



ORDER OF LASHE'S NEWSLETTER



A Word from President Cindy

Important Reminders:



As we close out the year, please take note of the following reminders and deadlines to ensure a smooth and successful start to 2026:

- **Financial Obligations:** All financial obligations **must be paid in full on or before December 31, 2025**. Accounts not paid by the deadline will incur a \$50.00 fine. Members will not be permitted to pick up costumes, invitations, layaway, or load their float until all dues—including fines and the approved roof assessment—are satisfied. Room Captains are asked to notify Treasurer Donna Diaz of any members who have not submitted their room dues.
- **Christmas Party:** Join us for our December General Membership Meeting and holiday celebration! Please bring a favorite dish (enough to share) and wear your most festive holiday outfit. We'll also be holding a contest—with prizes—for the most festive attire! The Executive Board and I look forward to celebrating this fun tradition with each of you.
- **VOA Resident Adoption:** A reminder to bring your VOA gifts to the meeting. Gifts should be wrapped and clearly labeled with the resident's name and will be collected before the meeting begins. Thank you, ladies, for your continued generosity and support.
- **Excused Absences for Mandatory Meetings:** If you need to be excused from any mandatory events—including the Rehearsal, Parade, Ball, Annual Meeting, or the three required General Membership Meetings—your request must be submitted in writing to LaShesPresident@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 15, 2025
7 pm
General Meeting
The Locale

Nov. Bar Raffle
Room 9



- **2026–2027 Committee Chairmen:** Room Representatives for the Election Committee and Evening of Chance Committee are due by the December 15, 2025 General Membership Meeting. The Election Committee Chairman will be chosen from these representatives. If you are interested in chairing Costumes, Election, Spring Event, Hospitality, Layaway, or Evening of Chance, please submit your committee selection form by December 31, 2025. Committee Chairmen will be announced in January.

Wishing each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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2025-2026 Executive Board

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Queen Melissa

Thank you so very much Royal **Room 9** for the FUNtabulous Denim & Diamond Celebration. The DJ had us rockin!

Food was delicious and the **Sisterhood was phenomenal.**



Emblem Marissa

Thank you to my amazing **Room 9** for a wonderful time at our Q&E Party! You ladies sure know how to party!

Wishing you and your family a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



Vice President - DD Payne

JANUARY 11th!!!! – MANDATORY New Member Orientation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for 11am at the FLOAT BARN. Important information related to the Annual Ball and Parade will be provided. If you cannot attend, you must contact President Cindy to be excused. You certainly don't want to miss all of the fun and information you will receive at the meeting! See me or any member of the New Member Committee for details! They have a great plan in place!!

Last month I asked for any ideas on things that our New Members need to know. We are once again asking for those suggestions. Make sure the New Members know everything they need to know or that you wish you would have known to make their 1st LaShe Mardi Gras a great success.



Please add the following 4 ladies who pledged in November to your directory:

Name	Address	Phone	Email
Julia Lindblom	62 South Lafayette St., Mobile, AL 36604	251-513-0240	Juliaklindblom0501@gmail.com
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Payden Alice Smith	322 Seminole Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117	334-224-9177	Pipskrew@gmail.com

We have 3 ladies pledging this month and **NO NEW MEMBER VOTE!** Our roster is FULL! Although this year is coming to its' exciting end, please keep recruiting. Any new applications received now will be held until next year. I will have applications at the December meeting.

Also, remember that no pregnant members will be allowed to participate in the GRAND MARCH without signing a **PREGNANCY WAIVER**, which I will also have at the December Meeting. And, if you already know that you will be unable to RIDE this year, please contact President Cindy to be excused. Don't wait until the last minute...the riders that will be moved into your spot need time to pay the TEMP RIDER FEE and BUY THROWS!

I want to say a great big **THANK YOU to Ashley Adams** for being such an AWESOME Room Captain Chair this year. An equal GREAT BIG THANKS to Float Captain Chair, **Bridget Dixon-Moseley**. And a final cheer of HURRAH to **Lynlee Evans** and the New Member Committee for all of their work this year helping our new members feel welcomed into this wonderful LaShe Family.

Finally, remember that this month's meeting is our **CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!** Please bring a dish to share and BYOB. Hospitality will have Christmas Punch for purchase. Also – wear your **FESTIVE ATTIRE for the COSTUME CONTEST!!!** Very little business this month, but LOTS of PARTY before the MARDI!!!!



Treasurer - Donna Diaz

What a whirlwind year! It's hard to believe that it is already December! By now, all dues should have been paid. **You have until December 31st to pay any other outstanding balance apart from Float Fees.**

As riders should be aware, we have implemented a different procedure for Float Fees. You will pay those directly to the organization. This will be beneficial to the Float Captains as they will now be able to focus on our riders!

