



Rotaract Review

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A Note From the President

A new year means new resolutions. 2008 may be the year you resolve to lose weight, become more organized, save more money or give more to the poor. Whatever the resolution may be, the concept is the same - you want to do something in the new year that you did not do the previous year that will make you a better person.



So what is Rotaract's New Year's resolution? Are there areas that Rotaract can improve upon, or is there a new initiative we can implement? If you have an answer to this question or if this is something you have thought about, I encourage you to consider running for a position on the Rotaract Board of Directors.

On January 15 at our regular luncheon we will announce the election procedures for the Rotaract Board and the nomination process will begin within the following weeks. If you are interested in a position, I encourage you to talk to the person currently holding that office to get a feel for the position and the level of responsibility. The

current Board may also be able to share with you some great new ideas for this upcoming term or advice on how they would have done things differently if they had another year.

If you are concerned about the time commitment, I admit that you must dedicate a significant amount of time to serve on the Board. However, the benefits well exceed the time sacrificed. Not only are you developing professional skills that you can apply to any occupation, you also are provided the opportunity to create long lasting relationships with Rotarians and the other members of the Rotaract Board. Most importantly, however, you are committing your time to service, and isn't that really what this club is all about?

It is time for a fresh start, and I encourage you to think about whether you want to play a role in Rotaract's new year. Maybe your New Year's resolution this year will be to be more involved in Rotaract. I sincerely hope so!

Warmest regards, April

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PROGRAMS

LUNCHEON

January 16th
Joseph Borg

SOCIAL

January 24th , 6:00 pm
Billy's

February 15th , 8:00pm
Virginia Samford
Theatre

SERVICE

January 21st, 11:00am
Botwell Auditorium

GALA

Leading a Legacy

March 15th

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Kyle Ahern
Lindsay Gill

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**

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Joseph Borg**

**January 21st
Rotaract and
United Way Service
Project**

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Social 6:00 pm
Billy's**

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Theatre**

**March 15th
3rd Annual Gala
Leading a Legacy**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Luncheon, January 16th
Joseph P. Borg
Director, Alabama Securities
Commission (ASC)

Joseph Borg has been Director of the ASC since 1994. Mr. Borg is past president of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) and serves as a member of its Board of Directors.

2007, Borg testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight about risks posed to everyday investors from Initial Public Offerings of private equity and hedge fund firms and the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging about illegal investment sales practices that victimize senior citizens.

Borg is currently a delegate to an Intergovernmental Expert Group for the United Nations Commission on International Trade and Law (UNCITRAL).

Borg previously served as in-house corporate counsel to First Alabama Bank (n/k/a Regions Bank, 1979-1984) and has been an adjunct professor of law at Faulkner University Jones School of Law teaching securities law and banking (1982-2002).

He is admitted to practice in Alabama, Florida, New York, U.S. Federal District Courts in Alabama and Florida, the 5th and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court.

January Social:

Thursday, January 24th

Billy's

English Village

6:00 pm

*5:30 pm new member orientation

Come and visit with your fellow Rotaractors and meet the recent additions to our club. Discuss Superbowl predictions and New Year's resolutions!

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, 08 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."

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Last year was a fantastic year for Rotaract Community Service. We want to continue our momentum by kicking off 2008 with a special joint project with Young Leaders of United Way.

On January 21, Rotaract and United Way will host a volunteer project to honor MLK Day. The opportunity to network with a new group of community leaders offers one additional reason to come make a difference in the lives of our community while celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We will be working to benefit Camp Fire USA at one of their sites, Camp Fletcher**. Camp Fire USA is a United Way partner agency that works "to build caring, confident youth and future leaders." We will be working at Camp Fletcher where we will likely be doing some painting, gardening, landscaping and possibly more.

Camp Fire has asked for up to 100 volunteers so we need everyone to get active in recruiting friends, family, colleagues, and even complete strangers. Just like all the red and blue candidates out there, the name of the game is turnout!



Specifics:

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00pm

Date: Jan. 21, 2008

Place: Boutwell Auditorium

MLK Worksite: Camp Fire, McCalla

*Lunch will be served

Please check you calendars and clear out some time to serve Birmingham on this very special day. To volunteer, simply click on the sign-up link below.

<http://microsoft.wufoo.com/forms/rotaract-and-united-way-yls-mlk-day-of-service/>

Thanks in advance for your commitment to serve. It is because of you that Rotaract is the premiere service organization in Birmingham.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT ON CAROLINE WILLIAMS



Name: Caroline Williams
Company: Compass Bank
Hometown: Tuscaloosa, AL

Most Embarrassing moment or a nickname (something light-hearted): I was in London a few summers ago. My two friends and I were at a restaurant and, trying our hardest to act like we knew what we were doing and not act touristy, we ordered “afternoon tea”. We each chose which tea we wanted and placed our order. The waitress kind of looked at us funny but didn’t say anything. When she came out with our order, it was enough sandwiches and tea for a small party!

