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Ross Laird

## Workshop looks at impact of technology on education

Educators, parents and students won't want to miss out on a thought-provoking workshop on Friday, Nov. 28 titled *The Next Wave is Already Here: Learning Technologies and the Future of Education*.

Presented by Professor Ross Laird, the workshop looks at the evolution of education, the challenging new frontier presented by new technologies and the necessity of establishing different instructional methods.

"Emerging practices promise new modes and methods. Cultural, economic and social changes encourage – and perhaps even demand – a comprehensive review of what education and what it's for. We are – to put it mildly – living through an age of educational destruction and renewal. As educators we need to decide how to deal with this turbulence," says Laird. "After all, education is a service profession: we serve the means and ends of learning."

Most educators have started using digital media and are adapting their curricula to new and emerging

technology, Laird says, "But we also need some clarity. The landscape is changing so fast and so often that it's hard to know where and how to find a foothold. Should we blog, tweet, check-in? Should we use tools today that will be relics tomorrow? How do we integrate the storied, established traditions of education with the forward-looking, adaptive, spontaneous activities of learners today?"

In addition to Laird's presentation, the event will include a panel discussion and public forum including high school and university students, educators and stakeholders.

A consultant, teacher, writer and creative artist, Ross Laird is founder of Kwantlen's Interdisciplinary Expressive Arts (IDEA) program and the recipient of KPU's Dean of Arts Award for Teaching Excellence. He is the author of *Grain of Truth: The Ancient Lessons of Craft* and *A Stone's Throw: The Enduring Nature of Myth*.

Admission is free. Register by calling 604.599.3077.



Arvinder Singh Bubber

## Chancellor to speak at AGM

TALK is honoured that Kwantlen's first chancellor, Arvinder Singh Bubber, will be the speaker at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 am – 1:30 pm at the Surrey campus.

Chancellor Bubber, a chartered accountant with his own practice, has a long association with Kwantlen and an ongoing passion for education. He was appointed to Kwantlen's Board of Governors in 2001 and acted as chair from 2002-2007. He served as chancellor from 2008 to October 2014, presiding at convocations and conferring all university degrees.

Chancellor Bubber has been a mentor in the business world, participated in numerous fundraisers and guided young people in Junior Achievement. As the founding president of SPARK Education Foundation,

he raises funds to assist challenged students to graduate from high school and carry on to post-secondary education.

He served on the Premier's Asia Pacific Trade Council and on SFU's Presidential Advisory Council in India. He is currently an honorary director with the Surrey Board of Trade providing advice on advocacy initiatives and position papers.

TALK members are encouraged to attend the AGM and enjoy an opportunity for inspiration, socialization and mobilization. The event includes lunch and is free for TALK members; \$10 for non-members. Please register by calling 604.599.3077.



## Did you know?

- **KPU is opening a new campus at 3 Civic Plaza**

A new three-storey KPU campus is slated to open in Surrey's downtown core in 2016. KPU Civic Plaza will comprise 2,800 square feet and initially accommodate about 1,600 students, expanding on the traditional academic day with community-oriented, short-term courses and professional development offered throughout the calendar year, including weekends and evenings. Proposed new programs include graduate diplomas and certificates in strategic planning, media and communications, public relations, emerging markets analysis, management sciences, accounting and human resource management.

3 Civic Plaza is a \$150 million, 52 storey project in Surrey City Centre that will include a 144-room hotel run by Marriot International, office space and 348 strata condominiums.

- **KPU is launching a Science of Brewing Diploma**

New HOPS courses will be on tap this fall as KPU launches the first science of brewing

program in BC at the specially-designed brew laboratory on the Langley campus.

The two-year diploma is one of a few dozen in the world that gives students a full-bodied hands-on education in the science and business of brewing. In addition to hands-on training, students will receive a solid background in the science behind brewing craft beer including the chemistry and microbiology involved in the process.

