



Weekly Window Vol.2

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Mission Statement:

"To promote small business in general and specifically to aid, enhance and motivate each other in our respective business enterprises. Our desire is to expand the knowledge and personal network base of each and every one of our members and to make them better at what they do."

Last Meeting: Wednesday May 31, 2006

Focused Chat: Geoff Baker and Laura Lee Normandeau, founders, EasyWash

Geoff Baker and Laura Lee Normandeau introduced us to their eco-friendly wash business they both founded four years ago.

It started as an expression of frustration of not being able to find a car wash nearby, and an alternative to using car washes run by gas stations. Aside from geography came the concern of how well maintained the washes are, and how many simply can't do a superior job given the finishes of late model vehicles. Finally, ecology played a role. Many municipalities across Canada began banning washing cars at home due to toxic runoff. Thus an idea was born.

EasyWash was developed with ecology in mind, as well as offering a full service wash station that will not only thoroughly clean your car's exterior, but your dog's exterior as well. Now before readers run to the phone to notify authorities, no one is suggesting tying Rover to the roof of anyone's vehicle.

EasyWash has developed an enclosed wash station monitored by Rover's owner, where Rover gets a shower, rinse and drying, while in full view of his master. Their full service wash station will likely appeal to hikers and bikers who spend their weekends on the trails of North Shore Mountains.

The runoff is contained within the EasyWash perimeter, drained to tanks where it is filtered and recycled for re-use. The power to run the station and heat the water is fuelled by hydrogen cells. This creates a fully contained water and power system designed for self-reliance, and does not impose on the GVRD's resources.

Verticals:

Accounting/Finance

Banking

Brokerage
(Mortgage,
securities)

Building
Inspection

Business
Services

Cleaning
Services

Communications,
Marketing
(Advertising,
Design, Sales)

Computer
H/ware

Counseling

Database Mktg

Flooring

Home
Renovation

Human
Resources
(Social
Engineering)

Insurance
(Life, Asset)

Medical
(Holistic,
Therapeutic)

Non-profit

Office Mgmt.

Real Estate
(Investment,
Sales/buying)

Retail

Software

Special Event
Mktg.

It is estimated that their eco friendly plan will save up to 24 million litres of drinking water per year.

For more information, visit <http://www.easywash.com/>

Announcements:

The following members wish to send thanks to their fellow members for continued business, referrals, and ongoing projects:

Simeon Garriott, Prepaid Legal; for Sandi Ma, Graphic Artist
Richard Willems, Photographer; for Paul Brewer, Perfect Day Experiences
Paul Brewer, Perfect Day Experiences; for Murray Wood, Silverado Investments
Nelson Chow, Arbutus Insurance; for Bob Rogers, Exec Director, Harvest Project
Sunny Chow, RiverStar Web Design; for Tony Holtzhausen, CMA

New Members:

The Executive on behalf of the membership, wish to greet and welcome the following new members:

Barry Sharp, Business consultant, small business consulting, 604.889.4199.
barry@barrysharp.com. www.barrysharp.com

Jean Verdi UPS business Store, 4111 E. Hastings St., North Burnaby. 604.205.5888
store325@theupsstore.ca

William Baker, President, Willabeth Capital Corporation, corporate finance solutions
604.980.7265 bbaker@willabeth.com

Guests:

Deegan French, Business Development, **Showcase Media**, indoor advertising /bulletin boards, 604.720.4337. Deegan@showcasemedia.ca

Geoff Baker, founder/President, **EasyWash Inc.** Eco-friendly full service wash station
1.888.326.3743

Laura-Lee Normandeau, founder/Vice-President, **EasyWash Inc.** Eco-friendly full service wash station. 1.888.326.3743

Jonathan Matchett, Account Manager, Wireless Business Solutions **Telus Mobility Corporate** 604.830.2125 jonathan.matchett@telusmobility.com

Joe Heilman, Proprietor, JHC Craftsmen Ltd. Construction. 604.980.7818

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 7, 2006

Focused Chat: Jose Galang, Leveraging your networking skills

Joe Galang, recognized local Networking guru, will tell us how to take our networking skills to the next level.