While we would like to see those fees paid before the end of the year, the Board has extended this as we usually do, until float load. Just remember that, as usual, you will not be able to load your float until all monies are paid in full.

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, AL 36685

I hope you all have a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!**





Recording Secretary - Mikie Ganus

In November, 46% of our Active/ANR/FE, 40% of our Associates and 19% of our Honorary/Costume Honorary members attended the meeting. This is about 42% of our membership. We are getting closer to our Parade and Ball, and you don't want to miss any information about these events. **To stay informed, please try to attend these meetings.**

Just as another friendly reminder, we only have **two (2) more General Meetings for the year.** As our Bylaws state, Active, Active (Non-Riding) and Associates members must attend three General Meetings. We have 95 Active, Active (Non-Riding) and 40 Associates that have not attended three General Meetings. I want to remind you again that if you know that you will not be able to meet this requirement, you must be excused by the President as soon as possible.

Remember to sign in and check your meeting attendance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me and we will check on this together. I hope to see you at the December meeting so that we can all celebrate with you the upcoming Christmas holiday season.

Corresponding Secretary - Tracey Taylor

Important: Be sure to check the **member directory** and submit the update form if any of your information has changed. Keeping our directory current helps us stay connected!

The website calendar is in process of being updated. For your convenience, a list of dates will be added to the website as well.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! 🎄 🎁



Parliamentarian - Kendra Isenhower

As we near the holiday season, I would like to wish each and every one of my sisters, a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



Historian - Gabby Smith

Join us at this month's meeting and make sure to **visit the History Corner!** We'll have a new video and pictures on display that celebrate the spirit of our awesome organization.

Looking forward to sharing some holiday treats and cheer with my sisters!
Happy Holidays!



Board Seat 1 Parade - Kanja Weldy



WOW!! As I write this, our **parade is only 69 days away!** Lots of info will be coming your way including the very important PARADE RULES! Make sure to read them in their entirety to avoid fining yourself! Please make sure to keep up with the calendar for all of the important dates.



My committee is hard at work finalizing a line up and getting everything ready for you to load your floats. The Float builder is turning paper mâché into elegant masterpieces!

Please remember, **if you are expecting – you CANNOT ride.** Please reach out to DD for the waiver if you still want to call out and participate in the tableau. If you cannot ride for any reason, you must get excused by the President – please do so asap.

Important: Float fees will now be collected by the Organization. **The fees will be \$25.00 per rider.** I realize this is a small increase from the past, but all costs are directly related to the floats/parade. Unfortunately, the proposed budget this year did not accurately reflect the income associated with the parade, which, with the exception of rentals, are reimbursables from float fees and Marshal horses. To get a better handle on collecting these fees and properly applying them, the organization will bill float fees directly. We have an average of 325-335 riders each year if our floats are full. Collecting \$25.00 from 330 riders generates \$8,250.00 revenue. Your float fees will cover:

Float pull & Cleaning	\$2,260.00
Security	\$2,880.00
Music Trucks/Drivers	\$2,100.00
Fire Extinguisher/Insp	\$500.00
Potty Set ups	\$160.00
Tire Truck	\$350.00
TOTAL:	\$8,250.00

The Units and Fillers, Float builder, Maintenance, Chassis inspections, Generators, Permit, Assist Bus, Tow Truck and other related expenses will still come from the Parade budget. We are always looking for ways to keep these costs reasonable, work within the constraints of our budget and still host a fabulous parade.

This should also remove a burden from the Float Captains. Captains often had uncertainty on the fees to charge and confusion collecting fees – getting cash, Venmo, checks, etc. from members. Several Captains often paid the organization the floats fees for their float with their own money and tried to square up with riders later. Float captains would sometimes end up donating first aid kits or potty set ups they failed to list when determining float fees or had to chase members to collect. This relieves them of this responsibility. The parade committee will handle setting up the potty’s etc. on the floats.

I hope everyone is excited as I am about our Parade! I also want to wish you and your family a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**



Board Seat 2 Ball – Nicolle Rayborn

Don’t forget that **mandatory rehearsal for the ball is at the Convention Center on Sunday, February 1, 2026**, and members are welcome to bring their ball escort. If you are unable to attend, please submit a written notice to President Cindy.

Also, OVG does not allow outside food or beverages to be brought into the Convention Center.

