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Roger M. Smitherman
President Pro-Tempore - Alabama Senate

Senator Rodger M. Smitherman represents the interests of District 18 in the Alabama Senate. This area encompasses a small portion of Mountain Brook and Hoover. His jurisdiction also includes Homewood. He is also the Senator for the City of Birmingham, which is the largest municipality in the State of Alabama.

First elected to public office in 1994, voters have consistently returned him to the state capitol in Montgomery. Not only has he earned voter confidence, he also has earned the respect of his legislative peers. In 2009, his colleagues chose him to serve as Senate President Pro Tempore.

Leadership and service come natural to Senator Smitherman. His mother was the first African-American principal in the Shelby County public school system. His father was an entrepreneur. However, fate forced him to grow up fast. At age 12, his parents became disabled and he became the family caregiver. After his parents died, he became the court-appointed guardian of a younger sibling. Juggling multiple responsibilities, he attended the University of Montevallo, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He forged ahead, attending Miles Law School, finishing with honors.

He has steadily moved forward throughout his professional life, rising from his first job working on a grass farm to his current position as the third most powerful official in state government. But Senator is just one of his many titles.



He is also an attorney in private practice with his wife, Carole Smitherman, a dynamic leader in her own right. She is a City Councilor, elected in 2009 to her third term in office. Circumstances recently caused her to assume the role of Acting Mayor of the City of Birmingham. She is also a former prosecuting attorney and the first African-American woman to serve as a circuit court judge in Alabama.

The Smithermans have four children and an extended family including hundreds of children whom they have nurtured. Senator Smitherman is the Ramsay High School head coach for the junior varsity girls' basketball team and assistant coach for the girls' varsity basketball team, which has won four state championship titles. At W. J.

Christian School, he was assistant coach for soccer, softball and girls' basketball. A consummate multi-tasker, Senator Smitherman is also a college professor, semi-pro golfer and church elder.

KIWANIS BOARD ACTION

The following new members were approved for publication at the December board of directors meeting. All questions and comments should be received in the Kiwanis club office by Tuesday January 12, 2010.

Gregory J. Barker "Greg"

Position: VP Economic & Community Development-Alabama Power Company
Sponsors: Donna Smith, Charles McCrary and Steve Spencer

Paul Randall Bates "Randy"

Position: EVP Sales & Marketing - Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc.
Sponsors: Ed Pascoe, Owens Sims and Alton Parker

Michael C. Keel "Mike"

Position: Senior VP - McWane, Inc.
Sponsors: Jim Proctor, Mike Calvert and Neal Berte

J. Burton McDonald, Jr. "Burton"

Position: EVP, BB&T Bank
Sponsors: Joe Dean, Neal Berte and William Nicrosi

Shaffeur C. Stanford "Buddy"

Position: President / Owner - Stanford Financial Co., Inc.
Sponsors: Neal Berte, Joe Dean and Carl Crosby

Ryan O. Thomas "Ryan"

Position: Asset Manager, Alabama Power / Southern Company
Sponsors: Jay Patton, Donna Smith and Andy Dearman

Keith Daryl Thomas "Keith"

Position: Sr. Pastor - First United Methodist Church
Sponsors: Carol Hines, Neal Berte and William Nicrosi

BIRMINGHAM KIWANIS FOUNDATION BOARD ACTION

The Projects Evaluation Committee completed their review of the 2009 grant requests and made recommendations to the Foundation Board on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. After some discussion the board unanimously approved the Committee's recommendations. Grants totaling \$64,400 will be disbursed to these organizations by mid-February 2010.

Your contributions to the foundation made these disbursements possible.

AMBUCS of Greater Birmingham

Bell Center

Better Basics

Birmingham Athletic Partnership

Birmingham Pledge Foundation

Boys & Girls Club of Central Alabama

Boy Scouts - Greater Birmingham Council

Camp Smile-a-Mile

Children's Harbor

Gateway

Girls Inc. of Central Alabama

Girl Scouts of No Central Alabama

Hand-in-Paw

Jean Dean Reading is Fundamental

Kid One Transport

King's Ranch & Hannah Homes

Kiwanis Int'l - AL District Foundation

Kiwanis Int'l - Annual Campaign

Kiwanis Int'l - IDD Endowment

McWane Science Center

Oasis Counseling Center

PreSchool Partners

UAB School of Optometry

UCP of Greater Birmingham

Vulcan Park & Museum

the
VIRGINIA SAMFORD
THEATRE AT CALDWELL PARK

An Evening at the Theatre

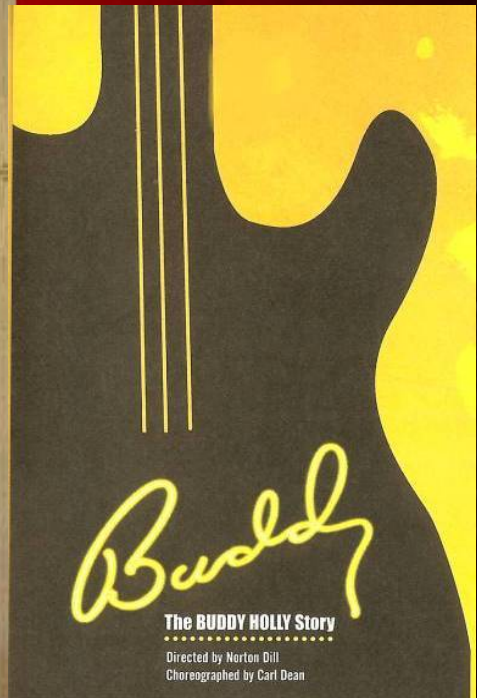
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

As a thank-you to our spouses and special friends, the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham will hold its Tuesday, January 19th meeting at the Virginia Samford Theatre (WE WILL NOT MEET FOR LUNCH). Come for cocktails and appetizers at 6:00 pm and a sneak-preview of *The Buddy Holly Story* at 7:30 pm.

Each Kiwanian will be allotted one free ticket - each guest ticket will be \$25. Tickets will be distributed by the Kiwanis Office on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call (205) 251-0032 today or email your request to kiwanis99@aol.com.

The Buddy Holly Story tells the story of the three years in which Buddy became the world's top recording artist with a show featuring such hits as "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be The Day," "On Boy," "Not Fade Away," "True Love Ways," and many more.

The Buddy Holly Story
Performance Begins
7:30 p.m.



The Virginia Samford Theatre
1116 26th Street So . Birmingham, AL 35205

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Next Tuesday's Program January 5, 2010 - 12 noon



Rodger Smitherman
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 18

Upcoming Programs

- Jan 12 Carol Steckel, MPH
Commissioner
Alabama Medicare Agency
- Jan 19 No Lunch Meeting
Evening Event at The Virginia Samford Theatre
Reservations Required - Call Today
- Jan 26 Bill Taylor, President
Economic Development Partnership of Alabama
- Feb 2 Gene Hallman, President/CEO
Bruno Event Team

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