Focused Chat Calendar:

June 7 - June 14 – Robyn Adamache, CHMC, Lower mainland Real Estate market revisited

June 28 - Darleen Gering, Burnaby Board of Trade

Networking Events:

Business Circle Network SOHO

Business Info Exchange Trade Show

Tuesday June 6, 2006 530pm to 730pm

Papaya Joe's Restaurant, #10-12240 Horseshoe Way, Richmond

Contact: Jose, 604.272.4229 business.net.work@hotmail.com

SOHO business operators gather to share experiences and tips. Evening includes light foods, snacks, coffee, tea, or cold drinks.

Admission: \$20. (\$5 discount for early registration), \$5 off each entrance fee is donated to the Richmond Food Bank.

Burnaby Board of Trade

Tuesday June 13, 2006

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Executive Hotel Burnaby, 4201 Lougheed Highway.

June Networking Breakfast

Early-bird tickets: Members \$16

Non-members \$21

After June 6th, tickets will be \$18 for members and \$24 for non-members. All prices are exclusive of GST.

The members-only Power Networking Group will follow at 9:00 a.m. This one-on-one, relationship building networking session guarantees participants business referrals.

<http://www.burnabyboardoftrade.com/events1.html#2006-05-29239>

Entrepreneurial Success Group

Tuesday June 27/06

ESN Networking Social Evening: Last Tuesday each month.

Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson St. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

info@esnorg.org

<http://www.esnorg.org>

Richmond Chamber

Thursday June 22, 2006

June Networking Breakfast

Tickets: Members \$13.00 Incl. GST

Non-Members \$18.00 Incl. GST

Registration 7:00 am

Breakfast & Networking 7:30 am

Location: Quilchena Golf & Country Club, 3551 Granville Avenue

SOHO www.soho.ca

Tuesday June 27th

7:45-10:00AM

Soho “Show and Tell” Breakfast Roundtable

Sandman Hotel, Ballroom A, 180 W. Georgia St.

7:45 – 10:00 am

SOHO members: \$10

Non-Members: \$15

Vancouver Business Network Forum

- VBNF Burnaby Chapter - 2nd Tuesday of the month.
- VBNF Vancouver Chapter - 4th Wednesday of month

http://vbnf.com/next_meeting.html

Vancouver Business Network Forum (VBNF) in partnership with First Canadian Barter Exchange (FCBE) would like to invite you to our next VBNF Burnaby Chapter Meetings:

Tuesday June 13, Burnaby Chapter

“How to Make Yourself Irresistible at Networking Functions” featuring Guest Speaker
Laurel Van Pander

Laurel will discuss techniques that will make you more effective at business/social networking functions.

Sponsored by FCBE and SR Brewery.

Vancouver Enterprise Forum

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Techno grill BBQ Bash

This is an informal summer meeting with no formal agenda or presentations.

Law Courts Inn
4th Floor, 800 Smithe St.
Vancouver
www.vef.org.

Resource Guide:

Online Business Webinars:

http://main.placeware.com/demos/web_seminar_archive.cfm

Virtual Handshake – online business Book

<http://thevirtualhandshake.com/free-book-download.htm>

<http://vancouver.craigslist.org/>

<http://www.soho.ca/>

<http://www.vef.org/web/EventDetails.asp?ProductID=82>

Chamber events:

http://www.hpmarketing.com/cgi-bin/events_calendar.cgi

Networking Database:

LinkedIn Resources: SONI Canada

<http://www.atomiccreative.com/sonicanada.html>

<https://www.linkedin.com/home>

Job Boards:

<http://charityvillage.com/>, <http://working.canada.com/vancouver/index.html>
<http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>, <http://regionalhelpwanted.com/home/167.htm?sn=167>

Wage Subsidy Program (& Job Board)

<http://fwt.bc.ca/>

Social / Event Management:

<http://gracioushost.ca/>, www.perfectday.ca, www.tgifbc.com,
<http://fairweathercruises.com/>

Urban Legends Reference Page:

<http://www.snopes.com/>

Yellow Pages Business Finder:

<http://www.yellowpages.ca/searchBusiness.do>