

# ACADIA SENIOR COLLEGE

*Political  
Columnist,  
Fred Benson,  
to Speak  
on Lobbyists*



On Friday, February 26, political columnist Fred Benson will speak on: "Lobbyists: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly." This public luncheon and lecture is part of a continuing series hosted by Acadia Senior College, at Birch Bay Village Inn, Hulls Cove.

"President Obama won't allow them to serve in his administration; the media portrays them as cigar-chomping, Gucci-clad, money-hungry sycophants; and members of congress rail against their practices while remaining wed to their contributions. Who are these lobbyists, under what mandate do they operate, and is what they do a net positive for our democracy?"

Fred Benson, a political columnist and former Washington and International Affairs vice president for Weyerhaeuser Company, will address these questions and present his candid assessment of lobbying – the good, the bad, and the ugly – based on his thirty plus years in Washington while serving in both government and corporate positions.

The hot buffet lunch begins at 11:30 and costs \$10.00; the lecture is from noon to 1:00. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting the Acadia Senior College office at 288-9500.

## Lunch and Lecture Schedule

**March 26 - Charles Burger:**

- *Ramifications of Current Healthcare Legislation*

**April 23 - Robert Pinsky: Topic - Lyme Disease**

**May 28 - Bill Baker: *Discovering the Bloomsbury Group***

## Same Series - New Name

Our popular lunch and lecture series with the much maligned title will soon have a new name. The votes are coming in and the results will be announced at the February 26 event.

## Hot or Cold Lunch?

Birch Bay Village, host site to our lunch and lecture series is willing to serve cold sandwich buffet lunches to our lunch and lecture attendees for \$8 per person, or a hot buffet lunch for \$10 per person. A poll taken at the last lecture was a tie. If you would like to voice an opinion as to which lunch choice we should settle on, please contact the office via email (preferred) [learn@acadiaseniorcollege.org](mailto:learn@acadiaseniorcollege.org), or phone 288-9500.

## PowerPoint Presentation Software?

We are looking for volunteers to instruct several of our members and/or instructors on creating PowerPoint or OpenOffice presentations. ([www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org) offers a free version of a presentation program.) If you are willing to offer such instruction please contact the office.

## Cabin Fever Party Reminder

February 19, 3:30-5:30, at the Harbor House Community Center, Herrick Road, Southwest Harbor. Bring an appetizer to share. No RSVP. Bring a friend!

**Please note: Registration for spring classes will close on March 2nd!**