



# Skål International Hawaii



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**Skal International Hawaii**  
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**Memorial Scholarship**  
**Golf Tournament**

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## *President's Message*

### *Fellow Skålleagues*

*I have always been one to celebrate the life of one that has passed. We understand life has a beginning and an end and recognizing the best of that life is a positive position that helps heal as well as it makes everyone feel a little better. Stephanie Uyeda's passing has been very difficult for all that knew her.*

*Stephanie was not suppose to leave us so soon. A women that was so full of life and energy. A women that not only worked on bringing out the best in herself but also the best in others. She touched many lives and that is why it is hard to except this tragic loss.*

*Stephanie joined Skål in March of 1993 when she worked at American Airlines and subsequently became our Executive Director. She not only provided valuable assistance to the leadership of Skål, she continued to challenge each member to take our club to a higher level.*

*When each President makes the decision to take on this role it was made easier knowing that Stephanie was there to guide yet another President through the year.*

*Even though she is not standing by my side, I still feel her presence and guidance and I'm glad for that. I hope that she will continue to challenge us all. A special lady that will long be remembered.*

*This past board meeting, the officers and directors passed a motion to rename our annual golf tournament in honor of Stephanie. Stephanie's has been part every golf tournament since they began in 1995. So we are very happy to announce the 16th Annual, Skål International Hawaii, Stephanie Uyeda Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament.*

*Being the sales and marketing gal that she was I can hear her saying "Using my name...good. Now sell this thing and get more scholarships for our students!"*

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*Stephanie's parents, Herbert and Dale Uyeda, have certainly had a difficult time with the loss as any parent would. They have stayed on in Hawaii to take care of all the necessary details before returning home to California this week. They are extremely honored that we have named our annual scholarship event in their daughters name. I also appreciate their assistance in the difficult tasks of retaining the Skål administrative office from Stephanie's home.*

*So as stated earlier... Stephanie's challenges are still with us and I know that we will move forward. We will continue to ensure that Skål International Hawaii is a strong vibrant club for today and many years to come. It is Skål Hawaii's tradition since 1952.*

*This month I completed the work on our reorganization and filing to incorporate our club in the State of Hawaii. A necessary step to meet the ever changing federal and state tax laws.*

*We are now approved as a Hawaii nonprofit corporation as Skål International Hawaii. We are in final stages with IRS with approval for exceptions and reclassification as a nonprofit business club.*

*Another task at hand is our club directory. We are in final stages of layout....so please let me know if changes are required and also if you are interested in placing an ad. We will go to press soon.*

*Over the coming days, weeks, we will do our best to keep on task, to keep members advised of meetings and maintain business as usual. Keep in mind that it is less than usual without our dear friend. Communicate! Patience!*

*We do plan on seeking help to ensure that we keep on task and you will hear more about that in the days to come.*

*Okay, that's right...Golf is coming up soon! Support our scholarships, sign up a team, get in your prizes today!*

*See you at 3660 on the Rise on September 29th.*



*Mahalo, Aloha and Skål,*

*Tom Anusewicz*

## *Sharing of thoughts about Stephanie from fellow Skalleauges in early August*

Aloha all ~ thank you to those of you who have shared your thoughts. This is such a shock and a reality check for me, that it took me this long to gather & share my thoughts. I have known Stephanie since her days at American Airlines and she has always been a positive, bubbly, & vivacious person. A beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed greatly, but I will pray that she is at peace and that her family can find comfort from the many friends whose hearts she touched, and who love her. Take time to share your feelings and especially, take time to smell the Pikake. My fellow Skalleauges and friends, thank you for your friendship and support.

Cheryl Scellato,

Stephanie was the first woman member admitted to the Skål Club of Honolulu. Sandra Frewer was our first woman by transfer, but Stephanie who was sponsored by Steve Boyle and myself faced the same admission criteria of her male counterparts at the time. She was a good sport and withstood the friendly ribbing by her Skalleauges and dished it out as well as taking it in. She was our first woman board member and had it not been for the elimination of her American Airline position was in line to be our first woman president. As it was her contribution as Secretary and Treasurer was a far greater contribution to the club. During difficult economic times she was caring and thoughtful of all members and instrumental in keeping me from resigning on several occasions. I will pass on any other recollections should I remember them, but I am sure there will be many testimonials of her years in Skål.

