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*Our twenty-ninth season of prominent speaker programs*

*April 2014*

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## Steven A. Kandarian

*Chairman, CEO and President  
MetLife, Inc.*

*Naples Beach Hotel, Everglades Dining Room  
Friday, April 4, 2014*



Steven A. Kandarian is chairman, CEO and president of MetLife, Inc., a leading provider of insurance, annuities and employee benefit programs to 90 million customers worldwide. He became president and CEO on May 1, 2011 and chairman of the board of directors on January 1, 2012. For 2011, MetLife had \$70.3 billion in revenue and ranks 34th on the FORTUNE 500®.

Kandarian joined MetLife in April 2005 as executive vice president and chief investment officer (CIO). Since 2007, he has also overseen MetLife's enterprise-wide strategy, which identified key areas of focus for the company. Specifically, his direction contributed to MetLife's recent global expansion and led to significant cost savings as well as efforts to address the insurance needs of the underserved U.S. middle market.

As CIO, Kandarian oversaw the company's more than \$450 billion general account portfolio and led a number of initiatives that strengthened the portfolio and contributed to MetLife's bottom line. He enhanced the company's focus on effective risk management and diversified MetLife's investment portfolio, in part through the \$5.4 billion sale of Peter Cooper Village/Stuyvesant Town in 2006. Under Kandarian's leadership, MetLife identified the housing bubble early and reduced its exposure to sub-prime mortgage-backed securities, raised the overall quality of its corporate credit portfolio, and increased its focus on low loan-to-value commercial and agricultural mortgages. His efforts helped MetLife emerge from the 2008 credit crisis with the financial strength to complete the company's \$16 billion purchase of Alico.

From 2001 to 2004, Kandarian was executive director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). During his tenure, he made the public case for comprehensive reform of the pension funding rules to put the defined benefit system and the PBGC on a sound financial footing, helping to lay the groundwork for the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

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**1990**

Previously, Kandarian was founder and managing partner of Orion Partners, LP, a private equity firm based in the Boston area. Earlier he was managing director of Lee Capital Holdings. Kandarian began his career as an investment banker with Houston-based Rotan Mosle, Inc.

Kandarian is a board member of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation and a member of the Economic Club of New York and the Financial Services Forum. He earned his B.A. from Clark University, J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

### Guest Ticket Requests for April 4, 2014

**Steven A. Kandarian**

To place a request for one guest ticket please submit to [forumclub@theforumclub.org](mailto:forumclub@theforumclub.org)

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

**March 28th**

They will be mailed by that date and you will be billed \$40,  
 or notified if there is no space.

**Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable**

### STUDENT GUEST PHOTOS



Students from Everglades High School attended the luncheon on January 10, 2014 with General Kevin Chilton and were sponsored by Patricia A. Stratton

Tom Shea  
1989

Corbin A. Wyant  
1988

Robert D. Stakich\*  
1987

Brenda C. Wilson  
1986

Leonard F. Llewellyn\*  
1985

William S. Gentry\*  
Founder

\* deceased

## 2013-2014 SPEAKER PROGRAM

**LLOYD C.  
BLANKFEIN**  
November 15, 2013  
Chairman & CEO  
The Goldman Sachs  
Group

**MARK SULLIVAN**  
December 6, 2013  
Former Director  
U.S. Secret Service

**GENERAL KEVIN  
CHILTON**  
January 10, 2014  
USAF (ret)  
NASA Astronaut

**MICHAEL BARONE**  
January 24, 2014  
Senior Political Analyst  
*Washington Examiner*

**ESTHER GEORGE**  
February 7, 2014  
President & CEO  
Federal Reserve Bank of  
Kansas City

**AMBASSADOR  
CLARK T. RANDT JR.**  
February 14, 2014  
Ambassador to the  
People's Republic of  
China

**BRUCE RIEDEL**  
February 21, 2014  
Senior Fellow  
Brookings Institute



Students from Seacrest Country Day School attended the luncheon on January 24, 2014 with Michael D. Barone and were sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson.

## NAPLES DAILY NEWS SPONSORSHIP

William S. Gentry, Marco Island Bureau Chief for the *Naples Daily News*, and other community leaders organized a club to present prominent and well informed speakers to the growing number of retired executives in the Naples area. The Forum Club of Southwest Florida began in 1985.

In 1988, Bill Gentry again had the foresight to invite students from each area high school to luncheon meetings as guests of a sponsoring Club member.

In 1992, as a tribute to the accomplishments of the founder of the Club and its first executive director, after his death the Board of Directors established the William S. Gentry Student Scholarship Award that is presented each year to one senior from each Collier County high school.

The *Naples Daily News* has been proud to sponsor the students and their administrators for lunch since the inception of the award.

## 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,

**DENNIS M. NALLY**  
**March 7, 2014**  
Chairman  
Pricewaterhouse Coopers,  
Int'l

**NEAL PATTERSON**  
**March 21 2014**  
Chairman, CEO &  
President  
Cerner Corporation

**STEVEN A.  
KANDARIAN**  
**April 4, 2014**  
Chairman, CEO and  
President  
MetLife, Inc.

*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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