

# TAMPA BAY



May 2011

Club No. 184  
Founded September 25, 1959

Dear Fellow SKÅLeagues:

Καταπληκτική επιτυχία! Ποια νύχτα!! Για εκείνους σας που το έχασαν... θα λυπηθείτε πολύ μόλις δείτε τις εικόνες (υποθέτω ότι πολλοί από τους συμμετέχοντες θα λυπηθούν υπήρξε μια φωτογραφική μηχανή γύρω επίσης!) Ήταν ένα διαφορετικό και πολύ βράδυ διασκέδασης για όλους μας και ελπίζουμε να το κάνουμε πάλι. Ευχαριστούμε την ακρόπολη για να σιγουρευτούμε ότι όλοι περάσαμε καλά.

My apologies to my Greek friends and colleagues for any improper use of grammar or writing. Translated, here is what I hope I said:

Wow! What a night!! If you missed it, you'll be sorry once you see the pictures although my guess is many of the attending SKÅLeagues will be sorry there was a camera around. It was a fun evening for all of us. We thank the Acropolis and David Stead, the General Manager, for making sure we had a good time.

We started the evening by toasting the previous day's most remarkable event in recent times. We honored our country, troops, Navy Seals and especially elite Navy Seal Team 6 for their amazing accomplishment of efficiently eliminating the known leader of the world's terrorist movement.

Phil Henderson, Sr. boisterously started us off by making the traditional SKÅL toast. George Hoch inducted and pinned an "old" new member. Heeeee'sssss back! Hoyt Hamilton ... WELCOME!

While napkins were flying and a belly dancer danced for everyone's pleasure (especially the men) we feasted on traditional family style Greek appetizers and food. My favorite was the cheese appetizer and the fish entree - I have no idea what they were called but they were delicious. Of course, the dessert was sumptuous baklava.

I'll say this; the belly dancer was beautiful and very talented. Proving her talent was her skirt full of money by the end of the night. "Some" of us tried to do what she was doing but without much success unless looking very uncoordinated and stupid was the goal ... oh well. Roberta entertained us early on by dancing gracefully in what I assume was Greek fashion since she lives in Tarpon Springs ... or was that the "Hava Nagila" dance?

Our 50/50 winner of \$150.00 went to Don Grade. Upon reflection, we should probably have done the drawing earlier in the evening, so Don could have used



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Find a roster of all the members online with their address, email, and phone number at [www.skaltampabay.com](http://www.skaltampabay.com)

The Application for potential members can be found on our website too!

some of his fortune to "feed the dancer." Smile ...

Anyway, you get the picture. Our newest Skål member, Hoyt, ended our evening by giving the Skål toast and he didn't even need a cheat sheet!

We really hope you are enjoying the new format of our Newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Wray, Marketing Committee Chair and of course, our wonderful Karen Coultas for making sure our Newsletter is as awesome as it is. Our monthly meetings couldn't happen unless we have venues willing to host us. So please take a look through the newsletter, read their promotion and ad, and support them. Also, please take a moment to thank the venue by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page. It's the right thing to do, they'd love to hear from you, and we hope we've made it easy for you to send them a quick note by providing the link.

Speaking of support, don't forget to go to [www.skaltampabay.com](http://www.skaltampabay.com) and download a member roster. I bet there are many fellow SKÅLleagues that can help you enhance your business whether it's by providing a service or by creating partnerships that are mutually beneficial. Take a look and let's do "business with friends."

We are very actively planning our Hospitality Night that will be a tri-fold event; our monthly meeting, a membership drive and a fundraiser. We promise it will be the most fun you've had in a long time. We are nailing down the dates in either September or October. We'll let you know as soon as it's confirmed so you can "Save the Date" on your calendar. It's going to be a huge event and we can use your help. Please volunteer by calling Carol Eaves, our Treasurer and Fundraising Committee Chair (see the Skål roster mentioned above for contact info).

We hope to see you next month at the Brio Tuscan Grill at International Mall in Tampa on June 13 followed by our annual golf tournament at Saddlebrook on July 8.

OPA!

