



# Pro-Life Waco 2014 Year in Review



## Girl Scout praise for Wendy Davis spurs Cookiecottage 2014

Cookiecottage 2014 broke into the national media in February. This is the second Girl Scout cookie boycott led by Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta. The first was 2004 when the Waco Bluebonnet Council named the director of Waco's Planned Parenthood abortion facility to their list of Women of Distinction.

The event that triggered Cookiecottage was Girl Scouts USA using its Twitter account to commend Texas Senator Wendy Davis. Davis, along with other left-leaning women, were lauded as worthy of 2013 Woman of the Year. Davis led the defense of the abortion industry against Texas pro-life legislation in 2013 and then became Democratic candidate for governor. According to Pisciotta, "The Wendy Davis commendation felt like an extension of what happened in 2004. Girl Scout leaders are so comfortable rubbing shoulders with abortion supporters."

Cookiecottage 2014 burst into public debate through a collaboration involving Pisciotta and allies from Texas, Missouri, Georgia, Ohio, and Virginia. One thing different from the previous boycott was the power of social media. Debate raged on Facebook, Twitter etc.

The Cookiecottage eruption compelled the PR team of GSUSA to script a video response for their national CEO to try to quell the uprising. The Cookiecottage 2014 team responded with a point by point refutation.

You can view the dueling videos:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk6Yy9dY&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk6Yy9dY&feature=youtu.be)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIV75yox9dY&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIV75yox9dY&feature=youtu.be)

You can check out the entire media story of Cookiecottage 2014:

[www.prolifewaco.com/CookiecottageNews.html](http://www.prolifewaco.com/CookiecottageNews.html)

There are no current plans for a formal boycott in 2015. Concern, however, remains about the character and agenda of Girl Scouts USA and its 112 regional affiliates. One of many pro-abortion women praised in the Girl Scout curriculum books is Gloria Steinem. Steinem once led a campaign to normalize abortion with a t-shirt expressing pride in having an abortion.



The Lutheran Missouri Synod and the Catholic dioceses of Kansas City and St. Louis have taken steps for some degree of separation from Girl Scouts. On the other hand, in August

the Catholic Diocese of Austin signed an agreement with Girl Scouts of Central Texas to continue a "proud partnership" with Girl Scouts.

The work to show the reality of Girls Scouts continues. John Pisciotta is working on a one-page flyer that will succinctly present concerns about Girl Scout leadership, curriculum, disdain for the roles of wife and mother, praise for pro-abortion women and organizations, and the hugely problematic relationship with the worldwide organization of Girl Scouts.

To find out about the flyer as soon as it is available, join the Facebook group Hometown Pro-Life Action, which is described toward the end of this flyer.

**Pro-Life Waco is a 501c3 non-profit.**  
Contributions are tax deductible.

**Your financial support is vital for 2015**  
Planned Parenthood operates an abortion referral clinic in Waco in support of abortions committed in Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth. PLW continues the battle for life on all fronts. A major goal is the complete closure of Planned Parenthood in Waco. Our love for our children & grandchildren demands full engagement in the battle.

**All donations go directly to outreach for life—none to wages or salaries.**  
PLW, 4200 Grim Ave., Waco, TX 76710

## Ad for Waco Trib magazine on the opening of Baylor's new McLane Football Stadium

Pro-Life Waco went in the softer direction for this important occasion in the history of Baylor University and Waco.



## Monthly Life Chain finally gets news coverage

The first Sunday of each month is **Life Chain Sunday** from 2-3 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Mills Dr. and Waco Dr. We hold "G-rated" signs to display the reality of abortion to the Waco community.

In October, we joined **International Life Chain Sunday** with over 1,500 communities worldwide.

For November, we decided to use several of our "Vote Pro-Life" yard signs. This brought out a KCEN-TV news crew for a story on the role of pro-life issues in the election that was just 3 days away.

## Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering: Super Speakers



The main event for Pro-Life Waco is Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering at St. Mary's Parish Hall. We begin with a noon-hour meal prepared under the direction of Chef Giovanni. An education and action-planning meeting follows from 1 to 2 p.m. Our speakers included:

**February:** Carol Everett spoke at Pro-Life Waco's very first event two decades ago. She is the founder and president of the Heidi Group in Round Rock, Texas. Carol thanked us for the significant achievements of 2013 and pointed the way forward for Waco and Texas.

**April:** April brought the unsinkable Molly White. Molly is the founding director of Women for Life International. Against all odds and much advice, Molly had just won a primary over the incumbent Republican for Texas State Representative (Bell County). Molly told us the election story based on friends, faith, and hard work.

**June:** Rey Flores works from Chicago as the Director of Outreach for the American Life League. Rey gave us a broad philosophical perspective on our movement. Additionally, Rey was here to help us deliver our annual **The Pill Kills** demonstration.

**July:** Rev. Ronnie Holmes, Pastor of Church of the Open Door, cut his sermon a little short to speak to a large and appreciative audience. Pastor Holmes took us down memory lane on our big episodes leading to the suspension of abortions in Waco. Thank you Pastor Ronnie for being with us every step of the way.

**August:** Like Pastor Ronnie, Ruby McCray is another beloved Central Texas foot soldier. Ruby is the founder of Cities of Refuge Ministries. Ruby gave us a detailed Biblical

foundation for pro-life discipleship. Ruby gets the award for being the most energetic of all our energetic speakers in 2014

**September:** Joe Pojman is the Executive Director of the Texas Alliance for Life in Austin. He was one of the movers and shakers responsible for the historic HB2 pro-life law passed in Texas. Dr. Joe delivered an update on desperate judicial maneuvers to undercut HB2.

