

FIFTH FREEDOM FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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The Statewide Chapter Of End-of-Life Choices (formerly Hemlock Society)

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HEMLOCK SEEKS TO LEGALIZE ALL THE OPTIONS FOR A DIGNIFIED DEATH, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY PHYSICIAN-AID-IN-DYING FOR ALL MENTALLY COMPETENT, CRITICALLY ILL PEOPLE.

AzDD Representative Lopez Plans 2004 AZ Bill Like Oregon's

There have been two meetings already. One in Phoenix at the State Capitol. One in Green Valley. Many of the key strategists have participated: **Lindsay, Urbach, Sachs, Wallace, Monte DuVal, Harvey Turner**, and of course, Representative **Linda Lopez** and her assistant **Helena Whitney**.

Another meeting is planned for September 10th in the House of Representatives Building, Room 49, 10AM. Coffee and snacks will be on hand.

Most of the key activists from our side have already said they will be there. **Fischer, Deluca, Wettstein, Westover** to name a few.



Linda Lopez, our Champion in the state legislature.

At this meeting we will receive the first part of a "Legislative Action Packet" prepared by Lopez' office. This will contain advice on how to proceed from here we would like to attend and

to get more legislators on our side. If you participate, please let Linda Lopez' assistant, **Helena Whitney** at 620-542-5848 know. Or email her at hwhitney@azleg.state.az.us. Let her know

you will attend, and to prepare an Action Packet for you, too.

Our job as civic volunteers will be to visit our legislators and let them know we vote, and that this issue is very important to us.

We are seeking help from a professional lobbyist as well. Lopez is the House democratic Whip.

NAU Survey Finds Doctor-Aid-in-Dying Law OK with Arizonans

The survey, completed last March to 400 randomly-selected residents found that 57% believe doctors should be allowed to assist patients living with incurable disease and in severe pain to end their lives. One third do not believe doctors should be allowed to assist patients in this way.

Respondents were read a description of the legislation we proposed to the House Health Committee last January. Sixty percent of men support the

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Hemlock Changes National Name!!!

It's been discussed for years. Many people, when they have joined The Hemlock Society say "I am with you, but the name needs work." Our detractors have reveled in the ugliness of the name. People thought it was too in-your-face, my way or the highway. Not gentle enough. Not marketable. Ugly.

Derek Humphry's brilliant idea—to form a Society to discuss dying, and to help people do it better—has been a 23 year success. But his chosen name, that of a poison plant that killed Socrates (hemlock), was *not* a stroke of marketing genius.

So, after years of discussion, and months of work by a Name Change Task Force and the national Board of Directors, the name was officially changed July 21st, 2003. Our state president, **Earl Wettstein**, was on both committees.

The new name is End-Of-Life Choices Dignity Compassion Control.

I know, it's long.

Those last three words—Dignity Compassion Control—are like a menu. Of course, no one is going to use that whole name on the phone or when discussing it with someone. I think the last three words will eventually go away, leaving End-Of-Life Choices. And eventually it may be shortened to a more reasonable Life Choices or Choices.

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Four Legislative Bills Planned!

Linda Lopez's plan is to submit two bills in each Arizona legislative body—the Senate and the House of Representatives (Lopez is a Representative in District 29, which squirrels around Tucson like a Rorschach inkblot touching Vail and the west side and Sahuarito and lots of cattle. The district is heavily Democratic).

She will enter a straight Oregon-like bill in each chamber, and at the same time a bill requesting a Referendum in each chamber. A Referendum is a bill that requests an issue be placed on the ballot, so that all Arizonans (not just the legislators) can vote on it.

While the odds of getting an Oregon bill through are slim, the chances of a Referendum making it are better.

The idea is that legislators decide to let the public vote and decide, rather than deciding them selves. Like a Democracy. Old-fashioned, but effective.

Lopez is a great strategist

This lady is triple sharp. In the first meeting she and Helena went through the lists of legislators and rated them The Fors, The Aginsts and The Maybes. She thinks we have a pretty good chance of *something* getting through.

