TAMPA BAY

November 2011

Club No. 184
Founded September 25, 1959

Dear Fellow SKÅLleagues:

Looking back in time, can you picture old Florida with Silas Dent who lived in a house made of pond fronds where he found happiness by living on the gulf and using its resources to provide his every need? Because of this, Silas was known as "The Happy Hermit from Cabbage Key". In 1979 the Stambaugh's opened Silas Dent's Steak House in honor of the Happy Hermit. This family owned and operated restaurant is located off Gulf Blvd on St Pete Beach. After a kitchen fire in 1996, the restaurant reopened it doors and has earned a reputation of great steaks and seafood.

Skål had the wonderful opportunity to see the finest this waterfront restaurant has to offer. We started in the Bayside Banquet Hall located adjacent to the restaurant. The room was decorated so lovely with blue orchids that appeared to light up on the tables and white and baby blue linens that looked perfect for royalty. The appetizers were plenty with tuna, to bacon wrapped scallops and mushrooms that were to die for. (So glad we weren't counting calories that night.) We then moved to the restaurant that gives you the old Florida feeling. Our menu included Chipotle Shrimp Bisque, Mixed or Caesar Salad, Blackened Filet Mignon with sautéed spinach, King crabmeat& crawfish, topped with Hollandaise and remoulade sauce. This was accompanied with twice baked potatoes and garlic green beans. The presentation was spectacular and the taste buds were not disappointed. But…there was more to come. Back at the Bayside Banquet Hall, the décor had been changed to more of a beach feel; oranges, yellows and sea shells. The coffee and desserts were plenty with a special treat of homemade vanilla and peppermint ice cream. Yummmmy! And the icing on the cake(no pun intended) for Pat Hill was winning $140 with the 50/50.

The Bayside Banquet Hall gives you an intimate feeling and would make a great place for birthdays to wedding receptions holding up to 100 people. This was a very special event and you could tell that the owners had gone all out to show Skål what they had to offer. However, it wasn't just the owners who gave it their all; the Chef dislocated a muscle/tendon earlier in the day and stayed until we were all served before he went to the emergency room. Where can I get an employee like that?

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Find a roster of all the members online with their address, email, and phone number at www.skaltampabay.com

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

Our 1st Annual Hospitality Hobnob was a success. Numbers are in and we raised over $2200 for the Akillah Institute and $2200 for Prostart of Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. It was a lot of hard work but it feels good to give back to the community and to the industry that has shaped us.

Next month, Monday, December 12, 2011, we will be celebrating the holidays on the Starlite Majesty leaving Clearwater Beach. Wear you finest attire. Boarding starts at 6:30 and the cruise leaves at 7:00 sharp. Don't be late. For each canned item that you bring, you will receive a raffle ticket for some awesome prizes which will be given away throughout the night. One canned item nets you one ticket, five canned items nets you five tickets, etc. This will benefit RCS Food Pantry. This is another great way for our club to pay it forward.
Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and find time to relax among family and friends.

Best Regards,

Karen Coultas
(In the absence of Lorrie Hero)

Skål Tampa Bay

December Birthdays

12/06 Gene Middleton
12/07 Gilbert Bolivar
12/10 Doreen Moore
12/13 Manny Oliver
12/18 Gregg Nicklaus
12/25 Mike Williams
12/27 Russ Bond
12/29 Mark Hubbard
12/30 Buzz Zinn

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

SKÅL Tampa Bay MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

AMBASSADOR LIMOUSINE AND SEDAN

Ambassador Limousine and Sedan is the largest most comprehensive fleet in the Tampa Bay Region. With over 55 vehicles from sedans to motorcoaches, we customize our programs for each client in order to provide the best experience. We are the only company with a minifleet of Rolls Royce limousines, four in total as well as Classic Presidential limousine for parades. We are pleased to announce our new division of ALS, Day Tours Tampa Bay. Day Tours offers 25 prepackaged group based per person products; from unique experiences to team building as well as attraction programs. You can read more about this division of Ambassador on our new website:

www.ambassadorlimotampa.com

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
STARLITE MAJESTY DINNER CRUISE

When: Monday, December 12, 2011

Time: 6:30 Check In
7:00 Departure for Dinner Cruise
Don't Be Late

Where: Starlite Majesty
25 Causeway Blvd.
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767
727-462-2628

Attire: Formal

Cost: $50 Members and Guests

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

Bring a canned food item to donate to RCS Food Pantry.
For each donation you bring, you will receive a raffle ticket.
Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.
For Example: 5 items = 5 raffle tickets
Great way to pay it forward!

Skål Tampa Bay Hospitality Hobnob

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November 14, 2011
Silas Dent Steak House on St Pete Beach

Catching up

Guarding the appetizers

Quite the spread

The décor was gorgeous

Dave, Dotty, Ed, Marvin, Teresa

George, Dan and Ralph

November 14, 2011
Silas Dent Steak House on St Pete Beach

Enjoying the beautiful weather outside

Enjoying friendships

Happy to be back in Florida

Kraig, Russ, Richard and Manny

George, Hoyt, Ralph

Family Gathering

Toby, Dotty, Dave, Don

John, Lori, Karin

November 14, 2011
Silas Dent Steak House on St Pete Beach

The room was intimate

Must be a good conversation

Pat Hill $140 winner

Nancy and Megan

Jeff bellying up to the bar

Bayside Banquets

Dining inside Silas Dent's Steak House

What a presentation

Be sure to express our Thanks for hosting the November Meeting!
Silas Dent Steak House & Seafood Waterfront Restaurant
On St Pete Beach

Open Daily at 11:30
Located at 5501 Gulf Blvd
St Pete Beach, FL
727-360-6961

Bayside Banquet Hall

Adjacent to Silas Dent's
Serving up to 100 guests

No linen charge.
No chair cover charge.
No charge for courtyard use.
No parking fees.
No charge for table center pieces.
No charge for cake table with linen.
No charge for cake cutting.
No charge for gift table with linen.
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