**October:** Day Gardner is the founder of the National Black Pro-Life Union and hosts the Day Report talk show from American Family Radio. Under the title of "The Mission" she lifted our spirits with her life story and call to pro-life, pro-family discipleship.

**November:** Ramona Treviño had us riveted with her conversion testimony from Planned Parenthood abortion referral clinic manager in Sherman, Texas to fully pro-life. Her transformation was slow but very sure. God is good.

## Vote Pro-Life campaign for general election

In mid-September, Pro-Life Waco launched its third "Vote Pro-Life" campaign with billboards and yard signs. This included a large billboard in downtown Waco and six junior billboards. Our yard signs dotted the city. Additionally, we placed several at the city's early voting site.



The election would have been a landslide for pro-life candidates without our efforts. However, this type of initiative from local sources keeps the abortion holocaust in public view and helps nudge the local culture in the pro-life direction. The national culture is simply the sum of all our hometown cultures.

## Protest at Planned Parenthood fundraising banquet in Austin

Pro-Life Waco organized a demonstration for the Austin Planned Parenthood fundraising banquet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The clash of moral visions was on the evening of Sunday, September 14. Our car and vanpool departed for Austin and met up with "old" pro-life friends from Austin and new pro-life friends from San Antonio organized by Daryl Rodriguez of Love of Truth Ministries. Over 30 exuberant pro-lifers participated in the two-hour demonstration at the only entrance to the hotel. We brought Carolyn the pro-life billboard truck loaded with signs down to Austin. After the demonstration, we went to Terry Black's BBQ for fellowship and a meal.

Was it worth it to travel 100 miles for a protest? Psalm 95 warns us: "If I [the Lord] tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself."

## A t-shirt for Pro-Life Waco

Every group needs a t-shirt. Right? Well, after almost two decades, Pro-Life Waco finally has one. T-shirts are \$10 with no extra charge for shipping and handling.



## On the radio air waves

Pro-Life Waco's John Pisciotta was interviewed on multiple occasions on Jim Sedlak's **Armed for Battle** (RadioMaria.us/armed-for-battle/) and Day Gardner's **Day Report** (<http://urbanfamilycommunications.com/category/thedayreport/>). Topics included Cookiecott 2014, the Hometown Pro-Life Action Facebook group, 40 Days for Life, education for chastity, Life Chain and our Second Sunday pro-life gathering. You can go to these websites and listen to programs in their archives.

## "Greeting" for pro-abortion Candidate Van de Putte

35 enthusiastic pro-lifers (plus the billboard truck) caught Leticia Van de Putte, Democratic candidate for Texas Lieutenant Governor, totally off guard on an October 17 campaign event in Waco. Pro-lifers held signs at both the front and back entrances to the South Waco Community Center. State Senator Leticia came through our protesters for the "meet and greet" from 3-4 p.m. Our gang came from far and wide—Meridian, Grimes County, Round Rock as well as Waco. We had a lot of nice interactions among ourselves, along with meaningful exchanges with supporters of the pro-abortion Van de Putte. Afterwards, Pro-Life Waco invited everyone to the famous George's Restaurant for a meal and good fellowship. Oh yes, Van de Putte lost the election by nearly 20 points to Republican Dan Patrick.

## 4<sup>th</sup> decade of pro-life booth at Heart of Texas Fair

Pro-Life Waco took a "handoff" from Waco Right to Life with one of the longest running pro-life fair booths in the country. Doel Garcia organizes and delivers this powerful outreach. Smiling children received over 2,000 "Choose Life" balloons. Thousands of fairgoers engaged the materials, photos, and models of life in the womb. Dozens of pro-lifers enjoyed working at the booth.



With materials distributed, beautiful visuals of preborn life, and many conversations, the pro-life booth sows seeds of respect and support for the preborn and their moms.

## 18 Letters to the Editor

The editorial page of the **Waco Tribune Herald** remains a victorious battlefield for the pro-life cause. Thanks to all who wrote, even if your letters were not printed. We did well at our keyboards. There was no way we could keep up the pace of 2013 when the legislative battle for the HB2 pro-life law raged. Keep writing for life in 2015.

## A Facebook group to build muscle into hometown action

For the second half of 2014, the major initiative of Pro-Life Waco was the launch and development of a Facebook group named Hometown Pro-Life Action (HTPLA). The entire mission of this Facebook group is to be a fruitful forum for sharing, encouragement, and modeling among local foot soldiers battling for life in their cities. There is no other significant forum, which supports this type of collaboration among local pro-life activists. From its launch in July, the group has reached 2,400 members and has numerous posts and comments each day. Participation comes from throughout the USA and from many other countries. You can be a part of this conversation by going to the group and clicking the **Join** button. Guiding and administering HTPLA is currently a major task for Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta.

## The full closure of Planned Parenthood in Waco: Our prayer for 2015

Planned Parenthood continues to operate an abortion referral, birth control, and promiscuity promotion facility in Waco at 1121 Ross Ave. Pro-Life Waco will continue to expose and challenge Planned Parenthood at every turn. Our goal is full closure of Planned Parenthood. Dedicated sidewalk counselors are at work. We have a junior billboard one block away. Many signs are displayed in the immediate neighborhood, including these at the exit from the Planned Parenthood parking lot.



## PLW on the web

Our main web site is [www.prolifewaco.com](http://www.prolifewaco.com)  
We have a special web site [www.plannedpromiscuity.com](http://www.plannedpromiscuity.com) This exposes the sordid reality of Planned Parenthood.  
Our Youtube channel is [www.facebook.com/groups/prolifewaco](http://www.facebook.com/groups/prolifewaco)  
We have a national and international outreach with the Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/hometownprolifeaction](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hometownprolifeaction)

**Thank you** to all who have

- prayed • worked • and financially supported the Gospel of Life in Waco in 2014.

**On to 2015!!**

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