

Celebrating the Year of the Dog

On Friday, February 3, the Vancouver Chapter celebrated Chinese New Year at Floata restaurant, where 110 Notaries



Rosalyn Mow



From left: Reg Chow, Jack Chow, Melody Choi, Rod Chow, Tarlok Sablok, Raj Sablok, Juliana Chow, Nicholas Chow, Akash Sablok, and Shabnam Sablok

and their guests enjoyed a 10-course dinner. Entertainment included rhythmic dancing by **Rosalyn Mow**, daughter of Notary **Susan Tong**, and music by Notary **Esther Chiu**'s trio.

Magician **Rod Chow**, Canadian National Magic Champion and brother



Rod Chow



Handbells: Esther Chiu; Chinese harp: Albert Lee; bamboo flute: John Yuen

of Notary **Reg Chow**, performed a magic show comprised of several acts, featuring the international award-winning magic of **Jack Chow**—three-time Pacific Coast and two-time Vancouver Magic Circle Junior Champion—and assistant **Juliana Chow**, daughter of Reg Chow; and **Nicholas Chow**—the youngest Pacific Coast Magic Champion—and **Melody Choi**, named Best Assistant for 2005 by the Society of American Magicians.

During the festivities, \$515 was raised for the Union Gospel Mission on Cordova.



Doug Parton, Vancouver Chapter Chair

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Trevor Todd, Judith Milliken, and their son **Lachie** recently enjoyed a three-week vacation in Argentina. Trevor and Judy did a mean tango in Buenos Aires—Olé!

New Year's Eve 2005 completely disappeared from **Kate Greening**'s calendar as she flew out of San Francisco December 30, arriving in Auckland, New Zealand, 12 hours later on January 1, 2006! She went to visit her first grandniece, **Kayla Tepunemate** (Tay-poona-mattay) Wood, born in June to **Leo Wood** and **Kaylene Walker**. It was love at first sight!

Kate spent eight days in Omapere (Ooh-mah-puree) in the Hokianga, where she was guided through the Waipoua Forest by Maori who sang the legends of their land.

Kayla, the wedding of **Katie** (another niece) and **Diego**, friendly people, flat whites (Down Under coffee drinks), an awesome spa, deserted beaches on the Tasman Sea, and wonderful hot sun . . . ahhh, New Zealand!



Kayla Tepunemate Wood



Notary Nick Aubin and his bride Brenda Aubin at Tulum

Brenda and **Nick Aubin** took a belated Honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen, on the Mayan Riviera in early March. “We had an wonderfully relaxing time at the resort and local area and stayed at the Barceló Colonial—the now-infamous resort!” Nick says that area of Mexico was “absolutely amazing, with beautiful ocean colours, great beaches, and neat fish. The beach at the Tulum ruins was fabulous—wonderful white sand and no rocks or coral. We will return soon!”



Notary **Akash Sablok**, Chair of *The Scrivener’s Magazine* Committee, and his bride **Rajdeep Grewal** were married March 11, 2006, in a very colourful traditional ceremony at the Indian Cultural Centre in Richmond. Akash is the younger son of longtime BC Notary **Tarlok Sablok** and his wife **Shabnam Sablok**. Photo by Rick Evans.

Congratulations to **Dennis Kiffiak** who has accepted the position of Manager of Major and Planned Gifts for the Union Gospel Mission. Dennis has worked at UGM for four years.



Notary **Leona Bailey** and her partner **Siegfried** visited Mayan ruins in Belize in the jungle near Orange Walk and enjoyed Ambergris Caye on the Barrier Reef. They also cycled, sailed, and snorkelled!

Happy Birthday to **Marilyn MacDonald**, our talented graphic artist!