



The ALABAMA –MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT 4th QUARTER CONVENTION

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AL-MS DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 4th QTR DISTRICT CONVENTION August 25-28, 2022 Holiday Inn Research Park Huntsville, Alabama

Governor Ester Stubbs and the Optimist Clubs of Zone 3 welcome you to the Rocket City for the 4th Quarter District Convention. This will be a “Better Together” 2021-2022 and 2022--2023 tag team event. There will be lots of training for the 2022-2023 Optimist year. Together, the leadership of both teams have planned a weekend of training, motivation, and fun. The Governor looks forward to your attendance at the meeting and the sharing of ideas to end our BUS ride on the high road.

The Holiday Inn Research Park is located at 5903 University Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35806. You may call the hotel directly at 256-830-0600 and ask for the Optimist Block, Code OMA or you can use the following online link. [Right Click Here, then open hyperlink](#) Room rates are \$115 per night + 15% tax + \$2.00 City Surcharge = \$134.25. (Same rate for two Queens or one King)

Two breakfast tickets per room per night is included. Check in is 4:00pm, Check out is 12:00 noon.

Rooms are not guaranteed after August 5th, 2022, however if rooms are available, you can still get our OMA rate.

Masks are preferred in public areas of the hotel.

Prior to the Meeting if you have a problem reserving the room or have a question, call Leon Evans at 205-222-6227 and he will assist you.

District Meeting Highlights Include:

FRIDAY NIGHT- Better Together Dinner and Fun Activities 6:30pm. Wear your favorite casual attire.

SATURDAY-.After lunch, please plan to attend The University of Optimism Graduation Ceremony at 1pm

SATURADAY NIGHT-Installation Banquet, attire is formal/semi-formal.

AL-MS DISTRICT WELCOMES

GWEN L. GABLE

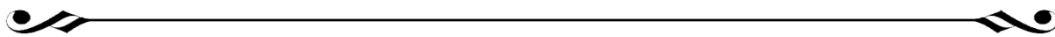
2022-2023 INTERNATIONAL SOUTHEAST REGION VICE PRESIDENT



Gwen L. Gable is the Optimist International 2022-2023 Southeast Region Vice President.

She has been a member of Optimist International since 2009 and has held numerous positions at the Club District and International levels. Gwen is a member of the Emory Decatur Optimist Club in Decatur Georgia and the North Perimeter Optimist Club in Sandy Springs Georgia.

Gwen lives in Decatur Georgia, works as a realtor, and enjoys gardening, walking, cooking, hiking, and traveling.



If you or your club wishes to order supplies to be delivered at the District Meeting, contact

Dorlinda Prince at either dorlindaprince@yahoo.com , 205-601-1736, or Cash App @ [\\$dorlindaprince](https://cash.app/$dorlindaprince) before August 10th.

SPECIAL NOTE

The 1st Quarter 2022-23 District Meeting

Is Scheduled for November 4 – 6, 2022

at

The Hilton Garden Inn Mobile-East Bay/Daphne

Details to be distributed in September

GENERAL INFORMATION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

Striving for Excellence – Arrival Day

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

Registration Desk will open at 8:00 am in the Pre-function area.

Lt. Governor Elect Training starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 12 noon.

Lunch at 12 noon

Lt. Governor Elect, President Elect, Sec/Tres Elects Training starts at 1 pm

Visit the OIF, Supply, and Childhood Wellness Tables in the Pre-Function area

Enjoy the City of Huntsville at 3:30pm

“Better Together” Dinner and Fun Activities at 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

Registration Desk will open by 8:00 AM.

Striving for Excellence Sessions starts at 8:30 am

New Club Building Training starts at 8:30am.

Lunch 12 noon

University of Optimism Graduation Ceremony starts at 1 pm

General Training and Convention Opening Sessions starts after Graduation Ceremony

During breaks members are encouraged to visit the Supply, O.I. Foundation, and Childhood Health and Wellness Tables, which will be located in the Pre-Function area.

Please plan to attend the Banquet Saturday night at 7 :00pm. The 2022-2023 Executive Officers will be inducted during the Banquet

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28,, 2022

Attend the wrap up of District business, the Memorial Service, and the District Board of Directors meeting. Starts at 8:15 am. Each Club should have their President or a representative at the Board Meeting.

