



# January 2008

## Chapter News

### Birmingham AFS Scholarships

We are reviewing the applications submitted for the two \$1,000 scholarships to be given away. The announcement of the recipients of our annual scholarship program will be announced at the January meeting.

### *A Big Thank You to you All*

The generosity of our members continues to be overwhelming and something to be very proud of... thanks to all that donated over 50 toys and \$150 for our Toys for Tots campaign... a lot of boys and girls will have a very happy holiday thanks to you!



### *Regular Meeting Place & Time*

The Wynfrey Hotel  
Galleria Mall  
US-31 & I-459

**Monday, January 14th**  
**Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.**  
**Social Time 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Leave your reservation  
request at  
(205) 661 - 0206 ext. 23  
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January 11th***

**Price of Meal—\$30.00**

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## *January 14th Meeting Topic:*

“Lean Manufacturing and the  
Foundry”

*presented by...*

***LaVada Varner***

### ***Alabama Technology Network***

The Alabama Technology Network is a publicly funded program that assists Alabama companies with continuing education efforts by helping them seek applicable grants and providing educational materials and instruction. LaVada Varner has been with ATN for the past two years and her areas of expertise are Lean Manufacturing, Six-Sigma, and Quality systems auditing. She has a degree in Industrial Engineering and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

She has over 20 years work experience in the automotive industry at General Motors in the Saturn Corporation, New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI), Delphi, and GM of Europe divisions. We look forward to her presentation on how lean manufacturing methods can be implemented in the foundry industry.



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## **From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...**

I want to thank everyone for another great year in AFS Birmingham. This past year one of the more significant events for our chapter was the addition of the Mississippi members including Mississippi State University as an FEF school. We look forward to including these new members in our chapters future. This coming year we also look forward to increasing our support of technical education for our membership and students who are our industry's future. With the purchase of the "Foundry In a Box" kit from FEF we look forward to introducing students to metalcasting and increasing awareness of our industry and its value to our nation. We have reviewed the survey results from last year and are working with AFS to host technical courses in our area that you have expressed an interest in attending.

In addition, I would like to thank all of those who regularly attend the monthly meetings and remind you that your commitment to this chapter is what continues to make ours one of the top three chapters in AFS and in my opinion the best chapter in the country.

Brian Floyd  
First Vice Chairman

**Check out the pictures from the Christmas meeting on our AFS website!!  
A very special thanks to Bill Steadman for taking the souvenir pictures by  
the Christmas tree.**

### ***A Wonderful Time Was Had By All***

Our Christmas Extravaganza was held December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Wynfrey Hotel with 120 members, guests and significant others in attendance... Three On A String performed a fantastic set of their classic story telling and musical comedy.

We hope you noticed the table signs with the names of our chapter's sponsors, our thanks to all the great companies whose contributions make an evening like the one we enjoyed possible.



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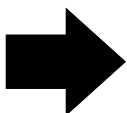
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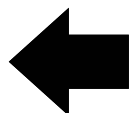
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**2007-2008 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule**

Monday, December 10, 2007	Christmas Party	Three On A String	Wynfrey
Monday, January 14, 2008	Regular Meeting	LaVada Varner	Wynfrey
Monday, February 11, 2008	Regular Meeting	Eli David	Wynfrey
Monday, March 10, 2008	Regular Meeting	David Williams	Wynfrey
Friday, April 2008	Student Night	TBD	Tuscaloosa
Monday, May 12, 2008	Past Chairmen's Night	Awards Night	Wynfrey

Regular Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

5:00pm - Board Meeting

6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour



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