

Twenty Fourth Season

January 2009



Speaker: **Michael K. Farr – CNBC Commentator**
On: **Friday, January 23, 2009**
Location: **Everglades Dining Room**

Michael K. Farr is president and majority owner of Farr, Miller & Washington, LLC. He is chairman of the Investment Committee and is responsible for overseeing the daily activities of the firm. Under his leadership, the firm has grown to over \$500 million in assets, and has enjoyed performance ranked among the top firms in the country. Previously, Mr. Farr spent six years with Alex Brown & Sons, where he was a principal.

Mr. Farr can be heard on *The Associated Press* and National Public Radio, and is quoted regularly in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *The Washington Post*, *BusinessWeek*, *USA Today*, and many other publications. He was a long time recurring panelist on PBS' *Wall Street Week*. Mr. Farr is also a recurring commentator and guest host for *CNN*, *CNBC*, *Bloomberg*, *Reuters*, and the *Nightly Business Report* as well as a regular guest host on *CNBC's Squawk Box*. He is a member of the Economic Club of Washington, the Young President's Organization, and the Washington Association of Money Managers. Mr. Farr is also the author of "A Million Is Not Enough."

Mr. Farr serves on the Board of Trustees at Sibley Hospital and is the chairman of their foundation. He is the former vice chairman of the board of the Salvation Army; a former member of the board of trustees of Ford's Theater; former chairman of the board of the Nation's Capitol Progress Foundation and the Paul Berry Academic Scholarship Foundation, as well as a member of the board of the Neediest Kids. He is a graduate of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Mr. Farr is married and has two children.



Speaker: **General John Abizaid, U.S. Army, ret. – Commander, U.S. Central Command**
On: **Friday, January 30, 2009**
Location: **Everglades Dining Room**

John P. Abizaid retired from the United States Army in May 2007 after thirty-four years of active service. After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, General Abizaid rose from infantry platoon leader to become, at that time, the youngest four-star general in the Army.

At the time of his retirement, the General was the longest-serving commander of the United States Central Command. He commanded units at every level, serving in the combat zones of Grenada, Lebanon, Kurdistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. Units under General Abizaid's command have included the 1st Infantry Division, a brigade in the 82nd Airborne Division, and two Ranger companies. The General has worked on the Joint Staff three times, the last as Director. He studied at the University of Jordan in Amman, holds a master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University, and is widely considered to be an expert in the field of Middle Eastern affairs. As such, General Abizaid was one of the first to recognize the protracted nature of the ongoing conflict against religious-inspired extremists, which he has termed "The Long War."

General Abizaid was recently named the first Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He works with the Preventative Defense Project at Stanford University and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. General Abizaid currently serves as a Director of the George Olmsted Foundation and USAA. He and his wife, Kathy, are residents of Gardnerville, Nevada.

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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The Forum Club's mission is to:

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- 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 & 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.

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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 2009-2010 Program Committee, chaired by President-Elect Wade Keller, 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, Wade Keller.

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