



## **Skål International London (Canada) September, October and November gatherings**



### **Smackwater Jacks**

During their September dinner meeting, members of Skål London enjoyed a fabulous dinner at Smackwater Jacks in Grand Bend, a community located on the shores of Lake Huron in Southwestern Ontario. Our special guest speakers for the evening were Steven Kaurcher and Neil Aitchison from Drayton Entertainment, who gave us a brief history of the company and some of their marketing initiatives with the Huron County Playhouse and Grand Bend.

Our host, Bradley Oke, owner of Smackwater Jacks, arranged for our members to attend opening night for Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn, The Musical' at the Huron County Playhouse.

*Pictured Bradley Oke, Owner, Smackwater Jacks, Michelle Culp, Sponsorship and Advertising Coordinator, Drayton Entertainment, Neil Aitchison, Drayton Entertainment.*



### **Green Leaf Cafe @ Summerville House at University of Western Ontario**

Cliff Fielder, Conference Services Manager/Skål London Member, and his colleagues from the University entertained us at one of their great venues, Green Leaf Cafe, housed in the Somerville House on campus.

*Left to right: Kristian Crossen, Guest, UWO. Cliff Fielder, Skål Member, UWO. Kevin McCabe, Guest Speaker, UWO. Michael Zaigh, Guest, UWO. Patty Scheerer, Guest, UWO. Jim Hudson, Skål London President. Georgina Raso, Skål London Secretary.*

Our group was treated to pre-dinner canapés and a scrumptious 3 Course Dinner creation by their very own Executive Chef/Food & Beverage Manager, Kristian Crossen. Prior to the reception and dinner, some of the members took a tour of the university's newest residence, Ontario Hall. Guest speaker for the evening, Kevin McCabe, Associate Director of Hospitality, provided a brief and enlightening presentation regarding the Hospitality department and some of the trends they are seeing.

## The Chef's Table @ School of Tourism Hospitality and Culinary Arts, Fanshawe College



*Group photo of Skål members and guests*

*Eric Sloat, Past-President for Skål Canada and Skål London; Susan Webb, Skål Canada President*

James Smith, Chair & Skål London Member, hosted us to a spectacular evening celebrating the club's 40th Anniversary at this wonderful facility! It was a special night with invited special guests - Susan Webb (Skål Canada President) and Eric Sloat (former Skål London President and former Skål Canada President) who joined Skål London Members and Guests for a memorable evening. The staff & culinary students treated the group to a delicious 'farm-to-table' culinary experience.

The School of Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts is housed in Fanshawe College's newest campus located downtown London offering a diverse program geared to the Tourism & Hospitality sector. The Chef's Table, housed on campus, is one of London's newest restaurants and provides hands-on learning opportunities for students of Fanshawe's School of Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts.