



Monday, October 3, 2016



SPEAKER:

Karl Zinsmeister

Vice President, The Philanthropy Roundtable

**Topic: "Indispensable: How
Philanthropy Fuels American Success"**

Philanthropy in America is a bursting, bubbling impulse that has vital effects on almost every sector of our society. Karl Zinsmeister will sketch the unappreciated size and scope of charitable giving, and argue that without it there would be no America as we know it. Private action to solve public problems is one of the practices that most distinguishes the U.S. from other nations, and continues to play a crucial role in keeping our communities healthy and our economy burgeoning. This presentation includes rich images, fascinating biographies, and rare historical details from Zinsmeister's book *Almanac of American Philanthropy* – a monumental new resource just published by The Philanthropy Roundtable as a kind of missing manual to explain, inspire, and defend private giving.

Karl Zinsmeister oversees all magazine, book, and Web publishing at the The Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, D.C. In 2006 he produced *The Almanac of American Philanthropy*, the 1,342-page culmination of a multiyear effort to create the authoritative reference on American's fascinating and culturally seminal tradition of solving public problems with private resources.

Karl also founded and advises the Roundtable's program on philanthropy for veterans and service members. He has authored 11 books, made a PBS feature film and written hundreds of articles for publications ranging from the *Atlantic* to the *The American Enterprise* magazine.

From 2006 to 2009 Karl served in the West Wing as the President's chief domestic policy adviser and director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. He is a graduate of Yale University and also studied at Trinity College Dublin.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 17, 2016 – Adam Kramer, EVP, Strategy & Member of Sustainability Team and Kristi Overgaard, EVP of Awesomeness, Switch, establishing the largest third-party data center in the Eastern U.S. in West Michigan.

MEETING LOCATION:

International Ballroom
JW Marriott
Open Seating

TIME:

Luncheon begins: 12 noon
Adjournment: 1:30pm

PRICING:

\$30 members
\$37 guests

TO REGISTER:

Click on Club website:
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Select "Buy Tickets" for this meeting.

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RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY THURSDAY, SEPT. 29TH

No Cancellations accepted after noon, Thursday preceding the luncheon - substitutions allowed.

PARKING:

Self Park - in the JW Marriott Parking Ramp. Bring your parking ticket for \$6 validation and easy exit.

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