

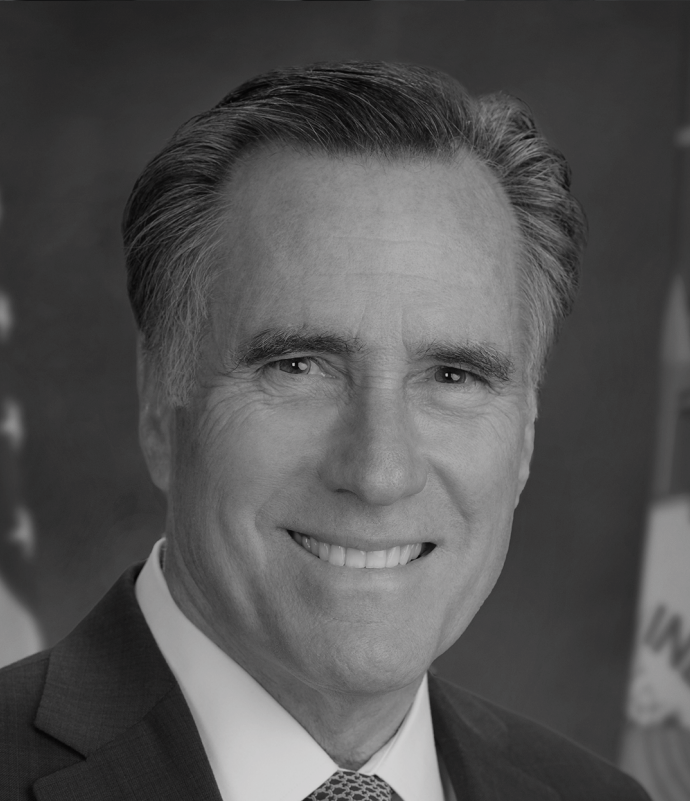
A grayscale photograph of the Chicago skyline serves as the background. The image is slightly desaturated and has a dark, moody tone. The Willis Tower is prominent on the left side. In the lower right, a building with a sign that reads "Chicago Tribune" is visible. The text is overlaid on this background.

THE
ECONOMIC
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CHICAGO

WE BRING
POWERFUL
MINDS
TOGETHER



Cultivating the next generation
of civic leaders by connecting
them to the luminaries of today.



A portrait of Mary Dillon, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling and wearing a white high-collared blouse. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a statue.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I was born on the South Side of Chicago, lived there through elementary school, and have remained in Chicago and the surrounding area ever since. My early years spent on the South Side were formative and have given me a view of this city that is both rich and nuanced.

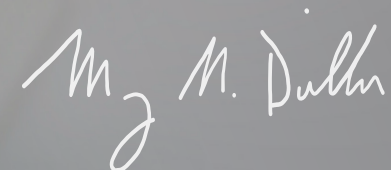
I love all that makes the city work and am energized by the discussions around improving aspects that aren't working as well. That is why I'm thrilled to lead The Economic Club of Chicago at this critical time. For 95 years, the Club has been the meeting place where global thought leaders discuss the pressing issues of the day with our members—Chicago's top business and civic executives—and create a culture that inspires the next generation of leaders.

While serving on the Economic Club board, I have witnessed what a unifying force the Club can be when our members enter the dialogue on critical issues and hear from diverse leaders in science, business, the arts, government, social services, politics and philanthropy.

The Club's role, connecting members and addressing the most pressing global, national and local issues of the day became even more critical during this last year. Many of our conversations helped guide members through the early stages of the pandemic, focused on unprecedented industry challenges and provided optimistic yet actionable advice they could use while leading through uncertainty. Whether in-person or virtually, the Club steadfastly remains the center point where Chicago's leaders engage with some of the biggest global thinkers of our time.

The Club is a special place where curiosity can live, grow and thrive, and I am excited to have challenging, informative and respectful conversations together. Along the way connections are made, friendships form and ideas are born.

For me, The Economic Club of Chicago adds to the richness that is my Chicago. I am honored to carry on the tradition of this historic organization—and I love the view.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mary M. Dillon".

Mary M. Dillon

Mary Dillon

Chair / The Economic Club of Chicago

A NOTE FROM THE CEO

I have been a member of The Economic Club of Chicago for 25 years. I sat in the audience and watched Vernon Jordan in 1996, Alan Greenspan in 1995, Bill Gates in 1995 and again in 2021 and Barack Obama—three times—as Illinois' senator-elect in 2004, president of the United States in 2017 and in 2021 as a global statesman.

