

Twenty-third season

February 2008



Speaker: Ambassador Richard M. Fairbanks – Counselor, Center for Strategic and International Studies
On: Friday, February 8, 2008
Location: River of Grass Ballroom

Ambassador Richard M. Fairbanks joined the Center for Strategic and International Studies in 1992 as senior counsel and assumed the role of managing director for domestic and international issues in 1994. Ambassador Fairbanks was named president and C.E.O. in 1999 and counselor in 2000. The Ambassador's government service includes appointments as ambassador-at-large under President Reagan, chief U.S. negotiator for the Middle East peace process and assistant secretary of state for congressional relations. He has also served as associate director of the White House Domestic Council, adjunct professor of environmental law at Georgetown University, special assistant to the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and founding partner of the Washington law firm Ruckelshaus, Beveridge and Fairbanks.

Ambassador Fairbanks

From 1986 to 1993, Ambassador Fairbanks was president of the U.S. National Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council and was the international chair of the organization during 1991 and 1992. The Ambassador currently serves on the executive committee of the U.S. Asia Pacific Council, is a member of the boards of directors of SEACOR Holdings and GATX Incorporated as well as the Council on Foreign Relations and the Council of American Ambassadors. He is chairman of the board and founder of Loyalina Productions, Inc. and Americans for Generational Equity. He received an A.B. from Yale University and a J.D. *magna cum laude* from Columbia University School of Law.



Speaker: Admiral James O. Ellis Jr. – Commander (Retired), United States Strategic Command and Chairman, President & C.E.O., Institute of Nuclear Power Operations
On: Friday, February 22, 2008
Location: Everglades Dining Room

Admiral James O. Ellis Jr. was elected president and C.E.O. of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operation (INPO) in 2005. INPO, which is sponsored by the commercial nuclear industry, is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the highest levels of safety and reliability, to promote excellence in the operation of nuclear electric generating plants. In 2004, Admiral Ellis completed a distinguished 39-year Navy career as Commander of the United States Strategic Command. In this role, he was responsible for the global command and control of United States strategic and space forces, reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense.

Admiral Ellis

A 1969 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Admiral Ellis was designated a Naval aviator in 1971. His service as a Navy fighter pilot included tours with two fighter squadrons, and assignment as commanding officer of an F/A-18 strike/fighter squadron. In 1991, he assumed command of the USS Abraham Lincoln, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier. After selection to Rear Admiral, in 1996 he served as a carrier battle group commander leading contingency response operations in the Taiwan Straits. His shore assignments included senior military staff tours directing operations for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy, and Operations). He also served as Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe and Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe during a time of historic NATO expansion and led United States and NATO forces in combat and humanitarian operations during the 1999 Kosovo crisis.

Mr. Ellis holds a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and, in 2005, was inducted into the school's Engineering Hall of Fame. He also has a master's degree in aeronautical systems from the University of West Florida. He completed United States Navy Nuclear Power Training and was qualified in the operation and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants. He is a graduate of the Navy Test Pilot School, the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) and the Senior Officer Program in National Security Strategy at Harvard University. His personal awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (three awards), Navy Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and the Navy Commendation Medal, as well as numerous campaign and service awards. He was presented the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the Star of Merit and Honor from the Greek Ministry of Defense and the Joint Forces Medal of Honor and the Grand Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. Mr. Ellis currently serves on the board of directors of Lockheed Martin, Level 3 Communications, and Inmarsat PLC. In December 2005, he was appointed by the President to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and was a member of the Military Advisory Panel to the Iraq Study Group.

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

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- Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, 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; and
- Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students.

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 criterion 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.

The 2008-2009 Program Committee, chaired by President-Elect Alan Horton, has begun its efforts to secure speakers for the 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 Alan Horton.

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