

# The Mesquite Club, Inc.

*Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911*

## The Mesquiter



Kind Ladies,

Get ready, get set, 2025!!!!. We had a very eventful 2024. Our Club made it so exciting for our members and for our community. Next year's forecast is more of the same. We are bringing more new members to join in our community efforts. We are thinking outside the box to make our time spent in service to our community more and more rewarding. Our daytime charity, Ashley Strong Foundation has captured our hearts and that assists us in our efforts. So, take a moment and reflect on all the kind things you did last year for others. Many of us accomplished acts of kindness for others whether nor not they were aware. Those secret kindnesses are

most fulfilling to us personally.

We still have a few challenges. One is to clean-up our bylaws, a complicated task as it requires letting go of some things, while building a stronger team. I have heard a few things from a variety of people on the task ahead, "the bylaws are perfect as they are," "we need to remove things we no longer do," and "they could be more user friendly." Each statement has merit. I look forward to working with the committee to accomplish the Mesquite Club member's responses to improve our bylaws in the next few months. We would appreciate your input for guidance. Just keep in mind a verse in our Bright Blue Book compilation as we proceed on this endeavor:

A good thing to remember  
And a better thing to do  
To work with the construction gang  
And not the wrecking crew.

Please come to the Teas and our Special events. For those of you who haven't visited in a while, please come and meet new friends and see what we have accomplished and be a part of what we will accomplish in this coming year.

As Always, In Kindness,

Dianne

January 2025



### SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, January 3, 2025 - 1 p.m.  
Regular Meeting with speakers

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Business Meeting/Charity check presentation

Friday, January 10, 2025 - 1 p.m.  
Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 10 a.m.  
Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Meeting with speaker

Friday, January 24, 2025 - 11 a.m.  
Ways and Means luncheon - \$30

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Evening Ways & Means "Super Bowl Buncos" - \$15

Friday, February 7, 2025 - 1 p.m.  
Mesquite Club Anniversary Silver Tea

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Business Meeting & Rummage Sale Set-up

Friday, February 21, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.  
"SPECIAL EVENT" Ashley Strong Fundraiser - Sushi Class \$25  
LIMITED SEATING

Thursday, Friday February 27 & 28,  
Saturday March 1, 2025  
Rummage Sale - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.





# Mesquite Club Chinese New Year Celebration "The Year of the Snake"



Friday, January 24, 2025  
11 a.m. Social-12 p.m. Lunch  
**\$30**

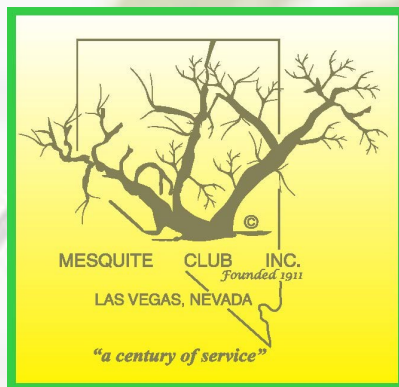
Mesquite Clubhouse  
702 East St. Louis Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Make your reservations by sending your check to:  
Mesquite Club Financial Secretary  
Nancy Zangl  
481 Edgefield Ridge Place  
Henderson, Nevada 89012  
[R.S.V.P. by Friday, January 17, 2025](#)

**You don't want to miss the popular Dragon Dance**







# Mesquite Club Anniversary Annual Silver Tea Member Service Awards & Past Presidents Recognition

Friday, February 7, 2025  
1 p.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse  
702 East St. Louis Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104



The Silver Tea is the occasion to celebrate our Club anniversary and to honor Past Presidents, as well club members who have reached anniversary years of membership.

Join us for a pleasant afternoon of champagne, tea-sandwiches with delectable treats and sweets. The doors will open at noon. The event will begin at 1 p.m.

*The best news of all is, there is no charge.*

Save the date and plan on joining us for this wonderful event.

Thank you,  
Barbara Bolling and Cathi Poer, Co-Chairs.

## EVENING LETTER; SUPER BOWL BUNCO



Wow, what a December we had! Huge Kudos to our 39th Annual Holiday Craft Auction Chair, Bonnie Utton, and to all the Club members, their family, and friends who participated in this most profitable event. I am so very proud of each and everyone of you for your

time, talents, craft donations, and monetary donations. As you all know, the planning begins in June, and extra efforts were put in to make sure that Foster Kinship and our Scholarship Program will be rewarded financially by our volunteerism. This Club was based on helping others, and Evening Mesquite continues to excel in the efforts to do just that, all the while celebrating being passionate women and enjoying friendships made through our continued volunteerism. It was truly a wonderful event. Please plan on being at the January 7 meeting, as we present the check to Foster Kinship.