Lorrie Hero

President



## June Birthdays

06/02 Dannette Lynch  
 06/02 Casey Gonzmart  
 06/04 George Elbe  
 06/15 Ebe Bower  
 06/15 Jeff Malogrides  
 06/19 Bud Fahs  
 06/23 Kraig Obarski

If your birthday is missing, please let Karen know at [skaltampabay@aol.com](mailto:skaltampabay@aol.com)

## SKÅL Tampa Bay MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Here in Florida, it's so easy to take our backyard for granted. Imagine, however, a slightly new backyard view: Clearwater Beach's breathtaking Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa. The newest beachfront resort on Florida's west coast is close to home for a quick getaway, yet it delivers a whole new tropical island experience that includes West Indies décor, spacious balconies and views of pure white sands and spectacular azure waters.

Having just opened its doors last year, the AAA Four Diamond Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach has raised the bar for dining, service and amenities in the Tampa Bay area. Already the resort has become notable for its award-winning cuisine.

You need relaxation? The eco-coastal Sandava Spa features unique Floridian spa treatments such as the Key Lime Mineral Wrap, the Sun-warmed Shell Massage and more.

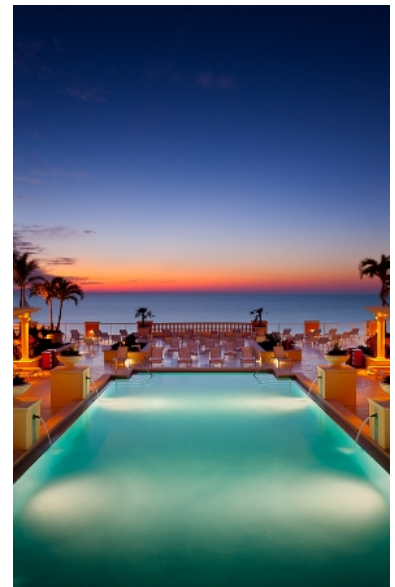
To raise the bar further, Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach has introduced never-before-seen services and amenities. Twenty air-conditioned cabanas alongside the eighth-floor infinity pool are available for full-day rental to non-resort guests. Each private cabana provides the luxuries of a high definition flat screen TV, wet bar and private bath, plus the ease and convenience of a room-service call button.

Best of all, the resort is located on Clearwater Beach's new multi-million-dollar Beach Walk, providing guests with easy access to the destination's wealth of events and activities. Summertime favorites include Pier 60's nightly sunset parties and the annual Clearwater Beach Restaurant Week, taking place May 8 – 14 of this year.

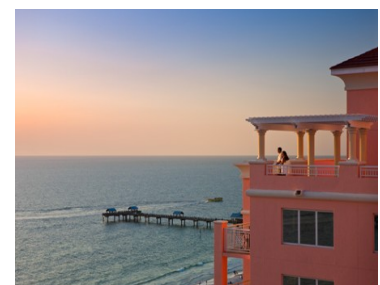
The resort's SHOR American Seafood Grill, featured at this year's Restaurant Week, received the 2010 People's Choice Best Taste Award from Taste of Clearwater. The regionally inspired, fresh seafood and American cuisine are only rivaled by the restaurant's impressive show kitchen, optional outdoor dining and spectacular Gulf views from expansive, floor-to-ceiling windows. Menu highlights include pan-seared black grouper and house-made lobster ravioli with side dishes such as roasted chorizo potatoes and mint-basil asparagus. Rounding out the menu, the decadent dessert list



Hyatt Regency



Eighth floor pool



Stunning views  
 from top of Hyatt Regency

comforts diners with old fashioned favorites such as an oversized root beer float, crème brulee, flourless chocolate cake and warm bread pudding.

SWIM, another local favorite for Gulf-front dining, is Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach's casual poolside bar and grill. Located on the eighth-floor, open-air pool deck, SWIM draws a regular crowd with a Pan-Latino menu of small plates and resort-style appetizers, sandwiches and burgers. These poolside cravings are served alongside a spectacular, panoramic view of the Gulf of Mexico and are the perfect complement to Clearwater's famous sunsets.

