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 IS IN YOUR HANDS**

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Dwight M. Beeson Banquet Hall
 The Harbert Center

OFFSITE MEETING

11:30am - 1:00pm

ALERT: Time & Place
 11:30 a.m. Iron Pour
 Demonstration
 12:00 Lunch



SLOSS FURNACES NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

To see the iron pour demonstration, arrive early: The demonstration begins at 11:30 a.m. As you walk through the gates, you will be directed to the iron pour.

Sloss's Metal Arts program is rooted in Birmingham's historic connection to iron and steel. The city owes its existence to these metals and to the forming and processing industries that grew up around them. Although such industries are no longer the dominant forces they once were, they are still an important part of the city's economic life and offer tremendous resources for the production of metal sculpture.

The demonstration will be at 11:30 with lunch following (provided by Taziki's). Tours will be provided from 12:20 on.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

Artist studios occupy the 1926 Power House, 1927 Pyrometer House, 1927 Bathhouse and 1950s Storage Building. One of two 20,000-sq.-ft. casting sheds, where millions of tons of iron once were cast, has been developed as the foundry and fabrication shop.

The foundry has four coke-fired cupolas for casting iron, the largest of which casts up to 2000 pounds an hour. There are two gas furnaces for melting bronze and aluminum, wax and ceramic shell studios with a cart kiln and burnout kiln, and a forklift and lifting equipment to handle up to three tons. The foundry offers a variety of moldmaking processes and equipment, including bonded sand and ceramic shell.

Woodworking equipment includes 18" band saw, contractor's table saw, spindle sander, disc/belt sander, 6" joiner, lathe, and assorted hand tools.

For metalworking there is cutting and welding equipment—oxyacetylene, stick, tig, and mig—as well as forges, drill press, lathe, sandblaster, and assorted power hand tools.

Supplies include a wide variety of consumables, such as grinding discs, glue, gloves, dust masks, lumber, plaster, alcohol, etc.

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Mar 17 Rele Evans
 Mountain Brook Village
 Development

Mar 24 District Governor
 Georgia Medori
 GSE Team from India
 Principal of the Year

Mar 31 Warren Stephens
 Stephens, Inc.

Apr 7 Mayor William Bell
 State of the City

ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS



Joe McInnes
Alabama Department of Transportation
1409 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36110

Chris Oberholster
Alabama Director, The Nature Conservancy
2100 1st Avenue North, Suite 500
Birmingham, AL 35203

Juan Williams
400 N Capital St NW
Washington, DC 20001

Aaron Beam
16848 Black Devine Road
Loxley, Alabama 36551

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Membership: 578
Honorary Members: 21

ENTER NOW! THE ROTARIANS 2010 PHOTO CONTEST IS UNDERWAY!

If you have a compelling shot -- from a Rotary fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or local club event -- enter it for a chance to be featured in the June issue and to win the grand prize: a digital camera. The deadline for submitting photos is March 31st.

Enter up to three photos that illustrate the spirit of Rotary for your chance to win.

Directions for entering a photo and the terms of the contest may be found on the Rotary.org website:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071119_news_photocontestpromo.aspx

LARGE CLUB CONFERENCE *Success by All Accounts*

THANK YOU TO THE 120 MOST WONDERFUL BIRMINGHAM ROTARIANS who volunteered during the Large Club Conference. There is no question that each and every volunteer was needed and did their part. **THANK YOU! YOU** made a difference to the club, to the president elect and executive director guests from all across North America, to the Rotary effort, and to our city (and state for many). For most of the Rotary 2010 LCC guests, this was a first trip to Birmingham and were they impressed! Thanks to all the committee members, chaired by **Richard Yeilding**, and to Rotaractors and to our enthusiastic member volunteers, our guests were warmly welcomed, fed the best food and drink in North America, hosted in beautiful homes of special architecture and felt our city views. They heard top notch speakers like **Juan Williams**, **Dr. Kevin Elko**, notable Rotarians **RI Director Ravi Ravindran**, current **Trustee of The Rotary Foundation Glenn Estess (Past President of RI)** and **Mark Maloney** who is currently serving on The Future Plan Committee (also a former Director of RI and Trustee of The Rotary Foundation). Guests had plenty of interactive discussion in planned breakout sessions and in the extemporaneous gatherings which occurred on the bus rides and anytime two or more gathered! Renaissance Ross Bridge was a perfect place for the conference and those who took advantage of the early morning health walks led by **President Hatton** left here a bit less guilty than those who slept in.

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During the conference, it was clear that all guests were having a wonderful experience. The level of chatter, the constant smiles, full house attendance and, primarily, the unending thanks of all present - made the work worthwhile. The committee - Brenda Hackney, Sanjay Singh, Richard Yeilding, Bill Jones, Jon Whetsell, Duane Donner, Henry Panion, Hatton Smith, April Mason, Danny Markstein, Philippe Lathrop, Kennon Walthall, Margaret McCollum and Susan Jackson - all agreed that they had a ball, but this was noted only after the conference was a proven success! They were busy implementing months of planning during the conference. It IS fun to work on something this scale and see it become the best it could be.



Special thanks to the six Rotarians who hosted the Dine Around in their homes on Crest Road - Cameron and Scott Vowell (both Rotarians), Mary Ruth and Charles Caldwell, Carol and Rusty Stewart, Cathy and Tom Adams, and Stewart Dansby. Chris Hastings staged the same menu and same timing in all five homes. Special thanks to Rotarian Frank Stitt and wife Pardis for the exceptional Highlands Bar and Grill dinner. Special thanks to Rotarian Lawrence Pijeaux for making arrangements at the Civil Rights Institute. And, special thanks to Rotarian Henry Panion whose reputation as Birmingham's "Music Man" brought in musical performances by the jazz band Overfloe, the Van Cliburn Silver Medalist Yakov Kasman, a 40-member gospel choir from Faith Chapel and American Idol Ruben Studdard.

AGAIN, The BIGGEST THANKS goes to all who volunteered - you are responsible for the repeated comment, "Our club needs the kind of comraderie and membership of the Birmingham club." (They would be right).

