

# Optimist Club of Birmingham

In Our 90<sup>th</sup> Year of Service to  
Youth & the Community

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The Flagship Club of the  
Alabama-Mississippi District  
February 22, 2018

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
12:15 PM  
[Alabama Power Co.](http://AlabamaPowerCo.com)  
600 18<sup>th</sup> St. N  
Birmingham, AL 35203

**PLEASE NOTE: The February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 980 Huffman Rd., Birmingham, in the Youth Building. Lunch will be catered by M & S Catering for a cost of \$10/person.**

## Program

Essay Contest Chair **Kimberly Oden-Webster** and Co-Chair **Ruby Peterson** will present the top two Essay Contest winners who will read their essays and receive recognition at our meeting for their achievement.

The winners will each be presented a medallion, certificate and cash prize. The first place essay will be submitted for further competition in the AL-MS District competition for the opportunity to earn a \$2,500 college scholarship. Please come to show your support for these young people!



## Last Meeting

Our guest speaker was Miss Leeds Area's Outstanding Teen 2018 Zoé Champion, who will be competing for the title of Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen on the first weekend of March. Zoé's platform is "Champions M.A.D.E. – Make A Difference Every Day," which focuses on volunteering and helping others. She believes that everyone, no matter your age, can truly make a difference every day.

Zoé spoke about her platform and gave a presentation on Olivia's House Zoé Champion Children's Library and Olivia's House Birmingham Optimist Club Computer Room. She partnered with the Club to provide the new library, named in her honor, and the updated computer room, named in the Club's honor, for the children and women at Olivia's House. Zoé's parents, Shane and Debra Champion, and her sister, Miss Alabama 2013 Chandler Champion, also volunteered with Zoé and the Club on the project. The Club was honored to have Chandler & Rita Perry as guests at the meeting.

[Olivia's House](#) provides holistic care for chemically dependent women and their children. Children, up to age 10, live with their mothers at Olivia's House during the course of residential treatment, a period of up to twelve months. This was the first residency program for women and children in the state of Alabama.

## Member News

The Optimist Club of Birmingham is proud to welcome new member **Flora L. Giles**, Senior Guidance Counselor at Huffman High School, whose induction ceremony was held at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Club meeting. Flora is sponsored by Vice President **Ruby Peterson**. The Club also welcomes new **Friend of Optimists** member **William J. Barkley, Jr.**, who is sponsored by Club Treasurer / Zone 1 Lt. Gov. **Leon Evans**.

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

**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 12, 2018**  
**CLUB 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!**  
**MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON!**

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

March 3 (Saturday) – Oratorical Contest, Woodlawn High School Library, 10 a.m.

March 8 – NO CLUB MEETING

March 15 – Board Mtg., YWCA, BYO Lunch, 12 noon

March 22 – CCDHH (Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing), Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Youth Bldg., 12:15 p.m.



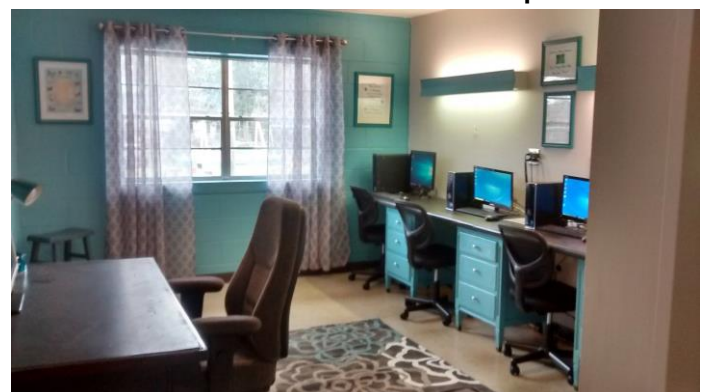
Pres. Jon Ryan thanks Miss Leeds Area's Outstanding Teen Zoé Champion for her excellent presentation.



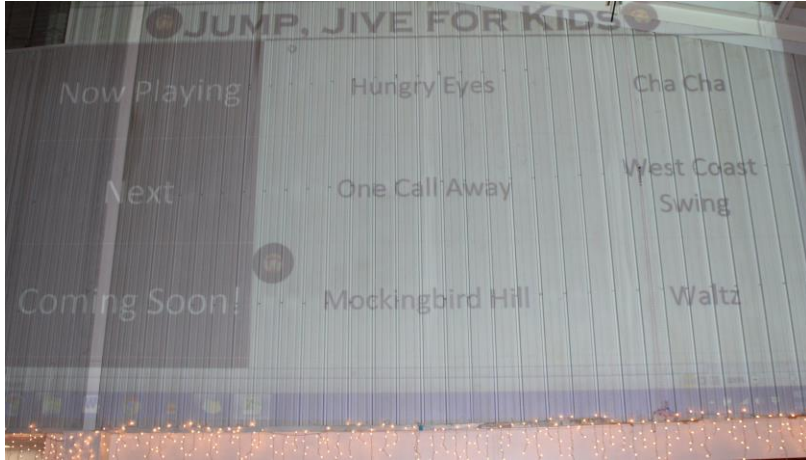
Pictured above: Board Member Joe Cassell, Pres. Jon Ryan, longtime member Bert Perry, Treasurer Leon Evans, Miss Leeds Area's Outstanding Teen Zoé Champion, Vice Pres. Ruby Peterson, Miss Alabama 2013 Chandler Champion & Board Member Ron Taylor.



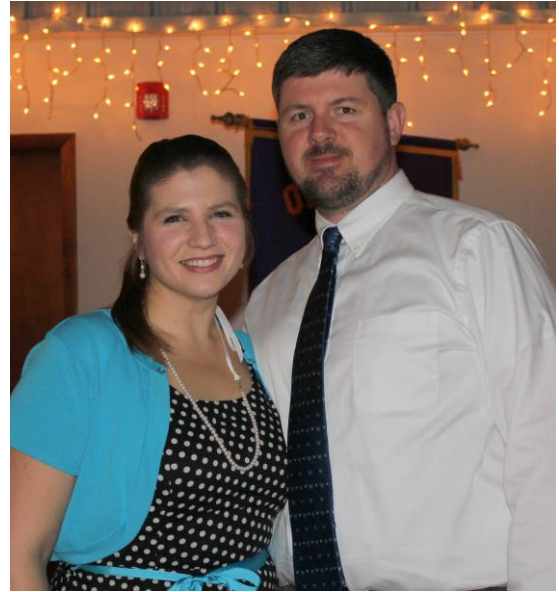
Pictured at left & below: Olivia's House Zoé Champion Children's Library & Olivia's House Birmingham Optimist Club Computer Room.



# JUMP, JIVE 4 KIDS FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018



**Jump, Jive 4 Kids Playlist**



**Thank you to Club members  
Jessica & Curtis (Crowd Pleeza) Lloyd for  
providing the musical entertainment for the evening!**



**Kathy & Marty Brill with photo bomber &  
dancing the night away!! 😊**



**Club Treasurer / Zone 1 Lt. Gov. Leon Evans &  
Friend of Optimists Carolyn McCoy**



**Secretary Nancy Ryan & President Jon Ryan**

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Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes Dances for partnering with the Club to raise nearly \$700 to benefit youth in the community!!!

