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A Note From the President



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday and is settling back into the routine of 2007. We

started the year off with a fascinating presentation by UAB's chief geneticist, Dr. Bruce Korf. I am continually amazed by the sophistication of the work that is being done and discoveries being made by the physicians and scientists just down the street from where I work everyday.

We continue to have a great slate of opportunities for learning, service, and networking over the next month. Between chances to volunteer at the Lakeshore Foundation, attend Fiddler on the Roof at the Virginia Samford Theater or to help us get

ready for our second annual Gala on March 2, it's going to be a busy start to the new year.

Also, it's nearly time for each of you to begin considering a leadership role in Rotaract. Over the next few weeks, we will begin asking for nominations for next year's Board of Directors. Please consider where you might like to step forward and lead this Club into its next exciting year of progress.

Sincerely,
Ben Moncrief, President

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Adrienne Cleveland
Rachael Dilberto
Kerry Edwards
Matthew Goforth
Ann Wade Parrish

Rotaract Vision

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

Rotaract Mission

To responsibly pursue the wisdom and experience necessary to improve the quality of life of our community's citizens.

Future Events

**UPCOMING
LUNCHEON
SCHEDULE**

January 16th

Mr. Gene Hallman

President & CEO
Bruno Event Team

February 6th

Mr. M. James Gorrie

President
Brasfield & Gorrie

February 20th

TBA

March 6th

Dr. W. Lawrence Greer

Founding & Managing
Partner
Greer Capital Advisors

March 20th

Mr. Claude Nielsen

President & CEO
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

**The 2nd Annual Gala will
be on March 2nd!**

**Look for details in the
upcoming weeks of how to
get tickets and be involved.**

**Contact Katy Pinkerton
with any questions.**

**January 16th Speaker
Mr. Gene Hallman**



President and CEO of Bruno Event Team, a Birmingham, Alabama based sports marketing and event management company, formed with partner Ronald Bruno in 1995. Bruno Event Team currently employs 60+ people. Additionally, created and began the Alabama Sports Foundation in 1995 and currently serves as Executive Director. The Alabama Sports Foundation is effectively the sports lobby for the City of Birmingham and the State of Alabama. Created in 2004,

Zoom Motorsports is currently the exclusive promoter of the events at the Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, AL. This world renowned road racing facility has been called one of North America's finest.

Some of Mr. Hallman and Bruno Event Team's most notable accomplishments include serving as Executive Director of the Regions Charity Classic (formerly the Bruno's Memorial Classic) since 1992, management of the LPGA Tournament of Champions since 1998, directing the SWAC football championship since 1996, managing the SEC Baseball Tournament for 10 of the last 11 years, and management of the Barber Motorsports Park since its inception in 2003.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina, Mr. Hallman is married to Mrs. Allison Hallman and has two children, Ella Grace and Marshall.

Membership Spotlight on Ali Louis

Name: Ali Louis



Company:

UAB Alumni Affairs

Hometown:

Louisville, Kentucky

Briefly describe a typical day in your life as a young professional :

Having just begun my job at UAB in the alumni affairs office a few weeks ago, I have yet to experience a "typical" day. As membership coordinator I am responsible for increasing our membership, developing affinity partnerships as well as maintaining a competitive list of benefits for our alumni. I will be helping coordinate our local alumni events and traveling to several of our chapter events and receptions.

How did you come to join Rotaract?

Elizabeth Dotts asked me to attend Rotaract's third luncheon meeting with her... and the rest is history!

As a past board member, you were an integral part of the membership committee. Describe the aspect of being on the board you enjoyed the most?

I really enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the board last year. With Rotaract having

just begun it's second active year, there was still a lot of ground cover. The aspect of the board that I enjoyed the most was working with a diverse group of intelligent and motivated directors each of whom brought so much to the table. One of the greatest benefits to the position of membership co-chair was knowing every member in the organization, at least by name.

What has been the most memorable moment during your time with Rotaract?