- **ACA welcomes new dean**

Patrick J. Donahoe has been appointed the new dean of the Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement which oversees the TALK program. Dr. Donahoe's former positions include Executive Director of Student Affairs at Vancouver Island University, Registrar & Dean of Students at the Justice Institute of BC and Vice President of Student and International Support at Capilano University. A Jane Austen scholar, Dean Donahoe earned his PhD from Dalhousie, his MA from University of Calgary and his BA from University of PEI.



Al Sabey, TALK Board Chair

## Message from the Chair

TALK again enjoyed many fascinating and instructive programs during the 2014 spring session. Participation was satisfying and most courses were either full or had great attendance.

I was surprised that one of the courses we had to cancel due to low registration was the one concerning elder abuse. It is the second time we have had to cancel this session which makes me wonder if it is a subject that not many of us want to confront. Possibly, like car accidents, we think "it won't happen to me" or we hope it isn't happening to our loved ones. I am sure we will endeavor to put on the course sometime in the future and I encourage everyone to attend. We may find some truths about things we may not want to face.

Our fall program is complete and will be distributed via our website and our TALK booklet in the very near future. In fact, you may have received it and registered for your desired sessions by the time you read this newsletter.

One of my highest priorities for the success of TALK is to increase the diversity of the membership. I have made my views known as often as possible about how important I think it is for the future of TALK to include as many members as possible from different cultures. To date my efforts have not been successful. I have learned from different sources that language barriers may be the biggest obstacle. Hopefully we can encourage many of the current students at all campuses to invite their parents to attend. I further encourage our members to discuss TALK programs with their friends.

I would like to remind all TALK members that the Board is currently three members short of a full complement. Please consider joining, or re-joining the Board. The old adage, "Many hands make for light work," definitely applies in this case. All of the Board tasks seem much more satisfying with more participants.

In closing I would like to thank Jean Garnett and her program committee who do such an outstanding job of organizing the courses. Jean also leads the Philosophers' Cafes in Richmond. Selma Swabb is her counterpart in South Surrey. Both of the Philosophers' Cafes are normally well-attended and include a variety of topics. Come and join in the interesting and sometimes humorous interaction.

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## You can't beat cruising

I started cruising in 2000 promising that I would cruise every year for the rest of my life.

At the time I thought I was facing death in the very near future. Fortunately, I am still very much alive and cruising every year. Whoopee! So, why do I continue to cruise? It is the most relaxing and can be the most cost-effective way to vacation.

Going on a cruise allows me to be 'unreachable', thereby giving me a real vacation away from responsibilities and irritations. I can check in by Internet or by phone, but only a true emergency would prompt others to interrupt my vacation. Another plus is the one-time packing and unpacking while visiting different ports. Yet another advantage is the variety of activities available on board that keep me entertained to the degree I desire. A cruise ship is like a small city with cinema, library, restaurants, bars and a variety of entertainment – most of which are pre-paid.

As I visit different ports I keep a list of places I will visit again. Cruising gives the traveller the opportunity to visit many places without being stuck there for a prolonged period.

I look for sales and deals, cost out the entire trip including airfare if necessary and set a budget for spending. There are many bargains, sell-offs, and last-minute deals. You pay for your entire trip upfront so you know how much your vacation will cost and can budget for it. However there are a few costs that novice cruisers may not take into account.



Linda Coyle has been enjoying the cruising life since 2000.



You can even earn a diploma on a cruise!



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good 30 to 60 minutes before the required time which is not the same as the sailing time. The ship will not wait for you. However, if you are on a ship's excursion the ship will wait or transport you to the next stop at their expense.

**Alternative dining** is an extra charge option on most ships. Your cruise fare includes all your meals in the main dining room and the buffet. Unless you are celebrating a very special occasion or have money to burn, stay away from this unnecessary extra charge.

