



Birmingham Chapter January at The Wynfrey!

Monday
January 16th, 2012

Board Meeting at 5:00
Social 1/2 Hour at 6:00
Dinner at 6:30

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Dinner is \$30.00
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Southeast Regional

Be Sure to mark you calendars now for the Southeast Regional on March 28 through 30, 2012 to be held at the Wynfrey. Tom

Walton and his team have planned an informative schedule spanning technical to managerial programs. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tom Walton,

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Next Meeting

We'll be in Meridian, MS where we will have Tim Storey, President of IMF North America. He will be speaking on Sand Reclamation and particularly the technology being used in 2 current IMF installations at Union and Waupaca Foundries.

Dr. Fred Linebarger, of Miller & Company, will be bringing us his insight into the world of alloys including market trends in pricing and availability. He is one of the few consummate experts in our domestic foundry industry in the alloy field.

Dr. Linebarger has been with Miller & Company since 2001 as the Director of Technology. He is responsible for technical service and support of their foundry activities in North America. He has been very involved with both AFS and DIS as an instructor teaching courses on metallurgy.

Dr. Linebarger has managed and owned small gray, ductile and alloyed iron foundries in Kansas City and Wichita.. He worked with Centorr Furnaces and Vacuum Industries managing the production of ultra high temperature, controlled atmosphere furnaces. Dr. Linebarger spent twelve years with Elkem Metals in positions ranging from Project Engineer to Technical Manager in Market Development.

Dr. Linebarger attended Pittsburg State University for his undergrad and Masters work studying physics and starring as a defensive back for the Gorillas. He was twice named to the CIC All Conference team. He earned a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Congratulations to Lloyd Maisonville, Nematik Corporation. Lloyd is the contact person for Nematik who took the time to answer our internet survey. We received 18 responses to the 39 invitations to take the survey. Lloyd was randomly selected from the respondents and has been awarded two registrations to a normal monthly meeting. The survey is being analyzed to help us determine what the corporate membership expects from the Birmingham Chapter and the results will be summarized soon.

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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

We had a good time at the Christmas party. Just Friends did an outstanding job of providing the musical entertainment. Thanks to all those who contributed door prizes, they are listed in the newsletter on page 4. And an additional thanks to all who contributed to the Toys-for-Tots, through your efforts we donated over 20 presents and \$150.00 to this worthy cause.

Happy New Year to all. As we look forward, the Birmingham Chapter has a terrific lineup through the end of our fiscal year. For those of you keeping track, we purposely scheduled the January meeting for the third Monday because of what we hoped would be a conflict on the second Monday (somebody has a football game). See the details for the meeting on the front page.

February we have our second travel meeting of the year. Once again we are off to Meridian, Mississippi. Come and join us. This is an opportunity to network with those who canq usually make the meeting because of the travel distance.

March, what can I say. The South East Regional is here in Birmingham. We have an excellent slate of speakers and rumor has it that there will be at least one national committee meeting, a golf outing and the opportunity for a plant tour.

April is the student casting competition and the naming of the student scholarship awardees. The competing schools will update on what they have been doing as well as tell about their castings, which they are to display and sell at the Regional.

May will be the annual recognition meeting. Be sure to come and celebrate those who have made the Chapter such a success through all these years.

Dave Hughes
Chairman



Chapter News

January 2012

AFS Financial Contributions

Listed below are all those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter for the 2011-2012 year. Thanks for your continued support!

Platinum Level

(\$350 Contribution (or more))

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Do you want a “text message” meeting announcement?

A suggestion has been brought from the COC (Chapter Officer Conference) that some chapters have had success in utilizing a mass texting+of meeting announcements. If you phone can receive a text message, we can send you the meeting reminder by text. If you would like to participate we need your cell phone number. To participate please email your name and cell phone number to Dave Hughes at dave@dscast.com or call 205-663-0272.

Foundry in a Box!

We have been very successful with the Foundry in a Box presentations to the local school systems. Ken Murphy is the contact/lead for the program this year. Many thanks to Ken! The Chapter needs your help to maintain our success. If you are interested in volunteering (about a half-full day commitments), please contact Ken at:

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THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all the attendees for making our Toys for Tots collection a complete success. We collected several presents and \$150.00 in cash for the cause. We wish to thank Jim Frost for the delivery of these items.

We wish to acknowledge and express our sincere thanks to the following for furnishing door prizes for our December Christmas meeting: EMSCO, Metal Tech Systems, Pangborn, Vulcan Engineering and The Birmingham Chapter of AFS.

2011/ 2012 AFS Birmingham Remaining Meeting Schedule

January 16, 2012**

February 13, 2012

March, 28—30, 2012

April 09, 2012

May 14, 2012

• **Travel meetings**

• ***Note this is the first Monday of the Month**

• **** Note this is the third Monday of the Month**

Dinner Meeting

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South East Regional

Student Casting Competition

Past Chair / Awards

Wynfrey Hotel

Meridian, MS

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Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

5:00pm - Board Meeting

6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour

6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation