



## Skål International New Jersey

### 2020 Officers

President - Gayle Walsh  
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Eric Braendel  
SKÅL USA Administrator  
SKÅL USA  
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Washington, DC 20002

Dear Eric,

Skal International New Jersey would like to wholly endorse and nominate Jim Dwyer for  
**Skal USA President**

Jim has been a member of Skal since 1993, starting with the Toledo club where he was elected VP in 1997. He transferred to the Detroit Club soon after, when the Skål Toledo club closed. He was transferred to New Jersey in 1998, and has been with the Skål Northern New Jersey since then. He joined the board in 2001, and became president in 2009. In 2013 he was elected SIUSA rep, and was elected president again for 2015. Jim is currently serving as Skål USA VP Membership.

In 2003, Jim instituted a holiday toy donation/collection that the club continues to date. He also proposed Friendship Trips that began in 2004, coordinating visits to over 31 clubs.

In 2007, Jim organized the first (of 3) Region 1 dinners in Hightstown, NJ attended by 100 Skalleagues from 17 clubs nationwide. In 2017, 2018 and 2019 he brought together clubs from Northern New Jersey, New York, NEPA, Philadelphia, Long Island and Atlantic City for a great multi club event in Princeton, NJ which has become an annual event.

Jim has attended 9 NAASC/NASC Congresses (Calgary, Jamaica, Bermuda, Puerto Vallarta, Halifax, Boise, Toronto, Playa Mujeres and Hawaii) and 6 Skal International World Congresses (Antalya, Budapest, New York, Torremolinos, Monaco, and Miami World Congress cruise).

As Social Media Director Jim started the Skål Toast Challenge which was adopted and enjoyed by Skål clubs worldwide. In June he started Membership Mondays to help clubs share ideas about maintaining and growing their membership. To bring more awareness to the SKÅL USA and SKÅL International websites he is starting Website Wednesdays. He has become Skål's Town Crier who alerts everyone to meetings, special events and significant awards. His mantra is Engage, Entertain and Educate.

Jim is a great ambassador not only for the New Jersey club, but for Skal USA and Skal International as well. His efforts this year as VP Membership before and during the pandemic have been remarkable. He created a membership team of 8 members who have maintained contact with all of our 45 clubs and have produced almost 150 new members. Having served as Director Membership, VP Administration and VP Membership we at Skal New Jersey wholeheartedly endorse Jim Dwyer for the position of Skål USA **President**.

Best Regards and Skal,

Gayle Walsh  
President

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