

Women's conference a success

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The fourth annual Women's Conference held Thurs. Oct. 21 was deemed successful, said organizer Jean Powell, of Community Futures Visions North, which hosted the event.

The conference - Life in General, Business, and Everything, welcomed 73 participants in the day-long event held at the La Ronge Senior's Centre.

The theme of the conference focused on financial planning and money management.

The objective of the event: "We hope to be able to build capacity not only within each participant's homes or businesses but in the communities that they live in. Financial planning is a critical component for any family, businesses or volunteer organization. Many people are under-trained in such a critical area. The results we are aiming for is to have the participants learn a series of planning tools that can be taken back and used and even shared with others in their communities."

The women of the Senior's Centre served a soup and

sandwich lunch and roast beef supper for participants of the event.

The three speakers for the event were: Alison Griffith, Rachel Mielke and Kelley Keehn.

Griffith focused on "making sense of your financial life in a workshop designed to "demystify many of the aspects of personal finance and investing."

Mielke spoke about taking your passion, in her case jewellery, and turning it into a business. She spoke of the "ups and downs and her Dragon Den experience."

Discovering the secrets of your prosperity factor was the focus of Keehn's presentation, which was based on her books: The women's Guide to Money and The Prosperity Factor.

Special guest speakers were the two women who head the local banking institutions, Coralie Ylioja, manager of Conexus Credit Union and Jennifer Kryzanowski, manager of the CIBC.

"They told their stories about how they became managers of their financial institutions," Powell said.



Participants during the 4th Annual Women's Conference - Life in General, Business, and Everything!
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