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**Skål International Sacramento
Hosts Wine Country Fund Raiser**



Loxton Cellars in Glen Ellen, California was the site of SKÅL International Sacramento's most recent fund raiser: A Day in the Vineyard. On Sunday, June 10, 2018, Sacramento Skål members and special guests from SKÅL San Francisco traveled to Northern California's world famous Napa Valley Wine Country to hear Chris Loxton's talk about his about eco-friendly, sustainably farmed vineyards. "Farm to Fork" – or in this case "Grape to Goblet"- has become one of the most talked about developments in the California wine industry. Chris Loxton has pioneered many sustainable farming practices while producing award winning wines.

Of course, after careful examination of the now flowering varietals in the vineyard, everyone was ready for some serious wine tasting. Owner and winemaker Chris Loxton guided the group through a flight of six different wines that he produced, starting with a Rose and culminating with his gold medal award winning Port. The tasting was followed by lunch served on tables under a giant ancient oak tree next to the vineyard. Chef Max from Wine Country Vine Dining provided a memorable gourmet picnic in the vineyard.

Dave Ryan- Skål USA VP Membership, Carol Fox – President SKÅL Sacramento and Cindy MacCormack, Secretary SKÅL Sacramento were joined by San Francisco SKÅL members Mike Caplin and Robin Morales and their families and friends.

All money raised for this event goes toward maintaining SKÅL Sacramento's Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship at California State University Sacramento. The scholarship is awarded annually. Another activity at the University sponsored by SKÅL Sacramento is the annual panel discussion which brings together SKÅL Sacramento members and tourism students to discuss different career opportunities. Of course, Young SKÅL membership is always recommended as a first step toward success.