

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010 Membership Renewal - It is not too late :)

40 Days for Life Guelph (Spring Campaign)
February 17- March 28

Carring the Flame Youth Conference
March 25 & 26, 2010

Annual Walk for Life - Guelph & Fergus
Saturday, May 8, 2010 (flyer enclosed)

National March for Life - Thursday, May 13, 2010
(Ottawa)

Facing a Changing World:
Making the Case for the Future of Humanity
Alliance for Life Ontario Provincial Conference
June 11-12, 2010 (Mississauga)

Reaching Minds Through Media
Hamilton Gala Dinner
June 17, 2010 @ Carmen's Banquet Centre

Memorial for the Unborn - Sunday, June 13, 2010 @ 1pm

Guelph Right to Life AGM - Monday, June 21 @ 7pm

Fergus Truck Show - July 23-25, 2010

Life Chain Sunday - Sunday, October 3, 2010

Life Canada National Conference
October/November 2010

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote greater respect for the dignity and worth of all human beings from conception/fertilization to natural death.

We accomplish our mission through dissemination of factual information on the Life issues. We support only peaceful means to promote our message.

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GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE

FEBRUARY 2010

WELCOME BABY HOPE



Here is our little one "Baby Hope" or Makayla Lynn! This picture was taken minutes after she was born. She hadn't even been cleaned yet. Makayla is now 7 lbs.- She weighed 6lbs. 3oz. when born and then went down to 5lbs. 14 oz. There was a baby shower organized for the new little one. What a beautiful tiny bundle...long feet...tiny ankle bones, tiny ears, long fingers and long toes. The only time she squawks is when she is hungry. Other than that she sleeps and looks around, quite content in the arms of strangers. Makayla's mother was moved to tears many times during the day. At the end of opening her gifts everyone applauded. Her daughter, Samantha, sang a song to her titled John 3:16. We all celebrate with the family.

Thank you so much for your support, we have exceeded our goal for this life saving outreach. Because of your donations, we welcome Makayla-Lynn!

Dear Members & Friends of Guelph and Area Right to Life,

The Lord is good and His mercy endures forever! It has been a very action packed three months in and out of the office since the December newsletter. I trust you and your families had a joy-filled Christmas and are enjoying the New Year! By the time you are reading this 40 Days for Life will be underway in Guelph and I encourage you to get involved in every way you can to stand as a city before God in fasting and prayer to see the end to abortion in our city and nation.

Personally, I have been in a spiritual and natural change of season that has brought different shifts and changes. God's calling to obey Him in going into the entire world and bring the message of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom of everlasting life has consumed me.

Now is the time to launch out in faith to see nations come into relationship with Jesus Christ, whereby seeing cultures shift from death to life. Many of you that have been in touch with the office will already know that one of these changes came in my resignation as Executive Director for Guelph Right to Life. I am so thankful for the training and foundation that Jakki, the Board, members and others at Guelph Right to Life have imparted to me, as I know it is pertinent for what the Lord has to come. If you have not already been blessed to meet the wonderfully, talented and loving new Executive Director, Mira De Sousa, you will have a chance soon, I am sure. She will serve you with great grace and love and will advance a culture of life in Guelph and Area in ways that I was unable to! Please show her a warm welcome as she gets to know the "ropes".

Allison Kach

Don't miss our Annual Membership Dinner

Saturday, March 27th, 2010-Guelph Bible Conference Center
Adults \$30per ticket

For more information or to reserve your tickets call our office.

Greetings,

Thank you so much to the Board for your warm welcome.

I look forward to serving and meeting you the membership all personally in the coming months.

Let's continue to pray and fast together to see the ending of abortion in our city, region and this great God fearing country, Canada.

Mira De Sousa



2010 Membership Renewal Form

It is not too late to send in your membership. Please fill out this form, cut it out and send it into the office with your 2010 membership fee.

- 2010 Family Membership - \$12.00 Name: _____
- 2010 Single Membership - \$10.00 Address: _____
- 2010 Student Membership - \$5.00 Phone: _____
- Donation of \$ _____ Email: _____

Project : _____

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in Canada. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in Canada.