Rehearsal schedule:

Board/Q&E – 2:00-3:30pm	Members – 3:30-5:00pm	MOOL – 4:00-5:00pm
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Room invoices for the first half of the Food & Beverage payment went out earlier this month. The second installment is due in January. The total for each room is based on the total number of members as of November 30th.

The ball committee continues to work hard putting the final pieces of the ball together. More details will be provided to the membership as they are finalized. All input is greatly appreciated, so feel free to reach out to me or your recommendations committee representative.

I wish each of you a **joyous and festive Christmas season and a Happy New Year!**



Board Seat 3 Ways & Means – Christine Bramlett

Thank you all so much for your incredible support of the pre-order sweatshirt and charm bracelet sales. Y'all showed up in a big way, and it truly makes a difference.

As we roll into the holiday season, don't forget that **Dave & Buster's gift cards** make perfect last-minute gifts. They're easy, fun, and guaranteed to make you the hero of the holiday. (My nieces and nephews are going to think I'm the best aunt ever when they open theirs!)

December also means the Ways & Means store is stocked with new, ball-ready merchandise, including: **squeeze bottles, light-up shoe laces, fanny packs, and white escort gloves.**

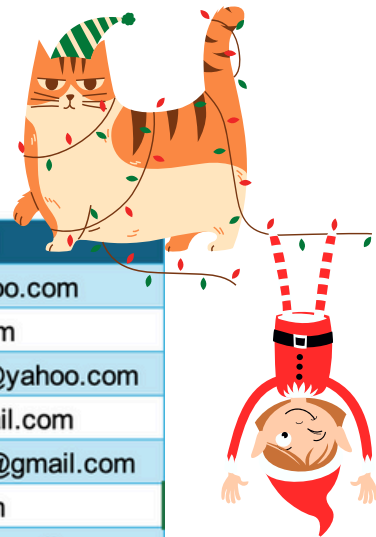
These are must-have necessities—and quantities are limited. There will be no reorders, so be sure to swing by the store at the general meeting and grab what you need before it's gone!

Thank you again for supporting Ways & Means and helping us keep the fun (and fundraising!) going strong.



2025–2026 Committee Chairmen

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Mother MOOL	Cindy Bishop	251-623-0642	LashesPresident@gmail.com





Associate - Lynlee Evans

Our associate roster is nearly full, and we'll soon hit the ground running Mardi Gras style for **New Member Orientation**. Past Queens & Emblems - be sure to check your inbox for a special invitation to our orientation.

New Members - please be sure to make special note of the due date for all financial obligations: organization dues, room dues, assessment, layaway, temp rider fees, etc. All of these are due by DECEMBER 31st.



Save the Date: Mandatory New Member Orientation

Sunday, January 11, 2026

11:00 AM

OOL Float Barn, 453 Pillans St

Costume - Marissa McManus



Reminder: if you're pregnant or recently delivered and haven't got fitted, please get with me asap!

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Float Captain - Bridget Dixon-Moseley

I want to remind all newly active members to **turn in your float request form**. This allows me to get you on the waiting list for the float of your choice.

The forms can be found on the Lashes website and you can email them to me at oolfloatcaptchair@gmail.com or to DD Payne at oolvicepresident@gmail.com



Float Review - Summer Frahm

We are still accepting your booze and Amazon wish list donations! Room captains be ready to draw your food work slot and what kids' game your room will be responsible for.

Exciting announcement! Get your field day teams together for float review. 4 person teams will compete in an egg toss, sack race, egg race, and 3-legged race. Entry fee is \$20 per team. Costumes and team name are encouraged. I'll have all the details out soon.

Hospitality - Paula Harris

Hello my sisters!! Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!! I just wanted to **thank Room 8** for the Hospitality Bar Raffle last month. They had a great turnout. **Room 9 it is your turn this month**, let's see what you can bring!!

This month is BYOB! But we will have two special punches--*Naughty & Nice!*

Congratulations to our Iron Bowl Squares winners: Stevie Watford, Suzanne Miller, Faye Olensky, & Ginger Phillips-Dueitt!!



Hello ladies!

Invitations - Robin Brown



I hope everyone is looking forward to the 2026 LaShe's Ball!

Forms Available: Invitation Request Forms will be available for pick-up at the December General Meeting. Stop by the Invitation Committee table to collect your form. For your convenience, it's also available on the Order of LaShe's website.

Deadline Reminder: All completed forms must be submitted by December 15, 2025. Members who do not submit their form by the deadline will receive invitations based solely on their membership status.

