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- October 1st GOLF!!
- November 19th - TBA
- December 1st -
  Christmas Party
  Halekulani Hotel

Hans J. Strasser

President's Message

Aloha Fellow Skalleagues,

Our July meeting at the Pacific Beach Hotel, though lightly attended, was certainly enjoyed by those who were there as you can see by the attached photos. A big mahalo to the Pacific Beach Hotel & Grayce McCullough for hosting the dinner wine.

Please note that we are always looking for volunteers for dinner wine and it really doesn't cost that much. You can get excellent values in places like Safeway and Costco- and most venues have decent corkage fees. Two of you – or more – can go together to keep costs down. Mark Miller has already put up $100 towards wine which we will use at a future event. Mahalo to Grayce & Mark.

One of our longtime members (36 years) achieved a milestone on June 22. Hans Strasser became a United States Citizen!! Wife Marie Claire also had done so in April! Hans wrote from Europe, where they visit his native Austria every summer, that only now were they able to become citizens of their country of choice even though they both had been Green Card holders since the mid 60's. Reason is that there are some Austrian laws about dual citizenship.

However last fall they got special permission from the governor of their state in Upper Austria, based upon special merits, for a two year window to apply for U.S. citizenship without losing their Austrian citizenship. So they now both have dual citizenship and can vote in their very first U.S. election this Fall. And Hans will continue to be the Austrian Consul here in Hawaii – a position he has held since 1976. We look forward to having a toast with Hans after he returns in mid October – and Congratulations to both!!

Last week Stephanie sent you an e-mail regarding a SKAL web site dealing with the H1N1 flu situation otherwise known as Influenza A. Thanks go to Mary Lou Lewis at HNL Travel for forwarding this to me when she received it from a Virtuoso & SKAL colleague in Thailand. Our International President Hulya Aslantas launched the site which is www.skalagainstinfluenza.com - a good reference to have on hand.

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SAVE THE DATES-coming up... our September meeting is at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on September 17– note – this meeting is moved up one week due to the OCT 1 GOLF TOURNAMENT AT HI PRINCE COURSE.

You have all received your flyers, cover letter and donor forms which Stephanie recently snail mailed out to you. Please get your teams together.

It's a tough economic year I know but we're all entitled to a day of fun and camaraderie once in awhile-lets make this that day. Prize chair Mike Wilkins and his committee are looking to have some great prizes for you.

No other meeting in Oct.- as a result Nov has been moved up to Nov 12th- from the 19th - location still TBA - this also allows a little extra time before the Holidays. The Christmas Party is set for Dec 1 at the Halekulani Hotel.

I look forward to seeing many of you on August 27 at the Seafood Village in The Hyatt Regency Hotel, Ewa Tower, below ground floor – look for stairs going down.

Aloha and SKAL

Valerie

The Pacific Beach Hotel, once again, gave Skalleauges a wonderful dinning experience.

Mahalo to Grace McCullough for setting up a great evening at her hotel.

And another mahalo for sponsoring the wine for the evening.

Hope to see more Skalleauges at our dinner meetings in the months to come.

Join in and be as happy as those that attended the July meeting.

Did you know?

HAWAII POLO CLUB
SINCE 1963

The Hawaii Polo Club had its last polo match of the season and some fellow skalleagues joined in to celebrate with Mike Daily and friends for another great season.

Hawaii played Argentina in the final matchup with additional entertainment by tango dancers and live music.

For some, sitting and enjoying wine wasn't enough...they skydived landing into a moving truck.

Mike Dailey takes one to the goal.

Stephanie, Mike and Aida Paulin enjoying the festivities

Valerie, Susan and Muriel having a great afternoon.

Get ready to GOLF!

Skal Scholarship Tournament

October 1st.

Let ensure our event is a success!
Sign up teams today!!
Contact Mike Wilkins with your PRIZES!
Support Skal Scholarships!

"The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - T. S. Eliot

Grace McCullough

Miranda Scott

Neil Takekawa

"To me, fair friend, you never can be old, For as you were when first your eye I eye'd, Such seems your beauty still." - William Shakespeare

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Friendship fraternal!

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Joyful we sing with heart and soul,
Heaven bless our Skål!