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# Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the  
Alabama-Mississippi District  
June-July 2022

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
City Club  
12:00 Noon

The Respect for Law Program will take place at City Club located at 1901 6th Ave N, Ste 3100, Birmingham, on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12 Noon.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Board has approved increasing the meal cost to \$27 / person. Reservations are required. If you make a reservation and do not show, then an invoice will be sent to you to cover the cost of your meal, which the Club is charged for, whether or not you attend. If you have not already made your reservation, please contact Leon Evans at [levansjr74@aol.com](mailto:levansjr74@aol.com) or 205-222-6227 by no later than tomorrow, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## RESPECT FOR LAW PROGRAM - JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>

Our guest speaker will be **Captain Shelia Frazier-Finney** with the Birmingham Police Department, who currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the Community Safety Partnership Division.

The group that will be honored at this year's program is the **C.O.P.E. Division (Community Outreach for Public Education)**. The officers of that division will be represented at the program by **Captain Janice Blackwell** of the Birmingham Police Department.

## LAST MEETING

Our guest speaker was **Brenda Ward**, State Director of Alabama National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Ms. Ward's passion is to educate and motivate people about Juneteenth and the blood sweat and tears that have been shed for us by our ancestors to bring us to where we find ourselves today.

The 2022 Juneteenth Observance was held at various venues around the City of Birmingham from June 6 - June 19, 2022.



## MEMBER NEWS

The Club offers our sincere condolences and prayers for **Adrienne Pearson** & her family on the loss of her mother.

**June Birthdays:** 20<sup>th</sup> – Herb Forsythe, 30<sup>th</sup> – Kendra Johnson. **Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Florence & Bert Perry, 4<sup>th</sup> – Fred & Nathalie Oliver, 18<sup>th</sup> – Linda & Steve Wingo

**July Birthdays:** 12<sup>th</sup> – Erma Hinton, 19<sup>th</sup> – Angene Coleman, 19<sup>th</sup> – Jackie Holder. **Anniversaries:** 4<sup>th</sup> - Jerry & Margie Argo, 26<sup>th</sup> – Judy & Ron Taylor. Hope you each enjoy / enjoyed 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](mailto:nryan95@charter.net), so they can be added to the list!!

## SICKLE CELL WALK

The Sickle Cell Walk took place at Railroad Park on Saturday, June 18, 8 am-12 noon. Our Club sponsored a team called the "Optimist Onlookers." A total of \$390 was contributed to this very worthwhile cause.



**Treasurer & Sickle Cell Walk Chair Leon Evans is pictured at the Walk above with the Club's new Sickle Cell Walk banner & below with fellow Groove Phi Groove & Friends of Optimists members.**

