

**OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AND
COLOMBIA EN PITTSBURGH HOST:
COLOMBIAN COFFEEHOUSE
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More than 200 people attended the Colombian Coffeehouse on March 30th and enjoyed good coffee and a pleasant time.

Colombia en Pittsburgh and OIS joined forces in order to promote cultural diversity and show the happy face of Colombia. To this end, the event had a video and photo slideshow displaying the many landscapes, cities, and tourist attractions of Colombia.

All who attended enjoyed the food and coffee. The food consisted mainly of coffee-based deserts and some exotic dishes from Colombia's north coast region.

Traditional Colombian games were set up for people to enjoy. Among these games was "Rana" (Spanish for "frog"). In this game each player has to throw several metal rings into the holes of a wooden table and the most points are obtained if you put the ring through the mouth of a metallic "Rana". A scaled down version of "Tejo" was also available, where each participant tries to hit targets located several feet away with a metallic disk. Some of the attendees also played the precision game of "Balero."

Music is a great part of Colombian culture, so Salsa lessons were set up for people who wanted to learn the basics of this popular rhythm. A musical presentation by Jorge Delgado, Colombian singer and member of the musical group Besame, was a delight to many of the participants.

