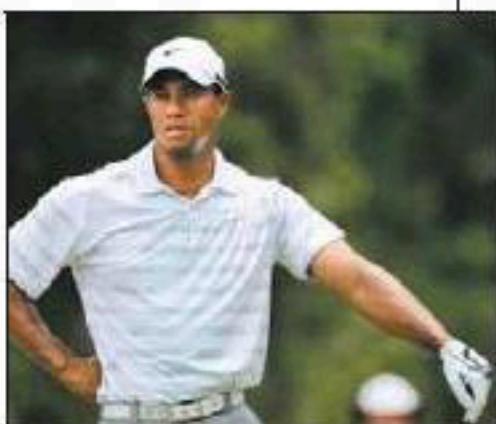


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Tiger Woods was in town to promote his AT&T National tournament.

## Tiger packs a power lunch

The Tiger Woods comeback tour hit Georgetown on Monday, where the 36-year-old golf legend stopped for some do-gooding before heading to Congressional Country Club to promote his tournament next month.

Despite his personal scandal and lousy play of late, Woods remains the biggest draw in the game: He made \$58 million last year from endorsements, according to Forbes.

"You have a lot of friends in Washington, and we're here to support you," Cafe Milano owner Franco Nuschese told him at a private luncheon co-hosted with BET founder Bob Johnson. A relaxed Woods (tan suit, blue shirt, no tie) posed for pictures with donors and talked about his foundation's new focus.

Why has it shifted from golf clinics to scholarships? "Quite frankly, we were a circus," he explained. "We'd come in, get everyone all stirred up, we're hitting a few golf balls and then we're gone. We'd leave a little bit of money behind, but there was nothing that was tangible, nothing these kids could grasp onto."

Two years ago, he launched two learning centers in Wards 6 and 7 and has awarded scholarships to 25 D.C. students. The lunch raised \$100,000 in less than two hours.

His golf game? Not so easy. "I feel good," Woods told the crowd. "I've kind of been there, but I just haven't had the consistency that I'd like. But, hey, I'm making a lot of changes and that takes time."

## Everybody loves Andy

The *Real Housewives of D.C.* — minus **Michael Salahi** or any made-for-TV meltdowns — reunited Friday thanks to one man: **Andy Cohen**.

The Bravo network executive behind the "Real Housewives" franchise and other guilty pleasures has become a pop-culture phenom himself; in something like the **Dick Cheney** veep search, Cohen cast himself as the network's nightly talk-show host and on-air pundit of his own programs.

That made him the star attraction of Bethesda Row's three-day fashion event this past weekend. The line of fans Friday night stretched around the block as they clutched copies of his new memoir, "Most Talkative." Groupies gave him custom T-shirts, flowers and even original artwork. "It's mazel mayhem!" proclaimed **Lynn Blitzer**, who sat with husband **Wolf** and Cohen during the runway show.

Also seated in the front row: Four of D.C.'s erstwhile Housewives — **Mary Amons**, **Stacie Turner**, **Lynda Erkiletian** and **Catherine Ommanney** — who said they showed up out of affection for Cohen.

"Oh, we love Andy," Amons told us. "He's a really likable guy. He's very smart, and he knows how smart we are as a group. I think he really



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Front Row seats: Angie Goff, Andy Cohen and Wolf and Lynn Blitzer.

appreciates that."

"And what he's done with the network and how he's extending himself," Turner said, "is exactly what we're looking to do."

No hard feelings, in other words — despite the fact that Cohen canceled their show after one season. Forget that playful exterior — he's first and foremost a shrewd television programmer. What happened, Andy — was Washington just too boring for your fans?

"Every reporter in D.C. says to me, 'Why is D.C. bad for reality shows?' And it's not," he claimed. The local

version was one of the most successful first seasons for the network; he believes it was derailed by the Salahi's White House state dinner crash.

"It hurt it because it sucked up all the attention about the show," he said. Plus, the Miami and Beverly Hills franchises were launching and there were concerns about "Housewives" overkill.

No regrets: "We set out to do a show about proximity to power, about race in a city with its first black president." They got some provocative discussions about race, Cohen said, and "we *certainly* got the story of what people will do for proximity to power."

What about the "Wives" — would they do it all over again? None of them got rich off the show, and all four stars who were married at the time of production have since split from their husbands.

"Absolutely!" Amons said. "It was just a great opportunity for me to get into the entertainment business that I've loved and longed for for so long."

Turner hesitated for a moment. "I think so," she said. "I'm not sure."

ALFRED FLORES

D.C.'s "Real Housewives" reunited with Andy Cohen: (from left) Stacie Turner, Lynda Erkiletian, Catherine Ommanney and Mary Amons.



### UPDATE

This year's scorching beauty pageant controversy (because there's one every year, isn't there?) has ended peacefully. **Jenna Talackova**, the contestant originally ousted from the Miss Universe Canada pageant because she was not born a woman, made the top 12 Saturday night in Toronto, reports Reuters. And though the 23-year-old did not win, she was voted "Miss Congeniality" by fellow contestants.

After Talackova, who had gender reassignment surgery at 19, protested her disqualification in March, calling it a "human rights" issue, officials reversed course, and the **Donald Trump**-owned Miss Universe organization rewrote the rules to allow transgender women to compete in all of its pageants in 2013.

Will Canadians remember the name of the lady who actually won? She's **Sahar Biniiaz**, and she's headed to the Miss Universe competition in December.



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Jenna Talackova was one of 12 Miss Universe Canada finalists.

"Some said I lacked 'gravitas,' which I've since decided is Latin for 'testicles.'"

Katie Couric on the skepticism she faced as a woman climbing the career ladder in broadcast news. In a commencement speech on Sunday to graduates at the University of Virginia, according to the Daily Progress.