



Skål International Orlando

International Association of Travel and Tourism Professionals

Skal Orlando Newsletter

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A Message from Our President...



Dear Skalleagues,

I look forward to an exciting year ahead as your new President, working together in fellowship to help one another in business, with our Young Skal members, and with important causes such as The Perry Pavilion at Dr. P. Phillips Hospital.

This year will bring us great meeting venues at popular restaurants, hotels, and entertainment complexes with incredible speakers from our city, our tourism destination boards, airports and much more.

And, of course, we all look forward to our April meeting at the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management, always prepared and hosted by the outstanding students there.

Plan to be with us the second Tuesday of each month and bring a guest to see what it's all about to be a member of Skal Orlando. Remember, your guests are our new members!

Sincerely in Skal, Keith Wolling

You Can Support Our Young Skal Program In Many Ways

The Skal Orlando Young Skal Program, headed up by our Young Skal Chair, Stefanie Zambelli, is a huge success. The number of Young Skal Student and Young Skal Professional members in our club continues to grow.



**YOUNG SKÅL
INTERNATIONAL ORLANDO**

You can be a part of all the excitement by being a mentor to one of our vibrant Young Skal Student members. You can provide advice, give them a back of the house tour of your business, introduce them to others in the industry, and more. Please contact Barbara Kenney at our next meeting if you would like to be a Young Skal Student mentor.



Orlando Skal Member Enjoys Hosting Young Skal Student Members

Steve Vinciguerra, newly-elected Treasurer on the Skal Orlando board and Senior Manager of Tourism Sales for SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, recently enjoyed spending time with Young Skal members when Discovery Cove kicked off International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Tourism Leadership Program. Way to go Steve!



Skal Orlando Appoints Tania Imani, Young Skal Student Member to Board of Directors

Skal Orlando is excited to announce a unanimous board decision to appoint outstanding Young Skal Student member, Tania Imani, to its board of directors as a non-voting member. Imani currently serves as a LEAD intern at Bluegreen Vacations, has consistently earned UCF Dean's List and President List status, and will graduate from the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management in 2020.

The Perry Pavilion at Dr. P. Phillips Hospital, Our Local

Cause

Since 2010, Skål Orlando has supported The Perry Pavilion at Dr. P. Phillips Hospital which provides comfortable, accessible overnight lodging for hundreds of families whose loved ones are receiving medical care. More than half are travelers on vacation in Orlando.



The two-story hospital pavilion features private guest rooms, a family gathering room, community resource center, laundry facilities and children's play area, and can accommodate up to 10 families a night. In addition to having our own guest room plaque at The Perry Pavilion, Skål International Orlando is also featured on a Benefactors Circle Plaque at the entrance of Dr. Phillips Hospital, joining other prominent travel and tourism industry organizations in the community (such as Visit Orlando and the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association) that support this worthy cause.

Skål Orlando members can show their support to The Perry Pavilion by bringing any of these items to a Skål Orlando Club meeting:

Cash donations for Room Night Stays, gift cards for grocery items, breakfast items, bedding items, white hand and bath towels and washcloths, paper products, and laundry products.

Skål Orlando Upcoming Events

- March Meeting. March 12 at Morton's Steakhouse, Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando. Speaker: Dewayne Bevil, Attractions/Tourism Reporter, The Orlando Sentinel.
- April Meeting. April 9 at the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management, Universal Blvd., Orlando. Speaker: UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Dean Youcheng Wang.
- Complimentary Victory Casino Cruise for Skål Orlando members and guests. April 27. Cruise departs from Cape Canaveral 11 a.m. and returns 4 p.m. Complimentary transportation leaves 8 a.m. from ICON Orlando 360™, International Drive and returns 6 pm. Boarding, dining, \$20 in qualifying slot play and 2 drink tickets. To reserve your spot, contact Ross Burke at rossmburke@aol.com.
- May Meeting. May 14 at Bohemian Celebration Hotel, Bloom Street, Celebration. Speaker: D.T. Minich, President/CEO of Experience Kissimmee.

Welcome New Members

- **Nina Shirk, District General Manager, Hyatt House & Hyatt Place**
- **Dutch Owens, President, Gem Supply Company**
- **Maria Triscari, President/CEO, I-Drive Resort Area Chamber of**

Commerce

- Dr. Youcheng Wang, Dean, UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management
- Yolaida Rivero, General Manager, The Points Hotel & Suites

Thank you for being a member!



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