



ORDER OF LASHE'S NEWSLETTER



A Word from President Cindy

Happy Fall, Everyone!



It's hard to believe September is already here, and as I write this, we are just 158 days away from our Parade and Ball!

I do have some disappointing news to share. The Marshalls have decided not to host a Doo Dah this year. Participation and turnout have been low in recent years, and as a result, they have chosen to cancel the event. This is a reminder of how important member participation is to the success of all our activities.

On a brighter note, a huge thank you goes to Queen Melissa and Emblem Marissa for the fantastic party they hosted for our membership. It was a wonderful evening filled with fun, dancing, and celebration. We truly appreciate all of your efforts—thank you!

Be sure not to miss this month's meeting, where we will be **unveiling the costumes!** Emblem Marissa and her committee have worked tirelessly to create spectacular designs, and I'm so excited for everyone to finally see them.

Roof Update: The board is currently reviewing all details and working on scheduling the roofer. I will provide updates as soon as we have a confirmed timeline.

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 16, 2025
7 pm
General Meeting
The Locale

Sept. Bar Raffle
Room 5



Please remember there will be a \$37 assessment per member per the life of the loan to help repay part of the loan that was not in our budget.

Don't forget to pay your **Third Dues Installment** this month to avoid a late fee! Your dues are due at the September General Meeting (Tuesday Sept 16th). If you have any questions be sure to get with Treasurer Stacey Jessee!

We will be voting on a bylaw change this month so please read the proposed changes before the meeting and come prepared to discuss them.

2025-2026 Executive Board

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Queen Melissa



Thank you to the Parade Committee in the most amazing presentation and float pick. I cannot wait until you see what the Costume Committee has come up with in revealing the costumes. Hope everyone is getting excited to see all of it come together and come to life and counting the days until they hit the streets of Mobile.

Thank you to everyone that came to Emblem Marissa and my party. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Hope to see you on the 16th not only for the costume reveal but a bit of information will be shared.



Emblem Marissa

Thank you, Parade Committee, for an awesome Float Presentation! I'm excited to see our lovely ladies rolling the streets of Downtown. I wish I could pick a favorite float, but they're all amazing.

Thank you to everyone who came out and danced the night away with us. I enjoyed getting to see everyone having a fun time. I know I danced right out of my boots into my socks. If you haven't had a chance to check out the pictures from the party, please visit www.stacybizjak.com/oolqande password: QELASHES

I hope everyone is ready to see how elegant we will look come parade and ball.





Vice President - DD Payne

Hello, ladies! What a wonderful taste of Fall we have just gotten! It tells me that the **FUN** is just around the corner!! Remember that there is **NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT** to get your **FRIENDS** and **FAMILY** into our **AMAZING ORGANIZATION!** Please visit the OOL page to get an application OR see me at this month's meeting!

Please welcome our newest LaShe pledges...

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We will be voting on the following new members this month.



- Julia Lindblom – Mobile, AL
- Sondra Wacker – Mobile, AL
- Jalynn Chance – Saraland, AL
- Jamie Snow – Saraland, AL



Once again, I had wonderful conversations with them all and they are excited to meet everyone!

Treasurer - Stacey Jessee

It is hard to believe we are already in September! **REMINDER that your THIRD dues installment is due by the September General meeting on Tuesday, September 16th!**

All Active and Active Non-Riding members' dues installment is \$137.50, Associate dues installment is \$125.00. Any payments received after this date will incur a late fee of \$25.00 per our bylaws.

Methods of Payment:

- Pay at the finance table at the general meeting
- OOL Website - <https://order-of-lashes.square.site/>
- Mail your payment: P.O. Box 850176, Mobile, Alabama 36685

*Please note- **ALL financial obligations must be paid by December 31, 2025.** This includes any dues, layaway, fines, fees, or other charges on your account. You may make a payment on your account at any time using one of the above methods.

Statements are being emailed this weekend. If you do not receive your statement, please contact me ASAP. Please feel free to contact me anytime should you have questions or need to discuss your account.





