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### **Honorable Ron DeSantis**

*Governor, Florida*

*Naples Beach Hotel, River of Grass Dining Room*

*Friday, March 6, 2020*



Ronald "Ron" Dion DeSantis is the 46th governor of Florida since 2019, and he represented Florida's 6th congressional district in Congress for 2013 to 2018. A native of Florida, born in Jacksonville, he graduated from Dunedin High School and went on to attend Yale University graduating with a B.A. in history in 2001. He then joined the Darlington School serving on the Upper School history department. Following that he attended Harvard Law School, receiving his J.D. in 2005.

DeSantis received his Reserve Naval officer's commission and assignment to the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) in 2004 at the Naval Reserve Center in Dallas, Texas, while a student at Harvard Law School. He completed U.S. Naval Justice School in 2005 and then received orders to the Trial Service Office Command South East at the Naval Station Mayport, Florida, as a JAG prosecutor. In 2006, he was promoted from lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant. He worked for the commander of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, working directly with the Guantanamo Bay Joint Detention Center. In 2001, DeSantis reported to the Naval Special Warfare Command Group in Coronado, California, where he was assigned to SEAL Team One and deployed to Iraq with the troop surge as the legal advisor to the SEAL Commander, Special Operations Task Force-West in Fallujah. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

At 41, DeSantis is the youngest incumbent governor of a U.S. state. Following his inauguration DeSantis sought to increase bipartisanship within the state legislature and implement various reforms in regards to the environment, drug policy and the state budget. He allocated \$2.5 billion for water resource projects including \$360 million for Everglades' projects.

He and his wife, Casey, live with their children in Tallahassee.

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### **Guest Ticket Requests for March 6, 2020**

#### **Ron DeSantis**

To place a request for one guest ticket please submit to

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

**February 28, 2020**

They will be mailed by that date and you will be billed \$42, or notified if there is no space.

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## 2019-2020 SPEAKER PROGRAM

### C. ROBERT KEHLER

November 15, 2019  
General (Ret.), USAF  
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Command

### PATRICK J. MICHAELS

December 6, 2019  
Director  
Carbon Dioxide Coalition

### CHRISTOPHER HILL

January 10, 2020  
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### FRANCIS ROONEY

January 24, 2020  
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### RON DESANTIS

March 6, 2020  
Governor, Florida

### RICK SCOTT

March 20, 2020  
Senator, Florida

### LARRY MERLO

April 3, 2020  
President and CEO  
CVS Health

### JAMES GORMAN

April 17, 2020

### Honorable Rick Scott

Senator, Florida  
Naples Beach Hotel, River of Grass Dining Room  
Friday, March 20, 2020



Rick Scott was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018 and is currently serving his first term representing the state of Florida. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Rick Scott served two terms as the 45th Governor of Florida, working every day to turn around Florida's economy and secure the state's future as the best place for families and businesses to succeed. Scott grew up in public housing in the Midwest as his adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver, and his mother, a store clerk, struggled to financially support

their family. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Ann, Scott joined the Navy, where he served active duty as a radar man aboard the USS Glover. He used the G.I. Bill to attend the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and eventually opened his first business - a donut shop. Scott went on to run the world's largest healthcare company and continues to fight every day so families across the state can have the same opportunities he had to live the American dream.

Rick Scott knows firsthand that a good paying job is one of the most important things for a family, and following Florida's economic collapse ten years ago, he made the decision to run for governor as a businessman with no political experience. During his term as Governor, he successfully championed more than \$10 billion in tax cuts and cut thousands of burdensome regulations that led Florida businesses to create nearly 1.7 million new jobs. Under his leadership, the unemployment rate dropped from 11 percent to 3.3 percent, Florida paid down \$10 billion in state debt, and record investments were made in what matters most to Floridians - education, the environment, and public safety.

Rick Scott and his wife, Ann, have been married for 47 years and have two daughters, Allison and Jordan, and six grandsons, Auguste, Quinton, Sebastian, Eli, Louie and Jude.

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#### Rick Scott

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**March 13, 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;*
- *Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students.*

## PAST PRESIDENTS

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