

Today's Program

Michael Cochrane, Lawyer and Author

Topic

Olympic Lyon

Host

Annie Chu, a Rotaract transferee in 2015

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room



Michael Cochrane is a Toronto-based lawyer and author. He has published several bestselling books about law and was the host of a nationally televised live show called "Strictly Legal" for many years.

Golf and golf history have become his passions. He has spent hundreds of hours researching the incredible story of Canadian golfing great George Seymour Lyon, winner of the 1904 Olympic Gold medal for golf. Amazed that Lyon's story was being lost in the mists of time rather than being celebrated, he has made telling Lyon's story his mission, and published his book, "Olympic Lyon: The Untold Story of the Last Gold Medal for Golf", just as golf was making its triumphant return to the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Michael is also an avid golfer who has four holes-in-one to his credit, including an albatross.

Michael is currently the head of the family and estates group at the law firm, Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP.

Join us for our Fellowship and Entertainment Event!!

What's better than a Summer Wine Tour and Tasting in the Twenty Valley Area of Niagara?? Come and enjoy!! Relax as you are able to sip/taste all the wines you like...someone else is driving!!!

Sunday, August 27, 2017, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm

We will meet at the Royal York Hotel at 9 am and go by shuttle bus to the Twenty Valley (The Bench) area of Niagara. This area around Grimsby, Beamsville and Jordan boasts some of the finest wines in the region. The wineries are smaller and you will receive personalized attention. We will visit up to 5 wineries (6 if time permits) with a full winery/barrel tour at one. You will be tasting great wines at all wineries and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Rotarians.

A three course Gourmet Italian lunch with a glass of Fielding Winery wine will be at "Just Cooking", a delightful restaurant in the area.

We expect to be back at the Royal York Hotel at 6:30 - 7 pm (depending on traffic). Cost for the entire day including everything (except your purchases!!) is \$135. Contact Belli at the office to register and pay. There are only 30 spots available.

PRESS RELEASE

Toronto 2018 Rotary International
Convention Host Committee



July 10, 2017

Lend Your Expertise

The Toronto HOC Marketing and Communications Team wants you!

Following on the success of the Toronto 2018 presence at Atlanta, the Toronto Host Organizing Committee's Marketing Team is looking for a number of Rotarians and/or Friends of Rotary to help in our efforts to promote Toronto 2018.

Part of the mandate of the HOC is to ensure that Toronto is a welcoming location for visiting Rotarians and their families and to be certain that all our visitors have a fun and memorable experience at next year's Rotary International Convention.

If you have a background and expertise in any of the following areas we need your help:

- Website content (writing, editing)
- Social media (Facebook was crucial for Atlanta)
- Traditional Media (Newspapers, Radio, TV)
- Advertising and presence in Toronto (billboards, retail/commerce liaison)
- Newsletter publishing
- Press Release management

Please contact our Marketing and Communications team through Mike Gauthier michael.e.gauthier@gmail.com by July 22 if you can help out.

Thanks so much,

Michele Guy & Michael Cooksey

Co-Chairs Toronto 2018 HOC

Rotary President-elect Sam F. Owori Dies



Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.

“Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone,” Sam said when he was nominated last year. “I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I’ve helped someone live better.” Sam’s term as Rotary’s 108th President would have begun on 1 July 2018.

“Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hard-working Rotarian he was,” said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. “In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family and Sam’s millions of friends around the world in your thoughts.”

Under Sam’s leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years. He saw in Rotary members “an incredible passion to make a difference,” and wanted to “harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity.”

Sam was the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, whose mission is to promote excellence in corporate governance principles and practice in the region by 2020. Previously, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd. and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has also served as corporation secretary of the Central Bank of Uganda.

He served as member and Chair of several boards including FAULU (U) Ltd., (now Opportunity Bank), the Uganda Heart Institute, the Centre for African Family Studies, Mulago Hospital Complex, Mukono Theological College and the Kampala City Council.

Sam was also the current Vice-Chair of the Hospice Africa Uganda, and member of the board and chair of the Audit Committee of PACE (Programme for Accessible Health, Communication and Education) in Uganda.

“Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community and the world,” Riseley said.



President-Elect Sam Owori made a difference in Uganda, Africa and around the world.

Ian Riseley Letter on Sam Owori's Passing

Dear fellow Rotarians,

There has been an outpouring of heartfelt messages since President-elect Sam’s passing last week. Rotarians and members of the public have been sharing memories and recalling how Sam inspired them through his hard work as a Rotarian and as a dedicated civil servant. It is clear that his impact and legacy were felt worldwide.