*****Please send the names of members that have passed since last year’s 4th Quarter Meeting to Past Governor James Adams at Jamesadams@knology.net**

GENERAL AGENDA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Registration ----- Pre-Function Area

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

6:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast----- Breakfast Area

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration ----- Pre-Function Area

8:30 am – 12 noon Lt. Governor Elect Training----- Discovery North Room

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Supply, OIF, Child Wellness ----- Pre-Function Area

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch ----- Von Braun Room

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Lt, Governor, President,
Secretary/Treasurer Elect

Training ----- Discovery North Room

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm “Better Together” Dinner ----- Von Braun Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

7:00: am – 8:00 am Breakfast----- Breakfast Area

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration ----- Pre-Function Area

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Supply, OIF, Health & Wellness ----- Pre-Function Area

8:30 am – 10:30 am New Club Building Training

Dr. Nancy Boyd ----- Rocket City Room

8:30 am – 11:45 am General Training-All

Adams, Gable, Hendrix, Smith, Vail ----- Endeavor Room

12 noon – 1:00 pm Lunch ----- Atlantis Room

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm University of Optimism Graduation

University President E. Stubbs ----- Endeavor Room

2:15 pm – 2:30 p General Training

Dr. Nancy Boyd, J. Adams----- Endeavor Room

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Convention Open Session

4:30 pm Long Range Planning and

Past Governors Session ----- Endeavor Room

7:00 pm -10:00pm Installation Banquet ----- Atlantis Room

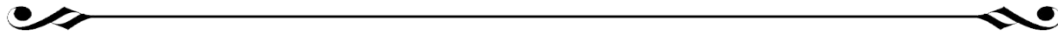
GENERAL AGENDA (Cont.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast-----	Breakfast Area
8:10 am	Invocation & Pledge-----	Endeavor Room
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Memorial Services Past Gov J. Adams--	Endeavor Room
8:45 am - 9:45 am	District Committee Reports-----	Endeavor Room
10:00 am	District Board Meeting-----	Endeavor Room
11:00 am	Adjourn, Optimist Creed-----	First Timer

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8:45am	Childhood Health & Wellness-----	Gloria Vail
8:55am	OI Convention-----	Angela Yates
9:10am	Optimist Foundation-----	Janet Smith
9:25am	Junior Golf-----	George Kostakis
9:35am	HOBYS-----	Kelvin Warren
9:45am	-----	Break



HYBRID MEETING INFORMATION

The district will be offering a hybrid meeting the weekend of August 26-28. You must register for the meeting by using the link in this email. The registration fee for the meeting is **\$20**. You can pay two ways: Use the CashApp - \$VeraHendrix or send a check or money order to Vera Hendrix, 1151 Shady Lane Circle, Talladega, AL 35160. Make the check payable to:

AL/MS District. **Registration closes on August 22nd**. The information for Saturday and Sunday links will be emailed after the 22nd to those who have paid.

Dear AL/MS Optimists:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Aug 26, 2022 08:30 AM Central Time

Register in advance for this meeting: [Click Here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

TRAINING SESSION FOR ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT CONVENTION

Thursday, August 25, 2022 – Striving for Excellence-Arrival Day!

Friday, August 26, 2022 - Club Officers Combined Training

8:30 am	Welcome (Lt. Governors only)	Adams/Hendrix/Gable
8:40 am	Greetings	Vera Hendrix
8:50 am	Striving to Know You-Ice Breaker	Tolanda Adams
9:05 am	Striving to be Good Leaders	Vera Hendrix
10:05 am	BREAK	
10:15 am	Striving to Leave Our Legacy	OIVP Gwen Gable
11:15 am	Striving to Have Fun	Tolanda Adams
11:00 am	Striving to Get Organized	Vera Hendrix
12:00 pm	Adjourn for Lunch	
12:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	Presidents/Secretary/Treasurers join the Lt. Governors	
1:10 pm	Striving for Excellence	Vera Hendrix
2:10 pm	Striving to Be Relaxed	Tolanda Adams
2:30 pm	Striving to Navigate the Website	OIVP Gwen Gable
3:30 pm	Better Together Fun Activity & Dinner	Gov. Stubbs

Saturday, August 27, 2022

8:30 am	Welcome - All Optimists	Adams/Hendrix/Gable
8:40 am	Greetings	Vera Hendrix
8:50 am	Striving to Be a Goal Setter-Ice Breaker	Tolanda Adams
9:05 am	Striving to Choose Optimism	OIVP Gwen Gable
10:05 am	BREAK	
10:15 am	Striving to Give More	Janet Smith/Gloria Vail
11:15 am	Striving to Communicate-Regional Breakout-Virtual Planning	
11:45 am	Striving to Be an Optimist	

2021-2022 Ester's Team takes over

Saturday, August 27, 2022 (Cont.)

12:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	University of Optimism Graduation Ceremony	UOO Pres. Ester Stubbs
1:45 pm	BREAK	
1:55 pm	Membership Growth	Dr. Nancy Boyd
2:10 pm	Membership Retention	Past OIVP J. Adams
2:20 pm	Convention Opening Session	Gov. Ester Stubbs
2:25 pm	Candidate's Qualification Report	Past Gov. Pam Black
3:00 pm	BREAK	
3:10 pm	104 th OIC Highlights	Gov. Stubbs/OIVP Gable
3:40 pm	Gov. Designate Remarks	Vera Hendrix
4:00 pm	District Presentations & Remarks	Gov. Stubbs
4:30 pm	Adjourn until 7 pm Induction Banquet	
4:30 pm	Long Range Planning & Past Governor	Past Gov. Kendal/Stubbs

Sunday, August 28, 2022

8:15 am	Memorial Services	Past Gov. J. Adams
8:45 am	District Foundation Representative Report	Janet Smith
9:15 am	Childhood Health & Wellness Report	Gloria Vail
9:45 am	Break	
10:00 am	District Board Meeting	Stubbs/Ransom
11:00 pm	Adjourn with Optimist Creed	

2021 – 2022
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THE BEST IN US IN SERVICE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Achievements & Awards	Ester Stubbs
Candidate Qualifications	Tolanda Adams
CCDHH	Vera Hendrix
Childhood Health & Wellness	Gloria Vail
Communications	
Bulletin	Tom Casteel
Social Media & Marketing	Erin Maulden
Webmaster	Todd Warren
Community Programs & Projects	Debbie Merritt
Director Personal Growth	Anita Lee
District Conference/Convention	Leon Evans
District Foundation Representative	Janet Smith
Essay Contest	Judy Richardson
Finance	Jim Miner
HOBY	Kelvin Warren
Jr. Golf	George Kostakis
Leadership Development	Tolanda Adams
Member/Club Growth	James Adams
New Club Building	Nancy Boyd
O.I. Convention Ambassador	Angela Yates
Oratorical Contest	Tom Howell
Parliamentarian	Sherrie Cook
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Blair
Supplies	Dorlinda Prince
Technology	
Microsoft Office	Kelvin Warren
Zoom & Teleconference	Michael Hanshaw
	Vera Hendrix
Youth Clubs	Eureka Thompson

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble

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4th QUARTER CONVENTION

DATED INFORMATION

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BY AUGUST 5TH, 2022

REGISTRATION

AL-MS DISTRICT 4th QUARTER MEETING

August 25--28, 2022
Holiday Inn Research Park 5903 University Drive
Huntsville, Alabama 35806

Please type or print (ONE MEMBER PER REGISTRATION)

NAME: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ 2021-22 OFFICE: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONES: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-MAIL: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST DISTRICT MEETING? _____ YEARS AN OPTIMIST CLUB MEMBER? _____

GUEST OR SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS FACIAL MASKS ARE REQUESTED

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN NAME BADGE

REGISTRATION FEES	MEMBER	GUEST	TOTAL
Received By August 22, 2022	_____ \$20.00	_____ \$10.00	\$ _____
Received After August 22 and on site	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$15.00	\$ _____

EVENT FEES

FRIDAY:

DINNER _____ \$21.00 _____ \$21.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY:

LUNCH _____ \$21.00 _____ \$21.00 \$ _____

BANQUET _____ \$31.00 _____ \$31.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM and CHECK TO:

AL-MS DISTRICT
700 71st PLACE SOUTH
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35206

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Call: Leon Evans 205-222-6227

*Please make check payable to AL-MS District
*Pre-registration closes August 22, 2022
*MEALS NOT GAURANTEED unless pre-registered
Meals are subject to availability if requested on site