



Skal International Hawaii



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President's Message

Aloha Fellow Skalleagues,

As you know from last months letter the 14th golf tournament was a resounding success. The final numbers are in and we netted over \$8,600!! This addition means that since 2003 we have raised over \$31,000 in our scholarship fund. Again mahalos everyone.

I did attend the 70th International SKAL Congress in Budapest Nov 1-6 as your club representative, as did Susan Weander as your Regional VI Vice President. There was a push this year to have attendees since one of our own was running for an International office, Mok Singh of Los Angeles. He has been in Hawaii many times, the last time being at the SIUSA board meeting here last January. Mok has been International Councillor USA since 2007, and was President SKAL USA prior to that. Mok needed 50% of the vote plus 1 to be elected – 246 were cast - 15 were dq'd - so of the remaining 231 Mok got 203 – almost a landslide.

The other American running was John Ruzich from New York running unopposed for Auditor. This means that for the first time in many years we have have two Americans on the International Board. The new President is Nikola Racic from Croatia who also won by a landslide. He was supported by his competitor, Tony Boyle of Australia, Tony will remain on as Sr. VP and will run again next year. Next year's Congress is in Australia.



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I also met with a Skalleague from Dusseldorf who is putting together a section on the web site to promote Young Skal. As you know we're the first club in the US to move forward in this direction. Tom Anusewicz recently put together a flyer. I took a limited amount with me & they were in high demand. Even though they've had Young Skal in other parts of the world for some time we're actually very well organized & they were listening to us for information. Certainly the rest of the US is looking to our leadership as we're setting the footprint for all to follow.

One more thing – Region VI – of which Susan Weander is, as you know VP, had the best membership numbers in the country. Plus 1 other item – I learned that another US club had their 44th annual golf tournament and raised \$10,000 – want to look back up at our numbers? As Susan says “Hawaii is Awesome”.

It was an incredible experience being there with over 1000 Skalleagues and their spouses/guests from all over the World. We all have the same issues. By the way, do any of you know that SI is in debt? Or do you care? I did write the Congress up in detail for our Board & I'd be happy to share it with any of you who may wish to read it.

November 12 brought our 2nd annual scholarship dinner at Sammy's at the Miramar Hotel in Waikiki. Thank you Richard Oshiro for helping set this up with Grayce McCullough. Also Mahalo to Mark Miller who donated towards the dinner wine that evening.

We had 21 guests & students from UH, KCC & HPU. Almost MORE OF THEM THAN US which is a bit frightening. These young people have helped us over the past two years at the golf tournament – and 3 of them were scholarship recipients. They are extremely enthusiastic and interested in our Young Skal program. I invited each of them to say a few words about themselves and they were all ready to speak up. I've received a few comments from our members who attended that night and they all said how impressed they were with these young scholars – and possibly your future employees. Those of you who weren't there missed out.

Our next meeting – the annual Christmas Party will be Dec 1 at the Halekulani Hotel. Dress is elegant casual to black tie – whichever you prefer. A great evening is planned with entertainment by guitarist Jeff Peterson, and I do hope to see you all there.

Aloha and SKAL



2nd Annual Skal Scholarship Dinner



The Second Annual Scholarship Dinner was once again everything we could have asked for in an exciting and fun evening. The energy of our guests certainly let us know that the future will be in good hands. Mahalo to our special guests; Dave Evans, Professor and Department Chair with the Hospitality & Tourism Education Department and Sheryl Fuchino-Nishida, Associate Professor both from Kapi`olani Community College along with Kim Brooks, Internship and Career Placement Coordinator from the University of Hawaii School of Travel Industry Management Mahalo for their continued support with our scholarship and Young Skal program.

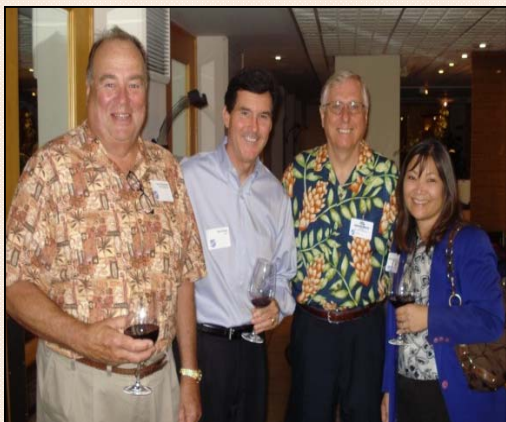




Our student guest included

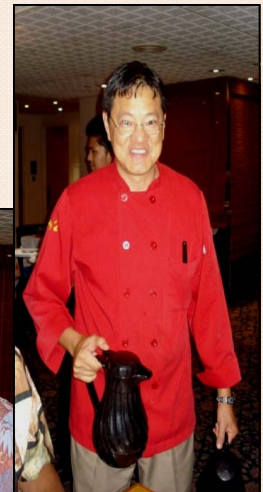
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Shanisse Tibas, KCC

*We will hear more about these
incredible young travel
industry professionals in the
months to come.*





Mahalo to Sammy and staff for a great evening!



