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# Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the  
Alabama-Mississippi District  
February 2022

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
On Zoom  
1:00 PM

## February 10<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

Our guest speaker will be Maureen Hallman, Development Officer with Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries.

Mrs. Hallman was born and raised in Montgomery, AL. While attending college in Birmingham, she met her husband, Sam Hallman, who is also from the Birmingham area. After getting married, they lived in New Orleans while her husband was finishing his Master's degree. They loved the food, fun, and dancing the city has to offer.

The Hallmans have two young girls, Virginia, age 12, and Anne Frances, age 10, who keep their parents busy with dance classes, softball, and music lessons.

Mrs. Hallman and her husband have both had the opportunity to serve on staff at their churches, and they recently moved back from Dallas, Texas, after living there for 12 years. All their family is here in Alabama, so they are excited and grateful to be closer to everyone and be back home.

Mrs. Hallman's role at the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries includes responsibility for Business Partnerships, Volunteer and Service opportunities for Pastor's Wives and staff, as well as directing the Women of Compassion Giving Group.

People often ask what they can do to help, and she is able to share opportunities to pray, serve, and give at ABCH. Their mission is always to Protect, Nurture, and Restore children and families in hard places.

In her free time, Mrs. Hallman loves walking/hiking in nature with her family, cooking, gardening, and reading. She also enjoys teaching in children's and youth ministry at their church.

## Essay Scholarship Contest Scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm on Zoom

Essay Club Chair **Sharon Wilson** will be introducing the top 3 winners of the Club Contest as they share their essays on the topic of "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" Each winner will receive a cash prize, a medallion, and participation certificate. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner's essay will be submitted for further competition in the AL-MS District Contest for the opportunity to earn a \$2,500 college scholarship.

### Links for more information:

[Optimist International Scholarship Contests](#)

[Oratorical Scholarship Contest](#)

Oratorical Contest Chair [Ruby Peterson](#) – 205-854-1503  
Deadline to submit entry - March 4, 2022

[Communication Contest for the  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing \(CCDHH\)](#)

CCDHH Chair [Roger Vaughan](#) – 205-602-9242  
Deadline to submit entry - March 31, 2022

## Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting



Our guest speaker was **Rev. Tracy Hipps**, Executive Director of Christian Service Missions (CSM). Rev. Hipps came to CSM in 2010 and has been the Executive Director for 11 years. In the 11 years, CSM has rehabbed or built over 120 homes, raised 7 gardens in the city, and served through over 14 disasters in the US, distributing over 25 million dollars in resources. Since March 2020, CSM has served over 200,000 families with food and facilitated over 250 outreach events for our city to serve those in need. For more information about how you can help, please visit: <https://csmission.org/>

## MEMBER NEWS

The Club offers our sincere condolences to **Ruby Peterson** on the recent loss of her brother, **Jerry Zorns**. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. The following note addressed to the Club was received from Ruby and her family: *Thank you for your prayers, phone calls and other acts of kindness in our time of bereavement.*

**February Birthdays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dr. Sudha Gutti, 18<sup>th</sup> – Bertram Perry, 27<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Brill. **Anniversaries:** 19<sup>th</sup> – Jerry & Angene Coleman

For more information or questions re: Membership, please contact Membership Chair Leon Evans at [levansjr74@aol.com](mailto:levansjr74@aol.com) or 205-836-6057.

Please message Nancy Ryan at [nryan95@charter.net](mailto:nryan95@charter.net) with your birthday and/or anniversary information if it is not included on the list.

## Super Zone Meetings

The **Super Zone Meeting for Region 1**, including Zones 1, 2 & 3, was held on Saturday, January 22, via Zoom. Our Club is in Zone 1. **President Anita Lee, Secretary Jon Ryan, Director Ron Taylor & Nancy Ryan** attended the meeting.

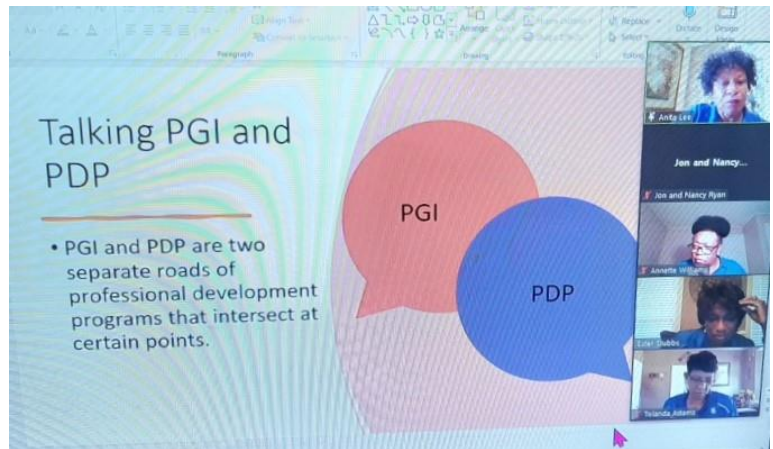
**Ron Taylor** was personally invited by **Gov. Ester Stubbs** to share his experience as an Optimist for more than 50 years with other attendees!

**Anita Lee** serves as the AL-MS District PGI (Personal Growth & Involvement) & PDP (Professional Development Program) Chair and made a presentation about the program during the meeting: For more information visit: <https://optimist.org/member/professional-development-program.cfm>

An invitation has been sent to all Club Members to attend the **Region 2 Super Zone Meeting** on Saturday, February 26. All are welcome to attend each of the 3 Super Zone Meetings.



**Governor Ester Stubbs & Ron Taylor**



**President Anita Lee presenting at Super Zone Meeting**