DATES FOR GUELPH'S 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2010

Wednesday, February 17th to Sunday, March 28th, 2010
 *** The vigil will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the 40 days***
 Guelph General Hospital, 115 Delhi St, Guelph

Events:

Kickoff Rally with Charles Ferguson
 Tuesday, February 16th, 2010
 7p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Artell Banquet Hall
 355 Elmira Rd, Guelph
 Speaker: Angelina Steenstra

Midway Rally
 Tuesday March 9th, 2010
 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Artell Banquet Hall
 355 Elmira Rd, Guelph

Victory Celebration
 Thursday, March 25th, 2010
 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Guelph Bible Conference Grounds
 485 Waterloo Ave, Guelph
 Abby Johnson

Daily Devotionals:
<http://40daysforlife.com/getinvolved.cfm?selected=spring2010devotionals>

Many 40 Days for Life Videos can be seen on youtube. Check them out!

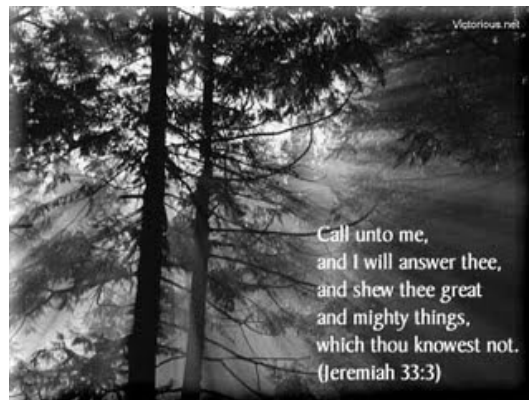
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**Guelph needs your prayers !!
 for the unborn, their
 mothers and fathers.**

Please go to our website
www.guelphforlife.com
 and sign up today !

or call the office 519.836.6311
 to book a vigil time.
 7am to 7pm

In front of the Guelph General Hospital



Carrying the Flame of Life Conference Programme

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th

5:30pm Registration
 7:00pm Opening
 7:15pm *Life Stories*
 9:00pm Snack Break
 Closing & Goodnight!

SATURDAY CONTINUED. . .

12:30 pm Lunch
 1:45 pm -Alex Schadenberg
*Euthanasia is what?
 Just the Basics*
 3:00 pm Jakki Jeffs
*Who says I'm not human?
 News from the womb*

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th

8:00 am Registration
 9:00 am Welcome & Warm Up
 9:15 am - Rocky Rhoades
Purity is Hardcore
 11:00 am- Dr. Gabriela Alfano
*What is induced abortion &
 What does the Pill have to do with anything?*

4:00pm
What I would still like to know but did not ask
 5:30 pm Closing Dinner
 (Guelph Bible Conference Centre)
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER
 (If not attending the conference, please
 call our office for tickets)
Youth Speak Forum
 8:30 pm Goodnight!

Speakers:



Rocky Rhoades



Dr. Gabriela Alfano



Alex Schadenberg



Jakki Jeffs

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the information required on both sides of this form. Your registration must be received by March 11 2010.

Mail registration to:

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CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____ SCHOOL: _____

OVER NIGHT CHAPERONE NAME & PHONE NUMBER: _____

LETTER FROM THE US COALITION ON BREAST CANCER DEADLY DECEIT

Regarding: National Cancer Institute Misconduct and the Abortion Mandate in Health Care Reform

Dear Mr. President, Senator Reid, Senator McConnell, Representative Boehner and Representative Pelosi:

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, we ask you to protect women's health by removing public funding for abortion from all legislation being considered by this Congress because a large body of research supports abortion as a risk factor for breast cancer. Second, we ask Congress to exercise its proper oversight authority and investigate the U.S. National Cancer Institute's failure to protect American women by issuing timely warnings about breast cancer risks.

Even as our national attention is presently focused on the devastation in Haiti and the prevention of further loss of life in the face of the tens of thousands already lost, we urgently bring to your attention the fact that the lives and health of thousands of women here in the US are each day unnecessarily put at risk from breast cancer, in part due to confusing and conflicting messages from our own National Cancer Institute (NCI).

This past year, three new studies appeared in the peer-reviewed literature reporting a significant link between induced abortion and subsequent risk of developing breast cancer, one in Turkey¹, one in China² and one in the US³. The American study (the main focus of which was actually the association between oral contraceptives and breast cancer) was co-authored by Dr. Louise Brinton, Chief of the Hormonal and Reproductive Epidemiology Branch in the NCI's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, and the study reported an overall, statistically significant risk increase in breast cancer risk of 40% among women under age 45 in the Seattle, WA region. Induced abortion was listed among "known and suspected risk factors" under investigation in the Seattle study, and the observed risk elevation found was matter-of-factly reported to be "consistent with the effects observed in previous studies on younger women." In fact, this same population of women provided the basis for earlier reports by the same research team to report similar data in 1994 and 1996, just as the majority of worldwide studies has reported since as far back as 1957.

