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75th Anniversary of Skål International

The President of Skål International, Mrs. Hulya Aslantas requests the pleasure of your company at the 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner of Skål International organised under the auspices of

*Mr. Bernard Accoyer,
President of the Assemblée Nationale de France*

and

*Mr. Ertugrul Gunay
Minister of Culture & Tourism of the Republic of Turkey*

with the participation of

*Mr. Hervé Novelli
Secretary of State to the French Minister for Economy, Industry and Employment
charged with Commerce, Craft, Small and Medium-sized Companies, Tourism and Services*

*in the "Galerie des Fêtes" of the Assemblée Nationale de France
on 27 April 2009 at 19h30*

Fellow Skålleagues,

I would like to expand on Skål International President Hulya Aslantas's message above.

Although not all of us can attend such a memorable event in Paris, we can ensure that each of our Canadian Clubs plan a celebration on some level to acknowledge the 75 Anniversary of Skål on April 28, 2009. Maybe schedule a special luncheon that day. Maybe change the usual club meeting date to April 28.

I encourage everyone to join together in friendship and amicable and embrace this very special day in our Skål history.

Yours in Skål
John Duggan
President SICAN

Canadian Skål Clubs:

- Calgary
- Canadian Rockies
- Edmonton
- Halifax
- Hamilton
- London
- Montreal
- Ottawa
- Quebec City
- St. John's
- Saskatoon
- Thunder Bay
- Toronto
- Toronto North
- Vancouver
- Victoria
- Winnipeg

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SKAL TOAST

Members' Personal Information Changes

If you move, get a new email address, or new address it is important to make those changes to your Skål contact information.

Changing information on Skål International

Instructions:

- Enter the Skål International Website www.skål.org
- In the top right corner there are the words "**MEMBERS ONLY AREA**" please left click on that wording
- Open up a page where you will be asked to enter "**Last Name**" followed by and an area to enter "**Current Membership Number or Password**" (this is your yearly Skål Membership number, these numbers will no longer change from year to year) then press send key.
- Open up a page where you will select the "**Modification of Personal Data**" please left click on that wording.
- That will open up a page where you can begin to review, change or insert your correct personal data in the appropriate fields. Once you have verified that the information is correct you press the send key.
- If all information is correct you will receive the following message "*Your modification has been sent correctly.*" *This modification to your personal details will become effective on approval by the General Secretariat; changes normally take about 48 hours.*

Florimond Volckaert Fund Contribution

The Trustees of the Florimond Volckaert Fund would like to acknowledge receipt of the donation of CAD \$1,500 made by the members of Skål International Canada to the Fund.

May we, on behalf of the Trustees and all Skål members, thank the members of SICAN for this generous donation to the Fund.

As usual, the Trustees will formally acknowledge the donation in the Annual Report. Thank you very much for this contribution.

Kind regards and Skål,
Yours sincerely,

Jim Power
Secretary General
Skål International

To Fellow Skålleagues
Everywhere
Happiness
Good Health
Friendship
Long Life
Skål!

SICAN Shirts



If you are interested in owning a SICAN Shirt these styles are available. You can put the Club name on the sleeve if you wish. The cost of a short sleeve shirt is \$61.35 plus taxes & delivery. A long sleeved version would cost \$66.30 plus taxes & delivery.

All those attending NAASC are encouraged to order one.

Orders are made direct to the company:

Your contact is Robin Tinney, BODY COPY, 416-531-7374 or 1-800294-2891.

Skal International Quebec City



JOHN DUGGAN / QUEBEC CITY

" On March 10th, our Canadian Skål president, John Duggan, paid a visit to the Quebec City club. He stayed at Jean-François Cote's hotel, Chateau Grande-Allee and enjoyed Quebec City's "Joie de Vivre". During his visit, he had a chance to experience the Ice Hotel. He needed some ice to put in his drink, and we went one step forward by giving him a drink in an ice glass. On the picture you see John Duggan on the left and Brian Aubé on the right"

Skål International Montreal



Participants include the three presidents with chains of office in the front row: on the left Pierre De Leseleuc, president of the Montreal club, John Duggan, SICAN President and on the right, Jean-Francois Cote, president of the Quebec Club.

