

Lecture series set to raise money for CAP programs

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Former U.S. Rep. Brian Baird and shipbuilding magnate Frank Foti will lead CAP Foundation's first "community conversations" on Tuesday.

The luncheon will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center. The event is open to the public but reservations are required.

In keeping with the theme, "Rethink, Reshape, Adjust," the men will engage attendees in a conversation about the need to adjust to the current economic crisis and finding opportunities that such crises present. There will be microphones in the audience for guests' questions and comments.

"We hope for a lively discussion among our community's business leaders," CAP Foundation President Tim Welch said.

Welch said this is to be the first in what he hopes will be a series of community conversations — with the college and school districts on education, with the faith community, the health and medical communities, and other sectors of our population.

Baird is a four-term U.S. congressman representing the Third Congressional District. Foti is chief executive officer and chairman of Todd Shipyards Corporation and president of Vigor Industries, one of the largest shipbuilding firms on the West Coast.

The event is a fundraiser for the CAP Foundation, which has a goal of raising \$1 million in three years for an endowment. In time, the endowment earns interest to support CAP programs.

Individual tickets are \$55, and a table of eight is \$400.

Event chair Priscilla Johnson said that there will be a drawing at the conclusion of the event at 1:30 p.m. for a four-night stay for two at the luxurious Five Rivers Lodge in Montana, which includes air miles. Each full table with eight guests will be in the drawing.

The event is sponsored by Columbia Bank, Farmers Insurance, JH Kelly, PeaceHealth and Fibre Federal Credit Union. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Alan Rose at 360-425-3430 ext. 280, or email alanr@lowercolumbiacap.org.