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Bill Bowron, Jr.
Chairman, President and CEO
Red Diamond, Inc.



In 1906, William Fitz Donovan searched for the perfect name to describe his savory new coffee. Since a red diamond is a jewel that's unsurpassed in quality, it was this name and standard he chose to follow. Soon, the product was in such demand, Donovan Provision Company decided to dedicate efforts entirely to fine coffees and teas and changed its name to Donovan Coffee Company. Nine decades and four generations later, Donovan Coffee Company, now known as Red Diamond, Inc., is one of the three oldest coffee and tea companies in the nation continuously operated by members of the same family.

Today the company is managed by William A. "Bill" Bowron, Jr., great grandson of William Fitz Donovan. In 1990 after working fifteen years in the banking industry in Savannah, Georgia, Bill moved to Birmingham to work in the family business. He serves as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Red Diamond is available in fine restaurants, hotels, offices, hospitals, and homes across the southeast and in many parts of the nation. The company serves its customers with over 6,000 beverage and food service products. One of the nation's fastest growing Coca-Cola BreakMate and Coca-Cola fountain distributors, the company also stands as a national leader in the production and distribution of private label brands.

Bill is active in the community serving on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, the Birmingham-Jefferson Historical Museum and St. Vincent's Foundation. He is also president and campaign director of the Mountain Brook Sports Park Foundation and is active in the Birmingham United Soccer Club. Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham. The Birmingham Business Journal just named Bill "2009 Executive of the Year". Bill received his BA from The University of Virginia and a Graduate Banking Degree from The Stonier Graduate School of Banking—Rutgers University.

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Next Tuesday's Program December 1, 2009 - 12 noon



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Upcoming Programs

- Dec 8 A.C. Roper, Chief of Police
City of Birmingham
- Dec 15 Philip Pope, President
Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Alabama
"National Health Care Policy"
- Dec 22 & Dec 29 *We will not meet. Next meeting
will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010.*

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