



# Skal International Hawaii



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- **April 28th To Be Announced**

## *President's Message*

### *Fellow Skalleagues*

*January came and went so fast that I didn't even get to address the membership in a "President's Message" to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Well here it is February and I get another chance... February 3rd was Chinese New Years and the Year of the Rabbit will no doubt move as quick as its name... So Happy New Year to all.*

*January / February months are busy for all of us and it is especially busy for Skal International Hawaii. January is the month we collect for annual dues and we understand that this is the time each member decides whether to continue their membership.*

*Recruitment has been fair, not what we were hoping for, but we have encouraged many to consider the value of joining. It is the retention of membership that comes down to January. We are still hopeful that some have just been to busy to get their payment in but will. The receipt of payment is THE indication that they will continue. We have deadlines to SIUSA and SI and Stephanie works very hard to meet our requirements. I always applaud her for her efforts.*

*February is also the month of our Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will give your current officers and board members an opportunity to bring you up to date on a number of items that we have worked on this past year.*

*It is very important that our members make the effort to attend. We will review and request a vote on a number items such as revised By-Laws, and this years election of incoming officers and directors will be by voice vote. As always we will have our Treasurer review our financials so our members know how we have performed and the plan for moving forward.*

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*Another change that will be discussed is our direction to “Incorporate” in Hawaii as Skat International Hawaii and change from a 501c(7) to a 501c(6). As we worked with SI and SIUSA this past year we recognized certain tax concerns for both Federal (IRS) and State (GET) and have moved to become a stronger entity that allows better accountability and growth.*

*The IRS determined that Skat most resembles a 501(c)(6) from a description of its activities. 501(c)(7) organizations are social and recreational clubs, primarily for pleasure, recreation and social activities. 501(c)(6) organizations are business leagues that promote or improve business conditions of one or more lines of business.*

*The future of Skat will rely on membership and our continued value of “Doing Business Among Friends” will allow for growth with membership in all categories.*

*In the course of making these changes we found that the Articles of Corporation and By-Laws needed to align with Hawaii laws. With the help of a corporate attorney and CPA we have moved to complete our new status and we are excited that we will prepare to take on our next goal that will make Skat International Hawaii truly the best.*

*Attend this months  
Annual Business Meeting.*

*Mahalo and Aloha...*

*Tom Anusewicz*



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*What a way to start the new year!*

*January's meeting at Ruth's Chris Steak House was great venue, great food and great fellowship.*

*Mahalo to John Foy and Enterprise Holdings for sponsoring our January Meeting.*

*John's guest Stephen Hansen and Theresa Tilly brought us up to date on Enterprise and shared gifts with members.*

*Mahalo to Emi Espinda of Ruth's Chris for making our evening very special.*

*Enjoy the photos!*



*Tom Pokonosky, visiting Skalleague from Minnesota continues to keep warm before his return.*

*It is always a special treat to have our senior Skalleague Bruce Bolton in attendance.*





*Theresa Tilly and Stephanie Uyeda*



*Ron Adams and Tom Adachi*



*J.P. Cercillieux and Renee Cochran*



*Ricardo Coffani and Scott Pirscher*



*Maria Sung and Ted McAneely*



*Valerie Davis and Gregg Nelson*





*Gregg introduces Young Skal members Scott & Ricardo*



*Stephen Hanson of Enterprise Holdings*



*Dave Uchiyama's guest Dave Matlin seems to be enjoying Skal!*



# Twinning



*Past President, Valerie Davis, Past SI President Nik Racic and Vancouver's Ron Waterhouse accepting their Twinning Certificates*

*Sydney, Australia - This past October at the Skal International Congress the Skal Clubs of Hawaii and Vancouver were recognized for establishing Twinning between the two clubs.*

*Mahalo to Valerie Davis for her efforts and not only working to establish this relationship but attending the Congress to receive the honors.*

**Skal is moving forward in many areas.**



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# Skal Club of the Year

## **Why not...Skal International Hawaii!**

**We continue to make strides in our development and this goal is obtainable.**



*The Executive Committee of Skål International has agreed to new rules governing the competition "Skål Club of the Year" in order to increase interest and greater member participation in the competition. The revised rules for the competition are as follows:*

*The General Secretariat will select a number of Clubs who have fulfilled the criteria which appears on the Skål International website. The criteria are as follows:*

- *that the Club has paid its membership fees to the General Secretariat by 28 February 2011.*
- *that the Club has returned a list of its current members to the General Secretariat on or before 31 March 2011.*
- *that the Club has sent a Form 2 showing the current officers by 8 April 2011.*
- *the number of new members in the previous calendar year is taken into account which should be a minimum of 10% net increase on the previous year.*
- *that the Club registered a voting delegate at one of the three previous Skål World Congresses.*

*Once the General Secretariat has established the list of Clubs which qualify according to the criteria outlined above, it will contact these Clubs by mid April and ask them to submit a short presentation (maximum seven minutes) on CD Rom outlining why that Club feels it should be a candidate for Club of the Year. The deadline for submission of presentations will be 15 June 2011.*

*Once again, all Clubs worldwide will have the opportunity to vote for their choice of the "Skål Club of the Year" through the Skål website from 1 July to 31 August 2011. The Clubs will have one or two votes (two votes for Clubs with 66 or more members) and the votes received from the Clubs will be equivalent to 20% of the total votes, the remaining 80% being awarded by the judges during the Skål World Congress to be held in Turku, Finland. The judges will consist of the two Vice-Presidents and one Director of Skål International.*

*To give the opportunity to other Clubs to win the award, any Club that has won will not be allowed to apply for the award until four years have elapsed.*

*The winners will be announced by the President of Skål International, Tony Boyle, during the Opening Ceremony of the Congress.*

**This recognition could help with membership...recruitment and retention!**  
**Why not...Skal International Hawaii! A goal for today and tomorrow!**

# Annual Business Meeting

*The Annual Business Meeting on February 24th will review a number of areas of our club. Will have some hard copy materials for review that afternoon with all materials being available electronically.*

*Article 20 of our current By-Laws state that “The election of the Board members, officers and club auditors shall take place at an Annual General Meeting”*

*The elections will take place at this meeting by voice vote.*

*The revised By-Laws will allow for electronic and mail-in ballots for future elections.*

*Current slate of Officers, Directors and Auditors for 2011-2012 are as follows:*

## *Officers*

*President - Tom Anusewicz*

*Vice President - Doug Okada*

*Secretary - Jim Heather*

*Treasurer - Phil Sammer*

## *Directors*

*Dan Bayne*

*Greg Brossier*

*Mike Dailey*

*Gerald Glennon*

*Mary Lou Lewis*

*Grayce McCullough*

*Gregg Nelson*

*David Warganich*

*John White*

## *Auditors*

*Shauna Hyswick-Nakamura (1)*

*Bob Cobb (2)*

## *SIUSA Representatives*

*Susan Weander (1) Valerie Davis (2)*

*Executive Director - Stephanie Uyeda*

**VOTE**





# Upcoming meetings!

**February 24, 2011**



**Hilton Waikiki Beach**

## Annual Business Meeting

**Review of club financial, membership and administration**

**Election of Officers and Directors to be held**

**March 31, 2011**



## Annual Installation Dinner

*April 28, 2011*

*To Be Announced*



*No birthdays in January*

*"And in the end, its not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"*

*Abraham Lincoln*

*Gregg Nelson*

*Shauna Hyswick-Nakamura*

*David Asanuma*

*Gerald Glennon*

*Renee Cochran*

*David Monahan*



*"It takes a long time to grow young"*

*Pablo Picasso*

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