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Addressing Alaska's Critical Public Policy Issues

Core Values: Recognize the State's unique obligation to manage the common wealth of Alaska, Commit to the future of Alaska, Put Alaska's interests before special interests, Exercise intellectual integrity and rigor, Respect all peoples and cultures

Senator Mark Begich - Outlook and Priorities



Commonwealth North is proud host **U.S. Senator Mark Begich** whose remarks will focus on the budget, energy, education and other issues important to Alaska currently being discussed in Washington. The Senator's comments will be followed with questions from the audience. This is a great opportunity to have the Senator address your concerns and gain a better understanding of how current issues in Washington will affect Alaska. Senator Begich was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2008 after serving as the Mayor of Anchorage since April 2003. Senator Mark Begich currently serves on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Armed Services Committee, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Budget Committee.

MEMBER FORUM - Members Free, Guests \$35
Wednesday, August 8th, 12-1pm, Marriott Hotel

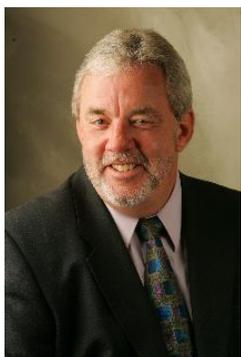
Senator Lisa Murkowski



Commonwealth North is proud to host Senator Lisa Murkowski, Alaska's senior Senator, who will be addressing the major issues facing Alaska in Washington. Senator Murkowski joined the Senate in 2002, only the 33rd female to serve in the United States Senate since its founding in 1789. Senator Murkowski is the senior Republican member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she is the ranking Republican of the Interior and Environment Subcommittee. Senator Murkowski is a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee - the first Alaskan to serve on that panel - and also is a senior member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

MEMBER FORUM - Members Free, Guests \$35
Wednesday, August 15th, 12-1pm, Dena'ina Center

Gas Pipeline Realities: Dan Fauske



Commonwealth North is happy to welcome **Dan Fauske**, President of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC), to the podium to address the realities of an Alaska gas pipeline and Alaskans should expect in the coming year. The mission of AGDC is to deliver a comprehensive in-state natural gas pipeline Project Plan to the Alaska legislature which defines a preferred route for supplying a reliable source of energy for Southcentral Alaska, Fairbanks and other communities as practicable by December 31, 2015. Since 1979, Commonwealth North has published six reports on Alaska's North Slope gas resource issues. These reports consistently urge development of production and transportation facilities to move gas to market. Commonwealth North supports the current efforts to encourage construction of a natural gas pipeline that meet the basic principle that development must be in the best interest of all Alaskans.

MEMBER BRIEFING - Members \$25, Guests \$35
Wednesday, September 5, 12-1pm, Dena'ina Center

Educating Our Future Workforce: Alaska's Return on Investment

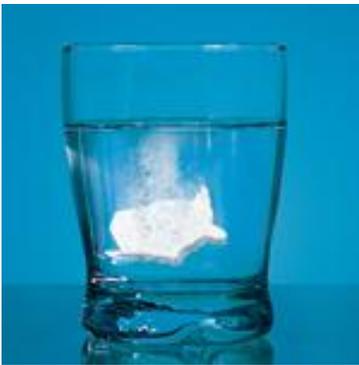


Commonwealth North will host our monthly member Forum September 19th from 12-1 at the Dena'ina Center to explore what product Alaska is getting from our education system, how Alaskans should define the rate of return for the money the State invests per student, and ultimately what would a results focused, coordinated agenda for reforming education in Alaska look like? **General Pat Gamble**, President of the University of Alaska, Anchorage **Mayor Dan Sullivan**, and

the Anchorage School District's new **Superintendent Jim Browder** will be discussing how Alaska should be educating our future workforce and what return Alaskans should expect to see on our investment per student.

MEMBER FORUM - Members Free, Guests \$35
Wednesday, September 19th, 12-1pm, Dena'ina Center

The Company that Solved Health Care: The Serigraph Prescription



The health care crisis in the U.S. has reached epidemic proportions. Budgets are busted at all levels of government because of run-away health costs. Corporate bottom lines are eroded. And health costs are the number one reason for rising personal bankruptcies. In the midst of the struggle, one mid-sized Midwestern company, led by a former Marine deeply concerned about the care of his co-workers, waged war on health care costs and won. Commonwealth North and the Alaska Health Care Commission have invited **John B. Torinus** to explain how his company, Serigraph, tackled the hyperinflation that plagues the nation's delivery system and offer his blueprint for controlling cost while improving care.

MEMBER BRIEFING - Members \$25, Guests \$40
Thursday, October 11th, 12-1pm, Hilton Hotel

Annual Commonwealth North Legislator Meet and Greet



Commonwealth North invites you to participate in our annual meet and greet program with our Alaska State Legislators. This program will be held Wednesday, December 12 from noon to 1:30 at the Dena'ina Center. Speak directly to your elected officials on the big issues facing the state in the upcoming legislative session and offer your goals and insights into those issues. This is not a campaign, political debate, or cross-examination. It is an opportunity to truly discuss key issues with fellow well-informed, thoughtful Alaskans.

MEMBER FORUM - Members Free, Guests \$40
Wednesday, December 12th, 12-1:30pm, Dena'ina Center

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