You will have a Legislative Action Packet that will contain loads of information about our issue. You will decide what you are most comfortable discussing with them.

The Packet will contain things like the Oregon statistics (showing no abuse and no "slippery slope"), the NAU survey which shows that 57% of Arizonans favor Aid In Dying legislation, a Fact Sheet, a List of Legislators, Talking Points for you to hit, The Arizona Republic Poll, and other items appropriate to your conversation with them.

If you have something you think should be in the packet, something that might help sway a legislator, send it to Lopez assistant, **Helena Whitney** at whitney@azleg.state.az.us.

Legislators are responsive to voters from their district

But it's going to take work. And it's going to take our membership—you and you and yes, you—to get involved and contact the people you elect. You will have to let them know your feelings about the bills.

It's imperative that you be a registered voter (in their district) when you go to see them. It's important that you let them know you are a regular voter, and you voted in the last election(you did, didn't you?). And you must let them know that this issue is very important to you and a large circle of your friends, who are also voters.

Can we count on you? ■

Hemlock Changes Name *(continued)*

But that's it for now, and we will live with it. It doesn't change our mission, our commitment, or our agenda. It's just a name, and we will work to make it work.

At the next Arizona statewide Board meeting, the issue will be discussed. We will want to decide whether to stay with Fifth Freedom Foundation as the name of our educational arm or to change it.

In a preliminary poll of chapter leaders who met at the meeting with **Linda Lopez**, there was some sentiment for changing our name to match national's. One suggestion was End Of Life Choices/Arizona.

If you like this, or have some ideas of your own, please send a note to Wettstein (his address is on page 4). Or call 877-535-3600 toll free. Or emailpresident@hemlockarizona.org. ■

Do You Know Someone in One of These Groups?

For our legislative effort this Fall and next Spring, we hope to enlist the aid of like-minded groups of seniors and liberal thinkers. If you are someone of influence in one of these groups—or if you know someone of influence in them—please let your nearest AzDD chapter leader know.

The groups we have targeted so far include:

- Unitarian/Universalist Church
- League Of Women Voters
Interfaith Council
- AARP (American Association of Retired Persons)
- United Church Women
- Valley (Phoenix) Interfaith Council

It would be great if you could get a leader from each of these groups to the September 10th meeting. ■

NAU Survey *(continued)*

legislation, compared to 55% for women. Two-thirds of Democrats and Independents support the legislation, while Republicans are divided on the issue. 46% of Republicans support the idea, and 46% oppose it. People earning higher incomes in the state are more supportive than people earning lower incomes. People were not divided by age on this issue.

A complete handout on all the statistics will be available at the state conference in Scottsdale on November 22nd.



Arizona Stars This Spring!

★ SEVERY PARTRIDGE

For practically single-handedly re-starting the Flagstaff Chapter.
Good job, Severy!

For helping Severy -

★ **DR. JACK BALDWIN** of Sedona

★ DR. MONTE DUVAL

For performing brilliantly at the Arizona Town Hall.

★ For Coming to Linda Lopez First Legislative Planning Meeting

BOB WALLACE,
MARSHALL LINDSAY,
WALTER URBACH,
PAUL SACHS,
DR. HARVEY TURNER,
MONTE DUVAL

★ GERDA KLIPFEL

Scottsdale

for arranging to have the display booth at a Senior Fair.

★ DICK WALTERS

★ **JAMES MARKS** - for a good donation

★ **MAXWELL NELSON** - for a good donation

★ EARL WETTSTEIN

for speaking to a University of Arizona "Death & Loss" class of 30 students

★ For Voting on The Name Change:

