

General Sessions and Networking Events

Below is the full schedule for all events and activities during the conference. The schedule will be updated and details will be added over the coming months.

Sunday, January 22

- 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM **Registration & Information Desk Open**
Visit the registration desk to check in and collect conference related materials.
- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Naples Botanical Gardens Tour & Lunch**
Cultivate your senses at Naples Botanical Garden, a world class tropical paradise that combines delightfully cultivated gardens of Brazil, the Caribbean, Florida and Asia. Lunch will be served at the Gardens.
- 12:15 PM – 5:45 PM **Golf Tournament**
Join your industry colleagues for golf and networking at the Tiburon Golf Club. The format is a four player scramble, ensuring fun for golfers of all abilities.
- 12:15 PM – 3:15 PM **Kayaking**
Participants will kayak serenely past mangroves and bird rookeries while the naturalist guide explains the fascinating ecology of the Everglades and the wildlife that inhabits the region.
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Leadership Forum "Kickoff"**
Join other Leadership Forum attendees at our informal welcome reception and football playoff party. Casual dress.

Monday, January 23

- 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Registration & Information Desk Open**
- 8:00 AM – 8:15 AM **Welcome Remarks**
- Speakers**
Sandy Kennedy, President, Retail Industry Leaders Association
William Rhodes, III, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer, AutoZone, Inc.
- 8:15 AM – 9:30 AM **Redesigning Retail: Creating a Living Business**
The retail industry is in a state of disruption. Successful retailers are behaving differently. Rather than bolting new ways of working on to an existing 20th century business, they are redesigning their business to place 21st century values and practices into the very fabric of who they are. They are creating a Living Business -- A business that recognizes that technology alone isn't enough to drive sustainable transformation. It requires People and Design. People - Living Businesses put people at the heart of their organization and consider their needs, pains and delights at every stage of transformation. Design - Design provides a common language across disciplines. It enables collaboration and breaks down silos. This session brings these ideas to life through a combination of proprietary research, concrete examples, and practical next steps.

Speakers

Jill Standish, Global Retail Managing Director, Accenture

Mark Curtis, Chief Client Officer & Co-Founder, Accenture

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Business Break

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Industry Transformation Spotlight: Best Buy

When Best Buy Chairman & CEO Hubert Joly took the helm in 2012, the company's stock prices were plummeting and it seemed that internet retailers would dominate the consumer electronics category. But with its "Renew Blue" plan, the Best Buy leadership team has turned the ship around. Hubert will share his insights on what he's learned as the turn-around journey continues.

Speakers

Hubert Joly, Chairman & CEO, Best Buy

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Business Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Disruption Exposed: Startups Defining Retail's Future

A wide range of startups are entering the market at a rapidly increasing pace, with the potential to disrupt the retail business in areas from payments, to customer experiences; from new product brands, to new business models. Retailers have responded by seeking technology integration and a seamless customer experience, and attempting to become innovative and agile disruptors. This session moves beyond buzzwords for a frank discussion with select startups, discussing their innovations, their aspirations and their thoughts about engaging with traditional brands.

Speakers

Todd Lutwak, Partner, Andreessen Horowitz

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Spouse Luncheon in the Ritz-Carlton Spa

Registered spouses/guests gather for a tranquil lunch experience in the atrium of the Ritz-Carlton Naples Spa. In addition to lunch, spouses will have the opportunity to choose from the Ritz-Carlton's spa amenities.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Executive Luncheon & Business Break

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Disruption from the Inside-Out

Disruption from the Inside-Out: Unleashing Your Talent, Resources, Channel and Brand to Beat the Startups

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Rebranding Retail: Rethinking Public Policy

The disruption shaking up the retail business model offers an unparalleled opportunity to reinvigorate retail's reputation with important audiences, from policy-makers to potential employees to customers. Individual retail brands are among the most recognized and iconic brands in the world, yet the overall industry reputation among policy makers inspires more "ho hums" than "oh wows!". The explosion of retail technology -- (R)Tech -- offers an opportunity to reframe traditional retail in radically different ways. The new era of (R)Tech requires a highly skilled workforce, technology-enabled customer experiences, automated and autonomous transportation and distribution, seamless and secure payment systems, and more. Is your company prepared to tackle the new public policy landscape to pave the way for the (R)Tech era of retail?

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Business Break

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Policy & Politics Panel Session: How We Got Here & What Do We Do Now?

The 2016 presidential campaign has been about as disruptive as could be imagined, with the establishment in both parties rocked by populist dissatisfaction with the status quo. This session will explore the post-election fallout and the candid opinions of two former party insiders on what it all means for the future of politics and policy making in America.

Speakers

Chris Wallace, Anchor, Fox News Sunday

Hon. Ed Rendell (PA), former Governor for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, News Analyst, NBC

Hon. John Boehner, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (R-OH)

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Reception and Dinner Amid Classic Cars: The Revs Institute's Collier Collection

Join Leadership Forum participants at the Collier Collection for the first opportunity to meet and reconnect as an entire group. The Collier Collection of automobiles is a purposefully curated assemblage of the most profound and rare automotive innovations of our time. Dress resort casual and relax with new friends and old.

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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7:00 AM – 7:45 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Welcome Day Two & RILA/Unilever Retail Scholarship Presentation

RILA/Unilever Retail Scholarship

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

Retail Analysts Speak Out: Markets, Valuation Trends, Disruptors & More

This panel session features a retail CFO interviewing a trio of retail analysts on the key drivers they see impacting the industry, the opportunities and threats to leading retailers and brands, the disruptors that are affecting the retail industry, and other significant financial influences that CEOs need to be aware of.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

History & Hip Hop: The Hamilton Story

Ron Chernow's New York Times bestselling biography of Alexander Hamilton tells the riveting story of a man who overcame all odds to shape, inspire, and scandalize the newborn America. In a lively and entertaining speech, Chernow relates how the dramatic story of Hamilton's greatness is worthy of the Broadway stage and how it is re-engaging American in our collective discussion about the character and future of our democracy. "To repudiate his legacy," Chernow writes, "is, in many ways, to repudiate the modern world."

Speaker

Ron Chernow, American Writer, Journalist, Historian and Biographer

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Forum Wrap-Up & Hamilton Book Signing