How to Submit: If you can't turn in your form at a meeting, you may:

• Mail it to: Order of LaShe's, P.O. Box 850176, Mobile, AL 36685

• Email it to: 2026oolinvitations@gmail.com

Tickets & Pick-Up Details: Additional tickets may be purchased at the Finance Table. Please bring your receipt to the Invitations Table for processing. Invitations will be available for pick-up at the following events:

- January General Meeting
- Rehearsal
- Layaway Pickup
- Float Review (12-2 PM)
- Float Load (12-2 PM)



Committee Chairs: Please submit the names of your committee members who should receive a set of invitations in appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Layaway - Hayley Clough

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and looking forward to a Merry Christmas! Not too much longer and we're hitting the streets of Mobile! Mark your calendars!! **Layaway pickup will be Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 11-2 at the OOL float barn!**

Drop dead date to pick up your items will be Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 11-1 at the OOL float barn. If you do not pick up your items by the drop-dead date, you forfeit them with no refund or credit! If you cannot

pick up your items, please arrange for a friend to pick them up! Layaway will be set up from 11-12 at Float Review to sell any remaining items and we will be set up all day for float load as well!

Photography - Gail Filotei

Hi Ladies! **We will be taking orders for ball pictures this month and next month at the general meeting.** Don't miss out on the chance to capture the memories from the best ball in Mobile.

Visit the photography table and bring cash or check to preorder. The final deadline is the January meeting. Packages may be ordered at the ball but the price increases.



PR/Special Events – Lisa Bullock

Thank you for the donations received for our November Spotlight Organization, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile. **We collected \$480 dollars** to provide a delicious Thanksgiving luncheon as well as additional funds to stock their pantry! It was a special blessing to those families currently residing at the House.

 A special shout out to **Hannah Tews** for attending the luncheon and serving the residents. You are a bright light for this organization!

The **VOA residents are excited to receive their gifts** this year from our organization. We did have some additional residents this year. Thank you to the rooms along with the committee chairs who stepped up to sponsor them! The VOA will arrive at 5:30PM on the day of our December General Meeting to collect the gifts. Please be sure to check in with a committee member that will be there as well so we can mark your room off the list.

Don't forget to get your **tickets for the Queen & Emblem Party**. The cost is \$55 and can still be purchased through the website - Queen & Emblem 2025. All tickets must be purchased in advance – no tickets will be sold at the door. After the party, we can take a festive stroll through the gardens for the 30th Anniversary of Magic Christmas in Lights. Feel free to invite family and friends to meet you there after our event!

 **Save the Date: Sunday, December 14th**

 **Time: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM**



 **Location: Bellingrath Gardens**

“The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.” – Helen Keller



Sunshine – Melanie Suiter

Baby Boy

Congratulations  to **Christine Bramlett** (Room 14) and husband Blake (Marshal) on the arrival of baby William Blake Bramlett Jr 

Please continue to pray for the following Lashe Members and Marshals:

- **Ila Hamilton** (Room 8)
- **Joyce Lambert** (Room 1)
- **Kim Carroll's** (Room 11) husband, Wayne (Marshal)
- **Patsy Ownby's** (Room 11) husband, Donnie



Our deepest Sympathy to **Shanna Rivers** (Room 5) on the passing of her mother, Cynthia Weaver.

Ladies, let's continue to pray for our sisters and Marshals that God will heal them and free them from pain.



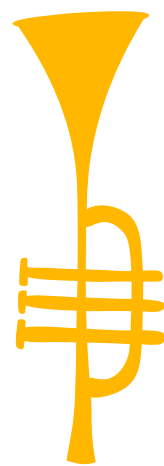
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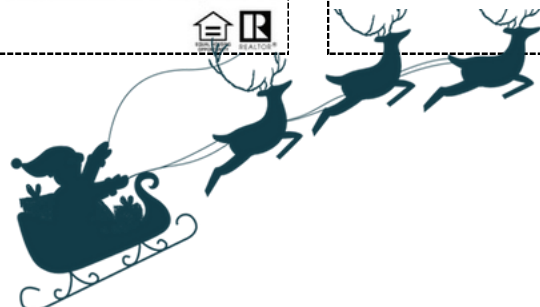


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**You are cordially invited to a festive afternoon in celebration of
Queen Melissa & Emblem Marissa!**

Date: December 14, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Location: Bellingrath Gardens

Tickets: \$55

Join us in embracing the LaShe's Holiday Spirit!

ROOM 5

MISTLETOE

Money Giveaway



3 ~ \$500
CASH prizes



PLUS MARDI GRAS DOOR HANGER

TICKETS
1 FOR \$5
5 FOR \$20

DRAWING DECEMBER 16TH
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!
SEE ANY ROOM 5 MEMBER FOR TICKETS