

Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
December 2023

Meets 3rd Thursday
12:00 Noon

In our 96th Year of Service to
Youth & the Community

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The December 14th, 12 noon, meeting will take place at City Club, 1901 6th Ave N, Ste 3100, Birmingham. We will meet on the 32nd floor. The cost of the meal will be \$27/person.

December 14th Club Meeting & Christmas Party

Our guest speaker will be **Daagye Hendricks**, former President of Birmingham Board of Education. She will be speaking with us on the topic, "What's Right and What's Wrong with the State of Education in Alabama." More details in next newsletter.

Last Club Meeting

Our meeting featured guest speaker, **Maria L. Hatch**, Outreach Coordinator for UAB Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Maria is the founder and CEO of Maria's Women Health and Wellness. She has 10 years of experience as a Community Health Resource Worker. She is also a Commissioner for Fairfield Housing Authority.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 21st – Board Mtg. on Zoom, 1 pm

Thursday, January 11th – Board Mtg. on Zoom, 1 pm

Thursday, January 18th – Club Mtg., 12 Noon, at Alabama Power Company in the Electra Room. Lunch will be available from the cafeteria at a very reasonable price, or you can bring your own lunch. More details will be sent in a separate email.

MEMBER NEWS

Our Club Officers and Members send our prayers and extend our deepest condolences to **Samuel Edwards, Jr.** on the loss of his father, **Samuel Edwards, Sr.**

December Birthdays: 5th – Anita Lee, 6th – Shakira Marshall, 10th Glenn Peterson, 17th – Adrienne Pearson
Anniversaries: 3rd – Mark & Lynn Taylor, 15th – Jon & Nancy Ryan

Hope you each enjoy(ed) 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!

Pictures from November 9th Club Meeting



President
Carolyn McCoy
thanks guest
speaker,
Maria Hatch,
for her
excellent
presentation



Sharon Wilson, Adrienne Pearson, Clara Greene, Maria Hatch & Vanessa Miles



Jon Ryan, Roger Vaughan, Kenny Haynes, Ken Holcomb, Maria Hatch, Ron Taylor & Carolyn McCoy



Danella Johnson, with her guest, Sharon Ward



Jacqueline Holder, Kelly Driver, Leon Evans, Angene Coleman, Erma Hinton & Bettie Bell

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Thank you to everyone who took part in carrying out the Optimist Club of Birmingham's long-time tradition of "Ringing the Bells" for the Salvation Army, which took place on Tuesday, November 28th, and Thursday, November 30th, 10am–1pm, outside Belk at The Summit. Volunteers included: **Nancy Benjamin, Herb & Heide Forsythe, Clara Greene, Kenny Haynes, Erma Hinton, Ken Holcomb, Rudy & Anita Lee, Ra'Jeeni Marshall, Carolyn McCoy, Jon & Nancy Ryan, Monithia Smith, Mark Taylor, Ron Taylor & Sharon Wilson.**

Thank you to all for braving the cold wind & for sharing pictures!!



Ra'Jeeni Marshall & Monithia Smith



1st Shift: Jon & Nancy Ryan and Clara Greene!



Carolyn McCoy, Sharon Wilson & Erma Hinton



First official "Changing of the Bells"!! Ra'Jeeni Marshall, Jon Ryan, Clara Greene & Monithia Smith

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Children learn by example! Way to go, Mom!
Great pics, Mark Taylor!!



Rudy & Anita Lee ringing the bells with Ron Taylor & Mark Taylor (pictured behind the camera! LOL!)



Nancy Benjamin, Heide & Herb Forsythe

Also not pictured: Kenny Haynes & Ken Holcomb.
Thank you both for ringing the bells this year!!
Thank you also to Adrienne Pearson, who had signed up to ring, but was under the weather that day!