

LEAF Sudbury-Report to LEAF National

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Senator, feminist, and philanthropist, Nancy Ruth was LEAF Sudbury's 2009 Persons Day keynote speaker. Senator Ruth discussed the challenges facing women as well as the great victories achieved over the years. The audience of over 300 once again braved the darkness of the cold October morning and helped LEAF Sudbury celebrate its 20th anniversary. There were some in the audience who have been at every breakfast, and others, who were brand new to the LEAF experience.

A LEAF National update was brought by Suzanne Bouclin and many felt afterwards that it is the most important part of the breakfast, a chance for the attendees to see where their donation dollars are going and the great work that has been undertaken by LEAF.

The LEAF Person's Day Award, was given to Anne Cole, long time supporter and guru of the Sudbury committee. Anne has been at most of the breakfasts, sometimes grumbling about the early morning, but always there supporting not only the committee locally, but the cause nationally. This award is given to those women who have consistently furthered the cause of LEAF at local and national levels.

Once again, the day prior to the breakfast our LEAF representative spoke to local high schools about the work of LEAF-this has become an intrinsic part of Sudbury LEAF's work, and we believe that this mentoring will have a far reaching and long term impact.