

Cruise Highlights

BC Notaries' Fall Conference, September 2002 . . . At Sea

Comments from Delighted Cruise Participants . . .

"I especially liked having two meals before we left port and two breakfasts the next morning; playing *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* on the Chapel piano; John and Todd's baseball uniforms; the group photo and the cascading champagne glasses; the Biography done for "Notary of the Year"; the shows and the comedians in the lounges; and being with so many fun Notaries."

Trevor Todd

"The highlight of the cruise was the President's Reception, the only time all of us were together in one place. Everyone has a story. Notaries take the time to hear the stories and value them. It makes me proud to be a Notary Public and to count these people as my colleagues. Don't stop having these get togethers. No matter how often I go, I always learn something and my education about the law or notarial procedure grows."

Marny Morin

"Loved the time on the top deck as we sailed out of Vancouver. Jack Russell stood on the Lions Gate Bridge to bid us farewell. It was a great beginning to a very enjoyable three days. Friendships

were renewed and new friendships were made with many of the Notaries, and their partners, and guests."

Nancy Schick Skinner

"Education at sea is not only a learning experience, it can be fun for the participants. We enjoyed sessions dealing with taking instructions from a spousal couple with complicated lives and reviewing a new concept for a conveyancing software package envisioned by our Executive Director, Wayne Braid. The Notary Society's law firm informed participants about its role with The Society. The session was held in the Hearts and Minds chapel aboard the Star Princess en route to Los Angeles. What more fitting a place to exercise our minds and hearts?"

Rick Evans

"The cruise atmosphere gave me a chance to get to know some of the Notaries personally and to associate the Notaries with their families. The inviting atmosphere was a bonus. I got over my sea sickness the night before we arrived in Los Angeles. Travelling to Vegas afterward was a dream; the weather was warm for poolside and *piña coladas*. A bus tour gave me a brief history of their Mormon heritage. At the museum, in the Wynn art

collection, I saw a real live Picasso and a Modigliani. Bought the prints and had them framed for the office! Really needed the break as well as the knowledge—got more than I bargained for. We should do it again for "Healing" purposes!"

Melody Aubin

"I liked having no phones to answer. The Star Princess was magnificent in every way. The dining facilities were great and the amenities superb. It was an additional treat to have more time during the conference to meet and greet other Notaries."

Glory Ewen

"I appreciated the opportunity to take our children, Nick and Morgan, on their first cruise and see them interact with the other Notary families."

Laurie Salvador

"It was my distinct pleasure to be installed as your President on board the Star Princess. The setting was grand, the entertainment delightful, and the warmth and fellowship second to none. The highlight for me was the video on Phyllis Simon. Notaries are well respected throughout our province. Phyllis is a shining example of why we are so successful in our communities."

Leta Best

