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Previous Meeting

We had a fantastic Christmas meeting and if you missed it I'm sure you've probably heard stories about how much fun it was.

Once again we took up collections for Toys-For-Tots and this year we collected over \$200 and 60 toys for boys and girls who would not have had a Christmas without the Toys-For-Tots program.

Upcoming Events:

There are always valuable AFS courses and conferences on the horizon. Check the website www.afsinc.org for all the latest information.

Don't Miss The

Southeastern Regional

Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

February 18-20, 2009

For registration and lodging information and to see the full brochure visit our website www.afsbirmingham.org

Regular Time and Place

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

Monday, January 12th

Board Meeting 5:00 PM
Social Time 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM

**Leave your reservation
request at**

**(205)661-0206 ext. 23
or via the internet at**

www.afsbirmingham.org

Be sure to leave your name!

***Make your reservations
before 12:00 Noon on
January 9th***

Price of Meal - \$30.00

Meeting Topic:

**“Raw Materials –
What’s Next?”**

presented by...

**Ralph Lyles
Miller and Company**

A 1964 graduate from the University of Alabama, Ralph began his Foundry career at ACIPCO in Birmingham, AL in research and later production management. His association with Miller and Company began in 1977 when he joined Carborundum with responsibility for Metallurgical silicon carbide sales in the southeast.

Ralph joined Miller and Company in 1981 as sales manager for the Williams Foundry Supplies division and retired at the end of 2008 as Vice President/ Southern Division.

Active in AFS and FEF for over 45 years, Ralph has served as a director for FEF, National Director of AFS, and has served the Birmingham Chapter in almost every capacity including Chapter Chairman and SE Regional Chairman. Ralph and his son Todd are the first father-son chairmen of the Birmingham chapter.

Ralph and his wife Martha reside in Springville, AL and are looking forward to retirement and enjoying their 7 grandchildren. It has been “Miller’s Time” for 32 years, now it’s “Martha’s Time”.



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If you were not at the meeting last month, you missed one of the most entertaining Christmas meetings in several years. Our special guest, comedian hypnotist Erick Känd, had the audience laughing hysterically at the antics of the participants on stage. It was really a lot of fun and a great way to kick off the holiday season with a laugh. We collected over \$200 and 60 toys for Toys-For-Tots. We also gave away several door prizes and we thank all of the companies who donated gifts.

Be sure to register for the January meeting, you will not want to miss Ralph Lyles and his presentation on the current state of the commodities market. He will discuss the unprecedented pricing and factors that affect the price and supply of raw materials used in foundry melting.

Also don't forget to register for the 2009 Southeastern Regional that will be at the Wynfrey February 18-20. The regional committee has done an excellent job putting together a first class program with a mini-seminar, management and technical presentations, and a plant tour. Go to the website afsbirmingham.org for more information and registration details.

I am happy to announce that our First Vice Chair Cahalan Gibson has accepted a plant position with Vesuvias. Unfortunately for us, this means she will be moving away from the Birmingham area and will be resigning from her position with our chapter. She has been a vital part of the chapter since her days as a student at UAB and is the first woman to hold the office of First Vice Chair in the Birmingham Chapter. I know she will be successful in her endeavor and I hope you will join me in wishing her and her family good luck in their new surroundings.

Please remember to register either online or by phone and I'll see you on January 12.

THERE'S STILL TIME

It's not too late to become a sponsor of the 76th Southeastern Regional. If you would like more information on how to become a sponsor, download the form from our website afsbirmingham.org. You can also contact Jim Frost at jfrost@acipco.com or call (205)325-7954.

Add order and Payment are due by January 10.



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2008-2009 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Saturday, August 23, 2008	Picnic & Golf	Mtn. View Golf
Monday, September 8, 2008	Regular Meeting	Anniston, AL
Monday, October 13, 2008	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, November 10, 2008	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, December 8, 2008	Christmas Party	Wynfrey
Monday, January 12, 2009	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Wednesday, February 18-20, 09	S.E. Regional	Wynfrey
Monday, March 16, 2009	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, April 13, 2009	Student Night	Wynfrey
Monday, May 11, 2009	Past Chairman's 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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