



# The ALABAMA –MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT THIRD QUARTER MEETING NEWS

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## AL-MS DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 3rd QTR DISTRICT MEETING

April 28 - 30, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

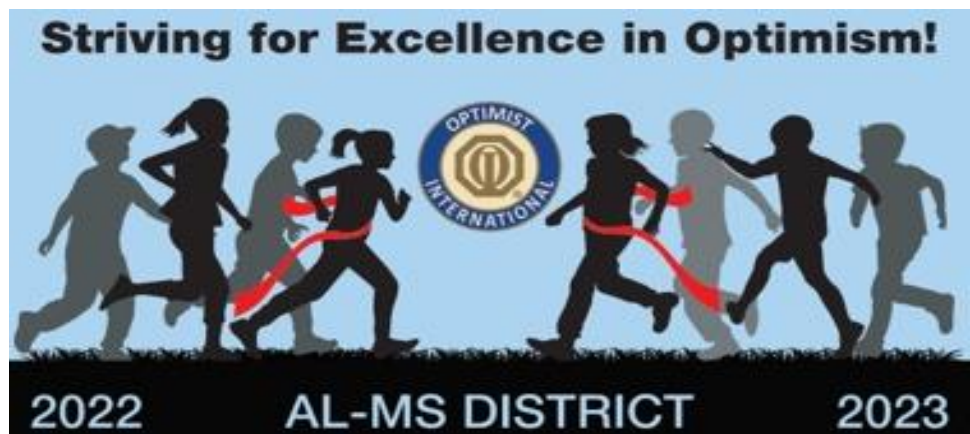
Jackson/Flowood, MS

The Optimist Clubs of Zone 8 welcome you to Jackson/Flowood and the Hilton Garden Inn. They and the Leadership of our District have planned a weekend of fun, fellowship, and training. Governor Vera Hendrix looks forward to your attendance at the meeting and the sharing of ideas to reach more youth.

The Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Flowood is located at 118 Laurel Park Cove, Flowood, MS 39232. You may call the hotel directly at 601-487-0800 and ask for the Optimist Block, Code OTC or go to [www.amoptimists.org](http://www.amoptimists.org) where you will find a direct link. Lodging rooms are: King Bed or 2 Queen Beds (\$139 + 12% tax = \$155.68). Note that Breakfast is not included in the room rate at this hotel. **The deadline for reserving a room is April 14, 2023.**

Friday night join us for "Striving for Excellence in Giving-Games for a Cause" starting at 7pm in the Laurelwood Room.

If you have a problem reserving a room or have a question, call Leon Evans at 205-222-6227 and he will assist you.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### FRIDAY, April 28, 2023

Registration Desk will open by 4:00 PM in the Pre-Function Area.

Supply, OI Foundation, and Childhood Health and Wellness Tables will be open.

Friday evening will feature "Striving for Excellence in Giving-Games for a Cause" at 7:00 PM in the Laurelwood Room.

Try your skills at Various Card and Board Games

Hospitality Room opens 3PM to 10PM in the Board Room

### SATURDAY, April 29, 2023

Registration Desk will open by 8:30 AM.

Please plan to attend Striving For Excellence Sessions at 8:30 AM.

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.

### SUNDAY, April 30, 2023

Plan to attend the Striving For Excellence Sessions which commence at 8:30 AM. Then stay for the District Board of Directors Meeting. Each Club should have its President or a Representative at the Board Meeting.

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

**Dorlinda Prince at either [dorlindaprince@yahoo.com](mailto:dorlindaprince@yahoo.com), 205-601-1736, or Cash App @ \$dorlindaprince before April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### ATTENTION

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn - Jackson/Flowood, MS

Call Direct: 601-487-0800

Ask For The Optimist Block-Code OTC

**Reservations are due by April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Go on line at: [www.amoptimists.org](http://www.amoptimists.org):

## GENERAL AGENDA

### FRIDAY, April 28, 2023

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Registration ----- Pre-Function Area  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Supply. OIF, Child Wellness----- Pre-function Area  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **“Games For a Cause”**----- Laurelwood Room

### SATURDAY, April 29, 2023

6:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast On Your Own  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration Pre-Function Area  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Supply, OIF, Child Wellness Pre-Function Area

## Laurelwood Room

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

8:30 am Welcome Tolanda B. Adams, LD Chair  
8:35 am Greetings Gov. Vera Hendrix  
8:40 am Icebreaker Activity Tolanda B. Adams, LD Chair  
8:50 am **Striving to Support the Optimist  
Foundation** Debra Merritt  
Optimist Foundation President  
9:20 am **Striving to Share Information with Members-Committee Reports**  
PGI/PDP – Robin Tiggs, Chairperson  
Junior Golf – Linda Gordon, Chairperson  
Zoom 101 – Kelvin Warren, James Adams, Jr., Michael Hanshaw  
10:00 am **BREAK**