In stark contrast, the website of the NCI continues to claim that it is "well established" that "induced abortion is not associated with an increase in breast cancer risk." This conclusion is stated in the "Summary Report" of the "Early Reproductive Events and Breast Cancer Workshop" (<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/ere-workshop-report>) to which report the reader is referred from the NCI "Fact Sheet" on abortion and breast cancer risk. (<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/abortion-mis-carriage>). The "workshop" was held by the NCI in February, 2003,

and, contrary to the NCI Director's claim at the time that the workshop would comprise a "comprehensive review" of extant and current data on the issue of abortion and breast cancer, presentations on the issue were one-sided, i.e., they were made only by those supporting the conclusion of no association, no review of extant data was conducted and invited expert participants were explicitly prohibited from reviewing current data. (A full video record 2

of the public portions of this meeting is available in the video archives of NCI meetings on the NCI website: <http://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp?c=0&s=3611> and =3601.)

At the "workshop," most established findings concerning reproductive risk factors for breast cancer were ratified by the participants, most notably the risk lowering (i.e., protective) effect of full-term pregnancy. This very conclusion stands in direct contradiction of the finding of no association of induced abortion and breast cancer, because abortion prevents pregnancy from going to term, thus abrogating the protective effect and leaving a woman with a greater long-term breast cancer risk than if she chooses not to abort the pregnancy. A woman's lifetime risk for breast cancer will be lower if she continues the pregnancy to term. The earlier in life a woman has a full term pregnancy, the lower her risk of breast cancer. Every full-term birth adds to a woman's long-term protection against breast cancer. Through the effect of increasing her risk of premature delivery after an abortion, a woman will increase her breast cancer risk secondarily, as premature delivery doubles breast cancer risk. Premature delivery before 32 weeks is known to more than double breast cancer risk⁷. The risk of premature delivery following abortion increases with each abortion⁸. A woman's future children after her abortion(s) are also put at increased risk of cerebral palsy due their premature delivery. Women need to be aware that abortion can affect both her breast cancer risk and health of future children. Although African-Americans are about 11% of the population, they account for 38% of all abortions and have the highest premature delivery incidence of 17% compared to the overall population of 12.5%. The comparison of risk of serious disease after a medical or surgical intervention with the risk associated with not having the intervention (in this case, allowing the pregnancy to go to term) forms the basis of obtaining informed consent for medication or procedure, by any standard of medical ethics. It is also telling that the detailed dissenting opinion of one of the 100 invited expert participants is only referenced on the workshop's "Summary Report" with a small quotation there from, and no citation to enable readers to consult the full "minority dissenting comment" (available at: http://bcpinstitute.org/nci_minority_rpt.htm).

The NCI web page on the 2003 workshop has just been updated on January 12, 2010, in accordance with what the page describes as a

"Regular Evidence Review". As a result of this review, the page now includes the claim that "the evidence overall still does not support early termination of pregnancy as a cause of breast cancer." In the face of the recent publication of results to the contrary (as noted in the second paragraph of this letter) reported by an NCI Branch Chief, Dr. Brinton, this appears disingenuous. Dr. Brinton herself was the chief organizer of the 2003 NCI workshop. Until the January 12, 2010 revision of the workshop report web page, there was no review or revision to the page since May of 2003. It seems hardly coincidental that the only revision—a reiteration of the earlier, contradictory finding concerning induced abortion—was made only after at least one press inquiry to the NCI was made on January 8, 2010 (www.theglobeandmail.com/blogs/bureau-blog/was-maurice-vellacott-right-about-abortion/article1424760/). There have been many advances in scientific knowledge regarding reproductive risks of breast cancer in the past seven years.

