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The Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Port Arthur)

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President Leslie Savitsky 2006 – 2007

“Live, Love & Laugh!”

May 29th, 2007

President Leslie's Last Meeting!



Club President, **Leslie Savitsky** welcomes **Kelly Ruberto** and her Project and Presentation **“Highlights for Hope”** This Friday, Leslie and her GSE Team are leaving for France! She'll be at the airport around 2pm if you wish to see her off.



Leslie's GSE Team to France

On the door:



Fred Baker and **Roly Turner** welcomed all Rotarians and visitors with their warm smiles shown here! *[Great job, fellows]*

On the Door week:

June 5th – **David Legge** and **Art Warwick**

Then:

June 12th – **Warren Philp** and **Arthue Ciddio**

June 19th – **Pritam Lamba** and **Jaro Kotalik**

Rotarian of the Year!



President **Leslie** presents **Laurie Tulloch** with his plaque for Rotarian of the Year. Laurie is honoured for his great help with the President, for his great Rotary Radio Day work, and going the extra mile in all his Club endeavors. *[Congratulations, Laurie!]*

A New Paul Harris:



A well-deserving **Irene Kozlowski** is presented a Paul Harris by **Bernie Baxter** for her great work on the Board and for hosting the great home for www.parotary.com Past President **Bob Tomlinson** read the charge. *[Congratulations, Irene!]*

Today's Attendance:

40 of 80 members attended today's meeting – 50%

Leslie's Farewell Dinner:

It's tomorrow night (May 30th). Laurie has a few tickets left. Did you book your tee-time?

Visiting Rotarians & Guests:



Roly Turner introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests:
K.S. Joseph – Fort William Rotary Club
Katie Ischkin – Rotaract Club
Akash Rode – Exchange Student - India
Judy Green – guest (spouse) of Bill Green
Joanne Tulloch – guest (spouse) of Laurie Tulloch
Kelly Ruberto – guest speaker
[Good job, Rols!]

Guest Speaker:



Our own new member **Mary Anne Commuzi** (very emotionally) introduced her friend **Kelly Ruberto** as today's guest speaker, on the topic of "Highlights of Hope" As a veteran hairdresser and expert on cosmetic counseling for women suffering from cancer induced hair loss (from chemo and radiation), Ms Ruberto spoke from the heart (cancer within own family) and was described by Mary Anne as a genuinely caring individual and "everyday hero." She has extensive training from centres like Florida, Minneapolis, Toronto and California. Wig making is a core part of her business (*Believe in Beauty*).

She told the audience of her experience with "Dave" and his wife (a cancer survivor). The idea of a "pink strand of hair" affixed to the scalp or existing hair evolved into a provincial then national fundraising cause- celebre. The modest \$ 20 or \$10 contribution has so far raised \$20,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Kelly spoke (also very emotionally) about her numerous contacts on this burgeoning program and support garnered by people like **Don Cherry**.



At the end of the talk, **Akash Rode** stood and asked for his own "highlight" and was personally attended to for same by **Ms Ruberto**.

A gracious thank you to **Ms Ruberto** was provided by **Elaine Graydon** for this very worthwhile initiative.

Ace Of Clubs:

With great fanfare, **Roly Turner** picked the wrong card of the mere 5 remaining in the deck..pot is \$605.



*avoir un bon voyage,
Leslie!*

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the District"*

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A Rotary Moment:

Mo Nelson presented the following from the 1980's:

"In 1985, Rotary made a commitment to immunize all the world's children against Polio. The program was called **Polio Plus**. This project took hundreds of thousands of volunteers and more than 500 million dollars. By 2006, Polio had almost been eradicated world wide. Our Port Arthur Club donated more than \$54,000.00; more than \$500. per member. A worthy achievement.

"Also, on May 4, 1987, the Supreme Court ordered that Rotary admit women. All Rotary Clubs, including our own, have gained with an infusion of new talent" *[Thanks, Mo!]*

Busy at the Dew Drop Inn:

More than 300 (yes, **three hundred!**) persons were served last Tuesday, our Rotary day at the Dew Drop Inn. **Jackie Dojack** said they served Beef on a Bun, Caesar Salad and Ice Cream until it was all gone, then made more sandwiches! Thanks to Rotarians: **George Burns; Judi Turner; Doug Thom; Joe Vanderwees; Gina Rawson; Bonnie Gordon; Gil Adams; David Silliman; Suzann and Harold Cumming, and Jackie Dojack.** *[Great job, Rotarians!]*
Changes to the Club Bylaws were presented and passed

Adapt-A-Highway Cleanup:



Twelve Rotarians made it out last Saturday morning and tackled one of the toughest stretches of the Thunder Bay expressway. A variety of treasures were found. Special thanks to organizer **Dave Silliman**, and his helper, **Glen Harris**, with the van and drinks; and thanks to the **Prince Arthur** for the lunch. Participating were: **Bruce Nelson, David Legge, Bill Green, Roly Turner, Judy Turner, Bob Tomlinson, Mark Sprovier,**

Bill Everitt, Leslie Savitsky, Glen Harris, David Silliman, Laurie Tulloch.

Shrimp Fest!

The Lakehead Rotary Club is presenting their first **Shrimp Fest!** This fundraiser is for the United Way supporting local charities. It will be held on Saturday, **June 9th** at the Port Arthur Prosvita Cultural Centre. Open to all Rotarians, friends and guests; Rotaracts and Interacts are invited. Tickets are available from **Bob Tomlinson** at the Port Arthur Rotary Club.

