Vol. 9, Issue 49
December 14, 2019

Remember: Printable versions to share found at https://afaofpa.org/weekly-newsletter/

Check Our Recent Interview
Guest: Dr. Karen Effrem
Topic: Social Emotional Learning or SEL

News From Around PA
The first Muslim female PA State House member, Movita Johnson-Harrell, has rendered her resignation effective December 13th. She denies the accusations that she bilked a charity she founded out of $500,000. Johnson-Harrell had won a special election this past March to replace Democratic Representative Vanessa Lowery Brown who was re-elected in November before being convicted of bribery.

The liberal Progressive Turnout Project is putting $45 million behind an effort to turn out voters who did not cast ballots in 2016 in more than a dozen battleground states including Florida, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Governor Tom Wolf has tweeted his intention to veto “any” pro-life legislation that is passed by the legislature. “I will block any attempt to limit women’s rights. I’ll do everything I can to protect Roe v. Wade. I’ll veto any anti-choice bill that lands on my desk.”

St. Joseph University in Philly has asked a judge to dismiss a former employee’s lawsuit. The lesbian’s lawsuit claims “hateful pressure from supervisors to conceal her sexual orientation ruined her career, caused her to attempt suicide and resulted in the dissolution of her marriage.” The school’s legal brief states the former employee’s “claims arise from Saint Joseph’s requests [to be discreet about] her same-sex marriage, which were based on Roman Catholic doctrine.”

Erie County’s Democratic Party LGBTQIA+ Caucus will be meeting on January 13th.

News From National Scene
The US Supreme Court rejected a lawsuit challenging Kentucky’s requirement that women considering abortion have an ultrasound. The abortionist must display and explain the images, play the audio of any fetal heartbeat and offer the woman the opportunity to view the images, but does not force the woman to view them.

US House Democrats oppose an HHS rule change that would protect religious adoption/foster agencies, etc. PA’s Mary Gay Scanlon, Matt Cartwright and Susan Wild signed onto the letter.

Four gender-confused Medicaid patients challenged a 1997 Wisconsin state administrative provision which excluded “transsexual surgery.” US District Judge William Conley, an Obama appointee, found this provision was “sex discrimination” under Obamacare. As a result, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services must establish a new “inclusive” policy on Medicaid coverage for transgenders and notify recipients that had previously been denied.

We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online https://afaofpa.org/donate/

Follow Us

Publication of the AFA of PA, POB 1048, Franklin, PA 16323
Phone: 814-271-9078
Fax: 814-437-5432 Website: https://afaofpa.org