JENNY, LAURENCE STEEG,
SHIRLEY CURSON, CAROL BUCHHEIT, , RUSS MARTIN,
JANE COHN, PAPORTER, BOB GOLSETH, DAVID BRANDT-ERICHSEN, ANN HAY, HAZEL GALARDI, JUNE HIRSCH,
CAROL HOENIG, DOREEN in Sedona, JUDY JUNG, CONNIE KIDWELL, NANCY HARWOOD, HARRY RIEGEL,
GEORGE NEWMAN, DORIS GOLDSTEIN, JOAN JACOBS,
MARSHALL LINDSAY, MELANIE RYSKA, ART & MILLIE MILLER, STEVE HORTON, BERT KEATES,
ROBERT & SHIRLEY WOODY, DOROTHY J. ADAMS, SEVERY PARTRIDGE, DON LINDBOM,
JOHN KNOBEL, IRMA GAWBOY

(In our Arizona POLL, the favorite name was Final Freedom, followed by Fifth Freedom, followed by End Of Life Choices)

★ JACK LANDER

for continuing to be the State Librarian.

Fall Programs at a Chapter Near You

(All meetings are free.

Please bring your friends)

Phoenix/Scottsdale

☐ Saturday, October 11, 10 AM.
Mustang Library, Scottsdale - Shea & 90th St. East, south of Scottsdale North Hospital. **ADVANCED DIRECTIVES WORKSHOP - Charles "Chick" Arnold**, Famous Elder Law attorney. Please Pre-Register at dwdchoice@hotmail.com or call 602-493-0266. Only 140 seats available.

Tucson

☐ Saturday, October 11, 10AM.
Unitarian Church, 4325 E. 22nd St.

Sun Cities

☐ Friday, October 17, 2PM.
R.H.Johnson Lecture Hall, Johnson Blvd. at Meeker. Highly Regarded Sun City attorney **Robert F. Jeckel, Esq.**, "*How Well Have You Planned Your Estate?*" The meeting will focus on end-of-life legal considerations, both medical and financial. Jeckel will discuss how to preclude problems for your heirs and survivors. The meeting is open to the general public, so bring your friends and neighbors who are not End of Life Choices members.

Sun Lakes

☐ Saturday, October 18, 10 AM. Club House. "*If You're Dying In Arizona, What Are Your Options???*" State Chapter President **Earl Wettstein**.

Flagstaff

☐ September 13, Unitarian Church, 10AM



Ila DeLuca Nominated to National Board ...

We'll let you know how that goes.

Ila is surely well qualified, having served on the Board of the Chicago Hemlock chapter, founder & leader of the Quad Cities chapter, leader of the Southern Arizona chapter, founder & leader of the Green Valley chapter, founder & leader of the Prescott chapter as well as having been a teacher, nursing volunteer, and member of many other civic groups. Ila is originally from Illinois, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII as a Lt. Jg.

She has been a scriptwriter, a video producer, an employee manager, and a newspaper writer & editor. She is one of our most articulate members, and always makes a strong case when we appear before the state legislature.

She will talk about "Choice" at the state conference on November 22nd.



Ila DeLuca

Prescott's Gene Giermann Has Treatable Cancer

Gene is the chapter leader up there and says he is currently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. He assures us his is "very treatable and I should be around a long time." We sure hope so, Gene.

He says, "I firmly believe that disease and death are a part of life and should not be ignored. We need to spread the word that 'You are going to die!!!' When & How are the questions".



PLEASE CHECK YOUR NEAREST CHAPTER ...

You are automatically a local chapter member (in addition to nat'l and state) in these communities.

- Phoenix/Scottsdale/Tempe
- Tucson
- Green Valley
- Sun Cities/Glendale/Peoria/Cave Creek/Carefree
- Sedona
- Casa Grande Valley
- Sierra Vista/Tombstone
- Sun Lakes
- Prescott
- Yuma
- Flagstaff
- I WOULD LIKE TO HELP START A CHAPTER IN _____.

Phone: _____

Questions? Call our statewide answering service: 1-877-535-3600

Information? Our website is <http://www.hemlockarizona.org> ■ Our email is info@hemlockarizona.org

New "PCCA" Bill Also Being Considered

The "Patient's Choice & Comfort Act" might be our next bill (in 2005), if the planned 2004 legislation doesn't make it. You always keep looking ahead, planning your next move. It's like chess, only more important.