Mahalo to all our members that sponsored our special guests.

Sammy's at the Miramar Hotel

The first Young Skál Club in the U.S. is gaining momentum! Skál International Hawaii has introduced the Young Skál to KCC, UH and HPU students in the way of meetings and brochures. The first applications for membership in this exciting new club is underway.

In the coming months we will ask our membership for its support to Young Skál and to the young professionals starting out in their careers.



Benefits of Young Skál Membership

OPPORTUNITIES FOR
Networking
Internship
Mentoring

Current Skál International Hawaii members come from management of Hawaii's leading hotel, transportation and travel related businesses including:

Aqua Resorts - Halekalaní Hotel
Hilton Hotels - Hyatt Hotels
Illima Hotel - Marriott Hotels
Miramar Hotel - Outrigger Hotels
Roberts Hawaii - Hawaiian Airlines
and more....

Join Young Skál!

Annual Dues \$45

Includes dues to Skál International

Participate in
Skál Meetings

Attend a minimum of three meetings annually

Skál meets monthly and includes fundraising and scholarship dinner meetings

Doing Business among friends



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Welcome to Skál International Hawaii

Skál International is a professional organization of tourism leaders around the world. It is the **ONLY** international group uniting all branches of the travel and tourism industry.

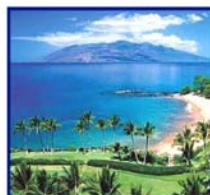
Skál International is the truly global club for Travel Industry professionals. Skál International is a world-wide movement that links the movers and shakers of the travel industry in every major city of the world.

The objective of Skál International is to promote global friendship through the promotion of international tourism. It provides the means of networking with like-minded travel industry colleagues all over the world, summed up by its slogan 'Doing business among friends'. Skál International is the **ONLY** truly international organization that can claim to represent these aims.

Skál International Hawaii was established in 1952 and its members have been part of shaping tourism in the islands since it began.

Skál International Hawaii is starting a new program to focus on young students and graduates that plan a career in the travel and tourism industry.

Young Skál



1. What is Young Skál?

Young Skál is a category of Skál International specially for students and young professionals directly related to the travel and tourism industry.

2. Who is eligible for membership?

Young Skál is open to all young professionals training for or working in the industry who are at least 21 years of age and not older than 29 years.

3. What are the benefits of being a Young Skál member?

Young Skál members will have the opportunity to participate in areas related to the travel and tourism industry, but also in cultural, sports, travel and public relations activities. They will be able to participate in Skál activities and meet Skál members, cooperating voluntarily in the success of the overall Skál aims. Young Skál members will obtain the support of the local Skál Club for training opportunities and to acquire professional experience. They will have an opportunity to participate in an international network.



New Member!



John White was officially introduced and presented with his Skål membership certificate and pin at our November meeting. John was a Skalleauge on the mainland in years past and is excited to once again be part of Skål.

John has been in Hawaii for many years and has worked with many of our members and we are glad to have him as our newest member.

John is currently with HNL Travel Associates and he continues to be an educator at the college level in business and travel.

John is also a Rotarian giving back to the community with a focus on youth. John will share his experience with our scholarship programs and Young Skål.



The new Executive Committee of Skål International elected on 3 November 2009 during the 70th Skål World Congress held in the magnificent city of Budapest, Hungary is as follows:

- Nik Racic (Croatia) President
- Tony Boyle (Australia) Vice President, responsible for Development
- Enrique Quesada (Mexico) Vice President, responsible for Finance
- Lone Ricks (Denmark), Director - Special Projects
- Karine Coulanges (France) Director - Communications and Public Relations
- Mok Singh (U.S.A.) Director- Statutes with responsibility for the repositioning of Skål International
- Marianne Krohn (Germany) Director - Business Affairs
- Bent Hadler (Denmark) President of the International Skål Council
- Jim Power - Secretary General



Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometime age shows up all by itself.

- Tom Wilson

John Foy
Ted McAneeley
Matthew Bailey
Michael Dailey
Cheryl Scellato
Walter Smith
Brian Crawford
Tsuyoshi Sakata
Sharon Gonzales
James Ando



They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.

-Author Unknown

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SKAL is a professional organization of tourism leaders around the world, promoting global tourism and friendship. It is the only international group uniting all branches of the travel industry. Its members, the industry's managers and executives, meet at local, national, regional and international levels to discuss and pursue topics of interest.

Skål International USA

A National Committee of Skål International
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*Susan and
Valerie
enjoying the
Skal World
Congress in
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