



THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Association of Thunder Bay & Area

Life - Precious at all Stages

**Protecting Life - From
Conception to Natural Death**

SPRING/SUMMER 2023

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

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50TH ANNIVERSARY AGM A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Tuesday, April 25th, 96 Thunder Bay and Area Right to Life (RTL) Association members and guests gathered at Summit Church for the 50th Anniversary Annual General Meeting (AGM) which featured guest speakers Lia (Mills) Milousis and Alex Schadenberg, MC'd by Rob Freeman of UCB Radio. Participants were greeted by outgoing Membership Secretary Scott Beange, and once in the main hall, they could enjoy light snacks and refreshments while reviewing the AGM package of reports and catching up with pro-life family and friends.



Left - Alex Schadenberg

Outgoing President Harold DeJong chaired the business part of the AGM in which reports were approved, and much to our delight, saw election of 7 new Board Members for the upcoming year; 4 from pre-meeting nominations and 3 from the floor. With the three returning Board Members, the new Board is well-staffed to carry out the activities of RTL.

Those who are interested in serving on the Board, but missed the opportunity at the AGM, can contact the RTL Board through info@thunderbay.life

Both guest speakers gave informative and interesting presentations. Lia spoke about abortion and the connection between abortion and euthanasia, highlighting that killing a human being is never a solution to anything. Alex's presentation contained many examples of how Canada's current Euthanasia law is not protecting the vul-

nerable and has made Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) an option for consideration by people experiencing poverty, homelessness, loneliness, and for non-life-threatening illnesses or whose death is not imminent.



Left - Lia Milousis

Display tables at the AGM included Right to Life, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, and Rachel's Vineyard, whose next healing retreat is scheduled for October. The Right to Life table provided many copies of Lia's Book, "An Inconvenient Life", which Lia was happy to personalize in a pop up book signing!

There was also a table for "Crisis Pregnancy Support", where members were able to donate items or money to help a local young woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. When the young woman saw the huge pile of donations from people who did not even know her, she was moved to tears and expressed her deep gratitude for your generosity. THANK YOU to all who donated.

(See The Courageous Story of a Local Young Mother)

The new RTL Board hopes this very successful AGM will be a new beginning as we continue to mark the 50th year of Thunder Bay and Area Right to Life Association.

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ‘EXTRA PRESENTATIONS’

As part of our goal to educate, Right to Life continued our tradition of making the keynote speakers brought in for the AGM available to groups and organizations outside of the AGM. Both speakers participated in “extra” presentations.



On Sunday, April 23, after traveling all night long, Lia arrived in Thunder Bay, was picked up at the airport and whisked away to Schreiber, for her first presentation. Georgette Cebrario, who hosted the Schreiber event wrote:

“The Schreiber Catholic Women’s League and Parish were privileged to host Lia Milousis to present her pro-life message to almost 40 people. She spoke mostly on the topic of personhood which was pertinent to this group. She also spoke on the harm and planned new laws regarding euthanasia. The question period was a lively affair. Lia is a passionate advocate for life and her presentation showed this.”

Lia returned to Thunder Bay and joined a Christian young adult group for their regular Sunday gathering for games, food, prayer, song and fellowship. Matthew Tempelman said,

“It was a delight and a privilege to have Lia join us. She connected well with the whole group and inspired us to pursue the Lord and keep fighting to protect the most vulnerable.”

On Monday, Lia visited the Thunder Bay Christian School where she spoke with grade 7 through 10 students. They described her visit:

“Lia focused on the need to respect life at all stages and described the various laws and reasons as to why a woman may get an abortion. She was very knowledgeable on the topic and explored the discussion from both a pro-choice and a pro-life perspective. She took the time to answer questions. Students were engaged in her presentation and the multimedia aids she provided.”

That evening, she attended a congregational meeting at United Reformed Church of Thunder Bay where she was given the opportunity to speak at the meeting and also with the youth group.

