



## **RI President 2017-18**

### **Ian Riseley**

Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a

firm he established in 1976. He has a master's degree in taxation law and graduate diplomas in accounting and income tax.

Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and involved in Sea Scouts and sporting groups, as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees.



**RI President  
Elect  
2017-18  
Samuel Frobisher  
Owori**

The 2016-17  
Nominating  
Committee for  
President of Rotary  
International has

unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19.

Owori says he sees in Rotary "an incredible passion to make a difference." As president, he plans to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

Owori's chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89. He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary's membership in the coming years.

Since becoming a member in 1978, Owori has served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director.



**Zones 28/29**  
**Director**  
**2017-2018**  
**Robb Knuepfer**

Robb Knuepfer joined the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1982, shortly after he left the U.S.

Attorney's Office – where he served as a criminal prosecutor. Robb became a Chesley R. Perry Fellow (the first RI General Secretary) of the Rotary One Foundation in 1989, and had the honor of serving as Centennial President of Rotary One for the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in 2005.

In 1992, he moved to Budapest, Hungary to establish his firm's Central Europe and Russian offices. While in Hungary, he founded the Budapest City Rotary Club in 1993, which was one of the first Rotary clubs established behind what was formerly known as the "Iron Curtain." He was elected the first president of that club. He returned to Chicago and Rotary One in 1995, and served as District Governor for the Birthplace District of Rotary in 2010 to 2011.

Robb is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Denison University, and earned a Master's degree in Business Administration from Kellogg and a Juris Doctor degree from the Law School at Northwestern University. He is currently a Master of Divinity student at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Robb has been married to childhood sweetheart, Nancy, for 38 years, and they have four children, Rob, Jenny, Lauren, and Joe.



**General  
Secretary  
2017-18  
John Hewko**

John Hewko is the general secretary of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. From 2004 to 2009, Hewko

was vice president for operations and compact development for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government agency established in 2004 to deliver foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. At MCC, he was the principal United States negotiator for foreign assistance agreements to 26 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. During his tenure, he completed the negotiation of assistance agreements totaling \$6.3 billion to 18 countries for infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education projects.

Hewko holds a law degree from Harvard University, a master's in modern history from Oxford University (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar), and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in New York.

As general secretary, Hewko leads a diverse staff of 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and seven international offices. Hewko is a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife, Margarita, live in Evanston.

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