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Youth & the Community

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Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
June 2021

Meets 2nd Thursday
On Zoom
1:00 PM

Program for Thursday, June 10, 1:00 pm on Zoom

Our guest speaker will be **Blake L. Hall**, Dean of Culture for **Build UP Birmingham**, an early-college workforce development high school, equipping youth and communities to determine their own future. They provide low-income youth with career-ready skills through paid apprenticeships with industry-aligned secondary and postsecondary academic coursework, leading them to become educated, credentialed, and empowered civic leaders, professionals, homeowners and landlords. **Don't miss this presentation on [Build UP Birmingham](#)!!!**

May 13th Program on Scouting Program

Our guest speaker was **Logan Black**, Senior District Executive over Finance for the Three Rivers and Vulcan Districts of the Greater Alabama Council. A native of Jasper, Alabama and a graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Logan got his start in professional scouting right out of college by serving in the Black Warrior Council in the Tuscaloosa area. Within a year, Logan was able to move to Birmingham with the Greater Alabama Council by serving the Cherokee District in West Jefferson county. Logan has also served in Shelby County before ending up within Three Rivers and Vulcan. Some of his responsibilities include nonprofit fundraising, budget development, community involvement, product sales, donor development, and volunteer recruitment and management. Logan is an Eagle Scout and has had the opportunity to travel across and outside the country because of Scouting.

Logan spoke about the challenges that Scouting has faced and met in the recent past with expanding the program to include girls. He pointed out that the Scouts BSA program is not "co-ed." There are separate dens and units for each gender. Exploring Posts and Venturing Crews, for older youth ages 14-20, have long been co-ed. Logan shared that the Exploring program partners with the Birmingham Police Dept., Birmingham Fire Dept., hospitals, lawyers, etc. A new program is now being offered called STEM Scouts, which partners with local school systems to form a Lab, and focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

The Club wishes to congratulate and offer best wishes to Logan and his wife, Briley, who were married on May 30th!



Guest Speaker Logan Black

MEMBER NEWS

June Birthdays: 20th – Herb Forsythe, 30th – Kendra Johnson. Anniversaries: 1st – Florence & Bert Perry, 4th – Fred & Nathalie Oliver, 18th - Linda & Steve Wingo
Hope you enjoy your special day!

Please note: If your birthday and/or anniversary was not included, please email the dates to Nancy Ryan at nryan95@charter.net, so they can be added to the list!!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!!

The Optimist Club of Birmingham has been blessed with eight new members over the past few months! We look forward to working with you to serve the youth of our community! **WELCOME TO THE CLUB!!!**

New Club Members

Kelly Driver, sponsored by **Nancy Ryan**;
Danella Johnson, sponsored by **Kendra Johnson**;

New Friend of Optimists Members

Herbert Brayboy, Sr., sponsored by **Anita Lee**;
Allan Evans, sponsored by **Leon Evans**;
Valencia Flowers, sponsored by **Carolyn McCoy**;
Brandi Werther, sponsored by **Ruby Peterson**;
Mack And Associates, sponsored by **Dr. Paul Amamoo**;
Metropolitan Community Church Youth Department, sponsored by **Ruby Peterson**.

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

103rd Optimist International
Convention
June 30 – July 3, 2021
Atlanta, GA!



For more information please visit:

<https://optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>

**Advanced Registration deadline for
Live (in-person) attendance is
midnight of Saturday, June 19, 2021 (CT)**

On-Site Registration rates begin
Sunday, June 20, 2021 @ 12:00 AM (CT).

Online Registration deadline is
Tuesday, June 29, 2021 @ 6:00 PM (CT).

**Online Registration deadline to attend the
[Virtual Convention](#) is midnight of
Saturday, July 3, 2021.**

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