All the Best,

Daryl Matsuo

I am having a hard time believing Stephanie has passed. She was such a tremendous asset of the Hawaii Skål Club. She was passionate about every aspect of the organization,...Stephanie was too young and too vibrant to leave,...I will personally feel her loss.

Unfortunately, I will be on a 5 week trip starting Friday and will not be physically here for any tribute to her,... to share with all the members the happy and positive memories of our young, beautiful Executive Secretary.

Cal Lui

Auwe!

While we believe there is a plan, occasions such as this kind of shakes that belief. As parents the last thing you wish to learn is the passing of such a vibrant daughter under any circumstance but away from loved ones.

We are grateful for her friendship and dedication to our organization. May she rest in peace.

Aloha

Joe Hale

**Dear Skålleagues**

***I'm still in the same stunned state of disbelief and shock that I was when I first heard this sad news. It will take time for us all to absorb this tragedy and to wonder why she was taken. It's also hauntingly eerie that her passing is so similar to Jim Power's death in Spain just over one year ago.***

***Stephanie was a rock and the glue that held us all together. She did so much for so many of us. I for one wouldn't even be a member of Skål if it weren't for her persistence.***

***Possibly the one solace we can take is that she left without suffering and pain.  
My heart & prayers go out to her family***

***Safe journey Stephanie - we will sorely miss you. Aloha & Skål***

**Valerie Davis**

***Thank you for the notice, Steph was very special to me. She was my last link to Skål Hawaii. I will miss her dearly.***

***I know without a doubt, heaven welcomes her with open arms.***

**Gene Cotter**

***Mahalo for the information. I've spoken with a few fellow Skålleagues and the feeling of shock and disbelief is with us all. Stephanie was truly a light in our organization.***

***May we all take some time in prayer or thought for her and her family in thanks for all she did for our group.***

***Aloha Steph...***

**John Foy**

***No words can express what I am feeling for this tremendous loss to us all.***

**Mark Miller**

***I am shocked as you are to hear about the passing of Stephanie. This is a huge loss for your club as well as myself. It is so unrealistic to work with Stephanie and to get the message that she is no longer there to correspond. I am saddened by her demise and would ask you to keep me in the loop when you get news from her parents.***

***Warm regards,***

***Michael (Abbott—Executive Director of Skål International USA / SIUSA)***

*It is a very sad day in the world of Skål with the loss of Stephanie, she will truly be missed. Our prayers go out to her family and may they find comfort in knowing how love and respected she was.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*Warm regards,*

*Patrick Logue*

*Vice President - Administration*

*SIUSA/SI Los Angeles*

*I am lost for words.....just pray that she went peacefully and now she is in a place of eternal peace and happiness. May our Heavenly Father and the choir of angels surround her with the joy of eternity. My prayers go out to her family and loved ones. Rest in peace Steph.....*

*Nane*

*Oh, dear Lord.....*

*I am so distraught and perplexed by what has happened. Stephanie was such a strong and energetic EST and promoter of the SI Hawaii Club. Please accept my deepest thoughts and prayers for her, for her family and for the SI Hawaii Skål Club. Please know that I am thinking of all of you this evening.*

*Sincerely and Skål!*

*Llana Smith,*

*SIUSA President*

*I recently learned from Patrick Logue about the sad passing of Stephanie Uyeda. I know this must be a huge loss to her family, fellow Skålleagues and friends.*

*I understand Stephanie was a very vibrant and fun person who made a great contribution to Skål International in Hawaii.*

*On behalf of Skål International, I would be grateful if you would pass on our condolences to Stephanie's family, friends and loved ones.*

*Yours sincerely and Skål,*

*Tony Boyle*

*President*

*Skål International*

***Skål International USA has made a contribution in Stephanie's name to the  
Florimond Volckaert Fund. Mahalo!***





16th Annual  
**Skål International Hawaii**  
*Stephanie Uyeda*  
**Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament**



Support the students of the travel  
industry management and hospitality  
education programs.

