

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
March 22, 2018

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
12:15 PM

PLEASE NOTE: The March 22nd meeting will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church located at 980 Huffman Rd., Birmingham, 35215, in the Youth Building, beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Program

CCDHH Chair **Roger Vaughan** will conduct our annual contest for the deaf and hard of



hearing students in the Birmingham area. The contest is open to students through grade 12. Participants must have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which has been certified by an audiogram conducted within 24 months prior to the contest in order to be eligible to compete. The topic for this year's contest is the same as for the Oratorical contest, "Where Are My Roots of Optimism?"

Please come to support our Youth!!

Last Meeting

Oratorical Contest Chair **Ruby Peterson** and Co-Chair **Jon Ryan** conducted the annual Club Contest on Saturday, March 3rd, at Woodlawn High School. The 2017-2018 Optimist Oratorical Topic is "Where Are My Roots of Optimism?"



Winners of the Girls' Club Contest are: 1st Place – Victoria Kindall and 2nd Place – Leslie Bell. Winners of the Boys' Contest are: 1st Place – Stanley Kindall and 2nd Place – Matthew Dale. Guests included Vetra Adams (mother of Leslie Bell), Tisha Dale (mother of Matthew Dale), and Loraine Kindall (mother of Stanley & Victoria Kindall), along with several other family members of the contestants.

First place winners (and siblings) Victoria & Stanley Kindall, will advance to the Zone 1 Contest on Saturday, March 24, Please come to show your support for these young people who will be competing for the opportunity to advance to Regional and District levels to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship, presented to the top boy and girl winners of the District competition. The winner with the highest score at the District level will advance to the Optimist International Regional and World Championship Contest to compete for up to an additional \$20,000 in college scholarships!

Club Correspondence

The following thank you letter was received from Jefferson County DHR's Resource Development Social Worker, Robin King, and Program Manager, Anita Lee, dated January 31st:

The Department of Human Resources Child Welfare in Jefferson County would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Optimist Club for sponsoring twenty-five of our young adults in foster care ages 19-21 with gift cards from Walmart in the amount of \$150 each for Christmas. The Optimist Club has sponsored our young adults for at least ten years now!

"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do." (Leonardo da Vinci) We look forward to a continuous and successful partnership with you.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

March 24 – Zone 1 Oratorical Contest will take place at Ronald McDonald House, 1700 4th Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35233, beginning at 10 a.m.

April 12 – 90th Anniversary Celebration & Homecoming, NOW Meeting (New Optimists Welcome), Botanical Gardens, 12:15 p.m. *More information sent separately.

April 19 – Board Mtg., YWCA, 12 noon

April 26 – Regular Club Meeting

THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM SUPPORTS COMMUNITY YOUTH SPORTS



President Jon Ryan presents a \$2,000 check to Commissioner Ron Parker to support Huffman Youth Sports. The Club sponsors **Optimist Club Field** and the 11-12 year-old baseball teams at Huffman Youth Park.

THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM SUPPORTS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

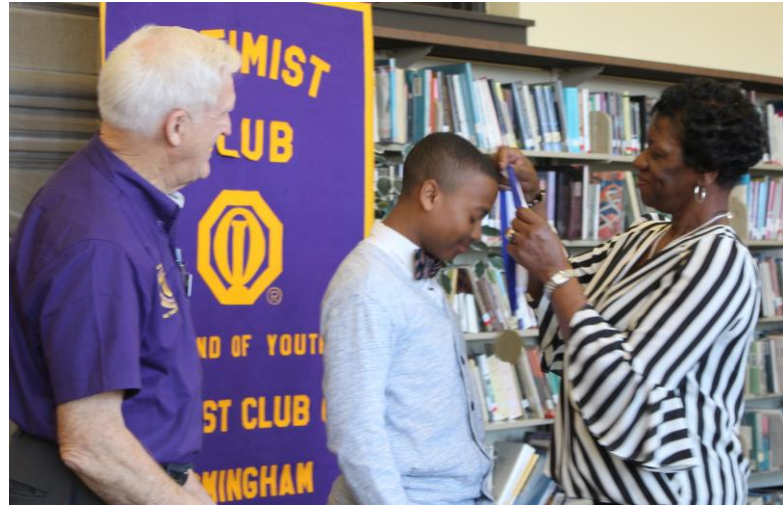


Optimist Club of Birmingham members and friends were proud to attend the American Values Luncheon on Friday, March 16, to support the Greater Alabama Council Boy Scouts of America! Pictured L to R: **Carolyn McCoy, Ruby Peterson, Alesia Cooley, Glenn Peterson, Nancy Ryan, Eagle Scout Roger Vaughan, Eagle Scout Jon Ryan, Ron Taylor, Sam Edwards, and Leon Evans.** Not pictured: **Kenny Haynes** and **Quinton Cooley**, friend of Glenn & Ruby Peterson. The combined group of individuals donated more than \$3,000 to support Scouting! The Club will also be making a \$100 donation. [Click here](#) to fill out a pledge card to make a personal donation. Please mail to: Anthony Edwards, P.O. Box 43307, Birmingham, AL 35243.

CLUB ORATORICAL CONTEST SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018



Oratorical Contest Chair Ruby Peterson & Co-Chair / Pres. Jon Ryan congratulate & present a gold medal to 1st place Girl Contest winner Victoria Kindall.



President Jon Ryan & Oratorical Contest Chair Ruby Peterson congratulate & present a gold medal to 1st place winner Stanley Kindall.



President Jon Ryan and Contest Chair Ruby Peterson congratulate and present a silver medal to Girls' Contest 2nd place winner Leslie Bell.



President Jon Ryan & Oratorical Contest Chair Ruby Peterson congratulate & present a silver medal to 2nd place winner Matthew Dale.



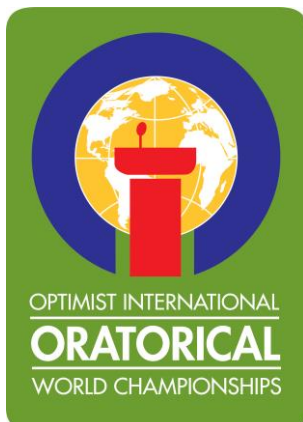
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1st place Boys' Contest - Stanley Kindall and 2nd place - Matthew Dale.



Oratorical Contest Chair Ruby Peterson & President Jon Ryan thank
Oratorical Contest judge Joe Cassell, timekeeper Margie Argo, and Contest judges
Deborah Dickinson & Anita Lee for volunteering to serve youth in the community.



***Promise yourself to think
only of the best, to work
only for the best, and to
expect only the best!***