SKÅL INTERNATIONAL MONTRÉAL # 044 Célébration 60^e Anniversaire, Hôtel Marriott Château Champlain Lundi le 9 mars, 2009

Le Secrétaire Gilles Doucet et le Président Pierre deLéséleuc, vêtus de toledos invitent les 19 membres du club de Québec qui réchauffent le bar depuis quelque temps à pénétrer dans la grande salle bien décorée et Normand Fortier remet à chacun des coupons pour le coquetel. Les 50 autres participants parmi lesquels des skallègues de Halifax, Winnipeg et Victoria se joignent à la fête.

Il y a une multitude de ballons à l'effigie du 60^e dans la salle et des canapés sont distribués avec les consommations.

Jean Marc Re remet une rose à chaque dame courtoisie de Voyages Cassis, merci Evelyne. Après une bonne session de retrouvailles, les invités sont priés de prendre place aux tables magnifiquement décorées et surtout ornées de la bannière Skal Montréal.

Christine Killinger explique en anglais le déroulement de la soirée et Gilles Doucet fait de même en français. Ils présentent la table d'honneur et cèdent la parole au Président Pierre de Léséleuc pour le toast au Canada dans les 2 langues.

John Duggan President of SICAN did the Skal Toast in English

Jean François Coté, Président de Skal Québec a fait le toast en Français

Guillermo Ponce, le plus ancien Président de Skal Montréal, l'a fait en Espagnol.

Les participants ont été invités à se présenter pendant que Alan et Frank faisaient une dernière tournée pour vendre des billets de tirage permettant de gagner la vingtaine de prix de présence offerts par de généreux membres et amis.

Pendant la dégustation de la bisque de pétoncles, Michel Villeneuve nous a présenté sur DVD de nombreuses photos tirées des archives de Skal. Les musiciens ont accompagné les 3 premiers services.

Christine Killinger a invité John Duggan à nous dire quelques mots au nom de SICAN. Il a invité les membres en Alaska et en Hongrie pour les prochains congrès.

Gilles Doucet a invité Brian Aubé, vice-président est à prendre la parole. Il a souhaité voir beaucoup de membres à Québec pour le prochain congrès de NAASC.

Le représentant de Victoria Skal a demandé l'appui de Montréal pour l'obtention du congrès de 2011 et il a promis une réception mémorable. Il a offert un séjour de 7 nuits à Victoria.

Après le plat principal, les MCs ont énuméré la liste des anciens dont les noms défilaient sur l'écran, Les Présidents présents ont été invités à dire un mot sur leur année de service. Une douzaine de présidents sont venus nous saluer et souhaiter longue vie à Skal.

Summary in English

On March 9th, at the Château Champlain hotel, the Skål International Montreal club celebrated their 60th anniversary. To help them celebrate this event, the SICAN president, John Duggan, gave a heartwarming speech encouraging the Montreal club to continue their membership drive and to be an example for the other Canadian clubs. Montreal was the first Skal club in Canada and was the godfather club for many other Canadian clubs such as Quebec City, who for this occasion had 21 members present."

Montreal Secretary Gilles Doucet and President Pierre deLéséleuc welcomed guests including the large contingency from the Quebec Club and representatives from Halifax, Winnipeg and Victoria. A big thank you to Skålleague Evelyne, from Voyages Cassis who provided a rose for each of the ladies.

Emcees for the evening were Christine Killinger and Gilles Doucet. The Skål Toast was celebrated in three languages: John Duggan President of SICAN, in English, Jean François Coté, President de Skal Québec in French, and Guillermo Ponce, a past president of Skal Montreal, in Spanish.

The vibrant decorations included a large balloon arrangement in the shape of 60 and a magnificent cake with the Skål logo.

Guest speaker, John Duggan, President of SICAN, congratulated Montreal and invited members to attend the NAASC Congress in Anchorage and the International Congress in Hungary. Congratulations were also received from Brian Aubé, Skål Quebec who invited members to come to Quebec City in 2010 for NAASC and by the representative from Victoria who asked members to support their bid for the 2013 NAASC Congress. A wonderful evening has enjoyed by all the participants.

Skål International Toronto North

Frank Vismeg appointed Regional Director of Operations of Manga Hotels Group



Frank Vismeg will be the 2010 President of Toronto North.