There will be a service for Sam on Friday, 21 July, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at St. Vincent’s Cathedral in Bedford, Texas. Friends in the area are encouraged to visit. Funeral services in Uganda are currently being planned. Messages can also be sent to Sam’s family via sam.owori@rotary.org or to Mrs. Norah Agnes Owori, c/o Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda (ICGU), Crusader House, Plot 3 Portal Avenue, Kampala, Uganda.

Memorial contributions in honor of Sam will be directed to the Sam F. Owori Memorial to Polio. This fund has been established to honor his commitment to Rotary’s polio eradication efforts. Sam was a member of both the Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee and the International PolioPlus Committee. You can make online contributions to the fund here. (<https://goo.gl/z7p0Ms>)

The 2017-18 nominating committee will select a new president-elect, in addition to the president-nominee, during its scheduled meeting in early August.

Thank you all for your continued support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ian Riseley

Rotary International President, 2017-18



2017-18 Rotary International President, Ian H.S. Riseley Announces his Presidential Theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*

- by Ryan Hyland



Rotary International President 2017-18 Ian H.S. Riseley made the case in Atlanta that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone," Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

"The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern," he said.

Riseley challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."



Ian and Juliet Riseley love to sit on their back deck, which offers views of their garden.

Securing Rotary's future.

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members. Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. "At that rate," Riseley said, "it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity. We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone."

"Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said. Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all the members of all our communities."

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, "Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members."

"Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions," said Riseley, "but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future. I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

RI President
Ian Riseley

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Neil Phillips, Toronto

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What You Missed Reporter for July 21:
Lorna Johnson

The Four-way test of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Upcoming Speakers & Events

July 2017

28 Linda Coghlin & Jim Theaker, *Loving Arms*

August 2017

- 4 NO MEETING, Civic Holiday
- 11 National Club, Roof Top Lunch
- 17 DINNER at golf event for all members
- 18 NO MEETING, Join the golfers for dinner on 17th
- 25 Christian Jaehn-Kreibaum, *The Berlin Wall*

September 2017

- 1 NO MEETING, Labour Day
- 8 RI2018 Update, Michele Guy

Events

August 17 - Annual Golf Tournament
August 27 - Winery Tour

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What You Missed July 14, 2017

- by Lorna Johnson



President Pat's first Rotary Club of Toronto luncheon meeting was a splendid affair at the National Club. Our head table included 4 new Club Board Directors, President-elect Jeff Dobson and Vice President Kevin Power. Following the invocation, recognition of traditional First Nations land, singing of O Canada, and the toast to the Queen, Monitor For the Day, Past President Richard White announced 3 Visiting Rotarians, 3 Rotaract Club Presidents and 11 guests who were warmly welcomed by President Pat and our RCT members.

Paul Westlake strode to the podium for the announcement of our annual charity golf tournament to be held on August 17th at the Richmond Hill Golf Club. Paul then pulled the name of the winner of the Early Bird draw. Lucky Karl Kramer will be enjoying a round of golf and lunch with Ross Amos at the Mississauga Golf Club. Don't forget that the cost of the golf event, \$175, includes a buffet lunch, 18 holes of golf, a bucket of balls, driving practice and dinner. As there is no Friday lunch that week, even if you don't golf, consider joining us for dinner for only \$60. Paul and committee are looking for donations for prizes. This year's charity is Blankets for Burn Kids, <http://mykellyf.wixsite.com/blanketsforburnkids>.

To honour President Pat and all she will lead us in accomplishing this coming Rotary year, Brigitte Bogar and Glenn Davis led us all in a sing-along (to the tune of "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" From the Lion King).

President Pat then took to the podium and launched straight into her President's Address; "unfortunately we have no one to introduce the guest speaker so I will just start talking". She elaborated on her President's message published in last week's Voice, encouraging us to keep making a difference. We can help by hosting our French exchange student, as we are in need of 2 more home hosts (Contact Annie Chu) and not to let "Shuster the Rooster" become a pile of feathers because no one cared enough to keep him safe from the coyotes.

President Elect Jeff Dobson drew Maureen Bird's ticket for the Ace of Clubs. Maureen walked away with a fine bottle of wine, leaving \$500 in the pot.



President Pat accepting the Banner from Zoran Strnad, member, Rotary Club of Nova Gorica, Slovenia

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