

THE LINEUP

Philadelphia's Part-Time Diplomats

With duties ranging from the exciting (state visits!) to the mundane (issuing passports), the city's 30-some honorary consuls can play a significant role in politics and trade here and abroad. Honorary consuls don't necessarily hail from the countries they serve; rather, they're globally minded locals helping to connect Philadelphia to the world. Here, an introduction to some of the most accomplished members of the oldest consular corps in America. —DAVID MURRELL



 **BENJAMIN LEAVENWORTH**
CHILE

APPOINTED: 2005

DAY JOB: Partner at Afina International

Leavenworth, who founded a wine company in Chile in the 1990s, says his role is "not just about going to cocktail parties." During the 2010 Chilean mine accident, for example, he coordinated communications with West Chester drilling company Schramm, Inc., whose rig was used to find the missing miners.



 **OLIVER ST. CLAIR FRANKLIN**
UNITED KINGDOM

APPOINTED: 1998

DAY JOB: Vice chairman of Electronic Ink

This Oxford grad has brought all three of Queen Elizabeth's sons to Philadelphia. The country's first-ever African-American British honorary consul, Franklin was awarded the prestigious Most Excellent Order of the British Empire commendation in 2002.



 **DENNIS MORIKAWA**
JAPAN

APPOINTED: 2000

DAY JOB: Senior counsel at Morgan Lewis

Morikawa helped secure Subaru's sponsorship of Philadelphia's Cherry Blossom Festival, an event that drew more than 40,000 visitors this year. He also played a central role in the local relief effort following the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami, raising more than \$250,000.



 **HARRIS BAUM**
KOREA

APPOINTED: 2006

DAY JOB: Attorney at Zarwin Baum

Baum displayed an affinity for Korea from his earliest days as a political science major at Temple. The 83-year-old, who speaks Korean and practiced tae kwon do, helped bring more than 700,000 Hyundais to the port of Philadelphia in 2012. Summing up his time as consul, he says, "If I could do it over again, I'd do it over again."



 **CHRISTINE PFISTER**
SWITZERLAND

APPOINTED: 2011

DAY JOB: Co-owner of Pentimenti Gallery

A Swiss native, Pfister worked as a business manager before moving here in 1995. She most recently helped to establish a new partnership, Y-Parc, that facilitates business between the two countries.



 **PETER LONGSTRETH**
URUGUAY

APPOINTED: 2014

DAY JOB: Independent real estate consultant

Son of City Council legend Thacher, Longstreth is president of the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia. He was appointed to his post after Uruguay got approval to export citrus fruits to the U.S.—a trade agreement worth about \$22 million last year.