You will learn ALL about the PCCA on November 22 at our state meeting in Scottsdale, when former national chairman **Fred Richardson** explains it just like he did so brilliantly at the national conference last Spring in San Diego.

The bill is subtitled "An act to protect physicians who honor the choices made by their terminally ill patients."

Basically, the bill provides a new advance directive that a patient seeking control at end of life, would sign when they were in good health. Then, should their health decline to the point of wanting to die, the bill would become active.

Here is the Statement of Purpose of the Act:

"The purpose of the Act is to empower patients who are diagnosed with a terminal illness to help write the last chapter of their lives, and to provide protection for physicians to enter into a partnership with their terminally ill patients. The Act assures those patients the medication to control their the suffering which often accompany a terminal disease, even if the administration of the medication may hasten death. It leaves the dying patient the right to decide when the suffering is so unbearable as to have effectively ended life as the patient defines it. The bill protects physicians acting on their patient's wishes, while providing the most severe penalties for individuals or organizations who attempt to coerce a patient to take medications against their will. As a further protection against abuse, only patients who have previously executed an Advance Directive for Control of Suffering will be eligible under the provisions of this Act."

The draft bill is 7 pages, and will be distributed at the November 22 meeting in Scottsdale. ■



You are Invited to the Sixth State Conference Scheduled for Scottsdale, November 22!!!

This is going to be a good one! You'll want to be there. First of all, it's scheduled right in the middle of the state—Scottsdale—so everyone can get there the same day and home again.

Second of all, it's going to again be at the deluxe Radisson Resort on Scottsdale Road right across from Fashion Square. Come the night before, stay in Scottsdale at one of our special rate places, have a shopping spree across the street, and then have a leisurely morning before checking in to our conference at 10AM.

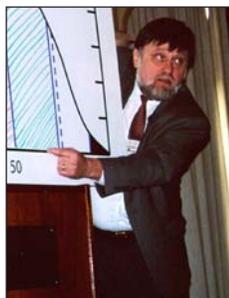
Some of the Speakers ...



Vickie Fischer



Linda Lopez



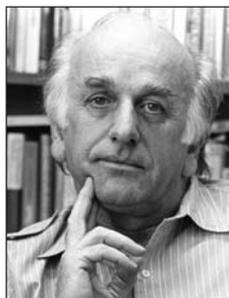
Fred Richardson



Susan Goldwater
Levine



Ila DeLuca



Derek Humphrey

Special Hotel Rates for Conference

If you're going to stay in Scottsdale, we have arranged special rates at two facilities. The Radisson Resort has a rate for our members of \$174.39 inc. tax. Dial 480-991-3800.

The Gainey Suites Hotel just up Scottsdale Road is available to members for \$110.55 inc. tax. Dial 480-922-6969.

Both hotels have reserved 10 rooms for us at these rates. You must mention the Hemlock Society to get the rate.

The cost of the conference is only \$35 and includes the gourmet lunch. To register send your check made out to Fifth Freedom to Ruthe Steinberg, 6255 N. Camino Pimeria Alta #53, Tucson, AZ 85718. Your canceled check is your confirmation. Questions call 1-877-535-3600

