



OUR FINANCIAL LITERACY EVENT DEEMED A GREAT SUCCESS!

This is only the first step in what promises to be an exciting advocacy campaign in the coming months for the promotion of financial literacy.

With the announcement that the Federal Task Force for Financial Literacy is launching its consultation document February 22 and that it would begin conducting public hearings shortly thereafter in April and May 2010, Mr. Ménard told the 75 - 80 attendees gathered at the McGill University venue that the Task Force is committed to hearing from Canadians from all walks of life. With the help of moderator Dennis Trudeau, Mr. Ménard answered probing questions from some of our members about how to reconcile the need to save with the demand to spend and the role of the big banks in allowing people to get into debt.

Representing McGill University was Tony, husband of Maria Masi, member of our Board and also known as Provost Masi, with Director of Social Work Dr. Wendy Thomson and Dean of Students Jane Everett, both early sponsors of our event.

Many, including Mr. Ménard and a number of special guests who are experts in the field of financial literacy (Glorianne Stromberg, former OSC commissioner, Richard Shillington, income security researcher and Gary Rabbior, President of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education), stayed to chat and enjoy the yummy refreshments prepared by caterers extraordinaire Anna di Turi and Dominique Racanelli. As our Club President stated in her message, let us not forget the many other UWCM volunteers who ensured that every detail was attended to, thank you all. Thank you to our ever gracious Club President Johanne Desrochers, who brought the evening to a close with her insightful closing remarks.

Judith has just reminded me to say that we are always looking for new members for the Resolutions committee and will be recruiting for the work ahead!

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