

TAMPA BAY



March 2011

Club No. 184
Founded September 25, 1959

Dear Fellow SKÅLleagues:

What a wonderful evening on March 14! Thanks to Russ Bond and his phenomenal team the installation dinner was a memorable one. The weather was in the mood to help us celebrate so we enjoyed cocktails outside by the pool. Once we moved into the gorgeous Sunset Ballroom, the festivities and deliciousness began.

Watercress and baby spinach with Bosc pears followed by a wonderful grilled filet and my favorite, seared sea bass. And of course, to finish, a marvelous chocolate espresso torte. Yummmmmmy. Thank you Vinoy!

Lou Conkling ,SIUSA President, was there to introduce the Executive Committee and facilitate the installation of the new Board and Officers. Russ, after his last remarks as President, handed over the presidency to me ... enthusiastically I might add!

Russ did a terrific job leading our membership this past year and he began some great new initiatives which we will continue. Look for more information to come on Membership Development, our new online auction and our fundraiser.

The only way we can remain a successful club is if our members get involved. We are forming committees which I hope you might be interested in joining. You will get phone calls from your friends on the board to help us, and I sincerely hope you will agree. Not only will you be giving back to a wonderful organization, I promise you will have lots of fun too.

Our next event is at Bernini's in Ybor City on April 11. Yes, you may have to cross over one of the two bridges, but I promise it doesn't hurt when you do. Bernini's does a great job and you will be impressed with the atmosphere and food.

Save the date for Acropolis on Central Avenue in St. Petersburg (brand new) on May 2 and Brio Tuscan Grill at International Mall in Tampa on June 13.

To end the evening, Jack Westman, my original sponsor into SKÅL made sure my first SKÅL toast as President was notable by tripping me up. This was fitting since Jack has always liked to play tricks on me. I'd like to think I graciously got over it and finally ended the evening by giving the CORRECT toast.

Thanks, once again, to Russ Bond and the previous board for an outstanding job and to the Vinoy for a beautiful event. The board and I hope to be able to continue in the fine tradition of all the previous Presidents and Boards.

See you on April 11!!

Lorrie Hero, President



April Birthdays

04/04 John Donadeo

04/05 Patrick Hill

04/05 Dan Tagger

04/25 Michele O'Hara

If your birthday is missing, please let Karen know at skaltampabay@aol.com



Find a roster of all the members online at www.skaltampabay.com



**Be Sure to Express Your Thanks to
Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club!**

**A great big thank you to the staff of the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club who pulled off a wonderful installation dinner worthy of Presidents. Please take just a minute and email your thanks to:
Tim Reuther at the Vinoy: timothy.reuther@renaissancehotels.com**

**March 14, 2011
Renaissance Vinoy Sunset Ballroom, St Petersburg, FL**



The evening was beautiful



Nice to stand outside in the fresh air



Gathering together



Catching up with friends

March 14, 2011
Renaissance Vinoy Sunset Ballroom, St Petersburg, FL



Taking the Skyway to get here



Keep an eye on those two



Remember those up north



They're still freezing cold up north



Bringing guests to experience our hospitality



Enjoying the evening



The Vinoy was a great host



Joya comes from UK to visit

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Our SIUSA President – Lou Conkling



New member Robin Grabowski



Transferring to Tampa Bay David Rossman



Our outgoing president – Russ Bond



Thanks to past board members Carol and Troy



The Sunset Ballroom looked elegant



Our longest member present – Phil Henderson Sr



Longest member in Skål – Dan Tagger

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Our 2011-2012 Executive Board



Lou presenting his glasses for a toast



Incoming President – Lorrie Hero



Incoming Vice President – Kraig Obarksi



50/50 Winner with Lorrie

Please keep scrolling to see where our next event will be
– YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT-

OUR NEXT EVENT



April 11, 2011
Voted Best Ybor Restaurant For Over a Decade
Bernini of Ybor
An Eclectic Italian Eatery
1702 East 7th Ave
Tampa, FL 33605
813-248-0099
www.berniniofybor.com

6:00 Reception

2 drink tickets and cash bar available
Bruschetta and Calamari

7:00 Dinner Meeting

Your Choice Of

Shrimp Scampi – sautéed shrimp with artichokes, sundried tomatoes and fresh basil tossed with fettuccini

OR

Chicken Prato – grilled pesto marinated chicken breast topped with sundried tomatoes & fresh mozzarella on a bed of sautéed spinach and artichokes

OR

Sirloin Medallions – grilled sirloin medallions with creamy gorgonzola sauce, garlic mashed potatoes and broccolini

Assortment of Bernini Desserts

Wine pour for toast and cash bar available

**Go to www.skaltampabay.com to make your reservation and payment
or call Karen Coultas at 727-433-3801**

