THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF CHICAGO
I am honored to be installed as the new chair of The Economic Club of Chicago in the same year as the Club’s 90th anniversary. The stability and success of the Club for the past nine decades is a true testament to the power of great people and ideas.

When The Economic Club of Chicago was founded in 1927, its goal was to bring Chicago area executives together with future leaders to discuss civic ideals. Since then, the Club has cultivated meaningful conversations about the social, political, and economic issues in our society. Today, during a time where civil discourse is in short supply, our mission is even more essential as the Club provides a safe space for the curious and conscientious to come together.

The ECC is unique in its ability to challenge and engage our membership purposefully. Our programs encourage diverse opinions and unique perspectives amongst an array of disciplines. To that end, we have been continually inspired by some of the most influential leaders and innovators of our day.

It is an exhilarating time to serve as chair of The Economic Club of Chicago and our extraordinary members fuel my enthusiasm for all that lies ahead.

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MELLODY HOBSON
Chair
The Economic Club of Chicago
The Economic Club of Chicago’s membership is a curated composition of business and civic leaders that reflects the diverse leadership of the city. With over 2,000 members across 38 industries, the Club convenes thought leaders with varying perspectives to consider the public responsibility inherent to their roles in the city. This underscores the ECC mission to, “foster meaningful connections among Chicago leaders to encourage dialogue on important economic and social issues and to cultivate the next generation of civic leadership.”

A key pillar of our membership is this demonstrated commitment to civic engagement, a trait that sets the Chicago business community apart. Additionally, two thirds of our members are C-suite executives, representing the top leaders of their respective fields.

After five years serving as the Club’s president and chief executive officer, I can attest to the vitality of our organization and our members’ consistent appeal for programs that will challenge and educate. The Club itself could not function without the contribution of its members, who donate their time to various committees. And perhaps most significantly, our members continue to cultivate a community of thinkers and innovators who will impart the Club’s vision to the next generation of Chicago leaders.

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DONNA F. ZARCOME
President and CEO
The Economic Club of Chicago
In August of 2016, the Club moved to 33 N Dearborn Street, Suite 1700. In this new space, the Club has the opportunity to host numerous members for committee meetings, and will continue to explore new ways of utilizing the space for the benefit of our members. The office move was made possible thanks to the generous work of AmTrust Realty Corporation, Cushman & Wakefield, Environmental System Design (esd), Forward Space, Galambos + Associates, Gensler, Reed Construction, Sidley Austin LLP and SpaceLogik LLC.
# Program Offerings

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RECENTLY AT ECC

09/09 Roundtable featuring Maya MacGuineas
The head of the Fix the Debt Campaign communicated the significance of the federal deficit.

09/14 Discussion Series
Alexander Hamilton
The annual Aspen series centered on the controversial founding father.

11/07 Leadership Dinners
Dinners hosted around the city discussed the future direction of the Club.

12/14 Dinner Meeting featuring Dean Kamen
The inventor discussed innovation, technology and STEM education.

09/01 ECC moves to 33 N. Dearborn

10/06 Roundtable featuring Wendy Sherman
The former Under Secretary of State gave remarks on global politics.

10/24 Dinner Meeting featuring Oscar Munoz
The new CEO of United shared personal and professional perspectives.

10/28 Young Leadership Forum featuring Parag Khanna
A presentation to Young Leaders on the development of megaregions and connectivity.

11/12 ECC Open House
The Club opened its new office space to members for the afternoon.

11/17 In the Boardroom featuring Michael Reinadorf
The Bulls president and COO hosted young leaders at a private dinner and Bulls game.

12/14 Dinner Meeting featuring Dean Kamen

01/02 Young Leadership Forum featuring James Bulger
Young leaders met with the environmental photographer to learn more about his career.

01/17 In the Boardroom featuring Michael Reinadorf

01/30 Dinner Meeting featuring Ben Silbermann
A personal and insightful presentation on his path to co-founding Pinterest.

