

# HeartBeats

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From the Director...

As I'm writing this, people all over America are going to the Polls to elect our new President - I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter we actually know who God has raised up to be the leader of this great country. No matter WHO won - God is in control! Isn't that a comforting truth?!

The last few months have been SO busy - and I know the next month will be even busier for me on a personal level - I would appreciate your prayers for strength, freedom from pain (or the grace to push through the pain and do what I need to do), and a clear mind to be able to accomplish and finish all of the various projects I'm working on (both in the office and out).

Our Auction was a HUGE success - we had a great turn out - there were LOTS of people, many of whom we didn't recognize! THANKS to everyone who donated - came - bid generously - and supported Silent Voices. A special "Thank You" to our Auctioneer, Jack Jung, who outdid himself this year - he's AWESOME! We'd also like to say a special thank you to Ranch Catering for donating the use of the table linens for the evening - the room looked SO nice because of them! Here's a list of all of our donors - please let them know you appreciate their support by using their services in the future!

I personally want to say a BIG "THANK YOU" to our Board of Directors for the MANY hours they put into planning and organizing the Auction! There's NO way it would have gone as well without them! God has blessed us with very precious people to serve on our Board!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce/Director



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- \*Anthony's Seafood Group
- \*Apple Box Wooden Toys
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- \*Jack Jung, Auctioneer
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- \*Ladeki Restaurant Group
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- San Diego Kayak Tours
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- \*San Diego Zoological Society
- \*Sea World
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- \*Six Flags California
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- \*These donors have given before!

Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.



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## Intended for Pleasure?

“One morning, while on our honeymoon, we dropped into a corner convenience store to buy some snacks. Behind the cashier’s counter was an array of condoms. The little boxes had names like Erotica and Bareback and showed airbrushed photos of women in various stages of undress. We tried to imagine a bride’s reaction if her husband pulled out a pack of Night Riders. What a turn on.

“At least, we reflected, the sleazy condom manufacturers are honest. The “classier” brands may have subtler packaging, but the product being sold is the same: the pleasure of sex without the “consequences.”

“Giving up contraception goes against everything our culture tells us about sex and marriage, and sometimes Christians have a hard time thinking outside of the surrounding culture’s assumptions. As G.K. Chesterton once quipped, “I suppose that even Jonah, once he was swallowed, could not see the whale.”

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# Bridges

## To Motherhood

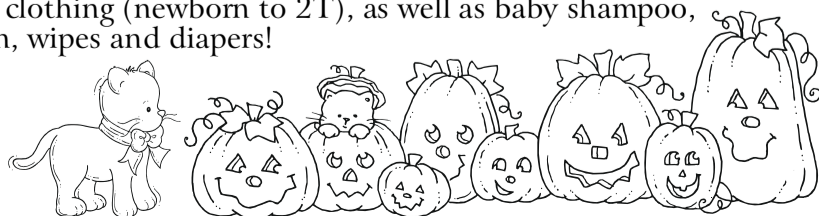
The Holidays will be upon us quickly - and we could use your help to bless our moms! Most of them have families to spend the holidays with, but may not have the funds for gifts for their children. Every year we ask our supporters to consider donating gift cards to stores like Target, KMart and WalMart (in denominations of \$20 and under). This allows our moms to shop for their children, and to get them things they know their children need/want. We could also use new, small toys for infants/toddlers (we already have a good supply of stuffed animals) - if you want to purchase toys, please either donate them unwrapped, or wrapped with a note attached with a description of what the item is.

For Thanksgiving, Stephanie will be hosting a traditional Thanksgiving meal for our moms (on their regular meeting night). She’s invited them to come early to learn how to cook a turkey and all the fixins! Please pray that this will be a special learning time for our moms!

We have an ongoing need for volunteers - please call Stephanie if you would like to be involved in our Bridges to Motherhood group - it’s an awesome way to make a difference in the lives of young mothers.

We’d like to say a special “THANKS!” to the Women’s Ministry at Paseo Del Rey Church for hosting a table for our Bridges mothers at a recent luncheon - our moms had a great time, and we KNOW they were blessed!

Don’t forget that we can always use new items of baby clothing (newborn to 2T), as well as baby shampoo, lotion, wipes and diapers!



## Intended for Pleasure? cont....

“Evangelicals are known for “engaging the culture.” Contemporary Christian music, for example, often mimics the sounds of “secular” music while adding Christian lyrics, as though music conveys no message of its own. Problems arise when we begin engaging the culture and end up marrying it.

“Our culture tells us that sex is really about pleasure, not spousal unity and procreation. Thus, in order to stay culturally relevant, many Christians stress that it was God who designed sex to yield pleasure. From this legitimate starting point, however, some Christians end up elevating pleasure above the procreative and unitive aspects of sex. In so doing, they unconsciously buy into our culture’s hedonistic pursuit of pleasure as an end in itself. That sounds strong, but check out the shelves of most Protestant bookstores - you’ll find books on sexual technique that rival the pages of Cosmopolitan....

“Yes, it (sex) is pleasurable bonding. But, ironically, if pleasure becomes the focus of our lovemaking, true and lasting pleasure will elude us. What exactly is “pleasure,” anyway? Just an intense stimulation of nerve endings? Or that and much more - knowledge that you are giving yourselves completely, fertility and all, to each other?

“In marriage, lovemaking is not about “getting some;” it allows us to be as close as possible to each other - it renews our union. Spousal love is intended to be absolutely self-giving. ‘Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.’ (Ephesians 5:25)...

“In the traditional Christian wedding service, there is no mention of pleasure or feelings. When we exchanged vows, we did not promise, at the deepest level, to give each other goose bumps. Instead, we vowed to remain faithful always, even through hard times, poverty, and sickness. The lasting pleasure to be found in marriage is the fruit of selfless love...It’s hard work, but in the words of poet and farmer Wendell Berry, ‘work is the health of love.’”

Open Embrace, Sam and Beth Torode, pgs. 35-41