



# January 2010 Chapter News

## Upcoming Events

**February Meeting: Foundry Finance 101—Knowing Your Foundry's Costs**

**March Meeting: ENERGY SUMMIT: Practical Solutions for the Foundry: Kent Peaslee, F. Kenneth Iverson Steelmaking Chair Curators Teaching Prof. & Assoc. Chair-Undergrad. Materials Science & Engineering Department Missouri S&T (formerly Univ. of Missouri-Rolla)**

**April Meeting: AFS Student Casting Competition Featuring Entries from University of Alabama; University of Alabama-Birmingham, Mississippi State University**

**May Meeting: Annual Business Meeting Past Chairman's Night**

**AFS  
Birmingham**

**The Wynfrey Hotel-  
Birmingham, AL**

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

**Cost of Dinner is \$30.00**

**You may make your  
reservation requests at...**

**(205) 661-0206 ext. 23  
or via the Internet at  
[www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)**

**Make your reservations  
before 12:00 noon on  
January 8th.**

**Be sure to leave your name  
when making your reservation.**

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**January 11th  
Meeting Topic:**

**ACIPCO - 105 Years  
of the Golden Rule**

Van Richey has served as President and CEO of American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO) since 1989. Founded over 100 years ago, ACIPCO is a diversified manufacturer of industrial and capital goods.

A source of great pride to Mr. Richey, and all ACIPCO employees, is that ACIPCO has been recognized on eight occasions as one of the "Best 100 Companies to Work for in America." He believes this accolade further personifies the Golden Rule philosophy advocated by ACIPCO's founder, John J. Eagan.

His civic and community activities include the Business Council of Alabama (past Chairman) and the President's Cabinet at The University of Alabama; serves on the Boards of The University of Alabama at Birmingham Health Systems; University of Alabama Health Services Foundation; Leadership Alabama (past Chairman); Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (past Chairman); Birmingham Business Alliance; Alabama Iron & Steel Council; Newcomen Society of Alabama; The Boy Scouts of America; Leadership Birmingham; Inroads; Salvation Army; Alabama Partnership for Children (past Chairman); and Alabama Department of Archives and History. He is a member of the Alabama Children's Policy Council and a trustee for the Alabama Council on Economic Education. Mr. Richey is a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor.



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## From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

I want to thank everyone that made it out to the AFS Birmingham annual Christmas party. We had over 90 members, guests, and significant others in attendance. The Alabama Blues Brothers were energetic and very entertaining. Thanks to all who were a part of bringing the party arrangements together. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. I would also like to thank everyone that donated toys and/or cash to the Toys-For-Tots program. We collected over \$200 in donations and a truck load of toys and games for needy children in the Birmingham area. Your kind contributions were sure to make a difference to the children this Christmas.

We have a lot of great things coming up in 2010. Our January meeting will feature ACIPCO's president and CEO Van Richey. So make your reservations now and mark your calendar for January 11th. We also have the Southeast Regional coming up in February so be sure to keep that in mind.

In the year 2009, we as individuals and companies have faced many challenges due to the economy and business climate. Here's hoping that 2010 will ring in a change for the better. Happy New Year and see you at the Wynfrey on January 11th.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!**

John Kersh  
Chairman



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### **2010 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule**

Monday, January 11, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, February 1, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, March 8, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Friday, April 12, 2010	Student Night	Wynfrey
Monday, May 10, 2010	Awards Night	Wynfrey

*Regular Meeting Schedule:*

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



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