



February 2007

Chapter News

Pictures On Our Website

A big thank you goes out to Bill Steadman for the picture update on our website covering our monthly meetings. As well, thanks to all that have taken pics along with Bill... especially, Ron Kern for his fantastic Christmas Extravaganza photos! If you haven't already checked them out, go to the website and do so!

Mark Your Calendar

A couple of very important upcoming events you won't want to miss – mark your calendar now!

February 28 – March 2, 2007 – Southeast AFS Regional, Myrtle Beach, SC. For Information and Registration visit the Birmingham website or you can visit the Piedmont Chapter site <http://www.afspiedmont.org>

March 28 – 30, 2007 – AFS Governmental Affairs Conference, Washington DC. For Information and Registration visit the national AFS website <http://www.afsinc.org>

Camp Coleman Golf Cart Campaign

The Chapter continues our quest in raising the funds needed to purchase a golf cart to serve the special needs of Camp Coleman. Anyone wishing to donate or has ideas for fund raising please see Carol Brandon (205) 328-4050. We presently stand at \$3,200... thanks again for your generous support of this most worthy cause.

Please visit our chapter website or the AFS National website frequently to get the latest chapter and national info:
www.afsbirmingham.org
or
www.afsinc.org

February 12th Meeting:

“Inside The Beltway”

*Diana Waterman
AFS Washington Office*



**The Wynfrey Hotel
Galleria Mall
US-31 & I-459**

Monday, February 12th

**Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Social Time 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Leave your reservation request at
(205) 661 - 0206 ext. 23
or via the internet at
www.afsbirmingham.org**

Be sure to leave your name!

Make your reservations before 12:00 Noon on February 8th

Price of Meal—\$25.00

You will not want to miss the opportunity to come hear the ‘state of the union’ and how the new Democratic controlled congress could impact our industry, as seen through the eyes of our AFS voice in Washington DC.

Diana and her staff operate the Washington DC AFS office and keep us in touch with all of the legislation that affects our industry – from environmental, to OSHA, to taxation, to fair trade, to funding for R & D, along with all the other issues we face in doing business.

This meeting is very timely for us as the annual AFS Governmental Affairs conference is just around the corner (March 28 – 30, 2007). This is the most important conference for our industry, as this is the time our chosen delegates (like us) go to DC to tell the Metalcasting story to our Senators and Representatives.

So here is your chance to get a head start on the issues Diana and her staff will be presenting at the conference.

Diana is not only a voice for our industry, but a true friend of the society and the Birmingham Chapter... mark your calendar now... you won't want to miss your chance to hear Diana!

From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

A few thoughts and comments from our January meeting:



Chairman Petrus

Thanks to Henry Lodge of Lodge Manufacturing for the excellent presentation at our January meeting. We had 98 in attendance for this most enjoyable meeting.



Henry Lodge (R) receives Speakers' Award

Our congratulations go out to the winners of AFS Birmingham's first scholarship competition. James Mitchell of the University of Alabama and



James Mitchell

Stephen Williams of the University of Alabama, Birmingham each received \$1000. My thanks for all of the hard work go out to the students that participated this year.



Stephen Williams

Please mark your calendars for this year's Southeast Regional Conference. This year's conference will be held February 28th through March 2nd in Myrtle Beach, SC. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

For those of you that may have missed the January meeting, the chapter honored Dr. Charles Bates of UAB for his many contributions to the Birmingham AFS Chapter and the metal casting industry. We wish Dr. Bates well in his retirement.



Honoring Dr. Bates

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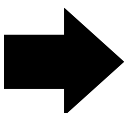
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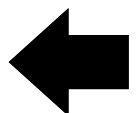
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Your participation, *both financially & willingness to serve* is greatly appreciated.**





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2006-2007 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, February 12, 2007	Regular Meeting	Diana Waterman - AFS DC	Wynfrey
February 28 - March 2, 2007	Southeast Regional	University Presentations	Myrtle Beach, SC
Monday, March 12, 2007	Regular Meeting	Michael Swartzlander - Ashland Specialty	Wynfrey
Friday, April 13, 2007	Student Night & Golf	University Presentations	Tuscaloosa, AL
Monday, May 7, 2007	Awards Night	Jerry Call - AFS EVP	Wynfrey
May 15 - 18, 2007	AFS Casting Congress	111th Paper Show	Houston, TX

Regular Meeting Schedule:

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



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!



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