THE PROGRAM

- 10:00A** **Earl Wettstein**, President Fifth Freedom Foundation - WELCOME - and state of our educational work. Honoring Yuma & Flagstaff.
- 10:07** **Vickie Fischer**, President Arizonans for Death With Dignity - What we accomplished last year and OUR NEW PLANS FOR AN OREGON-LIKE BILL THIS FALL.
- 10:15** **Linda Lopez**, Arizona state Representative, District 29 - Keynote address. Why she introduced House Bill 2454 in February, and WHY SHE PLANS TO DO IT AGAIN.
- 10:30** **INTRODUCTION OF "PATIENT'S CONTROL & COMFORT ACT"(PCCA)**
This idea, created by **Fred Richardson**, immediate past President of the national Hemlock Board, is a new Advanced Directive, and will be presented by Fred himself! It's planned as an alternative to the Oregon bill.
- 11:10** **DEBATE: "WHY WE ARE RIGHT ABOUT A HASTENED DEATH!"**
Paul Spiers, national President of End-Of Life Choices (formerly Hemlock Society) vs. **Susan Goldwater Levine**, Executive Director, Hospice of the Valley.
- 12-1:20** **Sit-Down Gourmet Lunch** (included in the ticket price)
- 1:25-2:10** **Julian Rush**, Administrator of the **Caring Friends** death bed service program. He will tell us how it's gone, plans for the future, where the action is, and what he foresees for the future.
- 2:15-2:20** **Ila DeLuca**, Advisor to The Fifth Freedom Board. "IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO ONE WORD..."
- 2:25-3:15** **Derek Humphry**, the Founder of The Hemlock Society in 1980. Derek will just be returning from a presentation at the World Federation of Right to Die Societies, and will speak on "CHOICE IN DYING - PROGRESS AROUND THE WORLD."
- 3:20** Close. **Fischer and Wettstein**.

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“End-of-Life Choices” Was Not Our President’s Choice

We interviewed the Fifth Freedom Society President, **Earl Wettstein**, who during the new name selection process, served on both the national Board of Directors and the Name Change Task Force.

Was the new name his selection? “NO. I did not care for that name, and voted against it at every opportunity.”

Why didn’t you like this name? “Well, I thought it too long. It’s not really a name. And I was afraid that it would lead to an acronym such as EOLChoice. That would be unfortunate. And, in my view, it’s still a problem that it is too in-your-face.”

What did you want in the name? “Well, I thought the name should address the entire continuum of the aging process. I wanted to move the name more towards the mainstream and should include all aspects of aging such as senior’s health, assisted living facilities, hospice choices, medicines for aging, prescription discounts, disease of the aged, organ donation, organ transplants, funeral arrangements/costs, and still maintain our crown jewel ... Caring Friends.”

What did people like about the name selected? “Well, they said they liked the fact that the new name says what we are interested in—end of life choices. And I can’t disagree, it does that.”

What was your name selection? “Well, we started with 600 names, and the final four after all the focus groups and conference calls were Compass, Sunset Society, Caring Choices, and End Of Life Choices. My favorite was in that group.”

What did you think about the people selecting the name? “Well, we all were very well meaning and worked very hard on it. There were about 10 conference calls of an hour or more each time, plus hundreds of email pages with all the names printed out. I felt exceptionally qualified because I had helped rename 12 corporations during my marketing career, and I knew how to market a name once it was changed. But no one else on the committee or Board had any experience at it, but they did hire a research organization that helped narrow the focus down.”

So what now? “I think we need to get behind our national organization on this, and support the new name. It’s virtue is that it does say what we want.” ■





President's Corner

Earl Wettstein
Member of the National
Caring Friends Board of Directors

I can't say enough good about **Linda Lopez**, the state Representative from District 29, who's is sponsoring our legislation in the state capitol.

She is our Champion. She is the one who knows the ravages of death and wants our citizens to have the choice in dying. Her grandfather died badly. And then her father—in a nursing home. She has seen bad deaths up close and personal and wants people who want a choice to have a choice.

Back in 1976 we visited the office of Tucson legislator **George Cunningham** about our first Oregon-like bill. George said he was supportive, but didn't feel like he could be our champion. He said to make a bill work, you need a champion in the legislature. Someone who feels passionately as you do about it. And he gave us some names, one of whom—Senator **Peter Goudinoff** (D) (since retired to teaching at the UA), did sponsor the bill. That bill, our first attempt, was heard in the Health Committee (headed at the time by **Ann Day** (R), Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor's** sister, and voted on but did not get out of committee (we got three votes of 10).

Goudinoff is still a trusted advisor. Cunningham is now a legislative aid to **Governor Napolitano**.

Linda Lopez has never asked us for anything. She never talks about her own political ambitions or fund-raising or anything you expect politicians to do. She is all about getting stuff done. She is very smart, and politically savvy, and knows who she can and can't count on in the legislature.

