



SKÅL SAN FRANCISCO WINS 2018 SKÅL USA CLUB OF THE YEAR

On April 27, 2019 Skål International USA club, Skål San Francisco, was honored at the annual North America Skål Conference held in Waikiki, Hawaii winning the 2018 Skål USA Club of the Year. Skål USA honors annually a Skål Club in the USA, which in the opinion of the judges, best exemplifies the spirit of Skål and has achieved the objectives of the Skål Movement during the Calendar year. This year's recipient exemplifies Skål International, its mission and goals. Past recipients have included Skål Hawaii, Arkansas, Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beaches to name a few.

MORE ABOUT SKÅL USA

Skål International USA is the largest National Committee in Skål International with almost 2,000 members and 48 clubs nationwide. Skål International has 15,000 members in 85 nations. For more information on Skål USA, go to www.Skålusa.org.

MORE ABOUT SKÅL SAN FRANCISCO

By Robin Morales, President - Skål San Francisco - 2019

SKÅL International of San Francisco aims to promote SKÅL to be *the* premier travel and tourism organization in San Francisco's tourism community. We adhere to SKÅL International's vision -- to be a trusted voice in travel and tourism with our professionalism and expertise.

San Francisco SKÅL provides opportunity for tourism professionals to network, personal career development, and business growth with travel leaders and friends all over the world. Our motto, "Doing Business Amongst Friends" is relevant and purposeful. Our goal of "Camaraderie, Fun and Friendship" is exemplified with a bell ringing at each meeting to celebrate each other's successes.

We embrace SKÅL amical globally by reaching out to our fellow Skål leagues in other destination's SKÅL clubs as we travel. We invite our friends from other countries to visit us, too. We've welcomed visiting Skål leagues from Los Cabos, Spain, Canada, Australia, Rome, India, Hungary and New Zealand.

SKÅL International of San Francisco is truly representative of diversity in global tourism and travel with over 13 different nationalities amongst our membership leading tours to exotic foreign destinations.

Charity and Crisis Support is important to us. We answer the call to clubs and people in need around the world. Our Annual White Elephant Sale raises funds for charitable causes from student scholarships, to donating \$3,100 to Tourism Cares Hurricane Relief Fund, to on-the-spot live auctions to help earthquake victims in Nepal. We immediately send messages of sympathy and solidarity to other clubs dealing with disasters in their countries.

We support the organization's youth movement. We proudly represent San Francisco SKÅL at the San Francisco State University's Hospitality Management Career Expo every year to recruit new Young SKÅL members and we provide two student scholarships to our Young Skål leagues still attending college.

Our club actively participates and continually sends representatives yearly to both the NASC and World Congress as we cherish connecting with our SKÅLLEAGUES worldwide.

San Francisco SKÅL holds successful monthly meetings at unique venues with fascinating speakers. We just celebrated a 70th Anniversary of our club this last November with a wonderful gala held at Le Meridien hotel in San Francisco.

In conclusion, SKÅL International of San Francisco pays homage to our stellar past while we enthusiastically embrace the present and engage on a progressive path towards a prosperous and meaningful future!

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