



**SKAL INTERNATIONAL TORONTO CLUB # 151**

**BULLETIN:**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

Humber College Room  
205 Humber College Blvd.  
Toronto  
6pm Cocktail Reception  
7pm Dinner

**Opening Skal Toast** - Brent Bowes, President  
Brent called upon all guests present:

<u>Skal Member</u>	<u>Guests</u>
• Doreen Lynch	Andrew Uttley
• Lynda Falcone	Denise Buchanan
• Jennifer Prendergast	Terrilyn Kunopaski
• Susan Webb	Consuelo Miller
• Michelle Pinard	Frank Orlando
• Mary Mai	Steven Be Liu
• Brent Bowes	Dana Welch – Manager Canada for Tourism Ireland

Brent introduced the following Faculty in attendance with Humber College:

1. Kevin Smith Program Coordinator, Tourism Management
2. Julie Zomparelli Program Coordinator, Tourism Management
3. Anke Foller-Carroll Professor, Tourism Management
4. Karen Moyle Professor, Tourism Management
5. Rudi Fischbache Associate Dean, School of Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism
6. Susan Somerville Dean, School of Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism

Brent introduced the following Students in attendance with Humber College:

1. Shella Gimenez
2. Arlene Samuel
3. Matthew Giles
4. Mara Visan
5. Victoria Milazzo
6. Mariandreina Vasquez
7. Michael Bauda
8. Riley Paul
9. Dhvani Gandhi

Visiting Skal Members Present – Frank Vismeg, Skal International Hamilton & Hugo Maggi, Skal International Argentina

## Skal Inductions

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>New Member</u>
• Lori King	Mitchell King
• Thomas Vincent	Sohail Saeed
• Kimberly Hartley	Joseph Russo
• Audrius Valiulis	Kristian Baboolal
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### **Welcome Remarks and Notes – Brent Bowes, President**

1. Thanked Humber College for supporting Skal Toronto and acknowledged the high attendance tonight of over 80 in total. Introduced Kevin Smith, Program Coordinator, Tourism Management, Humber College, who spoke about the tourism program being the largest in Ontario, acknowledging the faculty and students present this evening.

2. Elimination Draw - \$20 for one ticket – chance for a prize of upwards of \$1500.00-\$2000.00. Ticket numbers will be drawn and eliminated at each meeting until December when the elimination draw will be completed and a winner will be announced. You have a chance to win 80% of the pot, and 20% will be for the club. If your ticket is eliminated you can purchase one more ticket at or before the next meeting. Information on the elimination draw was provided at each table.

3. Volunteers Needed – volunteers are required for Fundraising/Auctions; Member Benefits; Programming/Events; annual Christmas Gala; Public Relations/Communications; Membership. Forms were provided at each table.

4. Skal Canada National Raffle – conducting a raffle for all members in Canada for a chance to win some amazing prizes including trips. Tickets will be sold from March to May 30, 2016. Prices are 3/\$20, 9/\$50 and 21/\$100. Clubs retain 30% of all sales. A winning club will be drawn at the NAASC 2016 conference to receive an additional \$1000.00. All draws will take place at the NAASC 2016 conference June 9-11 in Boise, Idaho. All winners will be posted on the Skal Canada website and announced in the newsletter.

5. Roster – 2016/2017 roster will be printed very soon with an 12 month shelf life – open to all Skaleagues and Guests - business card ad is \$150, half page ad is \$250, full page ad is \$425. Speak to Fred Azouz or David McClung as soon as possible as cut off is fast approaching.

6. NAASC conferences – Mexico 2015; Boise, Idaho 2016 – Skal Toronto will host the NAASC 2017 conference – committee is in place to organize this very special event in our city!

7. Skal Toronto annual Golf Tournament – Tuesday, August 9, 2016, Royal Woodbine Golf Course. Welcome all members and guests to participate, to consider being a major sponsor, to sponsor a hole and/or foursome, and to donate prizes. Contact Kimberly Hartley, Committee Chair for further details. Committee contacts also include Rob Smith, Richard Eve and Gayle Matthews.

## **Honorary Member Distinction Award – Thomas Vincent**

Brent advised all guests that the Skäl Toronto club membership was delighted to honor Thomas Vincent with a very special level of recognition – an Honorary Member Distinction Award for his endless Skäl commitments for decades with Skäl Toronto, Skäl Canada and Skäl International.

Thom joined Skäl in 1978, served as President of Skäl Toronto in 1990; SICAN rep with Skäl Toronto from 1991-1998; created one of the first online Club membership surveys in 1998; Chair of the First Skäl familiarization tour in 1999; member of the NAASC board from 2000-2004; International Skäl Councillor, Canada from 2007-2011; elected Chair of Skäl International Task Force to create a paper on the repositioning of Skäl for the future in 2009; helped re-create and present a Skäl Fam tour in 2010; wrote the final Task Force Report for the Executive Committee of Skäl in 2011; assisted the Executive Committee of Skäl International with their search and hiring of a new Secretary General; received the Skäl International Order of Merit; was part of the Succession Planning Committee for Skäl International from 2012-2014; created an extensive list of Statue Change recommendations for SICAN to review in 2013; completed a paper, presented to the International Executive Committee on organizational change recommendations to better Skäl in the future from 2014-2015; has attended NAASC congresses for 15 years; and has attended at least 13 Skäl International Congresses.

Thom has been married to Kari for 39 years and has one daughter, Kimberly, who lives in Calgary. His passion and support of the organization has been endless and has been recognized worldwide.

Skäl Toronto has recommended to Skäl International that Thom Vincent be considered for the “Distinction of Membre D’Honneur Award”. The vote will take place at the Skäl International World Congress in Monaco in the fall of 2016.

A video of Thom’s Skäl life was presented to the guests.

Thom graciously accepted the award plaque. He was very humble and very grateful for the recognition, thanking Skäl Toronto and the membership. His message to all – “what you put into it, you get out of it – be involved”!

## **Dinner**

Canapes were served at the cocktail reception along with a bourbon and chocolate tasting at the bar. The delicious three course meal was prepared and served by Humber College Hospitality Students, and included a Panko crusted Crab Cake and salad appetizer, a grilled beef striploin entrée with vegetables and a duo chocolate Mousse with almond brittle. Wine accompanied the meal along with tea/coffee with dessert.

Humber College Faculty member, Remish, spoke about the Culinary Arts, Events and Hospitality program which has 300 students registered who study wine as part of the program. He remarked about the red and white wine being served with dinner and how they have both been paired with specific courses of the meal.

Brent recognized and thanked the team at Humber College for a wonderful meal and evening - the Chef’s and the student staff who prepared and served the meal were acknowledged.

50/50 draw winner – Chris Butler

Closing Skäl toast – Brent Bowes, President.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**JOINT MEETING – SKAL INTERNATIONAL HAMILTON**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016**

**BURLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE – 6PM**

**RSVP DIRECTLY TO SKAL HAMILTON**

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**PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED – OPTIONAL MEETING**

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- **MAY 24**                      **BOULEVARD CLUB – LUNCH MEETING**
- **JUNE 23**                     **MARIPOSA CRUISE – SOCIAL EVENT**
- **SEPTEMBER**                **JOINT SKAL TORONTO NORTH MEETING – TBA**
- **OCTOBER 25**              **MYSTERY NIGHT**
- **NOVEMBER**                **TBA**
- **DECEMBER GALA**        **TBA**