

Optimist Club of Birmingham

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Youth & the Community

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The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
May 10, 2018

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
12:15 PM

PLEASE NOTE: The May 10th meeting will take place in the Youth Building at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, located at **980 Huffman Rd., Birmingham, 35215**. Lunch will be build your own sub sandwiches, potato &/or pasta salad, chips, tea/ coffee, and dessert for \$10/person. For planning purposes, please contact **Nancy Ryan** at 205-467-9170 by Tuesday, May 8th, if you plan to attend.

Program

Our guest speaker will be Fr. Jon Chalmers, President of Holy Family Cristo Rey High School. Fr. Chalmers joined Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School in Birmingham in November 2015 as its second President. He is also Pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Gate City.

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School integrates college preparatory academics and a corporate work-study program to empower students from economically challenged families to graduate high school prepared to persist in college and flourish in life. They are part of the Cristo Rey Network, which consists of 32 schools across America, which all share the same mission of providing a college prep education to students who could not typically afford to attend a private school.

Fr. Chalmers holds graduate degrees from Harvard University in Education and Yale University in Divinity. He is also a graduate of the University of Alabama. Prior to joining Holy Family Cristo Rey, he held leadership positions in Catholic Healthcare and the University of Alabama. He is a priest of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter; and resides in Birmingham with his wife, Dr. Margaret Chalmers, a civil and canon lawyer, and their two sons.

Last Meeting

The Club met at Ronald McDonald on Thursday, April 26th, to serve lunch for residents, including children with serious illnesses and their families. Volunteers included **Ruby Peterson, Jon & Nancy Ryan, Ron Taylor, and Dr. Wayman B. Shiver, Jr.**, along with **Miss Leeds Area's Outstanding Teen Zoe' Champion** and **Miss Alabama 2013 Chandler Champion**. Volunteers also enjoyed visiting with the children and their families. Following lunch, members enjoyed a tour of the new expansion of the facility led by Sandra Hall, Meal Coordinator at RMH.

Member News

May - Birthdays: Charles Binion – 13th, Jerry Argo – 19th, Tom Casey – 26th. Enjoy your special day!

The Optimist Club of Birmingham extends condolences to **Nancy Ryan** on the passing of her beloved Mother and Friend of Optimists, **Addie Helms**, on April 8th. Nancy wishes to thank everyone for your cards, calls and prayers during this difficult time of loss. Please continue to keep Nancy, Jon, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Meetings

May 17 – Board Mtg., 12 noon, YWCA
May 24 – TBD

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

CLUB OFFICERS ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 10TH

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers & directors for the administrative year beginning October 1, 2018:

President – Jon Ryan

V. Pres. – Administration/Community Affairs – Ruby Peterson

V. Pres. – Youth Work – Anita Lee

Secretary – Nancy Ryan

Treasurer – Leon Evans, Jr.

Directors: Two-year terms expiring 2020:

Dr. Paul Amamoo, Kathy Brill, and Ronald Taylor

OI Foundation Representative: Roger Vaughan

All nominees have agreed to serve in these positions. The nominees, together with the other incumbent directors, Joe Cassell, Nathalie Oliver, and Dr. Wayman Shiver, Jr., whose terms expire in 2019, will comprise next year's board of directors. Officer elections will take place on Thursday, May 10th.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Roger Vaughan, Dr. Paul Amamoo, and Leon Evans, Jr.

20th Anniversary Sickle Cell Walk **Saturday, May 5, 9 am, Linn Park**

The Optimist Club of Birmingham has signed up as a Team, **The Optimist Club of Birmingham Onlookers**, for the 20th Anniversary Sickle Cell Walk this Saturday, May 5, which begins at 9 am at Linn Park. A contribution of \$125 has been made to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Central Alabama Chapter. (SCDAA - Central Alabama Chapter).

If you are interested in volunteering / participating at the Walk, please contact [Dr. Paul Amamoo](#) to let him know you plan to be there. Many other organizations are involved with volunteering, so there may not be anything specific our Club is assigned to do, but a show of support is always welcome!!

There are many ways an individual or corporation can contribute financial support to the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation, however a monetary gift is the easiest way of giving to the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation.

Simply make your check payable to:

SCDAA - Central Alabama Chapter

3813 Avenue I, Birmingham, Alabama, 35218-3132

* You might like to include a note indicating that it is for the Walk and you are with our team, The Optimist Club of Birmingham Onlookers.

For more information about making a donation, visit <http://www.sicklecellbham.com/donate.html>

**OPTIMISTS SERVE LUNCH AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018**



Zoe', Pasleigh, & Chandler enjoy taking some fun photos together.



Zoe' gets a great big hug from Pasleigh Mack!



Dr. Shiver & Ruby Peterson helping to serve meals to Case & his grandmother, Joyce.



Zoe' poses for a pic with Maddy Kate, sister of a child receiving treatment at Children's Hospital.



Blaklee & Zoe' enjoy spending a few moments visiting together.



Zoe' & Levi Lawrence pose for a sweet pic!



Pictured L to R: Dr. Wayman Shiver, Chandler Champion, Jon, Ryan, Nancy Ryan, Zoe' Champion, Ruby Peterson & Ron Taylor are ready to serve lunch!



President Jon Ryan washing dishes after the meal.

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President Jon Ryan, RMH Meal Coordinator Sandra Hall, Board Members Dr. Wayman Shiver & Ron Taylor, and Vice President Ruby Peterson are ready to take a tour of the beautiful new expansion.



Dr. Wayman Shiver, Jr., Ron Taylor, Nancy & Jon Ryan, and Ruby Peterson are pictured in front of *Birmingham Icons*, one of the several murals donated by local artist Laura Levy. She, along with other very talented local artists, donated many works of art throughout the House.