



Rotaract Review

THE ROTARACT CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

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A Note From the President

I can picture it now. Joan Rivers peering down on the red carpet and commenting on the beautiful gowns. TV cameras and reporters gathered around, trying to capture the essence of the evening. Hundreds of people rushing into the theater to be part of one unforgettable night. Oh, and cue the 19-piece orchestra.



Now take Joan Rivers out of the picture, and you have one of the most spectacular and memorable evenings in Birmingham. On March 15th at the Alabama Theater, the Rotaract Club of Birmingham will be reinventing an annual tradition - our annual fundraising gala. With a new venue, new theme and total redesign, The Gala promises to be night of spectacular entertainment.

The evening will begin at 6:30 in the theater lobby with a VIP reception for all of Rotaract's members, local Rotarians and Ready 2 Read sponsors. At 7:30, the doors will open to the theater and a special presentation will begin on the big screen. At 8:00, the 19-piece orchestra will fill the main

theater with beautiful sound, and an evening of fellowship and dancing will begin on the ball room style stage specially constructed for this event.

This will truly be a magical event and I hope that all members will be able to attend. In addition, I hope that you encourage your friends to attend as well. Not only will this be the hottest event for young professionals to attend this year, but we will be helping to raise money and awareness for our signature service project, Ready 2 Read.

If you have attended The Gala in the past, this year promises to be even better than the last. If this will be your first, you are in for a real treat. Imagine the beautiful theater with hundreds of your friends, delicious food and beverages, dancing, socializing and fun. The only thing needed to make this event perfect is you! So put on your dancing shoes and join in the festivities. We may not be handing out Oscars, but it truly will be a night to remember!

Warm regards,

April

Look Inside for ...

PROGRAMS

LUNCHEON

February 5th
Michael Tate

LUNCHEON

February 19th
Dr. Clyde Echols

SOCIAL

February 15th , 8:00pm
Virginia Samford

GALA

Leading a Legacy
March 15th

**BUY YOUR TICKETS
NOW FOR THE
GALA ON MARCH
15TH!
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FOR MORE INFO**

Rotaract Vision

Be the premier civic club whose members, alumni, and sponsors lead the organizations that comprise a world-class community.

Rotaract Mission

Rotaract provides an opportunity for Birmingham's young professional leaders to promote responsible citizenship, develop professional skills, and employ effective leadership by offering venues to learn from proven leaders,

Future Events

**UPCOMING
SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS**

February 19th

Luncheon

Dr. Clyde Echols

February 15th

Social 8:00 pm

**Virginia Samford
Theatre**

March 15th

**3rd Annual Gala
Leading a Legacy**

March 18th

Luncheon

**Congressman Artur
Davis**

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Luncheon, February 19th
Dr. Clyde Echols**

Dr. Clyde Echols, an Anniston native, graduated from Birmingham Southern College in 1970 before going on to finish his Doctorate of Optometry at UAB. He has been in private practice since 1976 and served as a Consultant Optometrist to Acipco Health Services since 1986.

Dr. Echols presently serves as an Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Director, a Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau Director and Chairman of the BJCC Board. He holds several other positions in his professional field and within the community.

February Social:

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

The Virginia Samford Theater

Date: Friday, Feb 15

Time: 8 pm

**MUST RSVP BY FEB. 11, 2008
TO ATTEND**

RSVP TO
BHAMROTARACT@GMAIL.COM

Off-Broadway's phenomenal, longest-running musical celebrates the modern-day suburban mating game. The play is broken into vignettes that capture the lifelong evolution of relationships. Audiences fill the theater with laughter as the cast explores "everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws, but were afraid to admit."

UPCOMING DOWNTOWN ROTARY MEETINGS

Rotaract members are invited to attend the weekly Birmingham Downtown Rotary Club meetings for the Wednesday luncheon, in the Harbert Center, 11:45 a.m. on the 3rd floor.

Below are the upcoming dates and speakers:

February 13, 2008

Dr. Tim N. Townes
UAB
Dept of Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics

February 20, 2008

Mary Fisher
National AIDA speaker

February 27, 2008

Douglas Foshee
President and CEO
El Paso Corp.

March 5, 2008

John Surma
CEO
US Steel

GALA



Be there as the curtains draw back and the stage of the Historic Alabama Theatre is transformed into a dance floor.

**Rotaract Club of Birmingham's Gala
Leading a Legacy**

DATE: March 15, 2008

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Alabama Theatre

Black Tie Optional

The evening will feature performances from The Previews of The Red Mountain Theatre, surprise guests, an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and sounds of a sensational 19-piece big band.

Tickets are: \$40 per person and \$75 per couple.

After March 1, 2008 prices will increase to \$50 per person and \$95 per couple.

Ticket sales are available

www.birminghamrotaract.com/gala.aspx

**Rotaract Club of Birmingham
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PHOTO GALLERY FROM HOLIDAY PARTY



**Happy Birthday
to our
February
Birthdays**



- Seneca Green – 2nd
- Sally Hartley – 3rd
- Ann Wade Parrish – 3rd
- Kelly O'Donnell – 8th
- Wilson Long – 8th
- Jon Macklem – 12th
- Tom McKnight – 20th
- Justin Barkley – 23rd
- John Burdett – 25th

UPCOMING
COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE GLENWOOD JUNIOR BOARD INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

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LEAP DAY ★ PRE-EVENT ★ AT THE DOOR ★
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THE 4th ANNUAL PHOENIX CLUB BALL

Sinatra SOIREE

TO BENEFIT THE BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

at **Workplay Soundstage**
 on Friday, February 22, 2008
 from 8 pm to 12 am

featuring **the Style Band**

Black Tie Optional
 \$50 per ticket

INCLUDES:
 Hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine
 (Cash liquor bar)

