

SKAL INTERNATIONAL TORONTO CLUB # 151



NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 27th, 2012
Barbados Caribbean Themed Evening
Holiday Inn North
6 P.M. Cocktail reception
7P.M. Culinary experience
Toronto, Ontario

BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 28TH, 2012 MEETING

Dinner held at The Chef's House, George Brown College. Evening included wine tasting compliments of Rosewood Winery and delicious interactive dining stations prepared by the Hospitality Tourism students and chefs of George Brown College.

President Susan opened the meeting and welcomed members along with their guests, noting that there were 16 guests who would hopefully consider membership to the Toronto Club.

Members were asked to introduce their guest.

MEMBER	GUEST
Patrice Bell	Ian Smythe
Mark Linton	Mike Kearney
	Karine Lefebvre
	Terilynn Kunopaski
Karen Scott Caplice	Person Garcia
Janice Ketchen	Rose Bilak
Stuart Morcombe	Ravi Kumar
Scott Barker	Joanne Thachuk
Michele Rauzon	Neil Dudley
Leslie Lorette	Chantal Gaudreau
Cheryl Carter	Jennifer Brathwaite
Sue Webb	Coralie Berlman
	Penny Martin
	Maybelle Ravin
	Jacquelyn Kuehnel
Susan Lawson	Sarah Prien

The following life members were also acknowledged:

LIFE MEMBERS	Paul Leon Bill Mawhinney Mary Heron
Visiting Skalleague	Michelle Rauzon

President Susan gave the opening Skål toast.

SURVEY RESULTS

Results from the Survey that had been distributed to the members were overviewed. There were 55 responses to the survey, an excellent percentage.

- Lunch meeting in June – 85.2% positive to holding a lunch event
- Christmas Gala 2011 – Positive feedback regarding date and venue.
 - Why did you not attend? 52% out of town, 22.6% wasn't sure why and 9.7% didn't have a date. 16% of respondents said cost was too expensive.
 - Rate the evening. Excellent 23% Good 21% Poor 2.3% Didn't attend 55%
 - There were suggestions for next Gala that will be reviewed by the 2012 Gala committee.

TORONTO SKAL MEETING UPDATES:

- March 27th – Holiday Inn North Caribbean Evening
- April 24th – Meeting with Hamilton North, Oakville Venue TBA
- May 22nd – Presidents Meeting, University Club, Toronto (Presidents of Travel Organizations/Associations as well as Ex. Toronto Skal Presidents to be invited to attend).
- June 26th – Lunch meeting – venue TBA
- September 25th – Joint meeting Toronto North, Delta Chelsea Hotel
- October 23rd – Conference Centre Airport
- November 27th – Silent Auction/Fund raising event. Downtown location TBA
- December – Christmas Gala (date and venue TBA)

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Scott Barker, Golf Committee, announced that Golf Tournament will be August 20th at Lions Head. We are expecting 144 golfers to the event. Last year we had a waitlist. Hole sponsorship and prizes will be appreciated by members to assure an exceptional golf tournament.

SKAL ROSTER

Wolf Paunic, VP, announced that the Toronto SKAL roster is being developed for distribution in both a printed and online version. Members can purchase various ad sizes in the roster. Ron Tereschyn is assisting with the roster ad sales. Wolf thanked member Ed Radonic for contributing his services to produce the roster for 2012.

WEBSITE UPDATES

President Susan thanked Stuart Morcombe and the web team at Baxter (David McClung) for revising the membership listings on the TorontoSkal.org website. Members should review their listing to assure accuracy and provide missing photographs if needed.

FUND RAISING EVENT UPDATE:

Val Saunders and Katrina Sagan have developed a fund raising initiative for 2012. Raffle tickets will be sold monthly and the Grand Draw prizes to be held at the Gala in December 2012. Monthly smaller prizes will be awarded at each meeting. Vacations, hotel stays, gift certificates, sports and entertainment tickets, car rentals, airline tickets etc. will be solicited from the members and other industry partners. A survey will be sent to all members to determine the Charity to be selected by Toronto SKAL for 2012. All sponsors will be listed on the website, all promotional flyers for the RAFFLE and during meetings. Logos will be added.

INDUCTIONS:

President Susan then asked Scott Barker, Membership Committee to induct our newest member Johan Marjanek and Brent Bowes, who were introduced by Mimosa and David McClung.

President Susan and Scott drew for the 50/50 winners.

President Susan thanked the Staff and students of George Brown Chef House and Member Joanne Gelattly for the event.

Closing toast was performed by President Susan. President Susan adjourned the meeting.