Board Seat 1 Parade – Sara McKinley



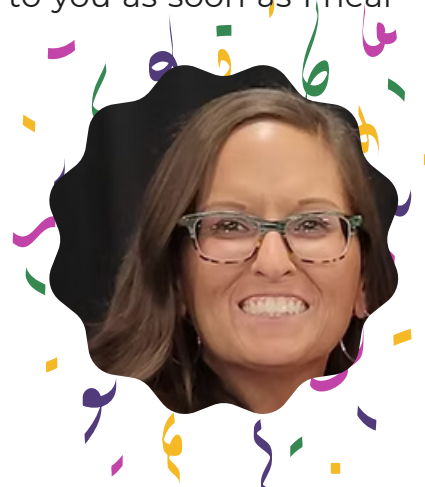
Happy September! College football, beautiful weather, and float transformations. My favorite time of the year. Our floats are really starting to come to life. The creativity of our float builder is spectacular.

Hopefully soon I will be able to share any new parade information passed down from Mobile PD and the city. No news is good news at this point. But know that I'll pass along to you as soon as I hear it.



Board Seat 2 Ball – Nicole Rayborn

Ball information loading...stay tuned to the next General Meeting.



Board Seat 3 Ways & Means – Christine Bramlett



Your Ways & Means crew has been busy, busy, busy! We've already had some fabulous conversations with the artist about this year's theme poster (spoiler alert: it's going to be stunning). Queen Melissa and Emblem Marissa have worked their magic and chosen the bracelet and charms for this season—those beauties are officially on order. ✨

But here's a little challenge for you: at this month's general meeting, sneak by the Ways & Means store and see if you can spot the new item we've added just for y'all. Consider it a treasure hunt...with shopping bags. 😊



Now, let's talk PLAYTIME! 🎉 We've got **Dave & Buster's play cards ready to go—just \$20 each!** That's less than dinner and drinks, and it comes with hours of arcade fun. Grab a few for yourself, the kids, your hubby, or your besties. They're the perfect "one-size-fits-all" stocking stuffer (yes, I said it—Christmas will be here before we know it).



 **A VERY Special Reminder:**

And speaking of fun... mark your calendars for our **Top Golf Fundraiser!** 🏌️‍♀️🍷 It's not just a golf day, it's a Sunday Funday with all your favorite LaShe's (and your favorite non-members too—yes, bring them along!). Time to build your team, plan your matching outfits (you know you want to), and get ready to swing, sip, and laugh your way through an unforgettable afternoon. Trust me, this is going to be the event of the season.



So shop the store, snag those play cards, and rally your Top Golf crew—Ways & Means is serving up fun on a platter!



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 **Associate - Lynlee Evans**


Thank you to everyone who continues to stop by our New Members tables to give our ladies a bright & warm welcome. Your kindness sets the tone for our organization!



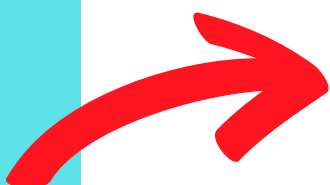
 **New Members: Save the Date!**

Mandatory New Member Orientation

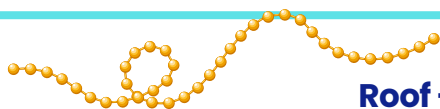
January 11, 2026

 11:00 AM

 Float Barn, 453 Pillans St., Mobile, AL 36603



This exciting event is your **official introduction to a LaShe's Mardi Gras season.** You'll learn all about the Ball, Parade, and the events leading up to our big day! Plus, it's Float Spot Pick Day, so the float barn will be buzzing with energy as members prepare to ride!



Roof - Kanja Weldy

I hope everyone is excited about a new roof! I want to thank the membership for giving this very important project your attention at the meeting.

I feel very confident the roofer we have selected will do a fabulous job updating our primary asset and will give us a finished product that will protect our floats for years to come.

The committee and I will work closely with the roofer to make sure everything promised/quoted is completed and installed timely and in accordance with our expectations.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



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Rockin' ROOM 7's Afternoon of Fun
Saturday, September 20, 2025
\$1,000 DRAWDOWN



Mobile Mystics Den
659 St. Anthony St.
Mobile, Alabama 36603
Donation - \$25.00
Split The Pot and Chinese Raffle
Raffle for #150 ticket
Doors Open at 4:00 pm
Drawdown at 5:00 pm

Cash Bar - MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND

Snacks provided

****See any Room 7 member to purchase a ticket. Thank you for your support!**

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO GO INTO EFFECT BEGINNING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR:

CURRENT:

ARTICLE XI - FINANCE

Section 1. Annual dues for Active/Active Non-Riding members shall not exceed \$550.00 and will include one (1) costume, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; parading rights (Active), voting rights, and a number of Ball invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. (10-17-91) (12-14-95) (3-15-01) (1-21-10) (6-21-12) (5-18-17) (5-18-23) (5-16-24)

Annual dues for Associate members shall not exceed \$500.00 and will include one set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; one (1) Associate Costume and a number of Ball Invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. (10-17-91) (12-14-95) (3-15-01) (1-21-10) (6-21-12) (5-18-17) (5-18-23)

Annual dues for Costume Honorary members shall be \$275.00 payable \$137.50 by the May general membership meeting and \$137.50 by the July general membership meeting. Upon request, a Costume Honorary member will receive one (1) set of Spring Event invitations, if held; and one (1) set of Fall or Winter Event invitations, if held. Costume Honorary members will be required to participate in the Annual Ball; she will be provided a call out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation. (12-11-08) (6-21-12) (5-18-17) (5-16-24)

Annual dues for Honorary members shall not exceed the cost of a set of Annual Ball invitations and will include, upon the members request, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; and one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; as well as an Honorary call-out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation should she desire to participate in the Annual Ball. (3-15-01) (6-20-02) (6-21-12)

Section 2. Annual Active/Active Non-Riding and Associates dues can be paid in full by the May monthly meeting or in installments to be paid as follows: (5-18-17) (5-18-23) (7-20-23) (5-16-24) 20

	Active/ Active Non-Riding	Associates
May General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
July General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
September General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
November General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00

Honorary dues are due in full by the May meeting. (6-20-02)

NEW:

Section 1. Annual dues for Active members shall not exceed \$850.00 and will include one (1) member theme costume, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; complimentary beverages at the Annual & General Meetings, parading rights, voting rights, and a number of Ball invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. \$150.00 of the Active member’s dues will be allocated to the Ball food and bar; \$50.00 will be allocated to the Building Fund.

Annual dues for Active (Non-riding) members shall not exceed \$850.00 and will include one (1) member theme costume, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; complimentary beverages at the Annual & General Meetings, parading rights, voting rights, and a number of Ball invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. \$150.00 of the Active (Non-riding) member’s dues will be allocated to the Ball food and bar; \$50.00 will be allocated to the Building Fund.

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Annual dues for Associate members shall not exceed \$750.00 and will include one (1) Associate costume, one set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; complimentary beverages at the Annual & General Meetings and a number of Ball Invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. \$150.00 of the Associate member’s dues will be allocated to the Ball food and bar; \$50.00 will be allocated to the Building Fund.

Annual dues for Costume Honorary members shall not exceed \$450.00 and will include one (1) member theme costume, one set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; complimentary beverages at the Annual & General Meetings and a number of Ball Invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. \$150.00 of the Costume Honorary member’s dues will be allocated to the Ball food and bar; \$50.00 will be allocated to the Building Fund.

Annual dues for Honorary members shall not exceed \$150.00 and will include, upon the members request, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; and one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; complimentary beverages at the Annual & General Meetings as well as an Honorary call-out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation should she desire to participate in the Annual Ball. \$50.00 of the Honorary Member’s dues will be allocated to the Building Fund.