The Club has been hugely developmental for me as a professional and I could not be more honored to be President and CEO. I also know what (and who) made the Club so special for me as a member. It's the vast network of 2,400 diverse civic and business leaders across every industry in Chicago that make up The Economic Club of Chicago membership. Over 70% of our members are C-suite executives representing the top leaders of their respective fields.

I am also proud that a key pillar of membership is a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement; a trait that sets the Chicago business community apart. Our commitment to civic and civil dialogue is part of our 501(c)(3) mission and was highlighted this last year in our Chicago Conversations and Leadership Discussions and Dinners. We also formed a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, which is infusing our DEI mission in programming, membership, vendor selection and staff recruiting.

While we're proud of the challenging conversations we've had over the past year, we know that we have more work to do. The Club and Club members have significant influence and responsibility.

I may lead the ECC team, but it is a team of smart, innovative and mission-driven professionals who challenge me every day. We are all fortunate to have them supporting the Club. I also want to acknowledge the 300+ member volunteers whose contributions allow us to deliver the most timely and relevant programming, and ensure the smooth functioning of the Club.

In 1927, Club founders envisioned a place that would "aid in the creation and expression of an enlightened public opinion on the important economic and social questions of the day" and bring together people of great experience and influence and those who would be the decision-makers of the future.

That vision couldn't be clearer today.



David Snyder

President, CEO / The Economic Club of Chicago



ABOUT US

NEARLY 100 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

There is transformative power in a shared vision.

In 1927, the founders of The Economic Club of Chicago recognized the importance of encouraging dialogue among leaders in order to advance society and the institutions that shape it. For nearly 100 years, the Club has maintained that legacy and today we remain committed to connecting Chicago's top business and civic leaders to the people and ideas impacting the city, the nation and the world.

OUR HISTORY

1927

The Economic Club of Chicago was founded

2400+

Current members representing every industry in Chicago

500+

Event speakers throughout the years

8

U.S. presidents have addressed the Club

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Access to a prestigious group of business and civic leaders
- Expand network outside of your industry
- Hear from global thought leaders
- Debate and discuss important topics with peers
- Personal and professional development
- Entertain colleagues, clients or friends



NOTABLE SPEAKERS

THROUGH THE YEARS

01 Mellody Hobson
Co-CEO & President
Ariel Investments

02 Lee Iacocca
Chairman & CEO
Chrysler Corp

03 Sal Khan
Founder & CEO
Khan Academy

04 Alan Greenspan
13th Chair
Federal Reserve System

05 Adlai Stevenson II
Governor
State of Illinois

06 Richard Nixon
37th President
United States of America

07 Nelson Rockefeller
Coordinator
Inter-American Affairs

08 Yo-Yo Ma
Cellist, Judson and Joyce Green
Creative Consultant
The Chicago Symphony Orchestra

09 Jack Welch
Chairman & CEO
General Electric

10 Barack Obama
44th President
United States of America

11 George W. Bush
43rd President
United States of America

12 George W. Romney
Chairman & President
American Motors Corp.

13 Herbert Hoover
31st President
United States of America

14 Ronald Reagan
40th President
United States of America

15 Indra Nooyi
Former President & CEO
PepsiCo

16 Jimmy Carter
39th President
United States of America

17 Katharine Graham
Publisher
The Washington Post

18 Milton Friedman
Economist
Multiple institutions

19 Vernon Jordan
Presidential Advisor
Clinton Administration

20 Joseph P. Kennedy
Ambassador to Great Britain
United States of America

21 Oveta Culp Hobby
Federal Security Administrator
United States of America

22 Omar Bradley
General
United States Army

23 John F. Kennedy
35th President
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24 Francis Collins
Director
National Institutes of Health

25 Bill Gates
Founder
Microsoft

MEET THE CLUB

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JOIN THE CLUB

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

A thorough application and election process ensure a carefully curated membership that reflects Chicago's rich corporate history, as well as cultural and nonprofit centers and entrepreneurial energy.

1

Acquire Two Sponsors

For an individual to be considered for membership, two current members must serve as sponsors for that candidate. Sponsors will send a secure link to their candidate where they will be able to submit their biography and application for membership. All correspondence regarding membership are done through the candidate's sponsors.

2

Biography & Application

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

3

Letters of Support

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

4

Attend a Club Meeting

A candidate is required to attend a Club meeting, preferably with their sponsor.

5

Interview

A representative of the corresponding membership subcommittee will review the application and determine if an interview will take place.

6

Committee Selection

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

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