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### Gianrico Farrugia, M.D.

CEO & President

Mayo Clinic

*Friday, March 7, 2025*

**Hilton Naples**



Gianrico Farrugia, M.D., runs a National Institute of Health (NIH)-funded translational laboratory focusing on the enteric neurosciences. The laboratory is part of the Enteric Neuroscience Program at Mayo Clinic, of which Dr. Farrugia is director. His laboratory studies gastrointestinal smooth muscle, pacemaker cells of the gastrointestinal tract known as interstitial cells of Cajal, and enteric nerves.

The aim of Dr. Farrugia's work is to understand at a cellular, subcellular and molecular level how the normal functions of the gastrointestinal tract determine the defects that result in diseases such as diabetic gastroparesis, slow transit constipation and irritable bowel syndrome. Dr. Farrugia hopes to develop new strategies to treat these diseases by developing targeted disease-modifying agents, by using a variety of state-of-the-art techniques, including high-resolution imaging, ion channel activity recording and next-generation sequencing, and by creating cellular and tissue models of disease.



### General Timothy Ray

USAF Retired, Commander,  
Global Strike Command

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

**Hilton Naples**

Gen. Timothy M. Ray is Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command and Commander, Air Forces Strategic-Air, U.S. Strategic Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. AFGSC provides strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support to USSTRATCOM and other geographic combatant

commands. The command is comprised of more than 33,700 professionals operating at two Numbered Air Forces; 11 active-duty,

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Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve wings; and the Joint Global Strike Operations Center. Weapons systems assigned to AFGSC include all U.S. Air Force intercontinental ballistic missiles and bomber aircraft; UH-1N helicopters, E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft, and the remaining U.S. Air Force NC3 weapons system.

Gen. Ray earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1985. He completed undergraduate pilot training and has held operational flying assignments in the T-38 and B-52, serving as an instructor, evaluator pilot and squadron commander. He has also flown the B-1 and commanded the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Gen. Ray had various staff assignments at the major command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and combatant command levels, as well as serving as Commanding General, NATO Air Training Command-Afghanistan, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan and Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Prior to his current assignment, Gen. Ray served as the Deputy Commander, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

## **GUEST TICKET REQUEST**

**for March 18, 2025**

**General Timothy Ray**

To place a request for one guest ticket, please submit to:

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

**March 11, 2025**

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## **SUBMITTING REGRETS**

**for March 18, 2025**

**General Timothy Ray**

If you cannot attend and no one will use your ticket, please email your regret to **[forumclub@theforumclub.org](mailto:forumclub@theforumclub.org)**.

You may regret until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2025, to receive a \$65 refund at the end of the season. Your regret will help us to have an accurate count for attendance.



**Carol Tomé**

CEO, UPS

*Friday, March 28, 2025*

**Hilton Naples**

Carol B. Tomé is the Chief Executive Officer of UPS. She is the 12th CEO in the 117-year history of the company.

Before joining UPS, Carol served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Home Depot, Inc., one of the world's largest retailers. She

joined the company in 1995 as Vice President and Treasurer.

Carol began her career as a commercial lender with United Bank of Denver (now Wells Fargo) and then spent several years as Director of Banking for Johns-Mansville Corporation. Prior to joining The Home Depot, Carol was Vice President and Treasurer of Riverwood International Corporation.

Carol serves on the board of directors for Verizon Communications, Inc., the Atlanta Committee for Progress and Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation, on the board of councilors for the Carter Center, and on the board of trustees for the Atlanta Botanical Garden. She is also a member of The Committee of 200, The Buckhead Coalition, and The Business Council.

A native of Jackson, Wyoming, Carol holds a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Wyoming and a master's degree in finance from the University of Denver.

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**March 21, 2025**

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**February 7, 2025**  
**Mason Classical Academy**  
*Sponsored by Rusty Troth*



**February 7, 2025**  
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**February 21, 2025**  
**First Baptist Academy**  
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**February 21, 2025**  
**Lely High School**  
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**GOVERNOR GLENN YOUNGKIN**

**November 15, 2024**

Governor, Virginia

**MICHAEL PILLSBURY**

**December 6, 2024**

Senior Fellow, Heritage Foundation, China

**J.B. MILLIKEN**

**January 17, 2025**

Chancellor of The University of Texas

**RICHARD N. BARTON**

**January 31, 2025**

Cofounder and CEO, Zillow Group

Founder, Expedia

**MARIA SNEGOVAYA, Ph.D.**

**February 7, 2025**

Senior Fellow, Europe, Russia and Eurasia

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

**GENERAL BRYAN FENTON**

**February 21, 2025**

Cmdr., U.S. Special Ops. Command

**GIANRICO FARRUGIA, M.D.**

**March 7, 2025**

President & CEO Mayo Clinic

**GENERAL TIMOTHY RAY**

**March 18, 2025**

USAF Retired, Commander, Global Strike Command

**CAROL TOMÉ**

**March 28, 2025**

CEO, UPS

**JAMES D. FARLEY**

**April 10, 2025**

President & CEO, Ford Motor Company

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The Forum Club's mission is to:

- *Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields*

- 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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