TORONTO — Sukhdev Toor and MANGAHotels have announced the appointment of Frank Vismeg as the Regional Director of Operations of MANGA Hotels Group effective Jan. 29, 2009. As a Regional Director of Operations he will be responsible for all aspects of the management for nine prestigious properties: the new Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Centre - Toronto Airport, equipped with the latest technology; Hilton Garden Inn - Halifax Airport; Hampton Inn & Suites - Toronto Airport; Hampton Inn Mississauga West; Homewood Suites by Hilton - London; Residence Inn by Marriott - Whitby; Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites London; Holiday Inn Express

Hotel & Suites – Halifax Airport and Holiday Inn – Lockport NY. In addition, he will also be responsible for five new hotels under development. Vismeg brings extensive industry experience and a strong network of relationships developed within the hotel industry, business community, service organizations and various levels of government.

Vismeg is an active member of several professional associations including the International Hotel & Restaurant Association, CSAE (Canadian Society of Association Executives), SKAL International – Toronto North, Tourism Advisory Board Committee, and the American Management Association. Vismeg has met and mingled with royalty, celebrities and dignitaries from around the world. He has organized functions from extravagant black tie events to outdoor barbeques. Vismeg also made many key contacts and has been a hands-on contributor to the Oakville community, serving on numerous associations, including the Chamber of Commerce, CEO, Rotary Club and the Canadian Club of Halton Peel.

He has received official recognition from the Prime Ministers of Canada, the Premiers of Ontario, the Ministers of Tourism and Awards of Business Excellence.

Delta Chelsea Hotel Receives Energy & Environment Award

Recognition from the Hotel Association of Canada

Skal Toronto North Member: Past President 2007, Josef Ebner, VP DELTA HOTELS

TORONTO, ON – February 12, 2009 – The Delta Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto, was selected as the winner of the 2008 Energy & Environment Award from the Hotel Association of Canada. This award is given to a lodging property that has developed a culture towards integrating environmental management practices that improve everyday operations and the bottom line, while maintaining quality service and meeting guest expectations.

The Delta Chelsea has been at the forefront of hotel waste management and through the strong partnership with Turtle Island Recycling, it has exceeded both industry standards and Municipal targets in landfill diversion. While the City of Toronto set a target of 70% diversion for 2010, the Delta Chelsea has actually diverted 76.31% of the waste stream to recycling in 2008.

Effective February 1st, the Delta Chelsea implemented the LivClean Eco-Stay Program that provides Canadian Hotels with leadership positioning in environmental action, accountability and responsibility. The program will support emission reduction projects across Canada, enable environmental initiatives within the hotel, assist in the development and expansion of the Hotel Association of Canada's Green Key Program (Delta Chelsea Hotel has been awarded with the 4 Green ECOMmodation rating) and lastly, facilitate assessment and reporting of environmental impact. Each hotel guest will be asked to donate \$1 plus GST upon check-out and all funds will be sent to LivClean to purchase carbon offsets on the hotel's behalf.

"As a business operating in a large community such as Toronto, the Delta Chelsea recognizes and respects its corporate social responsibility to make it a stronger and better place to live. As a quality organization, this is a key focus for our hotel and our company." says Josef Ebner, Regional Vice President and Managing Director, Delta Chelsea Hotel.



MERIT IN GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Herbert Wolf, a member of the Toronto North Club and a member of Skal for over 25 years. Herbert was awarded the Merit in Gold of the Republic of Austria. In the picture are: Frank Vismeg, VP Skál Toronto North, The Austrian Ambassador to Canada, Werner Brandstetter and Herbert Wolf, **EWTOURS.TRAVEL**.

Skål International Thunder Bay



SKAL FRIENDSHIP

While Christmas vacationing in Switzerland, Norm Bevilacqua SICAN President 2008 brought greetings on behalf of SICAN and Skål Thunder Bay to Kurt Baumgartner owner of Hotel Belvedere and Hotel Chasa Belvair , in the heart of Scuol, Lower Engadine, an area famous for its wellness programs.



2009 Best Western All-Star Governor Award

Norm Bevilacqua received the 2009 Best Western All-Star Governor Award from Roman Jaworowicz, Director ,District III, at the recent Governor's Conference in New Orleans. Out of nearly 200 Governors, only two are chosen per District each year for this honor.

David Kong, President and Chief Executive Officer for Best Western congratulated Norm and stated : "Our Governors are the leaders for this organization and your dedication is impressive-your involvement with Skål International – we recognize the many hours you spend visiting and assisting members, making phone calls, exchanging emails, attending

meetings and more. You deserve to be recognized for your leadership".

