

# 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  
September 3, 2018

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
12:15 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO regularly scheduled Club meeting on Thursday, September 13. See below for more details on September Club activities:

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES (OLL) LABOR DAY FESTIVAL**  
September 3 (Monday), 9am – 4pm  
**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer!! Please contact [Nancy Ryan](#) at 205-467-9170 to let her know what hours you are available. 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!!!

## Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Club Activity Serving Dinner at RMH

Club members & volunteers will be serving dinner for critically ill children and their families at RMH, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please contact Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair [Jon Ryan](#) at 467-9170 if you plan to volunteer. (You may wait to come after work and/or leave early if you need to.)

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** RMH has a new policy that **all adult volunteers must have a background check on file with them, so volunteers, if you have not already done so, please fill out the following [Background Check Form](#). Choose "Meal Group Volunteer" and indicate "Optimist Club of Birmingham" **OR if you already have a recent background check from another organization**, you may complete their [Corporate Background Check Form](#) instead. Enter "September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Birmingham, 35233](#).**

**MEMBER NEWS September Birthdays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nathalie Oliver, 11<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Edwards, Jr., 14<sup>th</sup> – Ira Lucas, Jr., 16<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Ryan, 17<sup>th</sup> – Roger Vaughan, 18<sup>th</sup> – Armanda Purifoy, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Alice Westery. **Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Debbie & Don Kirkland and Glenn & Ruby Peterson, 7<sup>th</sup> – Heide & Herb Forsythe, 17<sup>th</sup> – Jean & Roger Vaughan. Enjoy your special day!

**Welcome to our Newest Member Adrienne Pearson!**

Adrienne is sponsored by her cousin, **Joe Cassell**, and has already been serving as a volunteer at Club activities!

Welcome to the Club, Adrienne!

## TEEN SUMMIT

Special thanks to **Mr. Roderick Henderson, Sr.** with **Covenant Services, Inc.**, for his generous donation of the laptop and \$125 for the purchase of breakfast for all participants at the Teen Summit on July 18.

## Optimist Club of Birmingham Calendar 2017-2018

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 10 – Serve Dinner at RMH  
Sept 20 – Board Meeting, YWCA, 12 noon  
Sept 27 – Regular Club Meeting - TBA

### Snapshots from AL-MS District Mtg. August 24-26, 2018, Montgomery, AL



President Jon Ryan, Secretary Nancy Ryan & Treasurer / Lt. Gov. Leon Evans with his special guests, his sister & brother-in-law, Linda & Sye Carter.



Pictured above left: President Jon Ryan & Secretary Nancy Ryan are recognized, along with other Optimists from the District, for their advancement to Levels 7 & 9 in the [Personal Growth & Involvement Program \(PGI\)](#). Pictured above right: President Jon Ryan receives a \$365 patch from District Foundation Representative Tolanda Beal for our Club's unrestricted donation to OI Foundation.



Zone 1 Lt. Gov. Leon Evans, along with "Walk For A Cure" Event Co-Chairs Nancy Ryan & Norma Stewart (Birmingham West End), present a \$431 check to CCC District Chair David Mills. The same amount will be donated to Children's of Alabama Childhood Cancer Center.



**Snapshots from Zone 1 Optimists "Walk for a Cure"  
Saturday, August 18, 2018 – Railroad Park**



**Ron Taylor, Janet Smith (Talladega), Jon Ryan, Glenn Smith (Talladega), Dr. Paul Amamoo & Norma Stewart (BWE)**



**Club Volunteers (pictured above) Jon Ryan, Nancy Ryan, Leon Evans, Ruby Peterson, Adrienne Pearson, Dr. Paul Amamoo & Ron Taylor. Pictured below: Lt. Gov. Leon Evans with Board Member Joe Cassell.**



**Zone 1 Lt. Gov. opened the event with prayer.**



**Trudy Kirk Ray volunteered to lead the group warmup!**



**Birmingham - West End Optimist Club JOI Club members and parents with Club members Kristin Whitely, Tolanda Beal & Norma Caffee Stewart.**



**Event Co-Chair Norma Stewart thanks Trudy Kirk Ray for giving of her time to prepare the walkers for the event!**



**Sherry Crider, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant & Sharon Likos with Children's of Alabama Childhood Cancer Center handed out goody bags to Walk participants.**



**Snapshots from Zone 1 Optimists “Walk for a Cure”  
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**Walk participant happily twirled his wheelchair around at the end of the Walk! 😊**



**Walk Co-Chairs Norma Stewart & Nancy Ryan thank Sharon Likos with Children’s of Alabama Childhood Cancer Center for attending the event!**



**Zone 1 Lt. Governor-Elect Michael Holt & Club President Jon Ryan thank Martha Holcomb & Rosalie Smith for participating in the Walk.**



**District Secretary-Treasurer Vera Hendrix & Zone 1 Lt. Governor-Elect Michael Holt are Walking for a Cure!!**



**Sherry Crider, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant & Club Secretary Nancy Ryan take a Walk (around Railroad Park) for a Cure!!**



**Zone 1 Lt. Governor Leon Evans with Walk Co-Chairs Norma Stewart & Nancy Ryan.  
A net total of \$862 will be divided (\$431 each) to benefit Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign and Children’s of Alabama Childhood Cancer Center.**