

President's Report: Meetings, Functions and Talks, October, 2009

Meetings with Government Representatives, Community Leaders, Donors

- Post Secondary Employers' Association of B.C. John Waters, CEO; and Anita Bleick, Director of Labour Relations.
- Abbotsford's Spirit of B.C. President, Christine Wiebe; and Executive Director, Jan Cooper, introductory meeting.
- Elder Terry Prest, Soowahllee First Nation.
- Karen Matty, Abbotsford developer and past UFV Board member, introductory meeting.
- Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts, introductory meeting.

Partner Educational Institutions

- British Columbia Association of Institutes and Universities meeting. Includes: Kwantlen Polytechnic University, BCIT, Capilano University, Justice Institute of BC, Vancouver Island University, Emily Carr University of Art and Design, and UFV.
- Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). Ottawa meeting of Presidents.
- AUCC, Standing Advisory Committee on the Act and By-laws: Committee member.

Community Functions

- Mission Economic Development Select Committee. UFV representative.
- Chilliwack Mount Cheam Rotary Club. Guest speaker.
- Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association Dinner.
- Annual Mehil Magazine Awards. Guest. Launch of first Annual Mehil Magazine awards for people of Indian origin who achieved excellence in: Community Service; Corporate Excellence; Philanthropy; Academic Excellence; Cultural Heritage; Innovation; India-Canada Trade; Excellence in the Arts; and Lifetime Achievement. Keynote speaker: Peter Mansbridge.
- UFV Global Development Institute. Introductory comments. Student intern presentations and guest speaker Peter Ondeng, Africa Director for MYC4 (economic development in Africa).
- Aboriginal Community Council.

UFV Meetings, Functions, and Tours

- Healthy Abbotsford kick off. Opening remarks.
- Student Life Leadership Program. Guest speaker.
- Coastal Pacific Aviation. UFV partnership program. Tour with Cyrus Chaichian, Director of Aviation Programs, UFV; Mark Breedveld, Department Head, Business Administration, UFV; and Wayne Cave, Director of Administration, Coastal Pacific.
- Canada Education Park Open Forum. Opening remarks.
- Opening of the Centre for Social Research – Gladys and Harvey Kipp Research Lab. Opening remarks.

- Alumni Association AGM, Speaker.
- Installation of a major donation of a four-volume set of translations of the Sacred Text of the Sikhs - The Siri Guru Granth Sahib. Speaker.
- Toured 4 farming operations in the Chilliwack area: (1) Sprucewood Farms, (2) Sprucewood Farms Research Barn, (3) Canadian Organic Feeds, and (4) Cedarbrink Dairy.
- Installed as UFV's fifth President and second Vice-Chancellor at Canada's first virtual installation ceremony held in the Chilliwack Campus Theatre. Presentation of first UFV President Emeritus award to Dr. Bassford.