The link given on the NCI workshop "Summary Report" page for "regular updates" also contains outdated information on the risk of Specifically, the page www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/prevention/breast/HealthProfessional/page3#Section_280 implies no significant risk increase, citing a paper from 2002, even though the 2009 report co-authored by Brinton³ reports, as its most significant finding, a more than fourfold increased risk of triple-negative breast cancer among women under 40 who used oral contraceptives for more than one year. The authors inferred "a distinct etiology" (i.e., drew a causal inference) from this observation of a strong and specific association, yet the NCI has yet to update its web page to reflect this finding which was published nine months ago, as well as other recent evidence of the cancer-causing potential of oral contraceptive steroids.

The evidence is overwhelming that the NCI is in direct conflict with its own mission. The NCI is not providing accurate information that would permit women making choices about contraception and abortion to avoid the dangers of the increased risk posed by these exposures, even though they are reported by one of NCI's top scientists in the field.

Through it all, however, Congress and the Administration appear unmovable in passing legislation that would guarantee that the fed-

eral government will provide funding for the continuation and expansion of abortion and hormonal (i.e., steroidal) contraception. But as all credible public opinion polls now attest, the present Administration and Congress are swimming against an ever strengthening tide of public opinion. The latest revelations about conflicting messages being broadcast over the internet by the NCI versus quietly appearing in the pages of medical journals are finding greater receptivity among a public recently awakened by "Climategate" revelations about the lack of scientific integrity in high places on the one hand, and the "systemic failure" of large federal agencies to accomplish their missions on the other. The 3 high prevalence of scientific dishonesty in NIH research was even recently documented in the prestigious peer-reviewed journal Nature⁹.

The political consequences to the present leaders in the Administration and the Congress are unfolding clearly enough in front of us, and these concern us only to the extent that you will see the necessity to change course according to the will of the people. But our concern is life; lives saved or lives lost as a result of public policy changes that will impact Americans for many years. The current legislative track of health care reform, by increasing access to and public funding for ever more abortions will assuredly only magnify the quiet catastrophe that has consumed millions of American children and women over the last four decades.

In the strongest possible terms, therefore, we request that any public funding of abortion be removed entirely from all legislation being considered by this Congress and that Congress also exercise its proper oversight authority and investigate the role of the NCI in communicating information about breast cancer risks to the American public.

Respectfully,
Karen Malec, President, Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer

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Press Release

January 25, 2010

Groups Request Congressional Investigation of National Cancer Institute's Misinformation on Breast Cancer Risks of Abortion, Oral Contraceptives

The Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer announced today it is sending a letter, signed by doctors and pro-family organizations, to President Obama and the leaders of Congress calling for an investigation of the U.S. National Cancer Institute. It puts political leaders on notice of a discrepancy between what the U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI) says about the breast cancer risks of abortion and oral contraceptives (OCs) - "the pill" - and what Louise Brinton, the NCI's Chief of the Hormonal and Reproductive Epidemiology Branch, has reported in her research. The letter asks Congress to investigate the NCI's failure to issue timely warnings about breast cancer risks and asks political leaders to remove public funding for abortion from all legislation being considered by this Congress.

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"As a scientist representing the official policy of the NCI, Brinton says there is no abortion-breast cancer (ABC) link," explained Professor Joel Brind of Baruch College, City University of New York, "While as a scientist publishing her findings in a peer-reviewed medical journal, she says there is a significant ABC link. Both of these points of view rely on data that is up to 20 years old, yet both points of view have been recently--within the last few months---confirmed publicly (on the NCI website and in the Dolle study, respectively. Will the real Louise Brinton please stand up? Since this direct contradiction came to light in the public eye, she appears to have been hiding under her desk."

The letter tells how the NCI conned women with its 2003 workshop, "Early Reproductive Events and Breast Cancer." Brinton was the chief organizer of that workshop.

"The NCI puts politics ahead of women's lives," said Karen Malec, president of the Coalition. "That's why we're putting both parties on notice of the NCI's misconduct. If they decide to watch women die, instead of cleaning house when we have prima facie evidence of a cover-up, then both parties will have to answer to angry women."

Brinton was a co-author in a 2009 study conducted by Janet Daling's team at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and led by Jessica Dolle. The Coalition previously reported the study's findings in a press release dated January 6, 2010. The Coalition features a YouTube video discussing researchers' findings. The Coalition published a January 19, 2010 newsletter explaining why co-author Kathleen Malone's claim about the study, "There are no new findings related to induced abortion..." is a lie. [2]

Researchers unequivocally stated their findings "were consistent with the effects observed in previous studies on younger women. Specifically ... induced abortion and oral contraceptive use were associated with an increased risk of breast cancer."

