

In our 94th Year of Service to
Youth & the Community

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Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
October 2021

Meets 2nd Thursday
On Zoom
1:00 PM

October 14th Program

PLEASE NOTE: The Club will meet at **City Club Birmingham, 1901 6th Avenue North, Regions-Harbert Plaza - Suite 3100, Birmingham, AL 35203**, in the **Vulcan Room** located on the 32nd floor. Entertainment, provided by ***Marlowe Shepherd**, will begin at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. The meal cost will be \$25. We will be practicing safe distancing and wearing masks, except while eating.

Our program will feature special recognition to Members with more than 25 years of service to the Club, who have provided a **combined 342 years of service** to youth of the community!

Charles Binion – 52 years of service
Roger Vaughan – 35 years of service
Don Kirkland – 34 years of service
Bertram Perry – 34 years of service
Ronald Taylor – 34 years of service
Tom Casey – 33 years of service
Herb Forsythe – 33 years of service
Linda DeMarco – 29 years of service
Kenny Haynes – 29 years of service
Ken Holcomb – 29 years of service

Congratulations to all and thank you for your service!!!

The program will also feature the Induction of our newest Club members and welcoming new Friends of Optimists and guests.

President Anita Lee will present her plans for the Club for the 2021-2022 Optimist year.

Zone 1 Lt. Governor Annette Williams will be our honored guest to conduct the Installation Ceremony for the 2021-2022 Club Officers & Directors.

Officers:

President – Anita Lee; VP of Administration & Community Affairs – Carolyn McCoy; VP of Youth Work – Ruby Peterson; Secretary – Jon Ryan; Treasurer – Leon Evans, Jr.; Club Foundation Representative – Roger Vaughan

Board of Directors: Dr. Paul Amamoo, Angene Coleman, Teresa Jones, Adrienne Pearson, Ron Taylor, and Sharon Wilson.

***Marlowe Shepherd** is a touring recording artist focused on long term residencies. He has resided in some of the largest music markets in the world including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Nashville, New York, and London. He has toured extensively in the Southeast performing regularly in New Orleans, Savannah, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, and Louisville. Shepherd has shared the stage with the likes of Maceo Parker, and Dr. John while performing over 300+ nights per year.

Highlighted venues include The Fillmore West in San Francisco and The Adam Street Club in London. Locally, Mr. Shepherd's highlighted venues include The Blue Monkey Lounge, The Elyton, and The Redmont.

MEMBER NEWS

October Birthdays: October Birthdays: Margie Argo – 16th, DeWayne Smith – 22nd, Jessica Lloyd – 24th, Paul Amamoo – 29th, Ken Holcomb – 31st.

Anniversaries: Curtis & Jessica Lloyd – 1st, Rudy & Anita Lee – 14th, Laurie & Charles Binion – 15th, Gwen & Paul Amamoo – 26th. Congratulations to all! Enjoy your special day!!

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

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!!

PECAN SALES

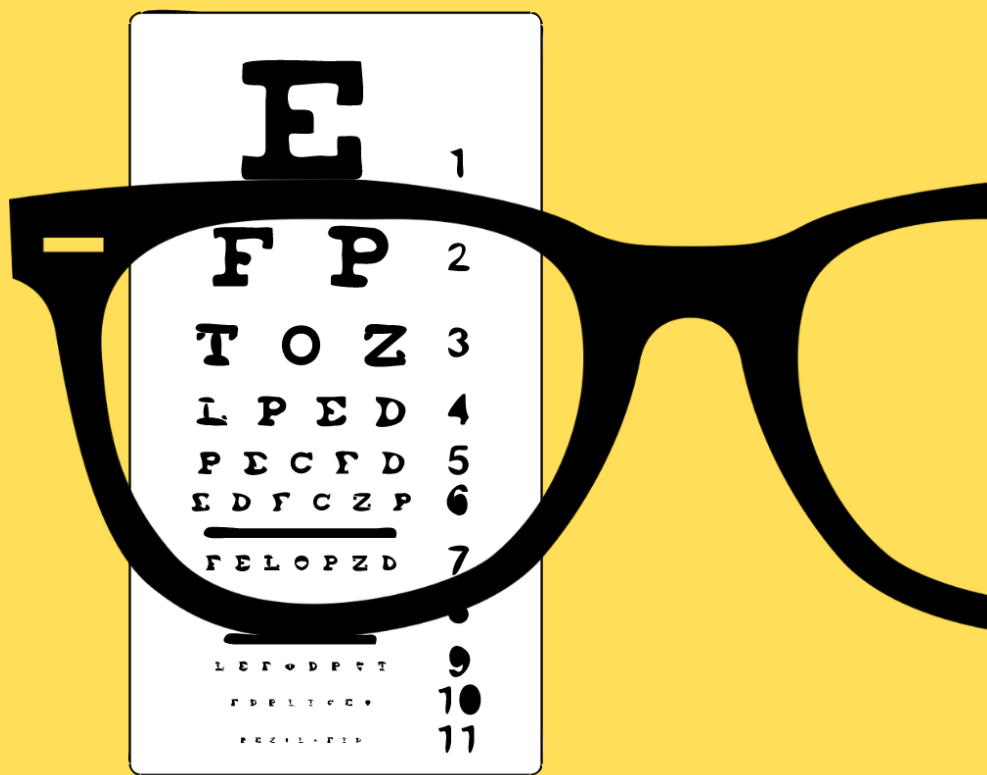
The Club will once again be selling pecans to raise funds for the many projects and service activities provided by our Club throughout the Optimist year to benefit youth and other worthwhile causes in the community. This is our **MAIN FUNDRAISER** for the year and **YOUR SUPPORT** is needed to help ensure its great success!! Pecan halves and pieces are \$12 / lb. Chocolate covered pecans are \$10 / 12 oz. bag. All types come 24 / case. Please contact Pecan Sales Chair **Ron Taylor** (rktaylor1939@gmail.com or 205-987-9874) by **no later than Thursday, October 14th** to place your order!!

October is Vision Awareness Month!!

**In recognition of *Celebrate Community 2021*,
the Optimist Club of Birmingham is partnering
with the Gadsden Lions Club to sponsor a**

Recycle for Sight Drive

**to benefit children and adults
in underserved areas throughout the world.**



**Please bring gently used eyeglasses for donation
to the Optimist Club Meeting
on October 14, 2021.**

**Contact Nancy Ryan with any questions at:
205-531-5992 or nryan95@charter.net**