Perfect for either a pre- or post-dinner treat, the resort's new Beach Club Wine Bar offers a wide selection of wines and cheeses in the comfort and style of an elegantly-appointed beach club. Open Thursday through Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m., the Beach Club Wine Bar features an outdoor patio, three flat screen televisions, sophisticated bar games and live nightly music from 7 to 11 p.m.

The resort features a new game room for kids to compete in Xbox Kinect tournaments, ring toss, washer toss, ladder toss and competitive board games. Guests can also gather together to enjoy a complimentary feature movie and popcorn nightly at 7 p.m.

For groups, meetings and conventions, new locally and seasonally inspired banquet menus are also available. Changing three times each year, these unique menus are focused on responsible eating on every level, including environmental and social sustainability.

*Skål Members* receive 20 percent off all daily room rates by referencing special offer code "LOEVR" when making reservations. This offer is based on availability and is valid now through December 30, 2011. Reservations can be made by visiting <http://www.clearwaterbeach.hyatt.com> or calling 1-800-233-1234. SHOR restaurant patrons receive complimentary valet parking and can make reservations by calling the resort directly.

**NEXT MEETING JUNE 13, 2011  
BRIO TUSCAN GRILLE – INTERNATIONAL MALL**

BRIO invites you to gather with friends, family and co-workers and experience the flavors of Tuscany without leaving the country. Bringing the pleasures of the Tuscan country villa to Tampa, our chef-inspired Tuscan recipes are sure to tempt your palate. At BRIO we believe that "to eat well is to live well." Buon Appetito!



June 13, 2011  
Brio Tuscan Grille  
International Plaza  
2223 N Westshore Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33607  
Phone: 813-877-3939  
6-7 Social  
7 Dinner

Bring a qualified potential member and pay only \$25 for their first event.

**UPCOMING EVENT:**  
July 8, 2011 Saddlebrook Golf Outing

**Go to [www.skaltampabay.com](http://www.skaltampabay.com) to make your reservation and payment  
or call Karen Coultas at 727-433-3801**

**Be sure to express our Thanks for hosting the May Meeting!  
Acropolis Greek Taverna St Petersburg**



A great big thank you to David Stead, General Manager, and the staff at Acropolis Greek Taverna in St Petersburg for the excellent food, great fun and beautiful entertainment. Send a thanks to: <mailto:stpete@acropolistaverna.com>

**May 2, 2011  
Acropolis Greek Taverna Downtown St Petersburg**



We gathered together



Talked a little business



Caught up with friends



Welcomed ones we haven't seen in a while



Guests are always welcome



Also welcomed former Skalleagues back to Tampa Bay

May 2, 2011  
Acropolis Greek Taverna Downtown St Petersburg



Gathered round the bar



Cheered to good times



Laura Lothridge and David Rossman



Appetizers went out



We all dived in



Lots of yummy things to try



Pita and hummus



Fried calamari

May 2, 2011  
Acropolis Greek Taverna Downtown St Petersburg



Shrimp



Fried cheesy thing-a-mabob



Ohh and they took all the calories out



Don't forget to check in and pay



Introduction of guests



Lorrie saw an old friend and started dancing



We enjoyed delicious food all night



Welcome back Hoyt Hamilton, Palm Pavilion Inn

May 2, 2011  
Acropolis Greek Taverna Downtown St Petersburg



Roberta says OPA



We had entertainment for the evening and it wasn't George



Russ just kept tipping the girl



Why is my husband, Tim, smiling so much?



Don won \$150 for 50/50



Thanks Chuck Wray for arranging this event

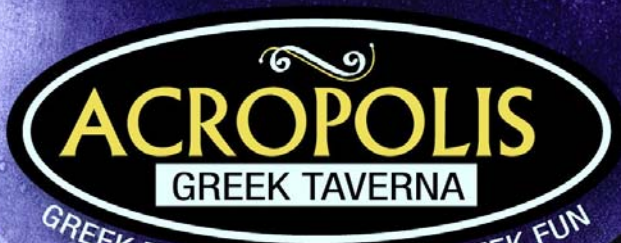


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