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Karl Rove

Former Senior Advisor to President
George Bush

Monday, January 9, 2023

Hilton Naples

Karl Rove, an iconic political strategist and one of the most sought-after political brains of our time, is best known for his provocative and robust knowledge of the major

political issues of the day. Mr. Rove served as Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush from 2000–2007 and Deputy Chief of Staff from 2004–2007. At the White House he oversaw the Offices of Strategic Initiatives, Political Affairs, Public Liaison, and Intergovernmental Affairs and was Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, coordinating the White House policy-making process. Before Karl Rove became known as “The Architect” of President Bush’s 2000 and 2004 campaigns, he was president of Karl Rove + Company, an Austin-based public affairs firm that worked for Republican candidates, non-partisan causes, and non-profit groups. Today, Mr. Rove writes a weekly op-ed for the Wall Street Journal, is a Fox News contributor and is the author of the newly released book, *The Triumph of William McKinley: Why the Election of 1896 Still Matters*, and the New York Times Bestseller, *Courage and Consequence*.

**Due to constraints with the aftermath of
Hurricane Ian, no guest tickets will be
available on this date.**



Ginni Rometty

Former CEO, IBM

Friday, January 20, 2023

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort

Beginning her career with IBM in 1981, Virginia M. Rometty held a series of leadership positions across the company and led the successful integration of PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting, creating a global team of more than 100,000 business consultants and

services experts. She became Chairman President and CEO of IBM in 2012 and retired from the company on December 31, 2020. During

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her tenure she made bold changes to reposition IBM for the future, investing in high value segments of the IT market and optimizing the company's portfolio. Under Rometty's leadership, IBM built out key capabilities in hybrid cloud, security, quantum computing, industry expertise, and data and AI. IBM acquired 65 companies during Rometty's tenure as CEO, including Red Hat, the largest acquisition in the company's history. She reinvented more than 50 percent of IBM's portfolio, built a \$21 billion hybrid cloud business and established IBM's leadership in AI, quantum computing and blockchain.

Rometty also established IBM as the model of responsible stewardship in the digital age. She was the industry's leading voice on technology ethics and data stewardship, working relentlessly to safely usher new technologies into society. She enabled people of diverse backgrounds and education levels to participate in the digital economy by building talent, skills and opportunity for disadvantaged populations. She also helped to redefine the purpose of the corporation through her work with the Business Roundtable, expanding corporate commitments to include a wide range of stakeholders, from customers to communities.

She serves on the Board of Directors of JPMorgan Chase, the Board of Trustees of Northwestern University, where she is a Vice Chair, the Board of Trustees of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the Board of Trustees of the Brookings Institute, and the Council on Foreign Relations. Rometty is also a member of the Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management Advisory Board, the Singapore Economic Development Board International Advisory Council, and the BDT Capital Advisory Board.

Rometty has a Bachelor of Science degree with high honors in computer science and electrical engineering from Northwestern University, where she later was awarded an honorary degree. She also has honorary degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and North Carolina State University.

**Guest Ticket Request for January 20, 2023
Retired CEO of IBM, Ginni Rometty**

To place a request for one guest ticket, please submit to:
forumclub@theforumclub.org

If guest tickets are available,
requests are processed in order of receipt and must be received by
January 13, 2023

**They will be mailed by that date, and you will be billed for
\$90, or notified if there is no space.**

Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

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 Beth Wessel, 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, Beth Wessel.

2022-2023 SPEAKER PROGRAM

Kristi Noem
November 18, 2022
Governor of South Dakota

Michael Pompeo
December 9, 2022
Former Secretary of State

KARL ROVE
January 7, 2022
Former Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush

GINNI ROMETTY
January 20, 2023
Retired CEO, IBM

CHRIS CASSIDY
February 10, 2023
Astronaut, SEAL

LARRY P. ARNN, PH.D.
February 17, 2023
President, Hillsdale College

STEPHEN J. HEMSLEY
March 3, 2023
Non-Executive Chair of the Board, UnitedHealth Group Inc.

VINITA GUPTA
March 17, 2023
CEO, Lupin Pharmaceuticals

RICHARD K. DAVIS
March 31, 2023
CEO, Make-A-Wish Foundation

BRIAN LAMB
April 14, 2023
Chair of the Florida State University System Board of Governors
Northeast Segment Head, JP Morgan Chase & Co.

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.*
- *Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students*

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2000-2001

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