

DINNER CHAIRPERSONS

W. JAMES FARRELL

Prior to his retirement after 41 years at Illinois Tool Works, Inc. (ITW), Jim was chairman, CEO, president and executive vice president of the company based in Glenview, Illinois. Jim sits on the Board of Directors for Abbott, Allstate Insurance Company, 3M and UAL Corporation. He is a former chairman and director of the Economic Club of Chicago and Federal Reserve of Chicago, in addition to his membership with a number of professional organizations.

A recognized philanthropist, Jim was instrumental in raising funds and providing leadership to a range of civic and cultural affiliations from healthcare to education, science and music including Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Northwestern University, the Museum of Science and Industry, the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and Junior Achievement of Chicago, where he was honored, by being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

MAXINE POOLE FARRELL

Maxine was director of corporate contributions for Kraft Foods and president of Kraft Foods Foundation. Before joining Kraft, Maxine served as corporate relations director at Allstate Insurance Company. During her 12-year tenure at Allstate, Maxine was president of the Allstate Foundation.

An award-winning professional, Maxine received the Public Relations Society of America Silver Anvil Award, the Publicity Club of Chicago Silver Trumpet Award, and a Presidential Commitment Award, among many others.

Maxine's civic and community endeavors include serving as a trustee of the Lake Forest Community Bank and the Lake Forest Hospital. In addition to serving as a trustee of Network Chicago-WTTW, Maxine is a women's board member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, where she served as president. Maxine's interests and dedication extend to the Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, Northwestern University and The Joffrey Ballet.