

Optimist Club of Birmingham

In Our 90th Year of Service to
Youth & the Community

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The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
August 8, 2018

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
12:15 PM

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO regularly scheduled Club meetings on Thursday, August 9 or 23. The Club activities for August will be serving dinner at Ronald McDonald House (RMH) on Wednesday, August 8, and participating in the Zone 1 "Walk for a Cure" on Saturday, August 18. See below for more details.

August 8th Club Activity Serving Dinner at RMH

Club members & volunteers will be serving dinner for critically ill children and their families at RMH, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Please contact Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair [Jon Ryan](#) at 467-9170 if you plan to volunteer.

RMH has a new policy that **all adult volunteers must have a background check on file** with them, so if you intend to help with serving a meal on Aug. 8th and have not already done so, please fill out the following [Background Check Form](#). Choose "Meal Group Volunteer" and indicate "Optimist Club of Birmingham."

Please note: If you already have a recent background check from another organization, you may complete their [Corporate Background Check Form](#) instead. Enter "August 8, 2018" for Date of Service and select "Provide a meal" for Intended Activity. Then you will just need to give your name and driver's license number.

RMH is located at [1700 4th Ave. S., Birmingham, 35233](#). For more information about the beautiful facility and all that is offered for children and families at RMH, please visit: <https://www.rmhca.org/>.

Zone 1 Optimists "Walk for a Cure" Saturday, August 18, 2018

[Railroad Park](#)

[1600 1st Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233](#)

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.

Walk will take place 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

To benefit OI Childhood Cancer Campaign &
Children's Hospital Childhood Cancer Center
Donation of \$15/individual walker or \$25/family

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Lt. Gov. [Leon Evans](#) to let him know you plan to be there!

Please register ahead of time by completing the
["Walk for a Cure" registration form](#)

Please see our [press release](#) on Al.com for more details.

MEMBER NEWS August Birthdays: Don Kirkland – 1st,
Steve Wingo – 4th, Judge Patricia Stephens – 24th.
Anniversaries: Helen & Ken Holcomb – 7th.
Congratulations to all! Enjoy your special day!

[Optimist Club of Birmingham Calendar 2017-2018](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 16 - Board Meeting, YWCA, 12 noon

Aug. 24-26 – [AL-MS District Convention](#), Montgomery

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (OLL) LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

September 3 (Monday), 9am – 4pm

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Please contact [Nancy Ryan](#) at 205-467-9170 to let her know what hours you are available to volunteer. A 3-hour shift would be greatly appreciated! Shifts are typically: 8 am – 11 am, 11 am – 2 pm, and 2 pm – 5 pm, but you are welcome to indicate specific hours you are available.

OLL has been very supportive of our Club over the past ten years by donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to provide for youth in the community through programs such as our Club's *Kards for Kids* Christmas Campaign to benefit foster teens. Please come support the Labor Day Festival and purchase some delicious BBQ while you're there!!!

OPTIMIST MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED AT

**BASIC (Baseball Academic Skills Instructional Course)
HOSTED BY OUR LADY OF LOURDES, JUNE 4-29, 2018**

Seventy youth from the community participated in BASIC, a program that alternates sports-related math and reading lessons with sports-skills sessions, which makes BASIC fun, more like camp than normal school. Based on results over the past several years of STAR tests in reading and math, BASIC has been proven to show summer reading and math gains on an average of up to six months!

The highlight of the program was BASIC Fun Day at the Hoover met where the youth from BASIC East (OLL) competed against BASIC South participants in baseball, soccer, math and reading skills. The day ended with ice cream for everyone!



V. President Ruby Peterson
with her grandson,
Glenn Peterson III



Sec. Nancy Ryan &
Pres. Jon Ryan at Hoover
Met for BASIC Fun Day

**SNAPSHOTS FROM TEEN SUMMIT – “THE LOST ART OF DATING: UNCUFF THE CUFF”
 SPONSORED BY THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM & COUNCILOR JOHN HILLIARD
 JULY 18, 2018 AT DANIEL PAYNE COMMUNITY PLAZA**

Teen Summit Co-Chairs **Angene Coleman**, **Anita Lee**, and **Alice Westery** did an excellent job of organizing and presenting this year’s program! There were about 75 people in attendance, including about 60 teens (ages 15-19) and their chaperones. The day featured the following topics and presenters: “The Link Between Cuffing and Teen Violence” – Councilor John Hilliard; “What Do Cuffs Symbolize?” – Danny Carr; “Recognizing When Cuffing Becomes Controlling” – Carolyn Muhammad; “Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, How Do I See Myself?” – Judge Agnes Chappell; “The Art of Dating” – Pastor Shaemun Webster; “Talk To Me - Youth Speak OUT” – Alice Westery; A special presentation was also provided by *Comedienne Joy*.

A continental breakfast and lunch were provided for all. Teen participants were eligible to win door prizes, including the grand prize of a laptop! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a great success!



Co-Chairs Anita Lee & Angene Coleman, along with President Jon Ryan, thank Teen Summit Co-Sponsor & presenter Councilor John Hilliard & presenter Chief Deputy District Attorney Danny Carr.



President Jon Ryan & Co-Chair Angene Coleman thank presenter Pastor Shaemun Webster along with his sister/assistant, Miaya Webster, whose proud Mom is Club member Kimberly Oden-Webster.



Co-Chair Angene Coleman & President Jon Ryan thank presenter Carolyn Muhammad, SAIL (Special Assessment, Intervention & Liaison) Specialist at YWCA Central Alabama.



Co-Chair Angene Coleman & President Jon Ryan thank presenter Comedienne Joy for sharing her life story and her humor with youth in our community.



Co-Chair Angene Coleman & President Jon Ryan thank presenter Judge Agnes Chappell.



Co-Chair Alice Westery facilitates the “Talk to Me – Youth Speak OUT” session.

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(Pictured at left): Co-Chair Anita Lee congratulates the grand prize winner of the laptop and (at right) the 2nd & 3rd place winners of Visa gift cards. The winners were selected on the most number of correct answers in a quiz at the end of the Teen Summit that were based on content presented throughout the day. Congratulations to all!



Volunteer Adrienne Pearson, who is now our newest member, & Co-Chair Angene Coleman



Teens share thoughts on "what love is" and "what love is not" with Pastor Shaemun Webster and other participants.



Co-Chair Anita Lee welcomes everyone to the event while Friend of Optimists Carolyn McCoy hands out backpacks to participants.



Comedienne Joy talks with participants at Teen Summit.

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**Pictured front row L to R: Co-Chairs Alice Westery, Angene Coleman & Anita Lee. Back row L to R: Board Member Joe Cassell, Volunteer Adrienne Pearson, President Jon Ryan, Volunteer Rita Perry, Vice President Ruby Peterson, Friend of Optimists Rudy Lee & Secretary Nancy Ryan.
Not pictured: Treasurer Leon Evans & Friend of Optimists Carolyn McCoy.
Thank you to Volunteers Rita Perry & Adrienne Pearson, who is now our newest member, for sharing their wisdom & insight with youth participants during the event.**