

## 2014 FATHER OF THE YEAR HONOREES ANNOUNCED

**Costa Mesa, CA, March 25, 2014** – The Orange County American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the Father's Day Council of Orange County are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014 Father of the Year Awards. This year's honorees are **Kim Thompson**, former Managing Partner at **Rutan & Tucker LLP**; **C. John Meagher**, Vice President/Division Manager at **Traylor Bros. Inc.**; **Chris Cox**, President of **Bingham Consulting LLC** and a Partner at **Bingham CcCutchen LLP**; and **Chris Tooker**, President / CEO of **Trendzitions Inc.**, **Chris Tooker Training** and **Tooker Vacation Properties**.

Each of these honorees have demonstrated the ability to balance their personal and professional lives, serving as an exceptional role model for their children while making a positive difference in the community. Over the last eleven years, 46 past Orange County honorees have included leading executives from the private and the public sectors, business owners and politicians as well as sports and entertainment celebrities. National honorees have included John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, Colin Powell, Jack Lemmon, George Foreman, and Wolf Blitzer.

The dinner honoring the 2014 Fathers of the Year will be held on Thursday, June 5th, 2014 at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach. Johnny Gilbert the voice of "Jeopardy" will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. All proceeds will support the American Diabetes Association and its mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

"These men have demonstrated the ability to not only succeed in their careers, but serve as great role models in their community and to their family," said Pat Galvin, Co-Chair of the Orange County Father's Day Council. "They deserve recognition not only as fathers and community leaders, but for the significant funds they will help raise to support the fight to stop diabetes."

Diabetes is a serious, life-threatening and currently incurable disease that can include complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, amputations and loss of life if left untreated. It is the seventh leading disease-based cause of death. Nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes and millions more have pre-diabetes. More than one-third of those with diabetes are undiagnosed. In Orange County, approximately 250,000 people live with diabetes.

The Island Hotel is located at 690 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The public and the media are invited to join the honorees, their families and guests at this gala event. Tax deductible, (excluding dinner costs) individual tickets are available for \$300 each. Tax-deductible corporate sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

For more information, contact Monet Quick-Smits, [mquicksmits@diabetes.org](mailto:mquicksmits@diabetes.org) or 714-662-7949 ext. 7472. Or visit the Father of the Year Website: [diabetes.org/orangecountyfoty](http://diabetes.org/orangecountyfoty)

### **About the Orange County Father's Day Council**

The Orange County chapter of the National Father's Day Council is a volunteer organization that annually honors individuals who exemplify outstanding commitment to children, family and community. The National Father's Day Council was established in 1931. It holds Father of the Year awards events in 20 cities across the nation.

### **About the American Diabetes Association**

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight to Stop Diabetes® and its deadly consequences and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Founded in 1940, our mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. For more information, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

## 2014 Father of the Year Honorees



**Kim Thompson**  
*Managing Partner*  
*Rutan & Tucker*

Mr. Thompson is the former Managing Partner at Rutan & Tucker and a partner in the Real Estate Department where he regularly advises clients in commercial real estate transactions. He was previously head of the Department.

His primary areas of real estate practice include commercial ground leases; acquisition, leasing, development and sale of all types of real estate projects including shopping centers (large-box and shop space), office buildings, residential developments, industrial buildings/projects and freestanding commercial real estate; tax deferred exchanges of real property and investment properties; environmental law and borrower representation in real estate loans.

Kim lives in Newport Beach with his wife Wendy. Mrs. Thompson is a highly regarded Speech Therapist. Their oldest son, Sean, is a senior at the University of Texas. Their youngest, Bryce, attends Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana.



**C. John Meagher**  
*Vice President / Division Manager*  
*Traylor Bros. Inc.*

Upon graduating from Oregon State in 1978, John Meagher headed straight to Riedel International and later General Construction Co. as a Project Manager on multiple state-side and overseas construction projects. John and his family eventually moved to Orange County CA where he currently manages Traylor Bros. Inc's National Heavy Civil division. John has been involved in numerous marquee heavy civil construction projects in his career and currently oversees Traylor's efforts on a large post-Katrina USACE pump station in New Orleans as well as the replacement of the Tappen Zee Bridge in New York. John is a member of ASCE, DFI as well as the Beaver's construction industry association. John has been a registered professional civil engineer in the State of California since 1982 and was recognized in 2011 as a Distinguished Engineer by his alma mater, Oregon State University.

John has been married to Shaun Roddy Meagher for 29 years and together they have a son Kevin in New York City, a daughter Annie in Nashville, TN and a son Michael attending UCSF.

John and Shaun enjoy travel and most anything involving the outdoors. They have been active participants in Segerstrom Center for the Arts, St. Simon and Jude and St Mary's by the Sea catholic churches as well as Servite and Cornelia Connelly Catholic High Schools. The entire family has been active for over 15 years with the Southern California non-profit Corazon ([Corazon.org](http://Corazon.org)) which supports community development in the poorer regions of Baja, Mexico. John currently serves as a lead

builder on their construction project and is the secretary on Corazon's Board of Directors.



**Chris Cox**  
*President / Partner*  
*Bingham Consulting LLC / Bingham McCutchen LLP*

Chris Cox is a Partner in the international law firm of Bingham McCutchen, and a member of the Corporate Practice Group, advising global companies on strategic issues, corporate governance, securities regulation and general business matters worldwide. He is also President of Bingham Consulting, with offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia, focused on issues where business, law, government, and policy intersect. Chris is a member of several for-profit and non-profit boards of directors.

In private practice prior to joining Bingham, Chris was a partner in the international law firm of Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles and Orange County, and a member of the firm's national management. In 1986 he left Latham to work as a White House counsel to President Ronald Reagan. During a 23-year Washington career, Chris was Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the fifth-ranking elected leader in the House.

He earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and his Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School, where he later taught corporate and individual income tax. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in an accelerated three-year program at the University of Southern California, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees.



**Chris Tooker**  
*President / CEO*  
*Trendzitions's Inc. / Chris Tooker Training / Tooker Vacation Properties*

Chris Tooker is the founder and creator of *Trendzitions* in 1986. *Trendzitions* is a commercial real estate project management firm that assists executives in the planning and implementation of their new facilities with less disruption, expense and downtime. *Trendzition's* approach to consulting and managing projects is unique and employs many proprietary methods that he has perfected. Chris has provided consulting and project management services to clients in 17 States and completed over 1,200 projects. Chris is also the founder of Chris Tooker Training and Tooker Vacation Properties.

Chris is involved in many different charities and currently serves on the Board for the Child Abuse Prevention Center for the past 6 years. He spent 5 years on the Board of the WisePlace along with serving as a Big Brother for 5 years. He has participated in several mission trips to Mexico with his kids, including two trips with Liga International (Doctors of Mercy). He is also involved in ministries through his home church at Saddleback.

Chris has been married to his wife Lori for 22 years and together they have a son, Riley, who is a freshman at Pepperdine University and a daughter, Traci, who is a junior at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine. Chris and Lori have lived in Foothill Ranch for 20 years.