

Optimist Club of Birmingham

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

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The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
October 11, 2018

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
12:15 PM

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.** For planning purposes, please let [Nancy Ryan](#) know if you plan to attend by Sunday, October 7.

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker will be Sharon Likos, Coordinator of Communications & Marketing and of Donor Relations with the Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders (Center), which is a partnership between Children's of Alabama and UAB Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology. She will be presenting an overview about the Center. Sharon attended the Zone 1 "Walk for a Cure" to provide goody bags with information about the Center to participants. A presentation of forty-five \$10 gift cards will be made to the Center, on behalf of Zone 1, to be given out as needed to parents who have children undergoing treatment for cancer and blood disorders.

LAST MEETING

Our program featured the 2018-2019 Club Officer Installation and the induction ceremony for our newest Club member, **Adrienne Pearson**, conducted by 2018-2019 AL-MS District Governor **Debra Merritt**.

President **Jon Ryan** gave his "State of the Club" address highlighting some of the many projects that our Club sponsored to benefit youth in the community throughout the past year. He also presented his goals and plans for the new Optimist year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 18 – Board Meeting, YWCA, 12 noon
Oct 19-21 – 1st Quarter AL-MS District Mtg., Tuscaloosa
Oct 25 – NO CLUB MEETING
Oct 28 (Sunday) – *Purchase with a Purpose*, Our Lady of Lourdes Family Life Center, 2-5 p.m.

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

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to new member **Adrienne Pearson** who is sponsored by her cousin, **Joe Cassell**. Adrienne has been very active in all of our Club activities since she first volunteered at the "Teen Summit" in July. Welcome aboard, Adrienne! You are already making a BIG difference in the lives of youth in the community!

October Birthdays: Margie Argo – 16th, DeWayne Smith – 22nd, Jessica Lloyd – 24th, Paul Amamoo – 29th, Ken Holcomb – 31st. **Anniversaries:** Curtis & Jessica Lloyd – 1st, Laurie & Charles Binion – 15th, Gwen & Paul Amamoo – 26th. **Congratulations to all!**



PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2-5 P.M.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM



The Optimist Club of Birmingham is sponsoring its 4th *Purchase with a Purpose* to support the many projects sponsored by the Club which benefit youth in the community and to promote **Breast Cancer** & **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. The event will take place in the Family Life Center Gym at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church located at 980 Huffman Rd., Birmingham, AL 35215, on Sunday, October 28, 2018, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The event will feature vendors including a variety of arts 'n' crafts, Mary Kay, Thirty-One, Avon, Premier Jewelry, Discovery Toys, Paparazzi, and more, food, silent auction/raffle, door prizes, and live musical entertainment provided by Miss Alabama 2013 Chandler Champion & 2nd Runner-Up to Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen Zoe' Champion, (who will both serve as emcee's for the event). It will be a great opportunity to get an early start on Christmas shopping while supporting a great cause!

Vendor space is limited, so if you know of someone who might be interested in participating as a vendor for a company that is not already represented (see above), please have them contact [Nancy Ryan](#) and/or share the following link with them: [Purchase with a Purpose Vendor Application / Donation Form 2018](#).

PECAN SALE

Club members, our annual PECAN SALE is coming soon! The sale proceeds are greatly needed to fund our YOUTH projects for this year. They are so delicious to use for all your baking needs for Thanksgiving and Christmas and perfect to give as gifts!

Prices are as follows: \$12/lb. - halves or pieces; \$10/12 oz. - chocolate covered pecans. We need YOUR help to make this fund-raiser a success! Please consider committing to at least a case total (24 bags/case halves or pieces; 32 bags/case chocolate). **Please note: You can order a combination of two or all three.** Please contact Ron Taylor, pecan chair for your order. His contacts are: rktaylor1939@gmail.com or 205-987-9874. Thanks so much for your support!

Pres. Jon Ryan
recognizes
Nathalie Oliver with
the presentation of
a 2017-2018 District
pin for her
outstanding job of
promoting the Club
at Our Lady of
Lourdes Labor Day
Festival!



**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
& NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**



President Jon Ryan & AL-MS District Governor 2018-2019 Debbie Merritt congratulate new member Adrienne Pearson, along with her sponsor (and cousin), Joe Cassell.



AL-MS District Governor Debbie Merritt addressed Club Members following the Installation Ceremony

**Pictured below (L to R): AL-MS District Governor 2018-2019 - Debra Merritt; President - Jon Ryan; Vice President, Community Affairs & Administration - Ruby Peterson; Vice President, Youth Work - Anita Lee; Secretary - Nancy Ryan; Directors – Dr. Paul Amamoo, Kathy Brill, Joe Cassell & Nathalie Oliver.
Not pictured: Treasurer – Leon Evans, Directors – Dr. Wayman Shiver & Ron Taylor, and Club Foundation Representative – Roger Vaughan.**



**Zoo Run Safari for Children's
September 29, 2018**

The Optimist Club of Birmingham provided backpacks for each of the "Stars" & their siblings at the *Zoo Run Safari for Children's*, sponsored by *Cycle Connections Online Motorcycle Magazine* to benefit the Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders. The Club also made sure that Mickey & Minnie were able to come by to visit with and take pictures with the children. Chandler Champion, Miss Alabama 2013, and Zoé Champion, 2nd Runner-Up to Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen 2018, were also on hand to visit with children and to present them with princess tiaras for the girls & Matchbox cars for the boys. To see more photos taken by the magazine, please click on the following link: [Zoo Run Photos](#)



President Jon Ryan & Secretary Nancy Ryan with Zoé Champion & Chandler Champion



Zoé & Chandler with one of the "Stars" at Zoo Run Safari for Children's



Mickey & Minnie posed for photos with children at Zoo Run Safari.