Thank you to Dolores Martinez and Ruth Larson for planning and executing the fun Holiday Party

and gift exchange which was held on December 10. What a special way to celebrate the season together.

It is hard to believe that it is 2025, yet here it is! Looking back at the endeavors of the first half of our current Club year, May through December 2024, we all should be so proud of what our Club has accomplished. Let's have fun as we participate in the many functions of both the daytime and evening groups during the second half of the Club year. One of my favorite events is the upcoming Rummage Sale. It is wonderful to see the daytime and evening members volunteer, side by side, to offer our community access to great deals on merchandise that has been 100% donated by members, family, and friends. Here's to our continued camaraderie and caring, our generosity and kindness, our determination and strength. I am wishing you all the best for a healthy and prosperous 2025.

Connie Freeman

Evening Chair

EVENING WAYS AND MEANS

# SUPER BOWL BUNCO

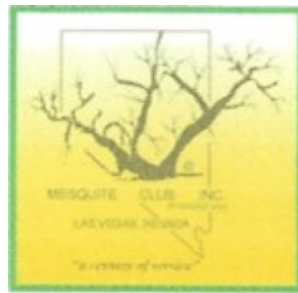
MESQUITE CLUBHOUSE (702 E. ST. LOUIS) ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

\$15 ADMISSION

BUFFET DINNER—BASKET RAFFLES—PRIZES—SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL POOLS







Mesquite Club of Las Vegas Spring Rummage Sale!

Thursday & Friday, February 27 & 28, 2025

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9 a.m.— 4 p.m.



Clothing, household items, lots of treasures,  
jewelry, small appliances, craft items, linens!

Cash only! - Lots of great deals!

MESQUITE CLUBHOUSE:

702 EAST ST, LOUIS AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89014

**The members of the Mesquite Club continue to help those less fortunate in our community.**

**FOR MORE INFO: CHRIS WHITE 814-329-7706, CONNIE FREEMAN 702-378-1325**

The Mesquite Club is a charitable non-profit organization, and member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

## Announcing Fourth Annual!

# ALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

Members are the lifeblood of our Club. They help fulfill our purpose, provide invaluable volunteers, and supply much of our operating budget from their membership dues.

Sponsors of this Day & Evening membership drive can win:

**First Place: \$100    Second Place: \$50    Third Place: \$25**

1. We are setting a clear goal of 15 total new members for this club year.
2. Marketing consists of distributing our membership application in print and virtually, which lists our member benefits. In addition, we will have website visibility and newsletter ads. We'll have a Guest Information Form on each table for follow-up. Always pass on your excitement verbally to potential members on why YOU joined Mesquite Club, Day or Evening. Follow up phone calls are crucial.
3. Members bring guests to our events.
4. Incentivizing sponsors with a monetary reward.
5. Brief membership pitch and campaign update presented at each meeting/event.

New Member	Sponsor
1 Alisha Baty	Melody Wells
2. Penny Silva	Pamela Ivy
3. Catherine D'Amico	Elizabeth Foyt
4. Marta Polling Schmitt	Elizabeth Foyt
5. Shelley Herr	
6. Deborah Fisher Koch	Laurie Ellridge
7. Monterey Brookman	Elizabeth Foyt

# REPORTING

## BRAG SHEETS "BRIEF REPORTS ARE GREAT"

Thank you to all the Chairs who are in the habit of filling out the statistical/narrative form, **Brag Sheet**, and handing them in right after the event is over. I appreciate your kindness. For those who have not done so, please complete the statistical and narrative reports of the event you were in charge of, that were completed so far this Club year, by January 31.

Please place the report in the large reports binder on the book shelf in the office, email or snail mail them to me. The blank forms can be found there as well. A huge thank you to Peggy Bruhns, for making the report easy to understand and to fill out.

Vicki Lambert and myself will be compiling the full 2024 Club project and event report for the Mesquite Club. This yearly summary is kept for a record of Club history, grant applications, sent to the UNLV Library to be included in our archives, used as a reference for future Club Chairs, and submitted to the GFWC National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Our report is also added to the GFWC Nevada State Report, and it is truly remarkable how much is accomplished to help those less fortunate by all the Clubs in our great state of Nevada. Please do not think these reports are trivial. They mean so much. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Connie Freeman  
Mesquite Club Statistician



### *Ongoing donations currently requested:*

**Las Vegas Natural History Museum** has a constant need for school supplies including paper of all sorts, crayons & markers and art supplies as well as general office items.

