

Optimist Club of Birmingham

In Our 91st Year of Service to
Youth & the Community

The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
April 11, 2019

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
12:15 PM

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PLEASE NOTE: The Club will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes located at 980 Huffman Rd. in the Youth Building (1st building on right when entering property from Huffman Rd.) **The meal cost will be \$10. In order to have an accurate count for meals, please contact [Nancy Ryan](mailto:Nancy.Ryan@optimists.org) at 205-531-5992 by Monday, April 8, at noon.**

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 11

CCDHH Chair **Roger Vaughan** will conduct our annual contest for the deaf and hard of hearing students in the Birmingham area. The contest is open to students through grade 12. Participants must have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which has been certified by an audiogram conducted within 24 months prior to the contest in order to be eligible to compete. The topic for this year's contest is the same as for the Oratorical contest, "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"



In addition to our contestants, their family members and guests, **Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Zoé Champion** will also be our honored guest at the meeting. She will be speaking with us about her platform: Champions M.A.D.E. – Make A Difference Every Day. Zoé will be competing for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen in July of this year. **Please come to support all of our Youth!!**

LAST PROGRAM

Our guest speaker was Joshua Paul Jones, a knowledgeable trial attorney with over twelve years of courtroom experience. At Joshua Paul Jones, Attorney at Law, LLC, he handles matters relating to criminal defense, domestic relations/family law, estate planning and business organization. Mr. Jones has taken over two-hundred criminal and civil cases to trial, spending thousands of hours in the courtroom. He has the ability to handle a variety of legal matters, thanks to this experience in criminal and civil litigation.



President Jon Ryan thanks guest speaker, Josh Jones, accompanied by his Assistant, Yung, and Law Clerk Intern, Emily.



Margie Argo & Linda DeMarco at the March 28 meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18 – Board Meetings, YWCA, 12 noon

April 25 – Regular Club Meeting

[Optimist Club of Birmingham Calendar 2018-2019](#)

MEMBER NEWS

April - Birthdays: Jon Ryan – 11th. Anniversary: Creola & Ira Lucas – 11th. Enjoy your special day!

CLUB OFFICERS ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 25TH

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers & directors for the administrative year beginning October 1, 2019:

President – Anita Lee

V. Pres. – Administration/Community Affairs – Ruby Peterson

V. Pres. – Youth Work – Nancy Ryan

Secretary – Jon Ryan

Treasurer – Leon Evans, Jr.

Directors: Two-year terms expiring 2021:

Joe Cassell, Sylvia Craig-Burnett, and Adrienne Pearson

OI Foundation Representative: Roger Vaughan

All nominees have agreed to serve in these positions. The nominees, together with the other incumbent directors, Dr. Paul Amamoo, Kathy Brill, and Ronald Taylor, whose terms expire in 2020, will comprise next year's board of directors. Officer elections will take place on Thursday, April 25th.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:
Ronald Taylor, Ruby Peterson, and Leon Evans, Jr.

SNAPSHOTS FROM JUMP JIVE FOR KIDS



Thank you to Co-Chairs Curtis & Jessica Lloyd & Tori for providing the musical entertainment!



Thank you to Co-Chairs Kathy & Marty Brill for providing the food & making sure that everyone had a great time out on the dance floor!



Carolyn McCoy & Leon Evans enjoyed dancing the night away!



Nancy & Jon Ryan enjoyed a slow dance or two!