

Bruno Hall
The Harbert Center
Lunch 11:45
Bell 12:05
Adjournment 12:45

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Wednesday, May 31st

Sen. Hagel speaking to the Rotary Club, Rotaract is invited

Tuesday, June 6th

Lee Thuston, Managing Partner of Burr and Forman LLP

Friday, July 21st

Art on the Rocks, Dessert Table

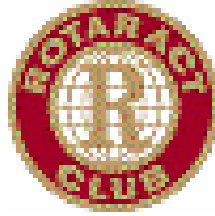
Ready 2 Read

Fundraising Update

During April, the Alabama Power Foundation became our largest Ready 2 Read sponsor to date and set forth a challenge to other local companies. Their "Multiple Classroom Sponsorship" brings us near \$25,000 funded of our \$200,000 goal to place and endow a 300+ book classroom library in every second grade classroom in the Birmingham City School System.

Carla Roberson of the Alabama Power Foundation explained, "We are proud to be able to lead.... [The Multiple Classroom Sponsorship] is a level at which most companies in the city can certainly give." Each classroom library and endowment will cost \$1,000 and provide our city's youngest generation the much needed resources to begin a lifetime of education. To find out more about the levels at which your company can sponsor Ready 2 Read, please contact Mike Mahon at mmahon@fhcapital.com or 706-1576.

The Rotaract Club of Birmingham



Rotaract Review

May 16: John Cassimus, President and CEO, Zoe's Kitchen



John Cassimus is a Birmingham native. He attended the University of Alabama, where he played football, where he was a part of several bowl games throughout his football career. These include two trips to the Sun Bowl in El Paso Texas, the Hall of Fame bowl in Tampa, Florida and the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, Louisiana. John was named permanent team member to Bam a Pride and is a permanent A Club member.

After graduation from the University of Alabama, John went on to pursue several successful endeavors. He became an award-winning insurance and securities producer for a local firm; then he started his own imprinting sportswear company called J-Rag, Inc., which was later sold after a successful three-year stint in the business. Over the years, John has also enjoyed working part time for several television networks including ABC sports in New York as well as College Sports Southeast and the local ABC, NBC, FOX and CBS affiliates in Birmingham. John has served as a sideline commentator as well as a live, on-air football analyst. He has also been a frequent guest on local sports talk radio shows including JOX 690 AM and WERC 960 AM.

In October of 1999, John decided to plant his roots in Birmingham with another startup - he opened the 2nd location of Zoe's Kitchen. John's mother, Zoe Cassimus, and his father, Marcus Cassimus, founded the original Zoe's Kitchen located in Homewood, Alabama in 1995. Zoe's Kitchen is a quick-serve casual concept featuring homemade recipes made daily from fresh ingredients. Zoe's Kitchen features a chicken-dominated menu including salads and sandwiches with a Greek flair. Currently there are 12 locations in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Spanish Fort, Destin, Phoenix, Memphis, Montgomery, and Nashville. There are plans to open approximately 50 stores within the next five years.

On April 28, 2006 The Rotaract Club gathered at Barking Kudu for the Social Event and also welcomed the new members for the year. Below are some of the pictures from the event. We look forward to seeing you at the next event. Congratulations to the New Members!

NEW MEMBERS

**Lacey Bacchus * Jason Goggins * Nathan Hill * Michael Rediker * Jessica Lemons
Grant Lauderdale * Bentley Smith * Brad Sloan * Lauren Padalino * Eric Rogers**