Skål International Canadian Rockies

CANADIAN ROCKIES SKAL MEMBERS

DISCOVER THEIR BACKYARD PLAYGROUND!

Jasper, AB: Many visitors from around the world come to the mountains for a unique outdoor adventure - a day of sledding. Prior to their March meeting in Jasper, several Canadian Rockies SKAL members and guests took time out to enjoy this mountain experience in the Caribou Range, outside of Valemount, BC. Equipped with state of the art sleds and mountain safety equipment, the blue-sky day offered the perfect mix of camaraderie, panoramic views, and adrenalin rush. The SKAL Club of the Canadian Rockies meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact s.kitchen@shaw.ca for details.

[Photo next page:](#)

Front row left to right: Chad Gulevich, Mount Robson Inn Jasper; George Andrew, Astoria Hotel Jasper; Jack Pedersen, Paradise Bungalows Lake Louise

Back row left to right: Shayne Brooking, Sundog Tours Banff, Gary Schultz, Tourism Consultant; Jonathan Welsh, Discover Banff Tours; Paul Hardy, Sundog Tours Jasper; Ossi Treutler, Banff Lake Louise Tourism



Opening Hearts and Wallets for fellow Skålleagues

Skal International Canadian Rockies held an Australian Bush Fire Support auction at their monthly meeting in February 2009. The purpose was to raise monies for fellow Australian Skålleagues affected by the fires. The donation totalled \$2,000.00 CAD. The monies were sent to **Peter Neilson, National President, Skal International Australia**.

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Your Skål Club Secretary-Treasurer

Your Club Secretary-Treasurer may be a volunteer or on an honorarium but whatever your local club arrangement, there are many responsibilities attached to the secretary-treasurer position.

The following description is taken from the SICAN Manual of Instructions which is available on the www.sicanada.org website under Members. Assist your EST's by keeping your own profile up-to-date!

SECRETARY or EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For brevity, Secretary will be used to apply to either of the two positions.

The Secretary shall be responsible that a true record is made of all proceedings of the Executive Meetings as well as the Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings of the Club. He/she shall maintain records, send out notices, attend to the Club's correspondence and perform all other and usual duties pertaining to this Office.

He/she shall also maintain the mailing list of the Club's members, and on a monthly basis ensure that the members have updated any or all changes to their information in the SICAN database. Only in the case where a member does not have Internet access, will the SICAN Administrator enter such changes on the member's part.

The Secretary, as well as the President, is required to sign all Membership Proposal Forms, applications for Life Membership, nominations for the title of Membre d'Honneur, and the annual Form 2.

On an annual basis, the SICAN Executive Secretary-Treasurer will update the Club's Executive listings, using the electronic Form 2.

The Secretary shall fulfill the duties of the President in the case of absence of both the President and Vice President. In Clubs where there is an Executive Secretary -Treasurer appointed, the elected Club Secretary will handle the duties of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer in his/her absence.

ACTION CALENDAR - Monthly

1) MEETING MINUTES & BULLETINS

Minutes of the Executive Committee monthly meetings and Annual General Meeting are to be prepared as soon as possible, at least within seven (7) days of the meetings. Copies of both meetings are to be sent by email to the, (a) SICAN President, b) SICAN Executive Secretary - Treasurer, and (c) the SICAN International Skål Councillor. The same applies to the Club's monthly Bulletin.

2) PREPARATION & SUBMISSION OF FORMS

a) Membership Proposal Forms

Prior to a new member being inducted, the online Membership Proposal Form should be completed and a cheque made payable to SICAN for the amount of the annual dues, must be sent to the SICAN Executive Secretary -Treasurer. For new members inducted after October 1st, the dues are pro-rated and this amount can be obtained from the SICAN Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Before submitting the Membership Proposal Form, all necessary information must be obtained by the initial sponsor and confirmation that the applicant meets all qualifications, must be received.

Membership in Skål cannot be considered until such time as Skål International has approved the Membership Proposal Form.

b) Inter-Club Transfer of Membership Form

The electronic Transfer Form is used to transfer an Active or Life member from his/her present Club to a new Club when he/she has relocated. The form is submitted by the Club Executive Secretary and must contain up-to-date contact information of the member's new place of employment and residence. When submitted, the form goes automatically to the SICAN Executive Secretary-Treasurer. When the receiving Club has approved the transfer, the form 14 goes automatically to Skål International for final approval. At that time, the profile of the transferring member is automatically updated on the SICAN website.

