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Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
August 2022

Meets 2nd Thursday
City Club
12:00 Noon

The September 8th, 12 noon, meeting will take place at City Club, 1901 6th Ave N, Ste 3100, Birmingham.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The meal cost is \$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.

September 8th Meeting

September is Drug Abuse Recovery Month. Our guest speaker will be Club member, **Kelly Driver**, Executive Director at Olivia's House, a residential facility which provides holistic care for chemically dependent women and their children.

Kelly is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She studied at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, where she completed a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master of Science degree in Agency Counseling. She possesses 30 years of experience in Human Services and 25 years as a Clinician. She also has 15 years of facilitating Domestic Violence groups to male offenders for the Birmingham Police department. She has worked with thousands of clients over the years who suffer with alcohol and/or drug addiction, anxiety, trauma, depression, self-esteem and family issues. She currently serves as the Director of Olivia's House, an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center for women with children to enter the program for six months to a year. She is a Life Coach and advocate for women with drug addiction issues and one of the authors of "A Woman's Journey". She enjoys decorating, singing, and talking to family and friends.

Youth Appreciation Co-Chairs, **Leon Evans** and **Erma Hinton**, will be recognizing the Club's Youth Appreciation Award recipients, **Justin McKnight** and **Zachary Sims**.

Membership Chair, **Leon Evans**, will be conducting the induction ceremony for new member, **Erma Hinton**.

LAST MEETING

Our guest speakers were **Attorneys John R Holliman** and **Melanie Bradford Holliman**, who spoke on the topic of "Practical Cyber Security." Mr. Holliman attended Birmingham Southern College where he received a BS degree in Liberal Arts, and the University of Alabama School of Law, where he received a juris doctor degree in 1990. He practiced real estate law for 20 years with his father, Jim Holliman, and has practiced estate planning in elder law for the last 13 years. John has been married to Melanie, a graduate of Cumberland Law School, since 2005. They have a successful practice in Scottsboro and Pelham, AL. Melanie is also Executive Director of the Alabama Family Trust and is licensed in both Alabama and Tennessee.

Other guests included **I.C. and Bettie Bell**.

MEMBER NEWS

September Birthdays: 3rd – Nathalie Oliver, 11th – Samuel Edwards, Jr., 16th – Nancy Ryan, 17th – Roger Vaughan, 28th – Kelly Driver

Anniversaries: 1st – Debbie & Don Kirkland, 1st – Glenn & Ruby Peterson, 7th – Heide & Herb Forsythe, 17th – Jean & Roger Vaughan

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, so they can be added to the list!!

VOLUNTEERING AT WORLD GAMES



Club Treasurer Leon Evans is pictured above with Vulcan and Vesta, official mascots of The World Games 2022, where he served as a volunteer, and below with teammates from the Netherlands.





President Anita Lee thanks Attorneys John & Melanie Holliman for their excellent presentation



Angene Coleman with guests I.C. & Bettie Bell



Melanie & John Holliman



Carolyn McCoy, Leon Evans & Adrienne Pearson



Sharon Wilson, Teresa Jones & Jackie Holder



Rudy & Anita Lee



Nancy & Jon Ryan



Zone 1 Lt. Gov. Designate Leon Evans, President-Elect Carolyn McCoy, Newsletter Editor Nancy Ryan & Secretary Jon Ryan attended the AL-MS District Convention in Huntsville, AL, August 26-28.



Zone 1 Lt. Gov. Designate Leon Evans is congratulated by Southeast Region Vice President Gwen Gable (also pictured below receiving his official pin following the installation ceremony).

