

## McMaster employees enjoy *Little Shop of Horrors*

On Sunday, February 21st, the McMaster Employee Spirit Society (M.E.S.S.!) hosted 250 employees, retirees and their families for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual M.E.S.S.! Theatre event.

Held at the Westside Concert theatre, Sunday's matinee performance featured the McMaster Musical Theatre's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* reserved solely for M.E.S.S.! participants. Those who attended received complimentary tickets to the show, draw prizes, and food & refreshments at intermission.

This musical is a lively adaptation of the 1960 Charles Griffith screenplay, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Seymour Krelbourn is a poor young man working at a run-down flower shop on skid row when he encounters a miracle. He discovers an alien plant after a total eclipse of the sun. After bringing the plant to the store, he gains fame, fortune, and love. The only defect is that the plant feeds on human blood. Seymour and the plant make a deal that if the plant continues to bring Seymour positive attention, he will in turn continue to feed the plant human bodies. Popular songs included; *Dentist!*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Suddenly Seymour*, *Don't Feed the Plants*.

One participant commented: 'Although hopefully, we, along with the others in the audience, conveyed our appreciation to the performers for the excellent and enjoyable presentation by our applause, please if the opportunity presents pass on again our appreciation, the performance was outstanding and we all really enjoyed it!'

If you missed this event, information on next year's event will be available online in early January 2011. Visit <http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/mess/theatre/> for more details.

More M.E.S.S.! events to come . . . keep checking the website for details.

### More to explore:

- McMaster Employee Spirit Society (M.E.S.S.!)  
<http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/volunteering/index.php>
- McMaster Musical Theatre <http://mcmastermusicaltheatre.com/MMT-Main.html>