



*“Give A Little Something,  
To A Little Someone Who  
Could Use It”*

The AFS Birmingham Chapter will be accepting gifts and donations for the TOYS FOR TOTS program at the Annual Christmas Party.

The Mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new toys each year and distribute them as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.

*Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift or small contribution for this worthwhile cause.*

## Annual Christmas Party

The Wynfrey Hotel  
Galleria Mall  
I-459 / US-31

**Monday, December 8th**

**Social Time 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
(Filet Mignon)**

**Leave your reservation  
request at  
205-661-0206 x23  
or via the internet at  
[www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)**

**As Always, Spouses &  
Guests Are Welcome**

***Please Make Reservations  
By December 4th***

**Price per Person—\$30.00**

## *Christmas Party Entertainment*

### Mickey Dean

Mickey Dean is no stranger to clean comedy. In some minds, working “clean” may decipher into not being funny. In the case of Mickey Dean, “clean” means inventive down-to-earth style that is welcomed by audiences of every age and walk of life. With over 1500 Corporate Events under his belt there’s no mystery why he is Alabama’s Number One Corporate Entertainer. Mickey’s style of down-home, sophisticated social commentary will hit anyone’s funny bone. His brand of comedy reveals the humorous angles of all levels of work, home and life in general.

Mickey spent 25 years in the steel plate fabrications business before trying his talents on the big stage. Since then he has headlined Comedy Clubs all over the US, at the Atlantis in the Bahama’s and is currently the “comic relief” on the syndicated Radio Morning Show “The Rick and Bubba Show”. He has shared the stage with National Artist, Michael Bolton and Wynona Judd.



As an extra treat, dinner music will be provided by Dr. Roger Walworth and Mrs. Leah Washburn. Dr. Walworth is an accomplished trumpeter and Chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Division at Judson College, Marion AL. Leah is a very talented pianist and administrator at Judson College.



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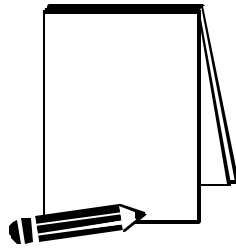
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## NOTES

Donations for Door Prizes at the Christmas Party are needed. If your company would like to donate a door prize, please contact Todd Lyles at 205-965-6653, or email at [toddlyles@aol.com](mailto:toddlyles@aol.com).

The latest membership galley from national AFS shows the Birmingham Chapter to be holding at 525 members. Don't forget the membership campaign. For each new member you recruit, your name will be entered in the drawing for a new laptop computer. For more information contact our membership committee: Carol Brandon (Hill and Griffith) 205-328-4050, or Kathi Strickland (Citation—Bessemer) 205-424-4030.

Thanks to Tom Prucha (Intermet) for speaking at our November 17th meeting, on "Casting Technologies for Weight Reduction." You can contact Tom at 248-952-2513 or email at [tprucha@intermet.com](mailto:tprucha@intermet.com).



## EDUCATION

Molly Stewart, Process Control Engineer at ACIPCO, attended the CMI course (co-sponsored by the Birmingham AFS chapter) that was recently held in Birmingham on *Chemically Bonded Mold & Core-making Materials & Methods*. She quotes "The course was very informative, and the selected instructors brought a wealth of knowledge. The course consisted of talks describing the details of sand, in-depth discussion of various binder systems, and descriptions of coatings. Having limited experience with coremaking, I personally gained much information that I can put to use in the future. Especially interesting to me were the demonstrations of various techniques to measure refractory coating thickness, done by Mr. Bill Lynam. The course ended with a tour of the facilities at Laempe + Reich Companies."



CMI Course participants enjoy their tour of the Laempe + Reich facilities.



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| <b>Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003</b>  | <b>Christmas Party - Entertainment, Mickey Dean</b>   |
| <b>Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004</b>  | <b>Regular Meeting - Charles Bates<br/>Research Professor, Materials and Mechanical Engineering, UAB<br/>Update on AFS Research at UAB</b>    |
| <b>Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004</b> | <b>Regular Meeting - Scott Howell, Robinson Iron<br/>Update on the Vulcan Restoration</b>   |
| <b>Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004</b>    | <b>Tuscaloosa Meeting - Student night &amp; Golf</b>  |
| <b>Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004</b>    | <b>Regular Meeting - Doru Stefanescu<br/>Research Professor, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, UA<br/>Update on AFS Research at UA</b> |
| <b>Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004</b>      | <b>Regular Meeting - Awards Night<br/>Bill Sorensen, Executive Director, Foundry Educational Foundation<br/>Update on FEF</b>                 |



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