



Monday October 10, 2011

Wynfrey in Birmingham

The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama

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We are pleased to have Bill Taylor and Angela Wier from the Economic Partnership of Alabama present this month.

The EDPA's primary focus is on helping the state attract and retain industry, filling a critical role in the industrial recruitment process by marketing and promoting Alabama as a business location, and by providing research, information and proposals to companies and consultants that are actively searching for a site. EDPA also works closely with Alabama communities and companies looking to become more competitive.

Come join us and learn about the EDPA, hear their insight to the latest economic picture, and the strategy EDPA has for working with the newest governor.

SE Regional 2012 Planning going well.

To participate contact Tom Walton at (205) 369-2462 or twalton@grede.com

Ken Murphy is the new Foundry In a Box Contact

See the back page for the current schedule and contact information.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be November 07, 2011. Please note that is the first Monday in November. See you at the Wynfry.

Bill Taylor, President EDPA

Following a successful career in the automotive industry that spanned 38 years, Bill Taylor accepted a new role as President of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama on July 1, 2009.

Prior to joining EDPA, Bill was President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International. A native of London, Ontario, Taylor came to Alabama when MBUSI located in the state in 1993. He was a key figure in the start-up of the new plant, led production for five years and became president of the company in 1999. Taylor was instrumental in the establishment of the Mercedes Production System, which is now a global standard for all Mercedes-Benz plants in achieving the highest levels of quality and efficiency.

Bill oversaw the plants' \$600-million expansion, which was completed at the end of 2004, as well as the beginning of a \$300-million expansion underway to prepare for successor models. The plant employs more than 3,000 Team Members, significantly more than the 1,500 originally planned back in 1993.



Angela Wier, VP EDPA

Angela has developed and managed EDPA's first business information function, managed recruitment projects for five years, managed the Foundations for Growth existing industry initiative and is President of Alabama Launchpad.



She has worked closely with universities, entrepreneurs, and investors on innovation strategies for Alabama and advised and counseled communities and other organizations on inno-

Meeting Reservations

Dinner is \$30.00

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



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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

Hello,

If you missed the September meeting at the Classic in An-niston not only did you miss the camaraderie of the group but you missed the warning from J Sutton about some of the changes coming from the regulatory agencies. Especially alarming were the impeding changes to the Ozone Standards, the proposed changes to the MACT standard, and a change in the particulate test method to now include Method 202 for condensable materials, which hadn't been being done and could really adversely affect your compliance. The entire presentation can be found on the Entec website at www.Entecservices.com.

I would like to once again thank all the Chapter supporters. Be sure to review the list in this newsletter or check out the list on the website and help support our sponsors. If you would like to support the Chapter but haven't been contacted, call or email Diane Kirkley at 205-663-0732 or kirkleyd@vulcangroup.com. If you would like to support by volunteering on one of the committees or helping with the foundry-in-a-box presentations, call or email me.

Now that school and football are back, we move back to the Wynfry for the October meeting. Mark your calendar now and keep the date open. We are here to support you, the metal-casting industry, so let us know what you need. Thanks.

**Dave Hughes
Chairman**



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Foundry in a Box

We have been very successful with the Foundry in a Box presentations to the local school systems. Ken Murphy has volunteered to be the contact / lead for the Foundry in a Box for this year. Many thanks to Ken. The Chapter needs your help to maintain our success. If you are interested in volunteering (normally it requires a half to a full day) please contact Ken. His contact information is: kmurphy@american-usa.com; Office 205-325-7828; Mobile 205-965-4225.

Scheduled presentations have been / are:

Sept 30th	Altamont
Oct 5th & 6th	Calera
Oct 7th	Springville
Oct 20th	Gardendale

Too Much “White Space” in the newsletter? Send news or announcements to Ed Boyd or Donnie Hoffman

2011/ 2012 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Saturday August 27, 2011	Golf Outing / Picnic Mountain View Golf Course	
Monday September 12, 2011	Dinner Meeting	Anniston, AL
Monday October 10, 2011	Dinner Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel
November 07, 2011*	Dinner Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel
December 12, 2011	Christmas Party	Wynfrey Hotel
January 16, 2012**	Dinner Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel
February 13, 2012	Dinner Meeting	Meridian, MS
March, 28—30, 2012	South East Regional	Wynfrey Hotel
April 09, 2012	Student Casting Competition	Wynfrey Hotel
May 14, 2012	Past Chair / Awards	Wynfrey Hotel

- Travel meetings
- *Note this is the first Monday of the Month
- ** Note this is the third Monday of the Month

Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL
5:00pm - Board Meeting
6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour
6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation