

# Optimist Club of Birmingham

In Our 91<sup>st</sup> Year of Service to  
Youth & the Community

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The Flagship Club of the  
Alabama-Mississippi District  
January 24, 2019

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
12:15 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Club will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes located at 980 Huffman Rd. in the Youth Building (1<sup>st</sup> building on right when entering property from Huffman Rd.) **The meal cost will be \$10.** For planning purposes, please let [Nancy Ryan](#) know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, January 22.

## PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 24

Our program will feature a presentation by **Dr. Paul Amamoo**, who is a member of the Ghana Committee of the Birmingham Sister Cities Commission which recently held the "Drums of Apaaso Gala" at Birmingham Southern College to raise funds to build a library in the village of Apaaso Ghana. The committee, which also includes Dr. Amamoo's wife, Gwen, and Club member **Anita Lee**, as well as others, visited the African cities of Winneba and the village of Apaaso in June 2017.

Dr. Amamoo will share about the progress that has already been made on the building of the library and plans for the remainder of the project, which will also include a community center. Please come to find out more about this endeavor, which our Club supports!

## LAST PROGRAM

The January 10<sup>th</sup> program featured a very informative video on the history of Optimist International entitled "[Bringing Out the Best into the Next Century.](#)" Members enjoyed learning about the history of OI and sharing information about the history of our Club, which just celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> year in April, 2018.



Ruby Peterson, Kathy Brill, Adrienne Peterson, Dr. Paul Amamoo, Pres. Jon Ryan & Leon Evans are pictured at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February Club Activity TBA

February 14 – No Club Mtg. **Happy Valentine's Day!!!**

February 21 – Board Mtg., YWCA, 12 noon

February 28 – Club Essay Contest – Top 3 winners will read their essays.

March 2 – Club Oratorical Contest, 10 am at Ronald McDonald House. All members welcome. Please contact [Ruby Peterson](#) if you plan to attend.

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

## MEMBER NEWS

**Jessica Lloyd** will be participating in the Ensemble in Red Mountain Theatre's production of **Memphis**, February 1-17. For more details and info on purchasing tickets visit <https://redmountaintheatre.org/our-season-2/memphis/>.

## Optimist International Regional Summit

Panama City Beach, FL,

February 22-24, 2019

All Optimist Members are Welcome!

Deadline for Room Reservations is January 19!

In lieu of the usual 2nd Quarter District Meeting, the AL-MS District will be taking part in the Optimist International 2019 Regional Summit in Panama City Beach, FL, on February 22-24. All Club Members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Joint training sessions, instructors and modules will be provided by OI. During the Saturday Night Awards Banquet, OI President Rebecca Butler-Mona will recognize all Honor and Distinguished Clubs. More details on the agenda will be available soon. Please click on the following links for the Summit Flyer and the Summit Registration Form.

[OI 2019 Regional Summit Flyer](#)

[OI 2019 Regional Summit Registration Form](#)

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
JUNE 30 – JULY 3, 2019, LOUISVILLE, KY



Mark your calendar & make plans to attend the 101<sup>st</sup> Optimist International Convention! The AL-MS District Officers will be staying in the Galt House (East Tower). There will be a hospitality suite with plenty of food for breakfast and lunch, which will save on eating out for every meal. Participants will only be asked to contribute toward the purchase of the food. There is also a possibility of traveling on a chartered bus with other Optimists from our District. More details will be available soon, but please don't delay in making your room reservations, so that you don't miss out on getting the convention rate in the hotel! Please check out more details about the convention at: <https://www.optimist.org/convention>