The Mesquite Club, Inc.

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We Can Do It and Have Fun



Greetings Ladies of the Mesquite Club!

Happy May Day! This is traditionally a very joyous day for the workers of the world.

We have been remarkably busy bees, and we're still busy with a very ambitious May calendar. We certainly know how to put the fun into fundraising. The April 1st "Most Elegant Tea Event" for Community Service was amazing! Thanks to Chris White, Cathi Poer, and their committee members and

angels' efforts. The event was beautiful, well attended, and successful. The Las Vegas Natural History Museum should be pleased with the check we present them at the Closing Luncheon.

Fine Arts Day went off smashingly! The presentations and interactions among the guest artists and Club member artists with attending guests were wonderful. All was orchestrated beautifully by Brenda Kostick and her committee. Congratulations ladies! A repeat performance has been requested!

Moving on to another super-fun event, The Helldorado Parade is on May 13. Even with a fractured wing, Chair Peggy Bruhns, has assembled a fabulous group to participate and is fine tuning the details. The more the merrier so, please contact Peggy if you would like to join in the fun. We have two vintage cars to accommodate those members that do not want to walk the 1.5-mile route. As you can see, May is going to be a busy month with installations and closing luncheons. These events are so gratifying since they exhibit what we have worked toward all year.

May 5, we have a "Music in Memoriam" event to honor our lost sisters. May 19 is the Closing Luncheon. With a name "First We Fiesta, Then We Siesta," how can this not be fun!

I urge you to try to attend as many as the events that you can. Not seeing your lovely smiles for three months while we take our summer break is quite sad for me. May Day is called Lei Day in Hawaii, so, Happy Lei Day and Aloha for now!

Frankie Chase Segel President

SAVE THESE DATES!

Evening Calendar Meeting 2023-2024 Tuesday, May 2, 2023 5 p.m.

"Music in Memoriam" Friday, May 5, 2023 1 p.m.

Business Meeting Friday, May 12, 2023 1 p.m.

Evening Installation of Chairs & New Members
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6 p.m.

Closing Luncheon—\$30 Friday, May 19. 2023 11 a.m.

Calendar Meeting 2023-2024 Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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Mesquite CLUB CLOSING LUNCHEON FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 11 a.m. SOCIAL 12 P.M. LUNCHEON

"FiRST FIESTA.....

THEN SIESTA"

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

Send your check for \$30 to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

P.O. Box 95662 - Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-5662

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Join us as we present our check to the Las vegas natural History Museum and install our 2023-2024 Officers

THIS WILL BE A FABULOUS CELEBRATION OF OUR CLUB YEAR!

ALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Announcing Second 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

- 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.
- Brief membership pitch and campaign update presented at each meeting/event.

| New Member | Sponsor | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Denise Cantor | Shannon Noschese & Virginia Gordy | | |
| 2. Ginger Riley | Sue Churchill | | |
| 3. Laurie Elledge | Peggy Bruhn | | |
| 4. Vinetta De La Cruz | Colleen Bailey | | |
| 5. Kris Ayer | Dee Dee White | | |
| 6. Barbara Wiggins | Frankie Segel & Cherie Lee Williams | | |
| 7. Helen Bowen | Frankie Segel & Cherie Lee Williams | | |
| 8. Carolyn Carolina | Frankie Segel & Cherie Lee Williams | | |
| 9. Sharon Segerblom | Elizabeth Foyt | | |
| 10. Connie Jaeger | Connie Freeman | | |
| 11. JoAnn Prevetti | Elizabeth Foyt | | |
| 12. Alexandria Wells | Laurie Elledge | | |
| 13. Tara K'Lee Reynolds | Laurie Elledge | | |
| 14. Melody Wells | Laurie Elledge | | |
| 15 . Lynda Easter | Laurie Elledge | | |

EVENING LETTER; EVENING SLATE

A busy Club year is ending. It has been a year of fun, laughter, and financial success together with old and new friends.

A Halloween bunco and a Superbowl bunco were good fun!

The Holiday Craft Auction was the most financially successful yearly event since its inception. A delightful evening of dinner, raffles, and auction was held in the sold-out Clubhouse.

The Clubhouse overflowed with wonderful treasures for the yearly rummage sale. The proceeds from the rummage sale will provide the funds for ongoing Clubhouse expenses.

The candidates for the three college scholarships were outstanding and deserving. Three amazing young women were chosen and recognized on April 18, 2023.

Four local charities gave wonderful presentations requesting to be chosen as the recipient for the 2023 Holiday Craft Auction. All charities were very deserving. The membership voted to give our Holiday Craft Auction support to the Community

Counseling Center. This organization addresses the need for affordable mental health and professional behavioral health services in a safe environment.

This Club year is ending with six new members. We welcome these ladies and look forward to many special times together.

The slate of Evening Mesquite chairs for the new Club year 2023-2024, beginning in September, were elected on April 18, 2023. Installation of new members and chairs will be on May 16, 2023.

On May 2, 2023, we will plan and schedule our business meetings and special events for the new Club year.

DID YOU KNOW?

1948 – Membership had risen to 196. Politicians asked to speak at the Club, but their requests were voted down. The rule remains to this day.

