

Quota International of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Service Award winner 2006-2007- Doris Mahalak

Originally from Pineville, LA, Doris and her husband moved to the MS Gulf Coast in 1957 where he was transferred to be the manager of the local Sears store.

Doris, a widow, started her service work by being a Boy Scout den mother while her two boys were young. She was a den mother for 25 years.

Some of her community service activities include:

- Camp volunteer / board member Sea and Sun camp for blind and visual impaired children
- Teacher for special Sunday School Class for the mentally retarded and multi-handicapped since 1968
- Senior Counselor American Legion Girls' State for 13 years
- Past local and state president and life member of the American Legion Auxiliary
- Sight Chairman for the Lions Club, marched with Lions All State Mississippi Band at the International Convention 2006
- Member of the Board of Director's of the de L'Epee Deaf Center, where she conducts craft classes for adults.

Doris' sewing class at de L'Epee Center sewed quilts for Hope Haven, a center for children, so that each child would have his own quilt. Hope Haven is a safe haven for children from troubled family situations.

An octogenarian, she supported the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade by organizing the sewing group making "throws" with candy and ear plugs wrapped together spreading the message of Quota.

Among other activities, Doris dressed as Mrs. Claus with our Santa at Christmas for a fund raiser.

Doris has been a member of Quota International of the Mississippi since May 2006 and is active in all Quota activities. Doris is an inspiration and a great example of a person serving her community throughout a lifetime.