**Alcohol** and other beverages including soft drinks, juices and specialty coffees are another extra charge that can mount up quickly. If you are not careful, drinks can add another \$20 per person per day. Most cruise ships now offer drink packages, but scrutinize them carefully and be certain they are worth it. If you have wine with dinner, buy a glass. If you get a bottle you do not have to drink the entire bottle, they will save it for you to drink the next night.

### Watch out for extra costs onboard the ship

**Gratuities** are often added to your cruise fare and most cruise lines will add this to your bill automatically and you pay at the end of the cruise. You may opt out of this while onboard the ship. Lately, a number of cruise lines add this to your cruise fare before you sail. I prefer this method as I then do not have extra costs at the end of the cruise.

Waiters, assistant waiters and cabin stewards work hard and depend on tips to round out their salaries. Unless the service has been extremely poor, tip the recommended amount or add a little more, if you can, for outstanding attention.

Often cruise specials will include prepaid gratuities.

**Excursions** can cost as much as the cruise fare. It is much less expensive to book a tour in the port or arrange tours with guides ahead of time via the Internet. Unless I am in a remote or potentially unsafe area, I do not take the ship's excursions. They are expensive and often not worth the cost. The primary advantage of booking a ship's excursion is that you are guaranteed to be back on the ship before it sails. If you take a private tour or go on your own, you need to make plans to be back to the ship a

I bring bottled water on board with me and replenish it when I am in a port. I also bring two bottles of wine which most cruise lines allow. They do not allow you to bring your own hard liquor. I also attend all the functions that give free drinks: art auctions give free champagne, the captain's parties give free drinks, and the liquor store on board has free samples.

**Spa and salon** treatments give you a chance to pamper yourself at a price. A massage is usually more than \$100 and other treatments are much more expensive. The staff work on commission. Look for the daily specials particularly on port days. If you do have a massage, request an RMT and get a receipt to charge to your extended health care provider. You may also claim shipboard acupuncture through extended health.

**Casinos** and bingo are for those that want to contribute to the cruise line's profits. Gamble for fun not to make money. Set a limit and stick to it. Better yet, just walk past the casino. There are plenty of free entertainment options.

**Photographers** will be everywhere taking your picture and the cost for one picture may start at \$20. Bring your camera, extra batteries or the charger, and an extra memory card. Take your own pictures and do not buy supplies on the ship as they are costly.

**Internet** charges are astronomical even with a package costing 55 cents a minute. You are even charged for the wait time you use while trying to sign on and the service is very slow and can cut out often. Use the Internet when you are in port where costs are usually \$1 - 3 per hour.

Happy cruising!

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Kudos to Jean Garnett and Al Sabey for a great Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



Nick Asistio, Lyn Benn and Russill Alden were the high notes of the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

## Volunteers turn up the volume

A generous helping of volunteers put forth their efforts at the TALK Volunteer Appreciation Event held June 20 at Kwantlen Surrey.

The honoured guests talked, laughed and sang with gusto. It seems that TALK volunteers even put out at their thank you lunch. (OK, there was a prize involved.)

The uncharacteristic showy behaviour by those stalwarts behind-the-scenes of TALK was orchestrated by a dynamic musical trio comprised of Nick Asistio, Lyn Benn and Russill Alden. These professional musicians selflessly donated their talents and sang their praises to TALK volunteers.

Generous donations were also received from board member Selma Swaab, who created all of the lovely flower baskets and Cheryl Couch, assistant manager of Everything Wine at Morgan Crossing,

who donated a wine package. The wine was fittingly won by Joanne Cunningham, the founder of the TALK program.

The event underlined the invaluable contributions of volunteers. Without the generous support of volunteers who give their hearts, hands, time and talents, TALK would not survive.

Many hands make light work. As we begin a new academic year, TALK is in need of more helping hands on the TALK Board, the Program Committee and the Surrey Philosophers' Café Committee.

You might even get a free lunch.

**"THAT WAS THE BEST VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON I HAVE EVER BEEN TO."**

*-Gillian Roberts*

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