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James R. Young

Speaker: Mr. James R. Young – Chairman, President & C.E.O., Union Pacific Corporation
On: Friday, March 7, 2008
Location: River of Grass Ballroom

Mr. James R. Young is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Union Pacific Corporation. Mr. Young was elected chairman in 2007, and president and chief executive officer in 2005. Prior to these appointments, he was president and chief operating officer of Union Pacific Railroad, a position he was elected to in 2004, and was elected a director of Union Pacific Corporation in 2005.

Mr. Young began his railroad career with Union Pacific in 1978 and has held a variety of management positions. In 1995, he was named vice president, Re-engineering and Design, and in 1997, vice president, Customer Service Planning and Quality. He was named senior vice president and corporate treasurer of Union Pacific Corporation in 1998, senior vice president, Finance and corporate controller in 1999, and chief financial officer of Union Pacific Corporation in December 1999.

Mr. Young serves as chairman of the board of Joslyn Art Museum and is on the boards of Creighton University, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Grupo Ferroviario Mexicano, and the Association of American Railroads. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He and his wife, Shirley, have three children and one grandchild.



Bill Plante

Speaker: Mr. Bill Plante – “CBS News” White House correspondent
On: Friday, March 21, 2008
Location: Everglades Dining Room

Mr. Bill Plante was a “CBS News” White House correspondent during the administrations of Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. During the administration of the first President Bush, Mr. Plante was the State Department correspondent for “CBS News”. His reports are seen regularly on “The Early Show,” where he is Senior White House Correspondent, and the “CBS Evening News” with Katie Couric.

During the Reagan presidency, Mr. Plante covered the President’s activities and major overseas trips, including the historic summit meeting in Moscow with Mikhail Gorbachev. He was part of the “CBS News” team that received a 1986 Emmy Award for coverage of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit at Reykjavik, Iceland. He also covered President Reagan’s 1984 re-election campaign and was part of the “CBS News” team that won an Emmy Award for its coverage. He has been based in the “CBS News” Washington bureau since 1976 and has covered every presidential campaign since 1968.

At the State Department, Mr. Plante covered Secretary of State James Baker’s trips to the Middle East, both before and after the Gulf War; the changing U.S.-Soviet relationship during that period; and the 1991 Middle East peace talks, among many others. He also served as anchor of the “CBS Sunday Night News” from 1988-1995. He covered the fall of Skylab and Pope John Paul II’s visit to the United States, both in 1979. Earlier that year, following the Shah’s departure from Iran, Mr. Plante reported on the revolution in that country and was one of two American journalists to cover a revolutionary trial in Teheran. He was the reporter on a 1977 five-part series examining America’s criminal justice system for the “CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite”. Mr. Plante joined “CBS News” in June 1964 as a New York-based reporter/assignment editor, then served as a correspondent in the Chicago bureau from 1966-1976. During that time, he served two of his four tours of duty in Vietnam, reporting on the bombing strikes over North Vietnam, the Vietnamization and pacification programs in the south and the fall of the governments in Vietnam and Cambodia. Mr. Plante also covered the civil rights movement in Mississippi and Alabama, including Dr. Martin Luther King’s historic march from Selma to Montgomery Alabama.

Mr. Plante has received many major broadcast journalism awards. In addition to Emmy Awards for his coverage of the death of Princess Diana, the Reagan-Gorbachev summit and Reagan’s 1984 re-election campaign, he won an Emmy for his investigative report on the U.S.-Soviet wheat deal broadcast on the “CBS Evening News” (1972). Mr. Plante graduated from Loyola University in 1959 with a B.A., and he studied political science at Columbia University. He and his wife, Robin Smith, an award-winning independent documentary producer, live in Washington, D.C., and have six sons.

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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- 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.

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Students from Naples High and Golden Gate High Schools attended the February 8th luncheon and were sponsored by John Hooley and Ray Eshelman.

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