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President's Message



Aloha Skallegues,

Welcome to 2014!

Your new SKAL board of directors and myself are working earnestly in achieving two major goals, increasing membership and increasing our scholarship fund. We have a new, great and dynamic board and have already discussed some very interesting and exciting fund raising options that we are considering as well as some educational fund raising opportunities that we will be working on. All this will compliment our Annual Scholarship golf tournament held in October. We will be creating both a membership and fund raising committee to assist in achieving these goals and we look forward to your active participation in these events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome your new Board of Directors for 2014. I know we all appreciate their time and efforts.

See you at our next monthly meeting at MW Restaurant on May 29th. Remember RSVPs will be due no later than May 20th as Naomi will be out of town during the normal deadline.

Aloha,

Patrick Kozuma

President

2014-2015 SKÅL International Hawaii

SKÅL International Hawaii Board of Directors 2014-2015



Please welcome your 2014-2015 Board of Directors. First Row: Ted Sakai, Emi Espinda, Pam Davis, Dean Nakasone, Doug Okada, Greg Brossier and Mike Miller. Second Row: Dan Bayne, Patrick Kozuma, Joel Johnson, Thomas Foti, Gerald Glennon, and Tom Anusewicz. Missing: Phil Sammer and Mary Lou Lewis.

OFFICERS

President	Patrick Kozuma	<i>Aston Waikiki Sunset</i>
Vice-President	Joel Johnson	<i>Hawaii Prince Hotel</i>
Treasurer	Phil Sammer	<i>Ilima Hotel</i>
Secretary	Ted Sakai	<i>Aqua Waikiki Wave</i>

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Director	Tom Anusewicz	<i>Oke`e Aviation Services</i>
Director/Public Relations	Pam Davis	<i>The Oahu Concierge</i>
Director	Emi Espinda	<i>Desert Island Restaurants</i>
Director	Thomas Foti	<i>Hilton Waikiki Beach</i>
Director	Gerald Glennon	<i>The Modern Honolulu</i>
Director	Mary Lou Lewis	<i>HNL Travel & Associates</i>
Director	Dean Nakasone	<i>Outrigger Reef on the Beach</i>

SIUSA REPS

SIUSA Sr. Rep	Doug Okada	<i>Aston at the Waikiki Banyan</i>
SIUSA Jr. Rep	Dan Bayne	<i>Aqua Hospitality</i>

AUDITORS

Auditor	Mike Miller	<i>Standard Parking</i>
Auditor	Greg Brossier	<i>Sun Islands Hawaii</i>

SAVE THE DATE

our next meeting will be on

Thursday, May 29th
6 p.m. Cocktails / 7 p.m. Dinner
at MW Restaurant

all reservations due no later than May 20th



Pics from our January Meeting



January's meeting found us at the Outrigger Canoe Club for lunch

Valerie Davis, Greg Brossier and Dean Anderson



Tom Anusewicz and outgoing President Dan Bayne presented Freman Hunter with the Skål Hawaii flag for his efforts.



Richard Oshiro, Susan Weander, Tom Adachi, Miles Kinoshita, John Foy, Peter Fithian, and Brad Jencks



Naomi Kanna with Marios Torcas, a Skålleague from Sydney, Australia

Thoughts from a New Skålleague

submitted by Thomas Foti, General Manager of the Hilton Waikiki Hotel



Thomas Foti

Two-and-a-half years ago, I was fortunate enough to attain a fantastic job in my ultimate dream location, Oahu. With a complete understanding of Island lifestyle based upon my experience on the tiny little Island of Manhattan (ok, maybe not so much), I was excited and beyond up for the challenge. I knew I was moving someplace special and I knew adjustments would need to be made... After all, I am a born and raised New Yorker. I talk too fast, walk too fast and apparently don't have a reputation for being from a friendly part of the world.

I wanted to get involved in my new community. I wanted to meet business partners and friends and I wanted to prove that the stigma that surrounds New Yorkers wasn't true... at least not for this guy.

As I perused the various organizations seeking inclusion, opportunity, a common mindset amongst members and comradery, I

was fortunate enough to have someone recommend SKÅL.

From the first meeting I attended being introduced as someone new to the Island and someone who was a potential member of the club, I felt right at home. It was comforting to attend a meeting and break bread with a group of people who did not have a specific agenda to accomplish with the exception of open and honest communication and sharing information. I felt as though I was amongst a group of soon-to-be-friends and savvy business people to bounce ideas off of, or to simply enjoy a glass of wine and ono pupu's.

And interestingly enough... that is exactly what happened. As I enter my first year on the board and my second of many many years to come as a member, I look back on my decision to join this quality group of people and am grateful. Now, I look forward to each meeting to connect with friends, talk story, and experience new and interesting venues. As for my original goal...I think I have done New Yorkers a good turn, but that's because Hawaii has been so amazing to me.