At last year's Gala event I worked the registration table with Jennifer Breland, Katy Pinkerton and several other members. This being our first Gala event we were all concerned with what the turnout would be. Less than an hour after the party began we walked into the main room and were shocked to discover that the room was packed. We raised over \$20,000 to support our signature service project that made all of the hard work worth while.

Please describe the benefits you have seen of Rotaract for a young professional.

There are so many. As a Rotaract member my interest and knowledge of Birmingham has expanded. I have met many wonderful and close friends and have encountered several great experiences.

**Rotaract Club of
Birmingham
Board of Directors**

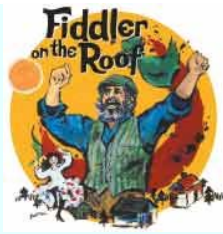
Chairman Bill Hankins
President Ben Moncrief
Vice President Ginny DeBardeleben
Membership Recruitment Emily Duff
Membership Development Jarred Brown
Treasurer Andrew Petrofsky
Programs Director April Mason
Communications Co-Directors Jennifer Breland Jason Goggins
Service Director Eve Rhea
Social Director V.J. Graffeo

Happy
Birthday
to our
January
Birthdays



- Nathan Hill—2nd
- Cara Sweeney—3rd
- Bill Hickman—4th
- Zack Bennett—6th
- Joseph Schilleci—9th
- Brad Sloan—13th
- Charles Brammer—16th
- Ben Moncrief—20th
- Rachael Powell—29th
- Allen Jones—30th
- Sarah Peinhardt—31st

**Fiddler on the
Roof
Thurs, Jan. 25,
6:00pm**



**The Virginia Samford Theatre
1116 26th Street So (off Highland Ave)**

Join the Birmingham Rotaract Club for our January social for a night at the historic Virginia Samford Theatre to view the live musical performance of Fiddler on the Roof. We will have a light wine and cheese reception at 6:00 PM before the show at the theatre. The show starts at 7:30 PM. Tickets for the event are available at a special reduced price for Rotaract members and guests for \$20 (regular price is \$25).

We have a block of seats reserved. If you plan on coming, please bring a check made payable to Birmingham Rotaract Club at the January 16, 2007 meeting or send the check to me by Monday January 22, 2007 (2001 Park Place N., Suite 1400, B'ham, AL 35203). Otherwise, you will need to pay full price. Please contact V. J. Graffeo at vjg@hsy.com or 254-1447 if you have any questions.

**Highlights from the 3rd
Annual Holiday Party
December 14, 2006
Open Door Café**

On Thursday, December 14th, the Rotaract Club celebrated our 3rd Annual Holiday Party at the Open Door. Members came in festive attire and enjoyed light snacks and refreshments.

Members in attendance included VJ Graffeo, Katye Pinkerton, Scott Ainsworth, Ginny DeBardeleben, Leslie Wood, Emily Duff, Justin Rogers, Anthony Oni, Justin Weintraub, Meredith Padalino, Lauren Padalino, Jarred Brown, April Mason, Eve Rhea, Jennifer Breland, Lacey Bacchus, John and Sarah Peinhardt, Mike Mahon, John Burdett, Blair Badham, Bud

Service Volunteer Opportunity

**Pioneer Classic Basketball Tournament
at Lakeshore Foundation, Jan. 12—14, 2007**

Rotaract Club will be volunteering at the Pioneer Classic Basketball Tournament at Lakeshore Foundation on January 12 -14, 2007.

Lakeshore Foundation needs volunteers to work concessions, run the clock and shot clock, and keep the scorebook. The tournament is from 8:00 am-9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and 8:00 am- 2:00 pm on Sunday with several volunteer opportunities during the weekend.

The concession stand requires a minimum of 2 hours and the clocks or scorebook is a minimum of two games. We will schedule a mini-training session the first week of January.

Please sign up with Marilyn Harvest at marilyn@foundationbirmingham.org. For more info on Lakeshore Foundation visit www.lakeshore.org.

3rd Annual Holiday Party
December 14, 2006



HAPPY NEW YEAR!