Section 2. Annual Active/Active Non-Riding and Associates dues can be paid in full by the May general meeting or in installments to be paid as follows:

ACTIVE/ACTIVE NON-RIDING	ASSOCIATE
\$150.00 May General Meeting	\$150.00 May General Meeting
\$120.00 June General Meeting	\$100.00 June General Meeting
\$120.00 July General Meeting	\$100.00 July General Meeting
\$120.00 August General Meeting	\$100.00 August General Meeting
\$120.00 September General Meeting	\$100.00 September General Meeting
\$120.00 October General Meeting	\$100.00 October General Meeting
\$100.00 November General Meeting	\$100.00 November General Meeting

Installments may be paid in advance.

Costume Honorary dues can be paid in full by the May General Meeting or installments to be paid as follows:

1. \$150.00 May General Meeting
2. \$100.00 June General Meeting
3. \$100.00 July General Meeting
4. \$100.00 August General Meeting

Honorary dues are due in full by the May meeting.

The following will also change with this bylaw passage (The dues changes will be addressed under finance instead of being redundant in Membership):

Current: Article II Membership, Section 11A:

Annual dues for Honorary members shall not exceed the cost of a set of Annual Ball invitations and are due in full by the May meeting. The Honorary member will be entitled to attend all meetings and receive publications and a set of Spring Event and Fall or Winter Event tickets. Honorary members who participate in the Annual Ball will be provided an Honorary call out ribbon and one escort invitation. (8-20-98) (3-15-01) (6-16-05)

New:

~~Annual dues for Honorary members shall not exceed the cost of a set of Annual Ball invitations and are due in full by the May meeting.~~ The Honorary member will be entitled to attend all meetings, receive publications and

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be given, upon request, a set of Spring Event and Fall or Winter Event tickets, if held. Honorary members who participate in the Annual Ball will be provided an Honorary call out ribbon and one escort invitation.

Current: Article II Membership, Section 20A

Annual dues for Costume Honorary members shall be \$275.00 payable \$137.50 by the May general membership meeting and \$137.50 by the July general membership meeting. The Costume Honorary member will be entitled to attend all meetings and receive a set of Spring and Fall or Winter event tickets, if held. Costume Honorary members will be required to participate in the Annual Ball; she will be provided a call out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation. Costume Honorary members are not required to attend General Meetings nor the Annual Meeting. Attendance at rehearsal is required. (5-18-17) (5-16-24)

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REASON: The costs to fund our parade, ball, float barn and misc. expenses has continually increased. While we need to look for ways to save money and cut costs, we still must be able to fund our expenses without assessments and more importantly, without eliminating our reserve emergency savings. We also need to replenish and grow our building fund which was used to fund the roof of our float barn.

Currently, rooms must pay the organization for the ball and parade food and bar. This will cease that need and Room dues may not be necessary at all if rooms have a fundraiser or just collect from each member should they have a need. If rooms would rather have dues to cover room expenses such as a luncheon, sunshine, meeting costs, etc., they could be \$20-\$50, as voted by each room. The existing room dues requirement is only a Standing Rule and can be amended after the passage of this bylaw. An example is below.

Example: Room dues, if determined necessary by the room, are to be set annually by majority vote of room members present at the first room meeting following the OOL General Meeting in which members approved the current fiscal year budget. Room dues and room fundraiser proceeds shall only be used for room related expenses approved by majority vote of all room members. ~~Room dues shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year.~~(10-21-04) (11-15-07) (9-20-12) (4-16-25)

(At some point in the future, the allocation to the bar and food may be paid back to the rooms if rooms can once again hire individual caterers and absorb their own bar as in the past.)

Current dues	\$550.00
Room dues max now:	\$200.00
Current:	\$750.00
Savings depletion:	\$118.00
<u>Building Fund:</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total:	\$918.00

This proposal is only an increase of \$100.00 from our current organization/room dues structure and includes an allocation to replenish/grow the Building Fund which is our goal. We passed and included a \$55,000.00 decrease in savings in the 2025/2026 budget in lieu of an assessment which is \$118.00 per member just to meet the budget without any additional inflation of costs. This breakdown shows that we actually need a larger increase based upon our current budget and expectations but this will hopefully strike a balance between getting the needed increase and finding ways to eliminate waste within the budget.