Mahalo!

2014 NAASC Congress

submitted by Doug Okada, General Manager of the Aston at the Waikiki Banyan

I had the privilege of representing Skål International Hawaii at the Skål 53rd NAASC Meeting held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 1 - 4, 2014. In spite of the cold rainy weather, I was warmly greeted by the 180+ members that were in attendance. Members went out of their way to introduce themselves to the newcomers and make you feel welcome. The Halifax Club did an outstanding job of hosting this event to insure that the Skål members and their guests had a



Our Senior SIUSA Representative, Doug Okada shown here in Halifax with Carlos Banks, President of SIUSA

great time. This was my first event and I hope I'll have more opportunities to participate in the future.

I attended as many of the meetings and seminars as I could, and I walked away with a better understanding of what SIUSA is all about. Most important of all, I have a greater appreciation of being a member of Skål. If you have the opportunity of attending a Skål event, I encourage you to do so. Skål!



Skålleague Honza Hroch has been busy setting up various golfing outings for members to go to if they are so inclined.

The first golf outing was in April and Greg Brossier arranged it so the Skålleagues could play at Oahu Country Club and a great day was had by all that attended.

The next outing is scheduled for May 15th at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club. Thanks to Ted McAneeley the

Hawaii Prince Golf Club is extending the special price of \$37.00 per person. For those interested, meet at the golf club at 12:30 p.m. for a 1 p.m. tee time start.

Another outing is in the process of being scheduled for June at the Waialae Country Club. More info will follow on that event later. If you have any questions, please contact Honza directly at honza_hroch@thewsp.com or call him at 343-2879.



Greg Brossier, Sheldon Yoshida & Honza Hroch enjoyed the first SKÅL golf outing.



Please take a moment to get to know the newest members of our club the next time you see them.



Dean Anderson

VP of Sales & Marketing
Castle Resorts & Hotels



Jen Chun

Director
Hospitality Advisors LLC



Sean Knox

President
HiEmployment



Karen Nakaoka

Director of Member Relations & Operations
Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association



Dr. Kwanglim Seo

Assistant Professor
University of Hawaii
TIM School

Pics from our February Meeting



Waialae Country Club

February was our annual General Membership meeting held at Waialae Country Club. Mahalo to Peter Fithian for hosting the wine!



Dan Bayne, Young Skålleague Chassidy Sakamoto and Patrick Kozuma



Dan Bayne, Young Skålleague Brian Chan and Patrick Kozuma



Valerie Davis, Leon Brossier, Peter Fithian, Tom Adachi, Tom Anusewicz, Gregg Nelson, guests Janice Ishihara from the Kahala Hotel, Conchita Malaqui from Waikiki Beach Walk and Dan Bayne.

Pics from our March Meeting



The new board was installed at a dinner held on March 27th at the Hawaii Prince Hotel



Sheldon Yoshida, Brad Jencks, Tom Adachi and Peter Fithian



Hal Henderson, Valerie Davis and Gloria Henderson



Bucky Yee and Deems Narimatsu



Gerald Glennon with Dan Bayne



Pam Davis, Tom Anusewicz, guest James Owen and soon to be member Stacey Alford



Joel Johnson, Patrick Kozuma, his wife, Roxane, there to see Patrick installed as president, and Dean Nakasone



Thomas Foti, Karen Nakaoka and Doug Okada



Past president Tom Adachi thanks Dan Bayne for his year of service



Take note of our upcoming Skål meetings and try to save the date!

May Meeting

Please join us for dinner

- When:** May 29th
Time: 6:00 p.m. No host Cocktails
 8:00 p.m. Dinner
Location: MW Restaurant
 1538 Kapiolani Blvd #107
Cost: \$60 per person in advance
 \$65 after
RSVPs: due by noon, May 20th



~ Menu ~



Shared Appetizers:

Ahi Nachos, Avocado Salsa,
Rice Cracker Chips, Won Ton Pi

Fried Calamari, Ho Farms Okra,
Garlic Black Pepper Sauce

"Fried Chicken" Pressed Jidori
Chicken, Garlic Soy Sauce,
Hawaiian Hearts of Palm

Pickled Local Beets Salad

Choice of Entrée:

Twice Cooked Pork Tonkatsu with Ho Farms Vegetable Panchan

Mochi Crusted Monchong, Somen Noodles, Yuzu Kosho, Soy Vinaigrette

Dessert from Pastry Chef Michel



June Meeting

Please join us for lunch

- When:** June 26th
Time: 11:00 a.m. Registration
 11:30 a.m. Lunch
Location: Ruth Chris Beach Walk
Cost: \$42 per person



July Meeting

Please join us for dinner

- When:** July 31st
Time: 6:00 p.m. Cocktails
 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Location: HASR Bistro
Cost: \$50 per person