



**Monday, October 8, 2012**

**Wynfrey In Birmingham**

**Dr. Redmond Clark, CEO of CBL Industrial**

**Our Evolving National Energy  
Policy and the Presidency:  
Decision 2013**

We are pleased to have Dr. Redmond Clark of CBL Industrial as our guest speaker on Monday October 8th, 2012 at the Wynfrey.

Dr. Clark will discuss global environmental issues, the current state of the US economy, and evolving US energy policy as they impact the US foundry industry.

These issues will be discussed within the context of the upcoming presidential election and the future of the US foundry industry. This talk is designed to help foundry management understand some of the energy/environmental/political issues we face as an industry within the context of the upcoming election... and beyond.

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**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be at the Wynfrey on November 12, 2012.

There will be a panel discussion on environmental issues beginning at 1:00 PM.

**American Cast Iron Pipe Co.**

The AFS Birmingham Chapter would like to recognize ACIPCO for their generous donation of 200 pounds of tin for the "Foundry In A Box Program". Thank You!

Dr. Redmond (Red) Clark is the CEO of CBL Industrial Services, a firm providing a range of environmental products and services to domestic and international manufacturing operations, including the foundry industry. Red has a PhD in the environmental sciences, with a specialization in climate change impacts modeling. During a 40 year career, he has served as:

- A university professor,
- A consulting environmental engineer,
- The director of a state hazardous waste management program,
- President and/or CEO of a number of small and large corporations serving domestic and international markets,
- Director for a number of national and international companies,
- He has also served on a number of industry trade association technical and policy development committees, both as an association officer and/or committee chairperson.

Dr. Clark has testified before congress on multiple occasions, addressing a number of financial and environmental issues, including global energy market evolutions, international trade and climate change. He has also presented research and policy recommendations to most federal government line agencies, the United Nations World Meteorological Organization and a number of foreign governments.

**Meeting Reservations**

**Dinner is \$30.00**

**Please make reservations before Thursday, October**

**4th, at:**

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## Letter From The Chairman

Greetings Birmingham Chapter!

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After a couple away meetings, it's time for our first home game of the AFS year with our October 8th meeting at the Wynfrey. We are looking forward to a great evening of fellowship with an informative presentation from Redmond Clark of CBL industrial. Those of you who missed the Anniston meeting failed to enjoy the great presentation by John Griffin, a Research Professor from UAB, discussing hot metal splash testing on protective clothing worn by our melt deck and molten metal pouring employees. It was very interesting to see the way different metals impacted different materials, what works for iron wouldn't necessarily be effective for aluminum. In addition to missing John's presentation, you missed one of the best desserts I can remember at a meeting, a whole apple pie ball with ice cream... Delicious!

I have just returned from the Foundry Executive Conference held in Miami, FL last week. Denny Dotson, of Dotson Foundry, was the Chair of the event this year. One of the things he initiated was a brief questionnaire filled out by the conference attendees regarding expected order levels and capital investment in the next 6-12 months. The vast majority of foundries represented saw business holding steady or orders increasing in the 1-10% range over the period with capital investment in additional capacity accompanying that growth. The general tenor of the discussion seemed to recognize the slight slow down heading into year end but with confidence that things would pick up after the new year. As it relates to year end, I would only remind you that November is fast approaching and I hope that all of you will take the time to be, not just aware, but informed on the issues that are surrounding this years Presidential election. Your opinion matters... exercise it with a vote.

Please remember that our November meeting will be enhanced by an Environmental Panel discussion that will start at 1:00 PM at the Wynfrey. This will be a great time where several of our Birmingham Chapter foundries and suppliers will be sharing real environmental problems and solutions in a very cooperative way. I hope you will make the effort to be a part of this and allow those in your organization with environmental responsibilities to be present for this discussion. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

By the way, you might have noticed that AFS has adopted a new logo. If you want more information as to the reasons and process behind this change, please visit [www.afsinc.org/logo](http://www.afsinc.org/logo).

Look forward to seeing everyone on October 8th at the Wynfrey!

Ed



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**News & Notes**

**Environmental Panel Discussion**

Prior to the November 12th meeting, the Birmingham Chapter is planning a panel discussion on environmental issues. The panel will convene about 1:00 PM and will run for three to four hours. The panel will consist of members from local foundries including Grede, Goldens, Neptune, and ACIPCO and from local and national suppliers including Vulcan Engineering, Research Solutions, and Industrial Ventilation, Inc.

Topics are being developed and we need your help. If you have an issue that you are struggling to answer this will be an excellent venue to see how others have developed workable solutions. Ideally we would like for you to get your issue to us early so the panel can prepare an answer, but open questions will be welcomed.

Please contact Jack Shea at (205) 406-0024; [jack@researchsolutionsgroup.com](mailto:jack@researchsolutionsgroup.com) or Dave Hughes (205) 902-2947; [dave@dscast.com](mailto:dave@dscast.com) with questions or for more information. Thanks and see you at the next meeting.

**2012 - 2013 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule**

<b>Saturday, August 25, 2012</b>	<b>Golf Outing / Picnic</b>	<b>Mountain View Golf Course</b>
<b>Monday, September 10, 2012</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Anniston, Alabama*</b>
<b>Monday, October 8, 2012</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>
<b>Monday, November 12, 2012</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>
<b>Monday, December 10, 2012</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>
<b>Monday, January 14, 2013</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>
<b>Monday, February 11, 2013</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Meridian, MS *</b>
<b>Monday, March 11, 2013</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>
<b>Monday, April 15, 2013</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel **</b>
<b>Monday, May 13, 2013</b>	<b>Past Chair / Awards</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>

**\* Indicates Travel Meeting**

**\*\* Indicates Third Monday Of The Month**

**Regular Meeting Schedule**  
**Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel Birmingham, AL**  
**5:00 PM - Board Meeting**  
**6:00 PM - Meeting Registration & Social Time**  
**6:30 PM - Dinner & Speaker Presentation**