

Kjell Bergh, Bruce Corrie, and Sharkey Hearing Technologies are 2014 TCICA Awards Honorees



The 2014 Twin Cities International Citizen Awards Gala and 20th Anniversary Celebration of the International Leadership Institute working in global service once again presented deserving Minnesota citizens with recognition for their international work and service, locally and internationally. The sold out event was again held at the stately Minneapolis Club, in downtown Minneapolis, on Thursday, May 8, 2014 with a lively reception prior to the awards dinner and presentations.

The **TCICA International Citizen Award recipient** for 2014 was the Honorable Consul to the Republic of Tanzania **Kjell Bergh** who has many accomplishments, finding a starting point was

difficult, however as a long time business and automobile dealership owner, travel agency owner and Consul

to Tanzania for several years, he was an exception to the rules for someone that should be recognized for his achievements in Minnesota, Tanzania and Norway. Kjell Bergh's education began in Oslo, Norway and then he travelled to Minnesota to attend school at Macalester College receiving a BA in 1970 in International Relations. Other studies were at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and Kiswahili studies at the University of Minnesota. In 1967 he began his relationship with Borton Volvo and established a leadership position as Chairman from 1967- to the present. He has also owned businesses in Tanzania, Delray Beach, FL and is Director of Borton Overseas Norway AS from 2005 – present. This is only a limited view of these business accomplishments. He

has been involved in the Sons of Norway Foundation, Gillette Children's Hospital, International Automobile Dealers Association, Nyerere Educational and Research Center Foundation, and Minnesota Holmenkollen Foundation. Kjell has had many academic directorships, Medical directorships, and other directorship including the Swedish American Chamber, and Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights – US Foundation. He has contributed widely to the Twin Cities' community and Metro area and in 2000 he was named Honorary Consul, to the United Republic of Tanzania. He has also received several Royal decorations from HM King Harald of Norway, HM King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, and HM King Olav of Norway. His awards are multiple in numbers from business to hosting international delegations. Kjell has had many speaking engagements across America, Norway and Tanzania and has published several articles and papers.



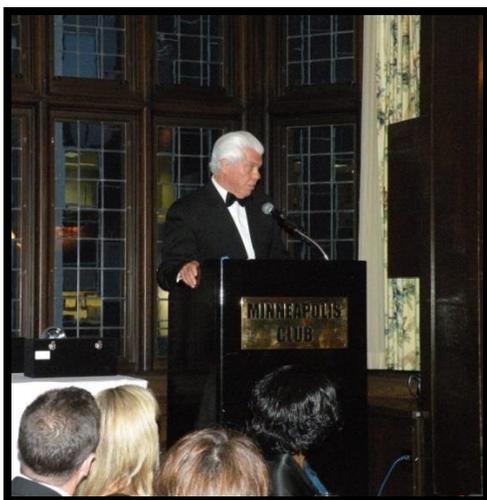
The 2014 **TCICA International Immigrant Achievement Award recipient** was **Bruce Corrie, Ph.D.** Dr. Corrie is Associate Vice President (and former dean of the College of Business) at Concordia University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. As an economist, his new vision on the dynamic power of immigrant and ethnic capital has been well received by audiences ranging from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and the Rural Diversity conference to the El Pueblo Hispano and Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund conferences. This perspective invites policy leaders to view immigrants and minorities as assets (consumers, entrepreneurs, workers, cultural and global assets, taxpayers) and in doing so revolutionize the way they interact with these



communities. Dr. Corrie has compiled data on the many contributions of immigrants and minorities and this data has been used widely. He recently developed an App for Google Play and iTunes called “immigrant capital” to help people get data and a comprehensive picture of the economic contributions of immigrants across the USA. His views have appeared on various national and local mainstream media outlets and the ethnic press including PBS Lehrer News Hour, National Public Radio’s Marketplace, Minnesota Public Radio, Midmorning (MPR), WCCO radio, WCCO TV, KCCO Business Radio, WMMN radio, TPT’s Almanac, Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, Ventures Magazine, the Fargo Forum, La Prensa, Insight News, Finance and Commerce, The Business Journal,

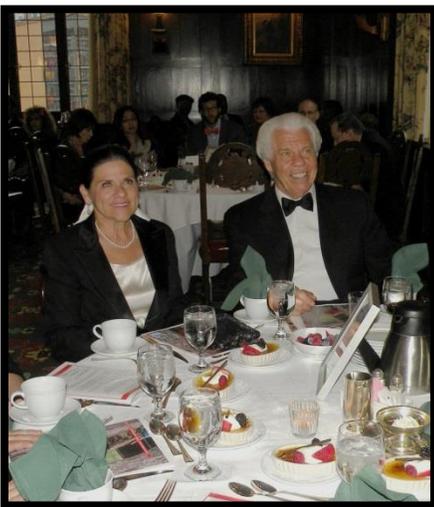
Asian American Press, Spokesman Recorder, Hmong Times, Korean Quarterly, India Abroad, La Gente, Africa News Journal, Asian Pages and internationally in China Daily, Indian Express, Bangladesh Observer and Daily News of Sri Lanka. He has published widely in both academic journals and the popular press and has served on the editorial board of academic and professional journals. He has served as policy advisor to national, state and local policy leaders. He has served on national, state and local boards and has done pioneering work on the development of ethnic cultural heritage tourism as a strategy for economic development in low income neighborhoods. He has led leadership seminars for high ranking public officials on a model of strategic leadership he developed called – The PRISM approach. He has over 25 years in higher education in various roles such as academic program development, accreditation, change management, academic partnerships and international study programs. He is an evaluator for the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs and has mentored business schools in India and evaluated institutions and programs in India, Mongolia and China.

This year’s 2014 **TCICA International Corporate Award recipient** was presented to **Starkey Hearing Technologies** and the award was received by founder **William F. Austin**. As the only privately held and



American-owned company in its industry, Starkey Hearing Technologies is recognized across the globe as a premier provider in hearing healthcare. Their belief that each hearing life deserves special, individualized treatment is evident in all our operations, including groundbreaking work in hearing aid manufacturing and our global philanthropic endeavors. Privately owned by William F. Austin the company has more than 3,500 employees globally and is American owned and operated. With 21 facilities in more than 18 countries throughout North America, South America, Central America, Europe, Asia, and Australia Starkey is the largest hearing aid manufacturer in the U.S. and employs more audiologists than any other hearing aid company. William F. “Bill” Austin is the Founder of Starkey Hearing

Foundation and the Founder & CEO of Starkey Hearing Technologies. He has more than 50 years of experience in the hearing industry. Mr. Austin turned Starkey Labs, a small ear mold company he purchased in 1970 for \$13,000, into Starkey Hearing Technologies, the largest hearing aid manufacturer in the U.S. He built Starkey Hearing Foundation on his vision: *So the World May Hear*. He leads the Foundation on dozens of hearing missions every year, having visited more than 100 countries to give the gift of hearing. Under his leadership, Starkey Hearing Foundation is fitting more than 100,000 hearing aids annually. Truly a global leader.



2014 Twin Cities International Citizen Awards Gala at Minneapolis Club May 8, 2014. The International Leadership Institute also took time to celebrate 20 years of global service, locally and internationally. ©

www.internationalleadership.org