



Joy's Bio

Joy Metcalfe isn't really everywhere, it just seems that way. Openings, premieres, interviews, news conferences, celebrity sightings...it's fast-paced, energetic, and effusive, like Joy herself.

"My main job in life? Get it first." - Joy Metcalfe
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Scoop! Scoop! Scoop! That was indeed the fabulously popular Jonas Brothers relaxing in the cool ambience of the Shangri-La's Lobby Lounge during the recent vancouver appearance. Everyone was impressed with their polite manners as they graciously signed numerous autographs and posed for photos... Every bit as popular with the sporting set was French soccer star Zidane who dined with friends at Jack Evrensel's award-winning CinCin on Robson last Saturday...

Lots of big changes down at the 23-year old Pan Pacific Hotel over the past few months. Former General Manager Steve Halliday is no longer associated directly with the hotel but is now Executive Vice President of Development for North America for the Pan Pacific Hotel Group, essentially finding new properties for the hotel group, and Stephen Peters, former Hotel Manager, has just left The Pan to become General Manager of the Pacific Sands Resort in Tofino.

Taking over the GM's job at the Pan will be Tim Tindle who was formerly with the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle and the Airport Marriott. After a 20-year career in the hotel business, Tim is tickled. "This is the job I've been striving towards my whole career. I'm thrilled!"

Someone else who was pretty thrilled last week was travel guru and media personality, Claire Newell, who, along with her husband, Jeff, officially launched the new and very glamorous Claire Newell Pacific Suite on the Pan's 23rd floor, a 1650 square foot one bedroom suite with a huge dining room for eight with full kitchen, a snazzy little getaway with all the latest bells and whistles.

Just across the hall is the newly revamped Royal Suite, an 1850 square foot one bedroom suite that adjoins the 480 square foot Royal Junior Suite.

On hand for the launch ceremonies were Claire and Jeff, the Pan's Ken Oakes and the hotel's Executive Chef, the creative Darryl Nagata who offered such taste treats as Dungeness Crab Cakes, Mini-Sirloin Sliders, Aldergrove Quail and Pancetta

Roulade, Vegetarian Tofu Wrap, Coastal Salish Bannock & Indian Candy salmon, Carpaccio of Nicola Valley Venison, Shiso Pacific Albacore Tuna and Miniature Hand-Rolled Temaki Cones in the Claire Newell Suite while over at the Royal Suite, complete with Beefeater standing at attention at the door, there was Home-made Fish and Chips, Mini Sheppard's Pie, Scotch Quail Eggs, Yorkshire Pudding Rolls with Braised Oxtail, Bubble and Squeak and Welsh Rarebit. There was also a shapely mermaid soaking in the bubble filled bathtub sipping on a tangy Gimlet.

To top off this late-day soiree, the hotel will donate a portion of the suite rental to Canuck Place, one of the few free standing hospices for children.

Canuck Place's Executive Director Filomena Nalewajek and head of the Board of Directors John Rose were ecstatic! Lovely afternoon...



That dynamic couple, Emad Yacoub and his gorgeous wife, Shannon Bosa, officially launched their newly relocated Coast Restaurant and adjacent O Lounge to the 1000 block of Alberni Street, almost directly across from their popular Italian Kitchen.

Two years ago they bought the old Japanese Duty Free store and changed absolutely everything! It's 7000 square feet of excitement on two levels with different areas for intimate drinks and quiet dinners, though the party atmosphere seems to prevail - especially when you have more than 1000 opening night guests attending and there's line-up outside!

Huge interior, classic decor and wonderful food by Executive Chef Josh Wolfe will entrance visitors and residents alike.

Hoovering up the goodies were such folk as Global TV's Nathan Fong, freelancer Jason McRobbie, Murray and Sarah Bancroft, gourmet Sid Cross, PR ladies Judy Ahola and Pamela Groberman, columnists Kasey Wilson, Jane Mundy and Kate Zimmerman, Travel Guy's Darren Parkman, BMW's Mr. Big Brian Jessel, former Att. Gen. Wally Oppal and pal Jeff Rhodes, pert realtor Alexis Palkowski, Hangri-La's Jill Killeen and CTV news anchor husband Mike Killeen, Variety's Alisha Mann and hotelier Jeremy Roncaroni.

The crab cakes, clam chowder and salmon wellington were delicious! Can't wait to go back when it's a wee bit quieter...

You might recall that the last time I was in Victoria I raved about The Magnolia Hotel and Spa, the Four Diamond luxury boutique hotel that is so pretty and so welcoming. The news is that readers of the WestJet Magazine, "Up!" have selected The Magnolia, as a high quality unique travel experience that really delivers a "great bang for the buck", to receive their prestigious WestJet Value Award. Very well deserved...

Crime Lab Restaurant is offering their theatre-loving customers an offer they can't refuse. Starting this week guests can now enjoy a three-course dinner for the criminally low price of \$29 before they head off to Malkin Bowl in Stanley Park for TUTS's production of either Annie or Thoroughly Modern Millie. Crime lab is scenically located at 550 Denman, just a hop, skip and a jump from Malkin Bowl...

One of our town's most talented fellows, Pat Trudell, passed away last week just a few days before his 90th birthday. A quiet, lovely person who played the piano for years at the George V Room in the Hotel Georgia and at Ken Stauffer's Lulu Belle on Broadway, Pat had been entertaining at hospitals and seniors' homes for the past 20 years. His memorial will be held at Mt. Seymour United Church in North Van on Friday July 24 at 2 pm. Our deepest sympathy to his family...

Pictured above are Jeff and Claire Newell and Coast Restaurant owners Emad Yacoub and his wife, Shannon Bosa...

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