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David M. Rubenstein
Co-Founder & Co-Chairman
The Carlyle Group
Friday, March 8, 2024
**Naples Grande Beach
Resort**

David M. Rubenstein is Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest and most successful private investment firms. Established in 1987, Carlyle now manages \$381

billion from 29 offices around the world.

Rubenstein is Chairman of the Boards of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Gallery of Art, the Economic Club of Washington, and the University of Chicago; a Trustee of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine, the Institute for Advanced Study, the National Constitution Center, the Brookings Institution, and the World Economic Forum; and a Director of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, among other board seats.

Rubenstein is a leader in the area of Patriotic Philanthropy, having made transformative gifts for the restoration or repair of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Monticello, Montpelier, Mount Vernon, Arlington House, Iwo Jima Memorial, the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, the National Archives, the National Zoo, the Library of Congress, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Rubenstein is an original signer of The Giving Pledge; the host of *The David Rubenstein Show*, *Bloomberg Wealth with David Rubenstein*, and *Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein*; and the author of *The American Story*, *How to Lead*, *The American Experiment*, and *How to Invest*.

Guest Ticket Request for March 8, 2024
Co-Founder & Co-Chairman, The Carlyle Group
David Rubenstein

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Friday, March 1, 2024
They will be mailed by that date, and you will be billed for \$90, or notified if there is no space.
Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.



David Beasley

Former Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme

Friday, March 22, 2024

Hilton Naples

David Beasley, a former Governor of South Carolina, recently served as the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP), having been nominated by two president's administrations of two different parties and appointed to that role initially in 2017 by the UN Secretary-General of the United Nations

and served until April, 2023.

Under Beasley's leadership, WFP was the largest humanitarian organization in the world, assisting over 160 million people in 2022 alone and raised over \$55 billion USD. In 2020, Beasley received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of WFP for its efforts to provide food assistance in conflict areas and to prevent food from being used as a weapon of war and conflict.

In his acceptance speech, delivered in Oslo on December 10, 2021, Beasley stated that "Working with 115 million people in 80 countries, day-in and day-out, the women and men of WFP have gained a unique perspective. We have learned that there is great richness in those who are seen, in the eyes of the world, as "the poor." And many of us who are considered "rich" are actually poor in the things that matter most."

Beasley also received the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award for his stand on the Confederate Flag as well as many other awards. He majored in Microbiology at Clemson University and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of South Carolina. Beasley also was a Fellow and taught at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. He is married to the former Mary Wood Payne and is the father of four children and three grandchildren.

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Executive Director
of the United Nations World Food Programme
David Beasley

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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.

February 16, 2024
General William Barr
Former United States Attorney General



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**2023-2024
SPEAKER PROGRAM**

GENERAL JOHN W. RAYMOND

November 17, 2023

U.S. Space Force

JESSICA BUCHANAN

December 8, 2023

NGO worker rescued by Seal Team 6

CHRIS KEMPCZINSKI

January 12, 2024

President & CEO, McDonald's Corporation

MICHAEL SCHWIMER

January 26, 2024

President & CEO, Big League Advantage

WILLIAM BARR

February 16, 2024

Former United States Attorney General

GENERAL KEITH B. ALEXANDER

February 23, 2024

Director NSA, Cmdr. U.S. Cyber Command

DAVID RUBENSTEIN

March 8, 2024

Co-Founder & Co-Chairman, The Carlyle Group

DAVID BEASLEY

March 22, 2024

Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme

REINHOLD SCHMIEDING

April 5, 2024

Founder & CEO, Arthrex

BEN SASSE

April 12, 2024

President, University of Florida & Former Senator, Nebraska

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*

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