



NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2011

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Skålleagues,

I sincerely apologise for the long delay in bringing you a newsletter and I personally take responsibility for it.

As you know I did not attend the 2011 World Congress held in Turku this year as the committee decided our coffers will suffer, but Lisa Diefenderfer and Aart van den Heijden represented Durban for us. The reports are that it was a great success! A lot of important issues were discussed and decisions taken - see the report I sent you a little earlier for details. One of the great opportunities for members which I want to highlight is the new look website to see the light shortly. Much easier access will be provided for Skålleagues to do business with each other via the site through displaying information about your operation and any future events you are involved in. This will be available to the whole Skål world! And it's all for free, so use it!

We are entering the final stretch of 2011 and with it come all those year-end functions. Please folks, keep the Skål Christmas – provisionally the 8th December - lunch open on your diary, it promises to be a blast!

Also, do not forget to book your room at the Cutty Sark weekend - 20 January 2012 - directly with Peter Renwick and his staff (039 976 1230). Peter is giving us an amazing rate again! The committee is currently working on great entertainment during the course of the weekend. Last year a highlight was the dancers...

Well, that's all from me now, see you at the lunch!

Nic De Klerk

BENEFITS OF BEING A SKÅL MEMBER

Skål International provides an excellent platform for doing business in the travel industry and the following are some of the most important advantages:

1. Doing business as a Skålleague provides a recognition as an accredited leader of the industry
2. The Skål Slogan 'Doing business amongst friends' provides an all-important significance as being trustworthy and part of the same 'family'.
3. Get to know fellow industry leaders in your area
4. Get connected with the industry around the country
5. Provides access to all the sectors of the industry
6. Provides access to information of 20 000 industry leaders around the world
7. Provides access to the South African and international Skål websites to promote your business and future events free

MEMBER LUNCHEONS

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST - FUSION-CAFÉ

world • food • café

Shop 4 Silvervause Centre
Berea, Durban www.fusion-cafe.co.za
Tel: 031 - 202 6182

GUEST SPEAKER:

Given an in-depth lecture and demonstration on fusion cooking



THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER - OYSTER BOX

let the sound of the waves wash away the cares of the world

2 Lighthouse Road, Umhlanga Rocks
www.oysterboxhotel.com
Tel: 031 514 5000

GUEST SPEAKER:

The GM explained the history of the hotel and recent revamp



THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER - BANGKOK WOK

fresh, bold & inspiring

Shop 9 Kensington Square, Kensington Drive
Durban North
www.bangkokwok.co.za
Tel: 031 563 0606

GUEST SPEAKER:

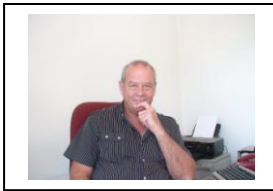
Addressed by Rotary member on their current charity drive



WHATS ON IN DURBAN - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Nov-Jan	Big Top Rock (Barnyard Theatre)	Dec	A.R.T Show (Tatham Gallery)
1-6 Nov	Alice in Wonderland (Suncoast)	3 Dec	Sunflower Fund Kids Day (Heritage Market)
10 Nov	Whiskey Club (Suncoast)	8 Dec	SKÅL XMAS PARTY (venue tbc)
12 Nov	OUTsurance KZN Exhibition (Inanda)	10 Dec	Meet Father Xmas & Cake Boss (Heritage Market)
12 – 13 Nov	Youth Fashion Week (Gateway)	20-25	Boep Idols (Heritage Theatre)
17 Nov	SKÅL LUNCH (Spiga d'Oro, Morningside)		

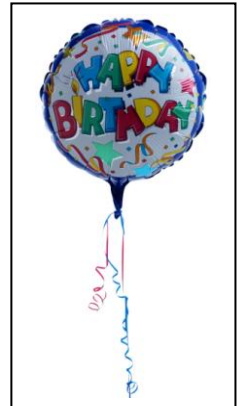
MEET OUR SKÅL PRESIDENT, DURBAN



Completed Matric at Central High School, Beaufort West in 1974. Completed 3 year course in high frequency communications and Radar in the defence force in 1978 and left the force. Started work as a technician for a company designing and installing electronic evacuation systems and piped music in buildings and shops. Was appointed as technical director in 1983 and resigned in 1988 to start own company in Tourism marketing. 1990 moved to tour operator business when asked by Welcome Tours to run their KZN operation for them. 1993 left them to start own tour operator as Southern Circle Tours in Durban. Opened office in Cape Town in 1996 and Johannesburg in 1999, but downscaled Johannesburg since. Was introduced to Skal Durban in 1990 by brother Lodewyk de Klerk and became a permanent guest of Lodewyk and Inge Meischke. Finally joined as member in April 2001. Started as a committee member in 2005. Took on the job of treasurer and vice president in 2007. President post from 2009 until current.

SKÅL MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

Peter Renwick	–	11 January
Aart Van Der Heuden	–	18 January
Lisa Diefenderfer	–	19 January
Danielle Venter	–	31 January
Jill Morris	–	22 March
Barbara Herridge	–	23 March
Phyllis Hartley	–	3 April
Sharmaine Singh	–	3 May
Dudley Randall	–	4 May
Steve Pillai	–	26 May
Pickey Dass	–	5 July
Dawn Holmwood	–	11 July
Lal Jayamaha	–	1 August
Caren Gray	–	5 August
Julian Beare	–	8 August
Nic De Klerk	–	15 August
Rene Hartslielief	–	22 September
Don Atkinson	–	29 October
Loshni Naidoo	–	30 October
Robert Treehaven	–	20 November
Leane Walters	–	25 November
Gillian Slaughter	–	26 November
Sundru Pillay	–	15 December



THIRSTY THURSDAYS

THIRSTY Thursdays will again make its way to Cape Town on **24 November** at the **Protea Hotel Fire and Ice! Cape Town**.

If you are tired of product presentations, workshops and functions, Thirsty Thursdays is a golden opportunity for the retail travel community to come together and network with key suppliers for a two-hour happy hour with a difference. No speeches, no presentations. Just some good old networking and drinks with your travel colleagues.

The next event will be held at 17h30, until 19h30. There is no cost involved and the event is open to all industry members. To reserve your spot email lorrained@nowmedia.co.za.