On Tuesday, Lia visited St. Patrick High school where she met with the Chaplain and students during the lunch period. Tanner Coursolle, Chaplain shared,

“Students at St. Patrick High school were very fortunate to hear Lia give an inspiring presentation. By sharing her own story and real-life experiences, students left feeling confident and encouraged to tackle Catholic moral teachings and to have open dialogue with others about how to live a life of virtue and high morals. Here are comments from two students:

‘Lia answered my lingering questions about how to be a Christian student at a secular University.’

‘Lia helped by putting a lot of underlying issues to light. I had a general feeling that certain things were morally wrong but I couldn’t exactly explain why. Lia was able to relate things in a way that was easy to understand.’“

Alex Schadenberg arrived in Thunder Bay on Monday, April 24th and after a quick supper, presented to a group of about 50 Catholic Women’s League (CWL) and Knights of Columbus (KC) members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12th, 7 pm:

Prayers for Unborn at St. Andrew's Cemetery Mausoleum (Unborn Memorial)

October 1st:

Life Chain. (Location to be Announced)

*Be
Renewed
By
God's Mercy*

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
for Recovery After Abortion**

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing love of Jesus Christ.

Rachel's Vineyard Thunder Bay retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, health care professionals.

Our upcoming retreat is: October 13-15, 2023

For more information contact:

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See our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org OR Rachel's Vineyard groupThunder Bay FB

"Let's not forget that God forgives and God forgives always."

~ Pope Francis



OUR BOARD 2023 - 2024

At our first meeting the following positions were filled.

President: Debbie
Vice President and Supplies: Don
Secretary: Marianne
Treasurer: Kathy
Education: Lana
Communications: Stewart
Billboards: Tim & Tiemon
Membership: Sharon
Crisis Pregnancy Support (Ad Hoc Committee): Corinne
Special Events: VACANT

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2023 YEAR!!?

\$25 per Family, \$15 for single, and \$10 for seniors or students. Tax receipts given. You can purchase a membership through our website, or use the form on our website and mail it to P.O. Box 32018 Thunder Bay, ON Canada P7E 0A1. <https://thunderbay.life/who-we-are/#getinvolved>

2023 MEMBERSHIP (new or renewal)

Family Membership @ \$25 _____ Individual @ \$15 _____ Senior/Student/Disabled @ \$10 _____

General Fund Donation \$ _____

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Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Church Affiliation _____

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A COURAGEOUS STORY OF A LOCAL YOUNG MOTHER

Sara* who was originally from Nigeria recently moved to Toronto in 2021 at the request of her parents who wanted her to get a better education and to get ahead in life. Her parents sacrificed much to send her to Canada, and Sara was feeling a lot of pressure to succeed in school to make her parents proud. As a young 20-year old living completely on her own in a new country, she faced much adversity and her situation became much more challenging when she unexpectedly found out she was pregnant. Fear, thoughts of failure, letting her parents down, and financial instability led her

to believe her only option was to abort this baby. She had been accepted to Lakehead University for the nursing program and was soon to be moving cities, she believed that having this child would not be an option. God had other plans for Sara. By His grace, He led her to the Sisters of Life, based in Toronto, whose mission is to protect life at all stages from conception to natural death.

They journeyed with Sara and tried to plant seeds of hope and dreams for her unborn baby, and this began to spark a new option in Sara's mind. Once she had arrived in Thunder Bay, fear once again took over, and she decided to book her abortion procedure. The Sisters had connected Sara with some friends in Thunder Bay who gathered a prayer team to storm heaven for this baby. God's grace poured out, and Sara chose life for her child and canceled her abortion the morning of the procedure.

This miracle baby was welcomed into the world on May 2nd and God has shown Sara time and time again that He is with her, guiding and providing for her. Sara's faith in God has only increased and she is an incredible example of courage and a witness to what can happen when you say "yes" to life, and to the Lord. If you would like to support Sara and her baby in the journey ahead, whether it be with childcare, rides to appointments, a loving friendship or financially, please contact Kim at 807-628-2724.

Please continue to keep Sara and her baby in your prayers.

God bless.



"The Miracle Baby"

ARE YOU CALLED TO DO MORE? Do you have a passion for defending life from womb to tomb and a desire to work with others to support pro-life events and activities in your community? We need volunteers to help with the work of Right to Life. No experience necessary but you can learn as you go!

Contact us today: info@thunderbay.life