Fresh Ideas Campaign: A 'Dialogue' With a Few Friends

Discussion – or shall I say 'dialogue'? – was not a problem at the three CPRN dinners held this Spring – two in Toronto and one in Calgary. The platform for the dinner discussions was the findings of CPRN's report: *Citizens' Dialogue on the Future of Canada: A 21st Century Social Contract* (see cover story).

Judith Maxwell, our President, reviewed the findings of last Fall's citizen's dialogue. Four hundred randomly selected citizens participated in ten cities across Canada. The dinner guests discussed the implications of the citizens' vision for Canada in the year 2012. The dinners were also an opportunity to share with these community and corporate leaders the important role CPRN has in policy development in Canada.



Calgary dinner – from left to right: Bud and Ann McCaig, Arthur Kroeger, Evelyn Main, Judith Maxwell and Jim Dinning.

Jim Dinning, a CPRN board member and a member of the *Fresh Ideas Campaign* committee, his wife Evelyn Main and Bud and Ann McCaig hosted the Calgary dinner attended on April 15th by forty-four guests. Courtney Pratt, the Chair of the *Campaign* and Purdy Crawford, the Honourary Chair, co-hosted the dinners on May 13 and June 3rd for twenty-eight guests from the Toronto area.

"Many new friendships were made for CPRN this Spring, which we hope will blossom into something special for CPRN," expressed Courtney. "Public policy across the country bears CPRN's imprint and the dinner guests were given a taste of the kind of impact Judith and her team's excellent policy research can have."

– Pamela Miles



Purdy Crawford and Courtney Pratt, the official hosts of the Toronto CPRN dinners with Judith Maxwell, President of CPRN, Mary Pat MacKinnon, Director of CPRN's Public Involvement Network, Pam Miles, Vice-President of Development and Arthur Kroeger, Chair of CPRN.



Guests at the Toronto dinner on May 13th included: (from left to right) Fred Kaufman, Arthur Kroeger, Donna Kaufman and Avie Bennett



"Working dinner" in Toronto: (from left to right) Fred Kaufman, Don McCutchan, Sonja Bata, Arthur Kroeger and Susan Pigott.

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