An Associate Member cannot be transferred to another Club.

SPECIAL NOTE: When members transfer to/from a Club from outside North America, a manual Transfer Form is used. Send a copy of this form to the SICAN Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

c) Deletion/Modification Form

This electronic form is extremely important. The online SICAN Roster will reflect the details as outlined, when submitted by the Member. These forms should be submitted as and when changes occur. Members must be encouraged to complete their own changes to their SICAN profile. This information is automatically transferred to Skål International and allows for both databases to remain current.

d) Application for Life Membership

This form, as described earlier, is available from the Club's Secretary.

e) Nomination for Honorary Distinctions

The same comments apply as can be found in Page 6 above.

3) NOTICE of MEETINGS

A notice of upcoming meetings should be sent to each member to arrive 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. This can take place in the form of a monthly bulletin or a section of the Club's website.

4) VISITING SKÅLLEAGUE CARDS and MAKE-UP CARDS

Visiting Skålleagues attending your Club Meeting should be issued a "Visiting Skålleague" card so that he/she can get credit for their attendance. In reverse, members of your Club may attend other Club's meetings and return with a "Card" verifying their attendance. These cards should be given to the Club's Secretary/Executive Secretary -Treasurer, for credit to the member.

5) STATUTES AND BYLAW CHANGES

Copies of any Statutes and Bylaw changes should be sent to the SICAN Vice President, Administration, for approval.

ACTION CALENDAR – Annual

JANUARY: The Club's electronic Form 2 is to be updated on the SICAN website by January 1st.

The Past President should be identified for the year in which he served. Failure to update this information will result in all SICAN forms being unavailable for usage.

The SICAN Executive Secretary-Treasurer will send an Excel file and Invoice in January of each year, based on the SICAN database for your Club. All changes to the printout are to be indicated **in red**, resaved and sent back to the SICAN Executive Secretary-Treasurer by the specified deadline date in February, including payment of the annual dues for each member.

OCTOBER: Send details of the Nominating Committee's recommendations to the membership along with the notice of the regular meeting.

DECEMBER: Prepare the Annual Report for the President.

JANUARY: Arrange a joint meeting of incoming and outgoing Club Executives.

Big Wild Skål 2009: ANCHORAGE ALASKA



Join fellow Skålleagues for a northern adventure you won't forget at the **48th Annual NAASC Congress** in Anchorage, Alaska. You'll quickly realize why Alaska's largest city is known for its **BIG WILD LIFE**. Don't plan to catch up on your sleep... the schedule is chock full of activities and you can expect nearly 20 hours of daylight each day of your stay! Anchorage boasts fine dining, upscale shopping and a unique metropolitan culture just a stone's throw away from the vast wilds of Alaska. It's no wonder that Anchorage's lucky residents are among the most active and fun-loving in the nation.

48th Annual NAASC Congress <http://www.skalanorage.com/>

Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:00 am -
Sunday, May 10, 2009 10:30 am (Eastern Time)
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

SICAN Board Conference Call

President John Duggan reminds SICAN Reps of the following: SICAN Board Conference Call:

1. Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Victoria to Thunder Bay Clubs, 9A.M. Pacific, 10 A.M. Mountain, 11 A.M. Central, 12 Noon EST

2. Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Ontario, Quebec, Halifax and Nfld Clubs: 1 P.M. EST, 2 P.M. Atlantic, 12:30 NFLD

Both calls will include President John Duggan, the 3 SICAN VPs (Jona Way, John Scott and Brian Aubé) and our SICAN EST Henry Kelly.

- A draft agenda is as follows:
 - Business arising from Conference Call Feb4/09
 - Finance
 - Membership
 - Admin
 - Naasc congress-attendance, program etc.

NOTE: Please confirm with Henry Kelly-Your time and a phone number to be reached, -agenda items and/or questions with a requested time in minutes to address as we would like to ensure an organized timely conference call.

April Edition

Please submit articles to me by April 25th, 2009.

Loretta Clarke

Editor

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"To fellow Skålleagues everywhere - Happiness; Good Health; Friendship; Long Life; SKÅL!"