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February 2009



Speaker: Jeffrey R. Immelt – Chairman & C.E.O., General Electric Friday, February 13, 2009 Location: **River of Grass Ballroom**

Jeffrey R. Immelt is the ninth chairman of General Electric, a post he has held since September 7, 2001.

Mr. Immelt has held several global leadership positions since coming to GE in 1982, including roles in GE's Plastics, Appliance, and Medical businesses. In 1989, he became an officer of GE and joined the GE Capital Board in 1997. Subsequently, in 2000, Mr. Immelt was appointed president and chief executive officer.

Barron's three times has named Mr. Immelt one of the "World's Best C.E.O.'s." Since he began serving as chief executive officer, GE was named "America's Most Admired Company" in a poll conducted by Fortune magazine, and one of "The World's Most Respected Companies" in polls by Barron's and the Financial Times.

Mr. Immelt is a member of The Business Council and is on the board of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. He earned a B.A. degree in applied mathematics from Dartmouth College in 1978 and an M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1982. He and his wife, Andrea, have one daughter.



Speaker: On: Location: John Dau – Author, "God Grew Tired of Us," Lost Boys of Sudan Friday, February 20, 2009 **Everglades Dining Room**

One of the storied "Lost Boys of Sudan," John Dau is featured in Christopher Quinn's award-winning documentary, God Grew Tired of Us. Born in war-torn Sudan, Mr. Dau

is one of 27,000 boys driven from their villages when the northern Arab government attacked the ethnic minority population of Southern Sudan in 1987. For the next five years, he led groups of displaced boys across Sudan for hundreds of miles facing starvation, disease, and violence. In 1992, Mr. Dau was placed in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya where he learned the alphabet and how to count at the age of 17. In 2001, he was selected to immigrate to the United States and settled in Syracuse, New York.

Following his initial culture shock, Mr. Dau took on two jobs, earned an associate's degree and has become an American success story. Currently the president of the John Dau Sudan Foundation, he has founded three nonprofits and raised over \$700,000 to build a medical clinic in his home village. Mr. Dau co-authored his first book, God Grew Tired of Us: A Memoir, in 2007 and has received many prestigious awards including the National Geographic's Emerging Explorers award.

> 12:00 Noon Luncheon at The Naples Beach Hotel 12:45 p.m. Address by Speaker 1:15 p.m. Ouestions from the audience

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- Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards;
- Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County; and
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