

Meet James Hill

Introduction by John Kilpatrick

President Elect Mark, fellow Rotarians,
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We just finished a tumultuous presidential election season, and I know that before the election, friends of mine from both sides of the aisle – some of you in this very room – swore that afterwards, you would move to Canada and apply there for asylum.



So, with that in mind, it is my sincere privilege today to introduce, as the world's newest Rotarian, the Canadian Consul General, James K. Hill. As my friends in New York say, I'm now a guy, who knows a guy, who might be able to help you.

James was appointed Canadian Consul General in November 2014. His previous diplomatic assignments include Chargé d'affaires at the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait, as Deputy Head of Mission at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, and as Chargé d'affaires at the Canadian Embassy, Tripoli, Libya. Earlier in his career, James served as High Commissioner of Canada in Maputo, Mozambique, as Consul General of Canada, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as Head of the Canadian Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission in Prishtina, Kosovo, and as Second Secretary & Vice Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

At Global Affairs Canada in Ottawa, he held positions as Director for Middle East & Africa Commercial and Economic Relations, as Director for Europe and Central Asia Commercial Relations, as Deputy Director of the Latin America Division, as Deputy Director of the Western Hemisphere Summits Office, and as Senior Desk Officer in the Trade Commissioner Service Strategic Planning Division.

James Hill was born and raised in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada. He earned degrees in History and Education from the University of Saskatchewan and completed his graduate work in International Studies at the University of Cândido Mendes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

As you can see, this is James's first U.S. assignment, and he tells me he's enjoying being able to "blend in" for the first time in his career. A bachelor, James lives in Lower Queen Anne with what he describes as the "world's smartest dog" that he acquired in South Africa. James's principal hobby is running, and he combines travel with running in "destination" runs. For example, in a few weeks, he's headed for the half-marathon in Bangkok. He's recently run in Kabul, Reykjavik, Rio, Montreal, Anchorage, Dubai, and London. He also combines running with charity fundraising. For example, the recent

Ottawa run was sponsored by, and raised money for the Ottawa Heart Institute. His charity interests general lie in Alzheimer's and cognitive disease, and in cancer research.

So, ladies, gentlemen, and soon to be expatriates and political asylum seekers, it is my real pleasure to introduce the world's newest Rotarian, James K. Hill, Consul General of Canada.