*Peggy Bruhns is the contact.*

**"Got SNEAKERS?"** requests any used tennis shoes, all sizes, for an Evening fundraising effort  
*coordinated by Connie Freeman.*

**ASHLEY STRONG FOUNDATION**, the chosen charity for Daytime, is collecting new twin bed sheets, art/drawing sets, short sleeved pajamas, games and amusements and more for bedridden young patients residing in long term nursing care.  
*Melody Wells is coordinator.*

**EYEGLASSES, readers, sunglasses, prescription glasses, loose lenses, frames, and eyeglass cases** continue to be collected on behalf of the LIONS Club and used to provide eye care to the needy in our community.  
*This is ongoing project coordinated by Elizabeth Foyt.*

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS** is again welcoming donations of work and business appropriate women's clothing including dresses, suits, shoes, purses and accessories.  
*Please consider volunteering to coordinate this project.*

**DORIS FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** continues to seek our support with needed school supplies for the classroom including markers, crayons, colored pencils, copy paper and more.  
*Contact Cathi Poer for details on this ongoing project.*





Karen Ziegler  
01/08  
Judy Bolander  
01/11  
Melissa Clary  
01/12  
Pat Garcia  
01/13  
Bonnie Crawford  
01/17  
Linda Zesiger  
01/23  
Rogina Cobb  
01/24  
Sandra Ackerman  
01/26  
Deborah Fisher  
01/26  
Shelley Berkeley  
01/20

Mesquite Club, Inc. of Las Vegas

# ASHLEY STONG FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

SUSHI CLASS BY EDDEE JOHANSON

February 21 @ 5:30 PM

**\$25.00**

Melody Wells  
1404 Maria Elena Dr.  
Las Vegas, NV 89104  
469-831-8709

**Sitting is Limited**

RSV by February 14, 2024

kensingtonmel@gmail.com



**Send Check to  
Nancy Zangle  
481 Edgefield Ridge Place  
Henderson, Nevada 89012**

## Celebration of Life Fund!

Celebrating LIFE events!  
Your donation to this fund helps with major  
improvements to the Clubhouse.

Share news with your Club sisters and help to  
support the upkeep of our historic Clubhouse.  
Feel free to make a donation to this fund!



Celebrate the life of those no longer with us.  
Celebrate the arrival of a new member of the family.  
Just celebrate the fact that you woke up this morning.

We all have so much to celebrate!




















Thanking you in advance for your support!

**Sue Churchill donated in memory of Barbara Allen Lewton**



# JANUARY

# 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January 2025 is Observed as:</b> National Mentoring Month National Glaucoma Awareness Cervical Health Awareness Month National Blood Donor Month Birth Defects Prevention Month			1  <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 Meeting with Speaker 1 p.m.	4  <b>WORLD BRAILLE DAY</b>
5  <i>Golden Globe Awards</i>	6	7 Evening Business Meeting/Check Presentation 6 p.m.	8 	9  <b>Law Enforcement Appreciation Day</b>	10 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	11  <b>Human Trafficking Awareness</b>
12  <b>CRITICS' CHOICE AWARDS</b>	13	14 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	15  <b>MUSEUM SELFIE DAY</b>	16  <b>Religious Freedom Day</b>	17	18  <b>WINNIE THE POOH DAY</b>
19  <b>National Popcorn Day</b>	20  <b>Martin Luther King</b>	21 Evening Business Meeting/Check Presentation 6 p.m.	22 	23  <b>National PIE DAY</b>	24 Ways & Means Luncheon 11 a.m.	25
26  <b>NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY</b>	27 	28  <b>DATA PRIVACY DAY</b>	29  <b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b>	30  <b>NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY</b>	31  <b>National Hot Chocolate Day</b>	

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This newsletter is published 10 times annually for members and friends of the Mesquite Club, Inc.

**The deadline is January 20th  
For the February issue.  
NO EXTENSIONS!**

**DON'T MISS THE BOAT!  
LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED  
TO BE INCLUDED.**

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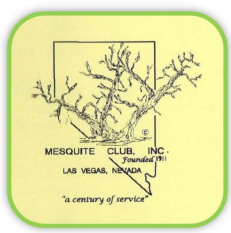
## Notes from your editor.

Welcome to 2025!

*"I'm feelin' good from my head to my shoes  
Know where I'm goin' and I know what to do  
I tidied up my point of view  
I got a new attitude."*

As we move forward into a new year, I have a new attitude. I am hoping that you all will join me on this journey of self-care, kindness and positivity. 2024 had its ups and downs for me, although, I did not let that get me down. I see 2025 as an opportunity to expand my horizons and move forward to new opportunities. I hope that you feel the same way as well. I am planning a GFWC forum so that we can brainstorm on how we can use our membership in GFWC to move forward the mission of the Mesquite Club. Look out for more information about the forum.

Have a wonderful New Year and let's get this party started as we live the volunteer spirit and help the Las Vegas community survive and thrive. "I Believe in Miracles, DO YOU?"



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