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**Friday, Oct. 21, 2011**

10 am Check-in  
12 pm Shotgun Start  
3 person Scramble

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**\$2,000**

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**\$1,300**

**Bronze Sponsor**

**\$650**



**Great Course!**  
**Great Prizes!**





*The July meeting was held at Bene Pesce. A little hide-a-way in Waikiki that proved that nice things come in small packages.*

*A smaller than usual group of Skålleauges joined in for an enjoyable evening. Mahalo to Mary Lou & Gloria of HNL Travel Associates for providing the wine and because of the small group there was plenty for our enjoyment.*

*Make sure you plan on attending the last Thursday of the month meetings. We miss you and you miss out on some special meetings like this.*

*See you soon!*

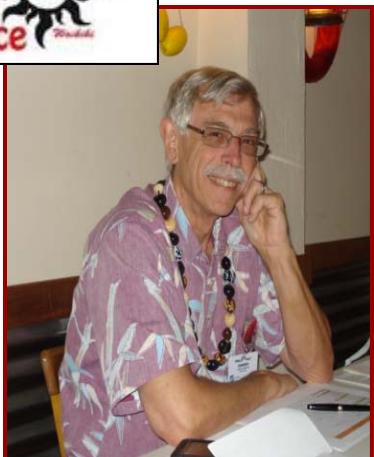


*Valerie Davis, Phil Sammer, Mary Lou Lewis & Gloria Henderson*



*Greg Brossier and Ron Hee*

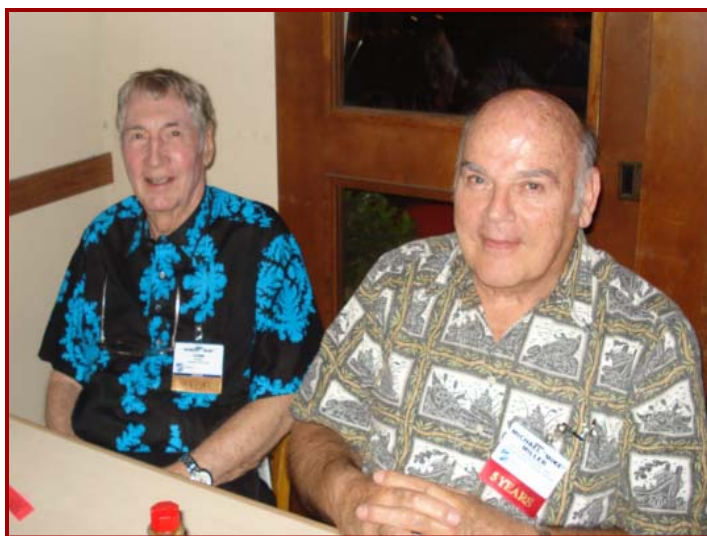




*Phil Sammer*



*Mary Lou Lewis & Jim Heather*



*Bob Cobb & Mike Miller*



*Tom Anusewicz & Valerie Davis*



*Mary Lou Louis & Gloria Henderson*





***Greg Brossier & Matt Delaney***



***David Asanuma & Jim Heather***



***Matt Delaney & Lynn Williams***



***Ron Hee, Deems Narimatsu,  
Bucky Yee & Gregg Nelson***



***Congratulations to  
David Asanuma for reaching  
his milestone of 15 years in  
Skål***



## Upcoming meetings!

Thursday, Sept., 29th



Skal Dinner Meeting



Thursday, Nov. 17th



Student Scholarship Dinner

Happy Birthday!  
Fellow Skalleague's  
August

*"Whatever with the past has  
gone, the best is always yet to  
come."*

*- Lucy Larcom*

*Grayce McCullough*





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