bush's current choices for Federal and Appellate District Courts are facing a filibuster by pro-choice Senators:

**Miguel Estrada** –During his confirmation hearing, Senator Feinstein pointedly asked, "Do you believe that *Roe [v. Wade]* was correctly decided?" Estrada refused to answer the question, stating merely, "[M]y view of the judicial function, Senator Feinstein, does not allow me to answer that question."

**Priscilla Owen** - While on the Texas Supreme Court, Owen wrote several opinions supporting harsh parental consent laws that would keep young women from having access to abortion even with the approval of a judge.

**Carolyn Kuhl** – During her tenure as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division she filed a brief not only supporting the Pennsylvania abortion restrictions outlined in *Thornburgh v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*, but also called for an outright reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.

For updates on the effort to block President Bush's most extreme nominees – and how you can help - log onto [www.mnnaral.org](http://www.mnnaral.org) and click on "Alert Network" to sign up.

### Going Once, Going Twice... Sold!

Promote your skills or your business by donating an item and bask in the knowledge that the proceeds from your sale will help save reproductive choice in Minnesota! Each September, we pair our Silent Auction with a House Tour. After strolling through a grand house on an unguided tour, it's time to start the bidding! Some popular auction items from the past include:

Functional art, such as pottery or blankets → Jewelry → Frequent Flier miles → Tickets to concerts or games → Overnight or weekend get-aways at a cabin or resort → Singing telegrams or musical performances → Theme gift baskets, such as "Coffee Fix" or "Stress Be Gone" → Gift certificates for services and dining opportunities

If you want to donate an item to our Silent Auction, contact Trish at (651) 602-7655 or [trishw@mnnaral.org](mailto:trishw@mnnaral.org).

### The Wine and Beer Event: A Wrap-up

**Thank you** to everyone who made Minnesota NARAL's 6th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting, such a great success! The event was on May 12 at Café Barbette in uptown Minneapolis and the following people deserve special recognition: **Kim Bartmann** and her wonderful staff at **Café Barbette** for the venue and food; **Medical Students for Choice** for their service as bartenders; **Big Top Liquors** for donating the non-alcoholic beverages; **Mark Gleason, Eric Haugee, St. Croix Beer, Al Sweeny, and Darren Tobolt** for donating the beer; **Alexis Bailly Vineyards** and **Solo Vino** for donating the wine; our Wine level sponsor (\$250-\$499) **Jona Turner**; our Blush level sponsors (\$100-\$249) **anonymous, Jane Bowman, Corrine Bultman, Katie Eggleston** and **John Herbert, Mary Jo and Buzz Griffin, Kristin Meyers, and Michelle Rougier**; and our Six Pack level sponsors (\$50-\$99) **Amy Brugh, Robin Martinek, Shirley Nelson, and Anne Trockman**.

## Meet Minnesota NARAL's Summer Interns!

| **Lindsey Wollschlager, Research Intern** |

I have just finished my third year at Pomona College in California, where I am majoring in American History, with a Minor in Politics, and am active with various campus organizations. My past involvement with politics includes working as the campaign manager for Sandy Wollschlager's 2002 run for the Minnesota House of Representatives. This summer I am the Research Intern for Minnesota NARAL, and I am very proud to be working for positive social change with this team!

| **Trish Welte, Events Intern** |

At the University of Minnesota, Morris, I was involved in several political and progressive organizations. My experience includes an internship with Republicans for Choice PAC, campaigning with the DFL Senate Caucus, and currently as a part-time Reproductive Health Counselor at Robbinsdale Clinic, P.A. As the Events Intern, I am coordinating the Twelfth Annual Silent Auction, held in conjunction with the Annual House Tour in September. Please contact me with your donations! Call 651-602-7655 or email [trishw@mnnaral.org](mailto:trishw@mnnaral.org).

| **Robynne Curlee, Outreach Intern** |

I will be moving from my position as Student Organizing Intern to the Summer Outreach Intern this month. In this position I hope to meet many of you as we work to promote Choice at summer fairs and festivals. For more information on volunteering at events like Twin Cities Pride or attending a Volunteer Orientation/Training, contact me at [robbynec@mnnaral.org](mailto:robbynec@mnnaral.org) or 651-602-7655.

### Yes! I Want to Elect More Pro-Choice Candidates in 2004!

Enclosed is my contribution to the **Minnesota NARAL Action Fund**:

- \$1,000 Places a week-long advertisement in the local paper of a targeted district
- \$500 Sends 750 Pro-Choice Voter's Guides to voters in a targeted district
- \$250 Sends Get-Out-The-Vote postcards to 1000 pro-choice voters in a targeted district
- \$100 Funds phone lines, and food for volunteers, for one evening of voter ID work
- \$50 Pays for 750 campus-specific Pro-Choice Voter's Guides
- \$35 Posts our Pro-Choice Voter's Guide on our website ([www.mnnaral.org](http://www.mnnaral.org))
- \$15 Covers mileage reimbursement for one pro-choice lit-drop
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For contributions of more than \$100, please provide the following additional information to comply with Minnesota election law.

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Please make checks payable to the Minnesota NARAL Action Fund.

Because your contribution will be used for election organizing, it is not tax deductible.

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## APEP: Focusing on Future Providers

The efforts of the Abortion Provider Expansion Project (APEP), a joint venture of the Minnesota NARAL Foundation and Pro-Choice Resources, have been rewarded with funding for a second year! The project is made possible through the generosity of the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation. APEP grew out of a need to address the nation's shortage of abortion providers. Locally, **95% of Minnesota counties have no abortion provider.** The program's mission is to increase the pool of medical and surgical abortion providers by promoting the educational and training opportunities for medical students and residents in Minnesota, and to support pro-choice physicians.

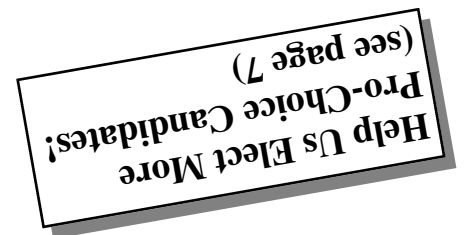
Some programmatic highlights of the year first year include a Legislative Action Day for pro-choice health students, a physician presentation on medical and surgical abortion for residents and demonstrations at the Capitol by the medical community against the passage of numerous anti-choice bills.

This summer APEP is joining with a physician and a student to conduct a survey of medical residents. The goal of this collaboration is to examine residents' decisions to provide, or not provide, abortion services as part of their future practices. APEP will also revive a medical scholarship program that awards money to students who are committed to providing comprehensive reproductive health care. Brooke Stelzer, the APEP coordinator notes, **"This project is an opportunity to learn from and support the pro-choice medical community. It is an honor to work with people who devote their days to making choice a reality."**

### Do you have a lap-top you can donate?

The APEP coordinator works out of two offices as well as in the community. Your lap top donation will greatly aid the continuity and efficiency of APEP. We are seeking a PC lap top with the following minimum specifications:

- Pentium 2 Processor or higher • Windows 98 Operating System or higher • Office 97 Software or higher
- Ethernet card (also called a network card) • Any size Hard Drive and RAM



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