10:10 am **Striving to Spotlight our Youth**

District Oratorical Contest Program – Michael Holt, Chairperson,

12:00 Noon Lunch and District Essay Contest Program – Mary Hardy, Chairperson

**Flowood Room**

1:15 pm District CCDHH Contest Program – Angela Yates, Chairperson

2:30 pm District LT. Governors Elections – Pamela Black, Chairperson

3:00 pm Closing Comments & Announcements – Gov Hendrix & T. Adams, LD Chair

3:10 pm Adjourn with Optimist Creed – Optimist Members

3:15 pm Candidate Qualifications Meeting – Pamela Black, Chairperson

3:45 pm District Past Governors' Meeting – Ester Stubbs, Chairperson

7:00 pm District Award Banquet for 2021-2022 – Past Gov. Ester Stubbs

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Sunny Fridge, Jackson, Ms Optimist Club

Remarks & Comments – Gov. Vera Hendrix

**SUNDAY, April 30, 2023**

6:00 am –8:00 am Breakfast On Your Own

8:30 am **General Session**

Greeting & Comments – Gov Vera Hendrix

Branding/Logo Game – Tolanda Adams, LD Chair

Optimist International Convention – Angela Yates, Chairperson

Childhood Health & Wellness – Gloria Vail, Chairperson

Optimist Interational Foundation – Janet Smith, Chairperson

9:30 **BREAK**

9:45 District Board Meeting

10:45 Adjourn District Board Meeting with The Optimist Creed

## HYBRID MEETING INFORMATION

AL/MS Optimists for Hybrid Attendance:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Apr 29, 2023, 08:30 AM Central Time (US)

Register in advance for this meeting: [HERE](#) or type in the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtde-tqz0pH9WsoGXkYcmFlkhYCdME7kLx>

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

The district will be offering a hybrid meeting the weekend of April 29-30. You must register for the meeting by using the link. The registration fee for the meeting is **\$25**. 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 April 23rd.** Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning links will be emailed after the 23rd to those who have paid.

<b>New Club Building Teams</b>		
Dr. Nancy Boyd, Chair msnancy1957@gmail.com 662-846-6200		
<b>ALABAMA TEAMS</b>		
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III	Jacqueline Sullivan 334-306-8053 jacquelinesullivan@gmail.com	James Adams 334-315-9796 jamesadams@knology.net
IV	Jeffrey Keener 859-991-4619 jeffreyaakeener@gmail.com	Cliff Collier 251-424-4457 carbarn@gulftel.net
V	Helen Howard (334) 332-4033 hnunn49@charter.net	Pam Gargis 256-483-7414 pam.gargis57@yahoo.com
<b>MISSISSIPPI TEAMS</b>		
I	Pamela Black 662-404-1581 p_black515@bellsouth.net	Kathy White 901-497-3927 k5758@bellsouth.net
II	Judy Richardson Home: 662-719-1909 judyledford1962@yahoo.com	Joyce Barnes 662-588-3878 joycebarnes2013@yahoo.com
III	Angela Yates 601-201-9322 angela_j_yates@yahoo.com	Todd Warren 601-201-9320 jtoddwarren@gmail.com

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Achievements & Awards	Annette Williams
Candidate Qualifications	Pamela V. Black
CCDHH	Kitty Love
Childhood Health & Wellness	Gloria Vail
Communications	
Bulletin	Tom Casteel
Social Media & Marketing	Erin Maulden
Webmaster	Todd Warren
Community Programs & Projects	Deborah Pilgrim
Director Personal Growth	Robin H. Tiggs
District Conference/Convention	Leon Evans
District Foundation Representative	Janet Smith
Essay Contest	Mary Hardy
Finance	Pamela V. Black
HOBY	Kelvin Warren
Jr. Golf	Linda Gordon
Leadership Development	Tolanda B. Adams
Member/Club Growth	Gwendolyn Little
New Club Building	Nancy Boyd
O.I. Convention Ambassador	Angela Yates
Oratorical Contest	Michael Holt
Parliamentarian	Sherrie Cook
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Blair
Supplies	Dorlinda Prince
Technology Committee	Michael Hanshaw
	Kelvin Warren
	James Adams
	Robert Blair
Youth Clubs	Barbara Maye

## 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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### 3rd QUARTER MEETING

**DATED INFORMATION**

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BY April 14, 2023**

# RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY APRIL 14, 2023

## IN-PERSON AND ZOOM REGISTRATION

### AL-MS DISTRICT 3rd QUARTER MEETING

April 28 -30, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Flowood, MS 118 Laurel Park Cove  
Flowood, MS 39232

Please type or print (ONE MEMBER PER REGISTRATION)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022-23 OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST OR SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST DISTRICT MEETING? \_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOU ATTEND THE HYBRID MEETING \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS FACIAL MASKS ARE PREFERRED**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN NAME BADGE**

REGISTRATION FEES	MEMBER	GUEST	TOTAL
Received By April 25, 2023	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$10.00	\$ _____
Received After April 25 and on site	_____ \$30.00	_____ \$15.00	\$ _____

### EVENT FEES

#### SATURDAY:

LUNCH	_____ \$24.00	_____ \$24.00	\$ _____
BANQUET	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$25.00	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM and CHECK TO:

**AL-MS DISTRICT  
700 71<sup>st</sup> 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 April 25th

\*MEALS NOT GUARANTEED unless pre-registered

Meals are subject to availability if requested on site