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When: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: $150 members; $30, non-members
Speaker: Christine Hanley and Ber Goldstein, FordHarrison

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When: Wednesday, Aug. 15; 5-7:30 p.m.
Where: Ruth’s Chris Steak House
Cost: $10, members (in advance); $20, non-members; $35, non-members

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