



# The President's Column

## by Bernhard Clever

**D**ear Fellow Skålleagues,

A few days from now we will once again have our Annual General Meeting and traditional Installation Dinner, at the elegant and historic **Langham Huntington Hotel** in Pasadena. However this year, it will be very special, as we are celebrating on the same day St. Patrick's Day as well. Please reserve, Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in your calendar and even though it is our annual Black- Tie evening, please try to wear some "Green".

**The Installation Dinner announcement is already on our website and we would appreciate you clicking on the RSVP button as soon as possible, since we need to give a count to the hotel.**

I understand, that our February Luncheon held at **Casa Sanchez**, was a huge success, and the general feeling was, that we should include this venue once a year. We hear you loud and clear and Casa Sanchez will be included again next year. I personally like to thank our current Secretary and incoming Vice President Bud Bowers, for filling in for me during my absence. While visiting Lima, Peru, I had the great pleasure of meeting with the Past President of Skål International Lima and we both agreed to explore the possibilities of "Twinning" our two clubs, in the near future.

As you are aware, we now have a local produced brochure outlining the mission of Skål International, the advantages of becoming a member of our club, etc. We have a small amount of these brochures but it may be easier and more convenient for you, to forward the brochure as an e-mail attachment to any of your contacts and potential new members. We urge you to help us to attract new members and our Membership Chairman, Phil Westernoff would appreciate each member's assistance by recommending at least one new member. Those members that bring a new member into our club will qualify for a major prize to be drawn next January.

Again, a reminder to please return the "**Member Survey**" we had e-mailed to you at the end of January. It is important to our club to plan future events and possible guest speakers. The deadline to have your survey in our hands is March 5, 2010, as we would like to evaluate and tally your feedback prior to the General Meeting/Installation Dinner. Appreciate your support in this matter.

Any member interested in serving on a Committees this coming year, please contact Pam Sherman thru e-mail at: [laskal@laskal.net](mailto:laskal@laskal.net) indicating your preference of committee. We appreciate your participation!

Your Executive Board and Fellow Skalleagues look forward to seeing you on March 17, 2010. Once again, thank you for all of your support during the past year.

Best regards and Skål,

*Bernhard S. Clever*

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