

*Twenty Fourth Season*

*March 2009*



**Speaker: Sen. David F. Durenberger, ret.** – Founder, National Institute of Health Policy  
**On: Friday, March 6, 2009**  
**Location: River of Grass Ballroom**

David Durenberger was elected to replace Hubert and Muriel Humphrey as senior U.S. Senator from Minnesota in 1978. Senator Durenberger is the only Minnesotan Republican in history elected to three terms in the Senate. The Senator retired in 1995, having served sixteen years on the Senate Finance Committee where he was chair or ranking on its health subcommittee. He also served twelve years on Environment and Public Works, ten years on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, four years on Government Affairs, and eight years on the Select Committee on Intelligence, which he chaired in 1985-86.

Senator Durenberger is founder and current chair of the National Institute of Health Policy at the Opus College of Business of the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. He has also served on various national health commissions and boards including the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. He currently serves on the board of the National Commission on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Senator Durenberger has authored books on health policy and national security policy, is a national public speaker, and writes a bi-weekly national commentary on current events.



**Speaker: Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.** – Former Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
**On: Friday, March 20, 2009**

In her six years as the first woman director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr. Gerberding guided the nation's leading public health agency through an era of rapid growth and innovative transformation. After earning a B.A. *magna cum laude* in chemistry and biology and a M.D. at Case Western Reserve University, Gerberding completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, where she also served as Chief Medical Resident before completing her fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology and Infectious Diseases. She earned a M.P.H. degree at the University of California, Berkeley in 1990.

Dr. Gerberding joined CDC in 1998 as director of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. Her timely and commanding response to the anthrax scare in 2001 led Secretary Tommy Thompson to appoint her as CDC Director in July 2002. Dr. Gerberding led a dramatic expansion of CDC's portfolio to encompass preparedness for bioterrorism, pandemics, and other emerging health threats, as well as global health programs in more than 45 countries. In addition, she led a strategic restructuring of CDC, developed new national centers to conduct research and oversaw a \$1.6 billion capital improvement program.

Dr. Gerberding's accomplishments as a public health innovator have earned her numerous awards and accolades. In 2005, she was named one of *Time Magazine's* 100 most influential people for her leadership in modernizing the \$11 billion agency as it faced unprecedented health threats like SARS and West Nile Virus infection. *Forbes Magazine* also listed her among the 100 Most Powerful Women in the world in 2005-8, a testament to CDC's growing influence around the world. Dr. Gerberding also received the Surgeon General's Medallion for actions of exceptional achievement to the cause of public health and medicine, the highest honor bestowed by the United States Public Health Service.

12:00 Noon Luncheon at The Naples Beach Hotel  
12:45 p.m. Address by Speaker  
1:15 p.m. Questions from the audience

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