



SKAL INTERNATIONAL TORONTO CLUB # 151

**NEXT MEETING: SKAL Holiday Party
Thursday, December 17th
Intercontinental Yorkville, Toronto**

November 24th, 2009
National Club, Toronto
Past Presidents Meeting

The evening was an excellent night. Seventeen (17) SKAL Toronto Past Presidents with their guests were honoured at the National Club, a favourite venue for SKAL.

The turnout for the event was one of the highest attendances the Toronto SKAL club has enjoyed for quite some time.

For the first time, a silent auction was held during the meeting to raise money for SKAL Toronto activities. Many items including items generously donated by SKAL members were auctioned as well as cookware, artwork, sports memorabilia and other interesting items. Many of our SKAL members did some Christmas shopping during the evening. One of the auction items was a registration fee to the conference being held in Quebec City in 2010. Many thanks to fellow Skalleague Tim Booth for taking on the organization of the auction.

President Jackie Lutz welcomed all and gave the opening SKAL toast. She then introduced the members who had brought guests:

MEMBER	GUEST
Frank Dennis	Sonia McKeon
Audrey Johnston	Richard Johnston
	Michael Geske
Scptt Barker	Diane Pothin
	Mark Wojcik
Susan Laurin	Paul Durrant
	Richard Turner
Janice Ketchen	Joni Krueger

Frank Walsh	Gil Dekoker
Susan Webb	Ron Tereschyn
Paul Foster	Mark McQuaig & Kevin Quinn

Jackie also welcomed visiting Skalleague, Debbie Campbell, President of the SKAL Ottawa Club.

Life members were introduced – John Stephenson, Lynn Ferguson, John Kennedy, Frank Walsh, John McKenna

President Jackie and Vice President Kim Clarke (AKA Vanna White) then introduced all of the Past SKAL Toronto Presidents that were at the meeting. Each President was given a memento of the evening. SKAL Toronto Club started in 1956.

- Tim Booth 2008
- Doug Patterson 2007
- Alison Metcalfe 2005 (visiting from New York)
- John Scott 2004
- Jan Zanboer 2003
- Doug Orvis 2002
- David McClung 1998
- Daryl McWilliams 1997
- John Moreau 1996
- Tony Pliszka 1995
- Thom Vincent 1990
- Doug Hamer 1989 (travelled from Victoria, BC)
- Jess Souza 1986
- Doug McGregor 1985
- John Powell 1979
- Rudy Piwowarski 1978
- Bill Mawhinney 1967

We were all reminded that the Christmas Gala will be held on Thursday, December 17th, 2009 at the Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville, 220 Bloor Street West, Toronto. Registration is very good to date but tickets are still available. Raffle tickets for travel prizes went on sale during the evening. Jackie thanked the generosity of the SKAL members that have donated prizes for the draw. Reminder that you do not have to attend the Holiday Party to win.

After a delicious meal, the staff of the National Club were thanked and the SKAL toast was made by visiting Past President Doug Hamer.