03/02 Forum featuring James Bulger

03/07 Special Meeting featuring Thomas C. Ricketts
Members celebrated the Chicago Cubs World Series win, featuring a conversation with Chairman Tom Ricketts.

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03/07 Special Meeting featuring Thomas C. Ricketts

04/06 Roundtable featuring Ambassador Navtej Sarna
The Indian Ambassador to the United States spoke to the current state of affairs in his country.

04/05 Forum featuring James Bulger
A panel discussion on the long term effects of shareholder activism and whether it is good for the economy.

04/19 Roundtable featuring Jeffrey Seller and Luis Miranda, Jr.
An informative look into the Hamilton Education Initiative associated with the Hamilton musical.

05/01 Dinner Meeting featuring Ginni Rometty
The IBM chairman, president and CEO gave remarks on Watson and the “cognitive era.”

05/03 Dinner Meeting featuring Yo-Yo Ma
The renowned cellist discussed cultural citizenship and performed with additional guest musicians.

05/07 Roundtable featuring Thomas C. Ricketts

05/15 Young Leadership Forum featuring Sheriff Tom Dart
An informative conversation on the criminal justice system in Cook County.

06/01 Thank You Reception
Cocktails and conversation for all members who helped make the program year possible.

08/06 Civic Leadership Dinners
Members participated in small dinner discussions on implicit bias and leadership.

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2017
“We can host all the luncheons and make all the announcements we want. But at the end of the day, if our kids keep waking up in neighborhoods where they don't feel safe on their own front porches, if they're still attending schools with crumbling ceilings and ripped up textbooks, if there's nowhere safe for them to go when that afternoon bell rings, then nothing speaks louder than that. Nothing.”

First Lady Michelle Obama – April 10, 2013

“I try to encourage students to think early in their life what they can do to make the country a better place; give back your time, your energy, your ideas, because something will strike your fancy and something you can do will make this country a slightly better place, and if everyone does that I think our country can be a much better country than it has been.”

David Rubenstein – February 4, 2016
“As I see it, any solution to climate change should be about shaping the world’s economic future. We have experienced several great economic transformations in our history. The industrial revolution, the technology revolution, our modern era of globalization. Now we are on the threshold of another revolution, the age of green economics.”

“I am certainly pushing for innovation all the time. So I’m trying as hard as I can to push people to try new and different things. Whenever you try something new there’s a probability that it will succeed. It’s never certain. In fact it’s arguably uncertain. So there has to be a culture where failure is fine provided that people thought it through and have some good assessment of the risks ahead of time.”

SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON – FEBRUARY 7, 2008

ELON MUSK – APRIL 12, 2012
PAST SPEAKERS

Please note: The titles and companies are represented as they were at the time of the speaker’s program with ECC.
WE ARE AT THE HEART OF WHAT MAKES CHICAGO WORK.
As Crain’s Business Chicago noted in its 2016 “Most Connected” issue, the Economic Club of Chicago has maintained itself as the most connected club in the city. With a membership consisting of leaders from 38 different industries, the Club brings together representatives of some of the most significant Chicago institutions that continue to shape the city.
CLUB LEADERSHIP 2017–2018

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The Membership Committee consists of 75 members who serve on 10 subcommittees, each one representing specific industries and occupations. The subcommittees are responsible for reviewing proposals that members submit for consideration. Their foremost objective is to fill each available club membership with the best candidate possible. The entire Membership Committee meets four times a year to elect new members. Since vacancies are not filled in chronological order, it is not unusual for a very strong candidate to remain on the waitlist for two years or more. Since its formation, the Club has worked to attract a diverse membership by age, profession and background, with a particular emphasis on identifying younger members so that the ideas and ideals of one generation will be passed on to the next.

For an individual to be considered for membership, two current members must serve as sponsors for that candidate.

Sponsors must provide the Club a biography along with a completed proposal for membership.

Both sponsors must provide a letter of support, detailing the reasons the candidate should be considered for membership. Additional letters of support are welcome.

A candidate is required to attend a Dinner Meeting, preferably with their sponsor.

At the quarterly meetings of the Membership Committee, selected candidates are elected to membership.
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