Dear Members,

As you can see we are still in a frenzy of activity here at the office. I must admit to a real sense of panic when Allison told me of her need to answer her missionary call in Guatemala. As you can read from her update she is prospering and her missionary heart is overflowing. Mira has joined us during a period of almost hyper activity as we delve into our very first 40 Days for Life which kicked off yesterday (February 16th).

We have two more rallies planned, one on March 9th and the Victory Rally on March 25th with Abby Johnson, the Planned Parenthood Executive Director who was totally converted during the November 40Days for Life in the US. Please watch your church bulletins for further updates.

Please join me in welcoming Mira, already our office is ringing with her laughter and joyful spirit. She tells me that she has organizational skills second to none but I have challenged her that I am beyond organizing!!!!

Carrying the Flame of Life Conference

You probably could not help but notice our lineup for the youth conference! We are really excited to tell you that Rocky Rhoades will be speaking in the three Roman Catholic High Schools in Guelph on March 25th and 26th, so you can imagine what we are like getting ready for these events and the conference.

Breast Cancer and Induced Abortion

I apologise for the very extensive letter and press release that we have carried in this newsletter but it is very important information. I have also included a letter which I have sent to the National Post because of the continual denial of this link among health professionals and particularly those representing women.

It seems amazing to me that we have been trying to get this tragic connection in the public eye since the early nineties and still to no avail. This really cannot go on much longer and we need to challenge our local, provincial and national Cancer Societies to step up to the plate and protect women from this one deadly deceit.

Should you wish us to send or email these documents with the complete references we would be very happy to do so. We would encourage you to send the complete letter which includes the signatories and references to any health professional you know. I believe my little letter to the National Post presents the conundrum succinctly.

National Post, February 17th 2010

Dear Editor,

Regarding: No Link between abortion and breast cancer.

Three new peer reviewed studies from Turkey, China and the US report a significant link between induced abortion and subsequent risk of developing breast cancer.

The U.S study, while not specifically focussed on induced abortion, was co-authored by Dr. Louise Brinton, Chief of the Hormonal and Reproductive Epidemiology Branch in the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics.

In a 2010 update on the 2003 workshop mentioned by Dr Gail Erlick Robinson in her letter, the National Cancer Institute's site indeed states "The evidence overall still does not support early termination of pregnancy as a cause of breast cancer."

Well let's go back to Dr Brinton's co-authored study which reported an overall, statistically significant risk increase in breast cancer risk of 40% among women under age 45 in the Seattle, WA region.

Induced abortion was included in "known and suspected risk factors" and reported to be "consistent with the effects observed in previous studies on younger women." In fact, this same population was the basis of reports by the same research team providing similar data in 1994 and 1996, just as the majority of worldwide studies has reported since 1957.

What are we to believe? As a researcher Dr Brinton has noted induced abortion as a significant risk factor for breast cancer. Under the National Cancer Institute she denies her own findings. Just who does this serve? The politics of abortion are endangering women's lives - they deserve better.

Jakki Jeffs

Life in the Balance Workshop

In January I attended a workshop on euthanasia and Physician assisted suicide. The purpose was to try and understand the issues more clearly and to enable discussion. The workshop was extremely beneficial and so I believe it would be very useful to offer this same workshop here in Guelph.

Therefore we are inviting you to "Life in the Balance" which will be held from 9.30am until 12.30pm on Saturday March 13th 2010 here at our office at 26, Norfolk Street. Please register your intention of attending by Saturday March 6th. A registration fee of \$10.00 will cover the workshop, break and lunch. Please note that we will only accept pre registration for the workshop. We can comfortably accommodate 22 people but we will need to make other arrangements if there is more interest. Please call the office 519 836-6311 or email facts@guelphforlife.com.

From Janet's Heart



Hello,

I do not know where the time has gone, but my internship with the Guelph and Area Right to Life Association is almost over. This intership has helped me to follow my passion to serve the elderly and those with disabilities. The good news for me is that I will be staying on as a volunteer to try to set up a faith based visitation program to meet some of their needs. I believe that this type of program is very much needed when I see how much this area has been neglected.

Recently a committee has been brought together that has been great with their input, expertise and encouragement. I look forward to seeing what God will do with this in the coming months.

Please pray for us, as we seek God's will in this program.

Thank you,

Janet Palmer

