

## Washington Outlook:

**How will the new 112th Congress Impact the Metalcasting Industry?**

**The November midterm elections radically changed the composition of Congress and the balance of power in Washington. With Republicans taking control of the House of Representatives and increasing their numbers in the Senate, what can metalcasters expect in the new 112th Congress?**

### News & Notes

#### Toys for Tots a Success

Thanks to all those who donated toys or contributed to the Toys for Tots drive at the Christmas Party. 50 Toys and over \$350.00 were collected for distribution. Thanks again.

#### Door Prizes

And a Special thanks to EMSCO, Pangborn, ABP Induction, Vulcan Engineering Company, Specialty Foundry Products, and Porter Warner for supplying door prizes for the meeting.

#### February 2011 Meeting

This year the February meeting will be our second "traveling meeting". This time we are off to Meridian to hear Ray Monroe, SFSA talk about the current state of the industry. Join us on **Thursday February 17**. See you at the Hilton Garden Inn.

#### Meeting Reservations

Dinner is \$30.00

Make your meeting reservations online at [www.AFSBirmingham.org](http://www.AFSBirmingham.org)

or

call 205-661-0206 ext 23

Reservations made on or before Thursday January 6, 2011 make you eligible for one of two \$25.00 early registration rewards.

Many issues of importance to the metalcasting industry will be at the forefront of consideration by the 112th Congress and the federal agencies. Key issues of importance range from a possible change in the permissible level for crystalline silica rule to reigning in EPA by defunding pollution control programs, Whether the shift in power in Congress produces compromise or gridlock remains to be seen. Stephanie Salmon, lobbyist for the American Foundry Society in Washington, D.C., will provide her insights into the potential legislative and regulatory issues that may impact our industry in 2011 and beyond.





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## From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

I want to thank everyone that joined us for the AFS/AIST Christmas Party. Just Friends provided outstanding entertainment with their 8 person ensemble. We had 110 members, guests and significant others attend the party. Thanks to all who helped make the party a success. We raised \$300 dollars and donated over 30 toys for the Toys-For-Tots for needy children in the Birmingham area. Your generous contributions will make a difference for these children this holiday season. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed the holidays.

Please be sure to register for the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with a presentation from Stephanie Salmon, AFS Vice President, Government Affairs. Stephanie will provide her insight of the ongoing activities in Washington, D.C. that affect the foundry industry.

Mark your calendar for the 78th Southeast Regional Conference at Litchfield By The Sea, Pawley's Island, South Carolina on March 2 - 4, 2011. The conference program will be "Doing More With Less". Go to the AFS Piedmont Chapter website: [www.afspiedmont.org](http://www.afspiedmont.org) for more details.

As always, we ask that you *PLEASE* call or send your reservations in online at [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org) as soon as possible so Tommy can get an accurate count. See everyone at The Wynfrey on Monday night January 10th. Social time starts at 6:00PM.

Mark Cotton

## Challenge from the Chair

Mark has issued a challenge to all members to bring to a meeting either a new member or a member who hasn't attended a meeting in over a year. Stay tuned for details.



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## AFS Birmingham Financial Contributors

Listed below as of 12/23/2010 are those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter of AFS for the 2010—2011 year. If you are interested in making a contribution please contact Diane Kirkley, Vulcan Engineering, Tel. (205) 663-0732, kirkleyd@vulcangroup.com

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## News and Notes (cont'd)

### The Education Committee needs your help

The Education Committee is busy scheduling the “Foundry-in-a-Box” demonstrations. If you know of a school that would like to participate or would like to volunteer to help with the demonstrations please contact Molly Cameron at [mcameron@acipco.com](mailto:mcameron@acipco.com). Or 205-281-1997.

### Shuttle bus to Meridian

There are nine (9) seats left for anyone wanting to ride a shuttle to the Meridian meeting. The shuttle will depart @ 3:30 p.m. and return 10:00 p.m. to The Wynfrey Hotel on Thursday, Feb. 17th. Please contact Mark Cotton if you would like to ride. The shuttle will be a 2.5 hour ride each way (~150 mi. each way).

### AFS Southeastern Regional Conference

The AFS Southeastern Regional Conference for 2011 will be held at Litchfield By The Sea on Pawley's Island, SC on March 3 & 4, 2011. Mark your calendars now.

### AFS Birmingham announces Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Jonathan Stein a senior in Metallurgy at The University of Alabama—Tuscaloosa and Edward Druschitz a Graduate Student in Materials Science at the University of Alabama—Birmingham on being awarded the AFS Birmingham Annual Scholarship. Both will be recognized and awarded their checks at the January meeting.

### 2010/ 2011 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Saturday August 28, 2010	Golf Outing / Picnic Mountain View Golf Course	
Monday September 13, 2010	Quality Management for Safety	Anniston, AL
Monday October 11, 2010	The New Grede	Wynfrey Hotel
November 01, 2010*	3D Scanning and 3D printing	Wynfrey Hotel
December 06, 2010	Christmas Party	Wynfrey Hotel
January 10, 2011	AFS in Washington	Wynfrey Hotel
February 17, 2011**	Ray Monroe	Meridian, MS
March, 14, 2011	Alabama Homeland Security	Wynfrey Hotel
April 11, 2011	Student Casting Competition	Wynfrey Hotel
May 09, 2011	Past Chair / Awards	Wynfrey Hotel

• \*\* Note this is a Thursday

### Regular Meeting Schedule