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## **Christopher Hill**

Ambassador Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific Former Lead U.S. Negotiator for the Six Party talks with North Korea Naples Beach Hotel, Everglades Dining Room Friday, January 10, 2020



Ambassador Christopher R. Hill is currently the Chief Global Advisor and Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy at the University of Denver. Prior to this position, he was the Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University, a position he held from September 2010 to December 2017.

Ambassador Hill is a former career diplomat, a four-time ambassador, nominated by three presidents, whose last post was as Ambassador to Iraq, April 2009 to August 2010.

Prior to Iraq, Hill served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2005 until 2009, during which he was also the head of the U.S. delegation to the Six Party Talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. Earlier, he was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Previously he served as U.S. Ambassador to Poland (2000-2004), Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia (1996-1999) and Special Envoy to Kosovo (1998-1999). He also served as Special Assistant to the President and a Senior Director on the staff of the National Security Council, 1999-2000.

Ambassador Hill received the State Department's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions as a member of the U.S. negotiating team in the Bosnia peace settlement, and was a recipient of the Robert S. Frasure Award for Peace Negotiations for his work in the Kosovo crisis.

A graduate of Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, with a B.A. in Economics, he received a Master's degree from the Naval War College in 1994. He speaks Polish, Serbo-Croatian and Macedonian.

Guest Ticket Requests for January 10, 2020 Christopher Hill To place a request for one guest ticket please submit to <u>forumclub@theforumclub.org</u> If guest tickets are available, requests are processed in order of receipt

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**C. ROBERT KEHLER November 15, 2019** General (Ret.), USAF Commander, U.S. Strategic Command

PATRICK J. MICHAELS December 6, 2019 Director Carbon Dioxide Coalition

**CHRISTOPHER HILL January 10, 2020** Ambassador Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific

**FRANCIS ROONEY January 24, 2020** Congressman, Florida

**DANIEL FRANKLIN February 7, 2020** Executive and Diplomatic Editor The Economist

NEERA TANDEN February 21, 2020 and must be received by **Monday, January 6, 2020** They will be mailed by that date and you will be billed \$42, or notified if there is no space. **Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable** 

**Ambassador Francis Rooney** 

Congressman, Florida Naples Beach Hotel, River of Grass Dining Room Friday, January 24, 2020



Congressman Francis Rooney represents Florida's 19th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. In the 115th Congress, Rooney served as Vice-Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the Joint Economic Committee. In the 116th Congress, he served as ranking member of the Western hemisphere subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He is the Republican co-chair of the Climate Solutions Caucus and a member of bi-partisan Everglades and Estuary caucuses, which focus on restoring Florida's ecosystems. Rooney's top congressional priorities include extending the moratorium on offshore oil drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and fully funding the projects included in the Comprehensive

Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) to protect and restore the Lake Okeechobee watershed.

Rooney was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See from 2005 to 2008. He has served on numerous public and private boards including Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, the Advisory Board of the Panama Canal Authority and the Young Presidents' organization, for which he served as the International President in 1997-1998.

In 1984 Ambassador Rooney and his family started Rooney Holdings, Inc., a diversified group of companies including construction, real estate development, finance and electronic manufacturing. One of the subsidiaries is Manhattan Construction, which was founded in 1896 and is in its fifth generation of Rooney management. Significant projects include both Bush Presidential Libraries, the U. S. Capital Visitors' Center and the Dallas Cowboys football stadium.

He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Southwest Florida and have three children and two grandchildren.

Guest Ticket Requests for January 24, 2020 Honorable Francis Rooney

To place a request for one guest ticket please submit to <u>forumclub@theforumclub.org</u>.

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#### January 17, 2020

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#### **MENU**

The Club makes every effort to provide an interesting and varied menu during the season. Member comments are always appreciated. Please note that each table is provided with a menu card that lists ingredients for those with special dietary concerns. A limited number of fruit plates are prepared for members who are unable to eat the main course. Please speak with the wait staff at your table to make the request.

## FORUM CLUB SPEAKER SELECTION

The Program Committee's goal is to bring the best speakers to the Forum Club. The criteria for the speaker selection requires that each speaker have a reputation as an outstanding well-respected leader and role model in his/her area of expertise.

To offer program variety, speakers are selected from the government, corporate, financial, international, media, health care, technology, and other fields.

This year's Program Committee, chaired by President-Elect Sandy Randt, has begun its efforts to secure speakers for next season.

While the Forum Club provides for transportation and hotel expenses it does not offer its speakers honoraria. The Club encourages all members to assist in securing potential speakers with whom they have contact. If you have a suggestion of a potential speaker, please contact the Forum Club office or Program Committee Chair, Sandy Randt.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Forum Club's mission is to:

- Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, business, economics, finance, government, health, international relations, media and the arts, science and technology;
- Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards;
- Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County;
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