Briefly describe a typical day in your life as a young professional: I am a Senior Analyst in Compass’ Commercial Credit Department. I analyze companies that have large relationships with us and make recommendations for existing and proposed deals. The acquisition by BBVA in Spain has kept us busy as well.

How did you come to join Rotaract? One of my former roommates was a member of the club and encouraged me to attend a luncheon. From attending this as well as some social events, I knew Rotaract was an organization that I wanted to join!

What has been the most memorable moment during your time with Rotaract? I think my most memorable moment would have to be the recent

excursion to Wal-mart for the boarding home project over Christmas. Due to some glitches at check-out, our group became great at bagging and loading a buggy! It was all worth it in the end though because I know that each home received a ton of much needed items!

What do you like to do in your free time? I love to play tennis and travel!

What's the best vacation you've ever taken? I traveled western Europe with two of my best friends about three years ago! We started in London, then visited France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and the Netherlands. There were so many amazing sights to take in and I was in good company, which made it even the better!

Please describe the benefits you have seen of Rotaract for a young professional. I think that everyone that joins Rotaract quickly sees that it is a great place to meet others with mutual interests and is a wonderful way to get involved in the community. For me, being the Membership Development Director this year has given me the opportunity to get to know so many of our members better and to learn about industries and jobs in Birmingham that I never knew we had!

Tell us one thing most others wouldn't know about you. Abraham Lincoln is a (DISTANT!) relative of mine!

Rotaract Club of Birmingham Board of Directors

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DOWNTOWN ROTARY SCHEDULE

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:

January 16, 2008	January 30, 2008
Frank Argenbright	Ruffner Page
AirServe, provides security at over 27 airports in U.S. and Europe	McWane, Inc.
January 23, 2008	February 6, 2008
Ambassador Reda Mansour	Charles Plosser
Israeli Consul General	President and CEO
	Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Happy Birthday to our January Birthdays



- Nathan Hill – 2nd**
- Bill Hickman – 4th**
- Zack Bennett – 6th**
- Lindsay Gill – 10th**
- Brandon Wilson – 10th**
- Brad Sloan – 13th**
- Charles Brammer – 16th**
- Ben Moncrief – 20th**
- Rachel Powell – 29th**
- Lindsay Smith – 29th**
- Allen Jones – 30th**

ROTARACT NOMINATIONS 2008

We are now accepting nominations for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors.

You may nominate yourself or another Rotaractor by emailing our gmail email or responding to the anonymous server that will be sent out this week. The positions are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Provides direction and oversees all club operations. Presides over program meetings and Board of Directors meetings. Communicates with the sponsoring Rotary Club and other entities

VICE PRESIDENT: Assumes Presidential duties during the President's absence. Coordinates communications between Board and all club committees -Oversees special and ad-hoc committees. Intended to serve as a "President-Elect" to provide continuity between board years

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR: Directs and oversees the communications committee. Coordinates all club communications including website maintenance, newsletter development, announcements, press releases, etc. Maintains and distributes Board of Directors meeting minutes.

TREASURER: Directs and oversees the Finance and Fundraising Committees -Manages the club's financial accounts -Collects donations. Prepares regular budgets. Provides financial guidance to the Board of Directors -Performs an annual audit. Manages the Rotaract endowment.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR: Directs and oversees the membership recruitment and selection processes. -Oversees active recruitment of potential high-quality members. Assists applicants in the application process. Works with the Membership Recruitment Committee members to evaluate potential members. Formally recommends applicants approved by the Membership Recruitment Committee to the Board of Directors for Board review and approval.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Directs and oversees the Membership Development Committee. Oversees new member orientation. Assists members in understanding opportunities for involvement. Solicits regular feedback from members about club operations. Serves as a liaison between the membership and the Board of Directors. Seeks innovative opportunities to better serve the needs of the membership.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Directs and oversees the Community Service, International Service and Signature Service Project Committees (i.e. Ready 2 Read's Reading Buddy program) Coordinates and promotes the club's quarterly community service events. Facilitates communication among Finance Committee, Ready 2 Read Committee, and Social Committee to ensure the success of the Signature Service Project. Works with the Rotary Club of Birmingham's Club Service Committee to coordinate joint service projects.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Directs and oversees the Social Committee -Develops unique and attractive social opportunities in order to showcase various venues in Birmingham while strengthening our community's network of talented young professionals -Supports the Dress Up Get Down Gala Committee.

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: Directs and oversees the Programs and Professional Development Committees -Works with the committees to select and invite various speakers whose topics are of interest to the membership. Responsible for program meeting logistics and preparation.

Nominations will close on February 6 and interviews will be in the following weeks.



THE GALA
Leading a Legacy

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY , MARCH 15

PRESENTED BY THE ROTARACT CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM