

*Twenty Fifth Season*

*November 2009*



**Speaker:** **Newt Gingrich** – *Former Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Architect of “Contract with America”*

**On:** **Friday, November 6, 2009**

**Location:** **Naples Beach Hotel, Everglades Dining Room**

Speaker Gingrich was first elected to Congress in 1978 where he served the Sixth District of Georgia for twenty years. In 1995, he was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives where he served until 1999. As an author, Gingrich has published 19 books including ten *New York Times* best-sellers. The American Diabetes Association awarded him their highest non-medical award and the March of Dimes named him their 1995 Citizen of the Year. Today he serves as a board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Speaker Gingrich also serves with former Senator Bob Kerrey as Co-chairman of the National Commission for Quality Long-term Care.

Gingrich is the longest-serving teacher of the Joint War Fighting course for Major Generals. He also teaches officers from all five services as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Professor at the National Defense University. In 1999, Gingrich was appointed to the United States Commission on National Security/21st Century, the Hart/Rudman Commission to examine our national security challenges as far out as 2025. He is chairman of the Gingrich Group, a communications and consulting firm that specializes in transformational change. Gingrich is also a news and political analyst for the *Fox News* Channel. He has raised millions of dollars for charity, donating both time and money to a wide array of causes, including Habitat for Humanity, United Cerebral Palsy, the American Cancer Society, and Zoo Atlanta. A former environmental studies professor, he is widely recognized for his commitment to the environment and to the advancement of a new, common-sense environmentalism. In 1998, the Georgia Wildlife Federation named him Legislative Conservationist of the Year.

Realizing the importance of understanding the past in order to protect the future, the Speaker immersed himself in the study of history, receiving his bachelor’s degree from Emory University and master’s and doctorate in Modern European History from Tulane University. Before his election to Congress, he taught History and Environmental Studies at West Georgia College for eight years. Gingrich and his wife, Callista, host and produce documentaries. They reside in Virginia and have two married daughters, and two grandchildren.



**Speaker:** **Tim Pawlenty** – Governor of Minnesota

**On:** **Friday, November 13, 2009**

**Location:** **Naples Beach Hotel, Everglades Dining Room**

Governor Tim Pawlenty is now serving his second term as the 39th governor of Minnesota. He has brought increased accountability to state government, held the line on taxes, improved K-12 education standards and made Minnesota a leader in energy reform.

As governor, he has balanced Minnesota’s budget three times without raising taxes, despite facing record budget deficits. Governor Pawlenty’s most notable accomplishments include proposing and signing into law significant new benefits for veterans and members of the military; enacting a property tax cap, eliminating the marriage penalty and cutting taxes; toughening the state’s education standards; reforming the way teachers are paid through a nation-leading performance pay plan; instituting free-market health care reforms that increase accountability and provide tax credits to encourage the use of health savings accounts; and implementing a plan to Americanize our energy sources by generating 25% of the state’s electricity from renewable sources by 2025. Under the governor’s leadership, Minnesota leads the nation in a variety of measures. Minnesota ranks first among states in Fortune 500 companies per capita, first in overall quality of life, first in homeownership, first in percentage of residents with a high school diploma, and first in residents over 25 with a bachelors degree. Minnesota has the highest average ACT scores in the nation and is among the “Healthiest States in America.”

Pawlenty grew up in South St. Paul, Minnesota. The only child in his family to graduate from college, he attended the University of Minnesota and practiced law in the private sector. His public service career includes serving as a criminal prosecutor, Eagan City councilmember, and ten-year member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, including four years as House Majority Leader. He served as chair of the National Governors Association and on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, the Achieve Inc. Board of Directors and the James B. Hunt Jr. Institute Board of Directors. Pawlenty is chair of the Education Commission of the States and former chair of the Midwestern Governors Association. He and his wife, Mary, have two daughters.

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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- *Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, business, economics, finance, government, health, international relations, media and the arts, science and technology;*
- *Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards;*
- *Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County; and*
- *Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students.*

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