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With the retirement of Mississippi's longest-serving legislator, the seat of State Senator Tommy Gollott District 50 is up for grabs.

Two well-known coastal residents, State Rep. Scott Delano and Biloxi City Councilwoman Dixie Newman, aim to sit in the seat occupied for almost 40 years by Senator Gollott. Both candidates were invited to visit and speak to the Biloxi Lions Club on issues that affect the residents of Senate District 50 the most.

Scott Delano spoke at the July 10th noon meeting and Dixie Newman is scheduled to speak at the July 17th meeting.

Rep. Delano gave a brief overview of the committees he has served on and his responsibilities on these committees since becoming District 117 representative in 2010. He explained that his experience as a commercial real estate developer gave him the opportunity to be appointed to

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State Representative District 117
Candidate for
State Senate District 50

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUL 17	Dixie Newman, Candidate MS Senate
JUL 18	Board Meeting, McAlister's, noon
JUL 24	No Scheduled Speaker, Board Mtg Minutes Review
JUL 31	Mark Baker, MS Attorney General Candidate
AUG 7	Dr. Thomas Dobbs, MS Public Health Officer
AUG 14	Laura Payne, Back Bay Mission
AUG 15	Board Meeting, McAlister's, noon
AUG 21	Lynn Fitch, MS Attorney General Candidate

Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Biloxi Yacht Club

July 10, 2019 Club Meeting Recap

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Lion President Matt; Lions Jaye, Jerry, Darrell, and Dick us in song; Lion Bob Talley led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Milton offered prayer
- ◆ Lions Elijah and Miriam introduced their guest, their daughter Juanita; Ashley Comstock, campaign manager for our speaker State Representative Scott Delano, was also introduced as a guest
- ◆ 50/50 was won by Lion Jerry; and Lion Star drew the King of Hearts (oh! so close!) in the King of Clubs Progressive
- ◆ Lion Pres. Matt reminded members to keep July 27th open to help Lion Dr. Malone at the annual Rotary Children's Health Fair which will be at Edgewater Mall.
- ◆ Lion Pres. Matt reminded board members of the board meeting on July 18th at McAlisters at noon, 11:30 if you want to join in to eat
- ◆ Lion Secretary Joe reviewed the June Board meeting minutes. Of importance, due to the pending meal increase to \$25 per person by the Biloxi Yacht Club a proposal of a due increase was discussed to cover the meal increase. The dues structure would be as follows: active members \$175 a quarter would be \$190 a quarter; affiliate members \$150 semi-annual would be \$160; and privilege, ministers and the 4 officer positions which pay \$29 would go to \$32.
- ◆ ROAR Editor Lion Penny, to encourage members to read the ROAR and to utilize the club's website for club news, challenged members to count the Lucky Leprechaun in photos from the Installation Banquet. The member guessing the correct number was to receive a 'happy.' No one guessed the number so a second chance was given and the "Lion Statute " was awarded to Lion Suzette
- ◆ Lion Jerry presented our guest speaker, State Rep. Scott Delano, candidate for State Senate District 50, which is an open seat upon the retirement of State Senator Tommy Gollott

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the following state committees: Appropriations, Education, Gaming, and Insurance, and he was recently asked to join the newly formed Technology committee by Governor Bryant. Scott is this new committee's first chairperson.

Scott further explained which 4 top state agencies received approximately 83% of Mississippi's \$6.5 billion dollar annual budget : Education, Social Services, Debt Services, and Corrections. The remaining percentage go for other services provided by the state. "This year the State received 23% increase in revenue (\$310M) above last year's budget. Of the \$310M one half will be put in the Capital Expenditure Fund (school building repairs, school buses, fire trucks, are just a few examples) and the other one half will be placed in the 'rainy day' fund for unexpected expenses resulting from a natural disaster such as a hurricane."

So, what is the importance of the open position of the District 50 senate seat? "The state legislature has two main functions: to set policy and maintain a healthily budget" Scott explains. What is going on and who's responsible for South Mississippi in Jackson is important. Scott feels with his business background and legislative experience he can be the one to continue to serve South Mississippi's best interest as the next Senate District 50 Senator.



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