I wish I could vote for her. If you live in District 29, I hope you will. And tell your friends about this great lady. She has a huge heart, and is on our side! She is our Champion. ■



YES, I want to join the Hemlock Society USA!

I understand this automatically includes state membership privileges in The Fifth Freedom Foundation and Arizonans for Death With Dignity (AzDD), and most local chapters as well! Make check payable to Fifth Freedom Foundation.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Jim Lincicome Honored at Arizona Town Hall

Jim was one of our favorite people. A strong member, and outspoken advocate of aid in dying, his life and commitment to our cause was honored at the Arizona Town Hall in Prescott last May.

At an evening dinner his wife (who was also a delegate at the Town Hall), **Cathy McKee-Lincicome**, spoke eloquently about Jim and his belief in Hemlock.

She pointed out that life is full of great diversions and great issues. Her theme was that we must not let the great diversions derail us from getting to the great issues.

She said "For my husband and me the first great issue of this Town Hall is end of life choice. Will our dying process be long and laborious or brief and tranquil? Will our physical and emotional needs be met or ignored? And finally, will we die alone?"

She told the delegates that Jim felt we should all have the option of choosing nothing to choosing everything. She told them of Jim's membership in our state organization, and of his being accepted into our Caring Friends program last fall. And she described how he died in her arms at home, "with his loving daughter present and with the wonderful care of Hospice of the Valley in a manner and at the time of his choosing. Jim wanted this same freedom of choice for every Arizonan."

In closing, McKee thanked the organization for "the honor of dedicating this Town Hall to his memory." Her speech was dramatic, and she received a standing ovation.



Cathy McKee-Lincicome

Governor Janet Napolitano Doesn't Say "No" to Aid in Dying Bill

And she didn't say "yes" either. It happened at The Arizona Town Hall in Prescott in May. The Town Hall is a big deal, bringing 150 influential Arizonans together to discuss issues of the day. This year's issue was "Health Care Options: Healthy Aging - Later Life Decisions." That it got on the agenda at all was the results of our members **Jim Lincicome** and **Monte DuVal**, and good friend **Elizabeth McNamee**. Lincicome, who passed away last winter, was honored by the Hall—the meetings were dedicated to his memory and his belief in control at end of life. Jim's wife, **Cathy B. McKee** spoke emotionally and courageously of Jim at Monday's dinner (see Page 5). In addition to these friends, our Fifth Freedom President was a participant.

The first day, during lunch, attendees were honored by a speech about health care by **Governor Napolitano**. Afterwards she took questions, and one of them was, "Governor, if a bill came across your desk that was very similar to the Oregon bill, that offered all the protections that bill offers, would you sign it?"

Napolitano thought about that before answering "I don't know. I'd have to think about it." (Another pause) "I'm not an easy 'yes' and I'm not an easy 'no.' I'd have to think about it." (Another pause) "And I think you (all the delegates) should, too."

We though that was a success. The odds are strong that her predecessor, **Jane Hull**, would have said "No way!" But Janet knows this is primarily a Democrat's issue, and she's a savvy politician. ■

REBUTTAL

(After the Spring Newsletter we printed an article about a lady in Sierra Vista who said she would make our Exit Bags and then changed her mind. This Rebuttal is from her.)

"The article on the Newsletter of Spring 03, back page, right top corner, "puncture" was very uncalled for and hurts. I was in good faith when I thought that I could make the bags. "Very excited"? No. Just willing.

So it is not that "the excitement died down."

The tone of the article is sarcastic, insulting and judgmental. Non-understanding. AND very incomplete. Not including the reason(s) for the "opts out".

Have you ever changed your mind, or had to? For what you felt were valid reasons? Or out of plain necessity?

While I am still a Member, I ask that this note be published as Answer to Last Article "puncture".

Thank you. **Nicole Ray**."

Check your renewal date



If you are a member of The Hemlock Society, your mailing label on this newsletter will say "M" or "L" (Life member), and show when your membership expires (year/month/day). Your chapter cluster code is at the right side.



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