



# FORUM CLUB

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*Our forty-first season of  
prominent speaker programs*

## January 2026

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**Mary Dillon**  
**Former CEO**  
**Foot Locker**  
*Friday, Jan. 9, 2026*  
**Hilton Naples**

Mary Dillon, a seasoned business leader with over four decades of experience in retail and consumer industries, is known for her values-based & consumer-centric leadership approach, ability to cultivate aligned teams, and her emphasis on workplace cultures that uplift the contributions and insights of team members at all levels.

Mary is one of only three women to have led two Fortune 500 companies, having served as CEO and Board Director at Foot Locker, Inc. and Ulta Beauty. Previously, she was President and CEO of US Cellular, Global CMO at McDonald's Corporation, and President of Quaker Foods at PepsiCo.

Mary is on the Board of Directors at KKR & Co. Inc., a global investment company.

Recently, Save the Children US Board of Trustees has selected Mary as the next Chair of the Board, effective February 2026. Having previously served on the board from 2016-2023, Mary is inspired to work with Save the Children to advance health, education and protection for children in the United States and around the world.

Mary holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and Asian studies from the University of Illinois in Chicago. She and her husband Terry have four children and one grandchild. As a family, they enjoy adventure travel, tennis and pickleball.

**This season, we kindly ask all members to RSVP for each luncheon.  
You only need to RSVP once per event. If your plans change, please**

Roy Kapani  
John J. Lawson  
Mary Morton  
Scott O'Dell  
Mark Schwartz  
Jeanne Seewald  
Jay B. Stephens  
Deborah A. Stewart  
Robert Stucker  
Gary L. Tice  
Joanne S. Wyss

contact the Forum Club office by phone or email to update your reservation.

**RSVP HERE**

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**GUEST TICKET REQUEST**  
**for January 9, 2026**  
**Mary Dillon**

If guest tickets are available, requests are processed in order of receipt and must be received by  
**December 30, 2025**

**They will be mailed by that date, and you will be billed for \$85, or  
notified if there is no space.  
Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.**

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**SUBMITTING REGRETS**  
**for January 9, 2026**  
**Mary Dillon**

If you cannot attend and no one will use your ticket, please email your regret to [forumclub@theforumclub.org](mailto:forumclub@theforumclub.org).

You may regret until 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 2, 2026, to receive a \$65 refund at the end of the season. Your regret will help us to have an accurate count for attendance.

**STUDENT GUESTS - DECEMBER 5, 2025**



**Dennis Chornenky**  
CEO, Dome Labs AI

**Lorenzo Walker Institute of  
Technology**

Jason Alfaro-Martinez  
Delainey Anderson  
Kesley Chimilio  
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**Ron Ciesla**



## **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 request.

## **FORUM CLUB SPEAKER SELECTION**

The Program Committee's goals 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, media, health care, technology, and other fields.

This year's Program Committee chaired by Ronald D. Riner, M.D., has begun it's 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 Ronald D. Riner, M.D.

**2025-2026**

### **SPEAKER PROGRAM**

#### **R DONAHUE PEEBLES**

**November 13, 2025**

Chairman & CEO, The Peebles Corporation

#### **DENNIS CHORNENKY**

**December 5, 2025**

Founder & CEO, Domelabs AI

#### **MARY DILLON**

**January 9, 2026**

Former CEO, Foot Locker

#### **STEPHEN SQUERI**

**February 23, 2026**

CEO, American Express

#### **AMBASSADOR KEVIN RUDD**

**March 6, 2026**

Australian Ambassador to USA &  
Prime Minister of Australia

#### **JONATHAN TURLEY**

**March 16, 2026**

**CHARLIE BAKER****February 2, 2026**

President, NCAA

**EVAN GREENBERG****February 11, 2026**

CEO, Chubb Limited/Chubb Group

Attorney &amp; Legal Scholar

**DR. MUNG CHIANG****March 23, 2026**

President, Purdue University

**ELLEN STOFAN, PhD****April 10, 2026**

Under Secretary of Science &amp; Research

The Smithsonian Institution

# 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*

# PAST PRESIDENTS

Francis S. Rooney 2024-2025	Ulla Norris 2010-2011	Raymond Mueller* 1996-1997
Elizabeth K. Wessel 2023-2024	Wade F. Keller 2009-2010	Donald J. York* 1995
Edward M. Liddy 2022-2023	Alan M. Horton 2008-2009	John M. Passidomo* 1994
Susan S. Jones 2021-2022	Malcolm B. Chancey Jr. 2007-2008	William C. Sinclair* 1993
Clark T. Randt, Jr. 2020-2021	W. Wallace Abbott* 2006-2007	Joe B. Cox 1992
Joseph G. Fogg, III 2019-2020	Carl J. Kuehner 2005-2006	John T. Duffner* 1991
Verne G. Istock 2018-2019	Richard I. Wilson* 2004-2005	Alan R. Korest* 1990
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Thomas A. Bringardner  
2012-2013

Carol E. Girardin  
1998-1999

William S. Gentry\*  
Founder

David A. Rismiller\*  
2011-2012

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1997-1998

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