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Global B.C. anchor Chris Gailus (left), executive director of Variety Barbie Hislop and Canada Wide Publishing CEO Peter Legge.



Bob Stewart, president of Variety, presents Linda Sinclair of RBC with the Variety International Corporate Award.



(l-r) Cheryl Nakamoto, Cybele Negris and Catherine Dorazio picked out their favourite designer handbags at the Vancouver Opera PURSEuasion luncheon luau.



Vacationers Mark and Catherine Casper from Superior, Wisconsin were Rocky Mountaineer Railway's one millionth guests.

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ARMY & NAVY DEPARTMENT store owner and philanthropist Jacqui Cohen welcomed a well-dressed crowd to her Point Grey waterfront estate for the 18th annual Face the World Foundation gala. Famed singer Sir Tom Jones, a long time supporter of the charity, co-hosted the \$3,000 per couple party. The who's who of Vancouver society included condo king Bob Rennie, Senator Larry Campbell and Canucks legend Trevor Linden. Following the very exclusive Dom Perignon reception, gala-goers were treated to a sumptuous repast donated by David Aisenstat's The Shore Club, followed by a spirited live auction. The sparkling affair raised \$1.2 million for 30 local charities.

The inaugural PURSEuasion pow wow to benefit Vancouver Opera School showcased fashionable names like Ferragamo, Mui Mui and Hermes. One hundred and twenty of Vancouver's trendy "fashion fundis" (shelling out \$250 a ticket for the opportunity to vie for the coveted handbags) attended the lunch luau fronted by *Vancouver Magazine* 2008 Chef of the Year, Cioppino's Pino Posteraro, and emceed by CTV's Tamara Taggart. Bag enthusiasts jumped at the opportunity to snag a designer clutch or two at the frenzied silent and live auction of haute handbags. The Miu Miu St. Cocco Tote fetched the afternoon's highest bid of \$1,650, contributing to the \$50,000 total raised from the bag bash.

It was hearts all around at Variety, The Children's Charity's 39th annual Variety Heart award dinner. The evening gathering celebrated several community leaders and philanthropists for their support and efforts to help improve the lives of children with special needs. Held at River Rock Resort Casino and attended by over 200 guests, the starry affair, co-hosted by Global B.C.'s Chris Gailus and Variety Ambassador Tammy Corness, recognized 11 honourees including Catherine Wood, Niels Jensen and Ray Peters.

Jim Byrnes and the Sojourners headlined the *Vancouver Courier*-sponsored CLICK (Contributing to the Lives of Inner City Kids) Benefit Concert at the newly renovated Britannia secondary school auditorium. Orchestrated by Catherine Atyeo, the fourth annual musical benefit supports programs and services that help make a difference in the lives of inner city children and teenagers in the Lower Mainland.

Kevin Falcon, minister of transportation, joined Rocky Mountaineer founder Peter Armstrong and president Randy Powell, in welcoming the train service's one millionth guest. Politicians, tourism leaders and business leaders joined 700 travellers in recognizing a surprised- Mark and Catherine Casper from Superior, Wisconsin as the millionth guests. Amongst the fanfare and fireworks, the vacationing couple, bound for Jasper, Alberta, received swag valued at \$9,000.

Olympic triathlete Simon Whitfield and 800-metre silver medalist Gary Reed kicked-off Nike+'s Human Race campaign. The 10K run Aug. 31 will take place in 25 major cities all across the world.

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Fronting the Vancouver Opera benefit were PURSEuasion gala chairs (l-r) Sarah McNeill, Doris Gndt and Tamara Taggart.



(l-r) Elizabeth Tran, Danielle Bosaing and Marlena Kurek performed at the *Vancouver Courier*-sponsored CLICK concert.



The Jaquettes, (l-r) Samira Dudzinski, Ali Tatum and Susanna Laughlin, welcomed gala-goers to the retro-disco themed Face the World Foundation shindig.



Jacqui Cohen and special guest Sir Tom Jones fronted the 18th annual Face the World Foundation fete.