See you in September!!!

Arlene and Nancy

Evening Mesquite Elected Positions/Chairs 2023 - 2024

Evening Mesquite Chair:

Connie Freeman, Co-chair Chervl Musser

Devotions/WeCare:

Judy Stebbins

Program Chair:

Barbara Grogan

Hospitality Chair:

Denise Beaumont, Co-chair Sigrid Insull-Lucking

Membership Chair:

Linda Shapona

Membership Committee:

Arlene McCroy, Irene Armijo, Kate Ksobiech

Recording Secretary:

Vicki Lambert

Financial Secretary:

Bonnie Crawford

Community Services Chair:

Pamela Ivey, Co-chair Pat Garcia

Ways and Means Chair:

Jane Reid, Co-chair Dolores Martinez

Scholarship Chair:

Sunnie Rae Grigsby

Nominating Chair:

Connie Freeman

Historian:

Kate Ksobiech

Evening Mesquite Representative:

Dolores Martinez

Social Events Chair:

Irene Armijo, Co-chair Karen Ziegler

Holiday Craft Auction Chair:

Bonnie Utton

Public Relations Chair:

Open

HAPPENINGS!



"Music in Memoriam" Friday, May 5, 2023 1 p.m.



Mesquite Clubhouse

Join us as we honor those no longer with us

Evening Scholarship Recipients

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE INAUGURAL



Living the Volunteer Spirit

www.GFWC.org

#GFWC23NDS

Help Us to End Hunger in the United States By Volunteering, Donating, or Organizing a Community Service Project

We need your expertise!

- As we end this Club year, we are in the process of updating the website and social media. Can you help?
- Do you understand Robert's Rules of Order? If not, we will be holding a Parliamentary class during the summer. Let me know if you are interested.
- Do you know how to locate and write grants?
- ♦ Would you like to assist in the development of an Art Contest?
- Would you like to assist in our Open-Air Market that has been postponed?

If any of these projects interest you, contact Cherie Williams-DeWitt. (310) 710-9792 or you can email me.

Thanks in advance for your help!



Legislative Action Center

https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/home

Click or copy this link to sign up for issues that concern you.

The Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts by tracking bills, contacting local representative and taking action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.



Many domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers are forced to turn away victims or delay counseling because of a lack of resources. GFWC members should urge Congress to increase funding in its FY 2024 appropriations bills for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through programs authorized in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA), and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). These programs are cost-effective and lifesaving.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 2022 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey shows that one in four women and one in ten men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Research indicates that programs that teach young people healthy relationship skills such as communication, effective managing feelings, and problem-solving can prevent violence. Hopefully, these skills can stop violence in dating relationships before it occurs. If our children are to face a future free from sexual violence, the Rape Prevention and Education program funding must increase significantly.

The National Domestic Violence Counts Census found that in just one day during September 2022, while more than 79,335 victims of domestic violence received services such as shelter, housing, legal advocacy, transportation, and other services to help them escape abuse and rebuild their lives, more than 12,600 requests for services went unmet due to lack of funding and resources. Most of the staff shortages were direct service staff, including counselors, advocates, and especially children's advocates. Given reduced funding and staff, local programs had to reduce or completely eliminate countless services, including emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and counseling. So many survivors were trapped in their homes during COVID. Call volume to the National Domestic Violence Hotline reached historic levels in February 2022, nearly doubling compared to 2021.

Attention to campus and military, sexual assault, and high-profile cases has meant more victims have come forward needing recovery services. According to a 2022 survey by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the nation's 1,500 sexual assault programs often lack the resources to meet victims' most basic needs; over 70 percent of programs saw an increased demand for services. Over 43 percent of programs report a waiting list for services, and 45 percent lacked a therapist on staff. Prevention and education programs are so important in each community. Short and long-term services must be available to help victims recover.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

GFWC International Convention June 10 - 12, Louisville, Kentucky Western States Region Conference August 24 – 27, Redmond, Oregon

Contact me for more information:

MANY THANKS!



Thank you for contributing to Mesquite Club's ongoing collection of eyeglasses, loose lenses, empty frames, readers, and cases. This community effort supports the work of the local LIONS CLUB and their vision care of the needy and less fortunate.

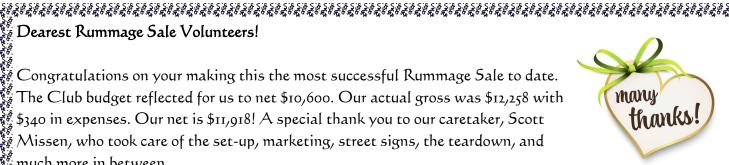
Your donations make a difference. The eyeglass collection box is situated near the stage in the Mesquite Clubhouse.

Thank you,

Barbara Bolling & Elizabeth Foyt, Eyeglass Donation team

Dearest Rummage Sale Volunteers!

Congratulations on your making this the most successful Rummage Sale to date. The Club budget reflected for us to net \$10,600. Our actual gross was \$12,258 with \$340 in expenses. Our net is \$11,018! A special thank you to our caretaker, Scott Missen, who took care of the set-up, marketing, street signs, the teardown, and much more in between.



A Huge Thank You to Don Baker who worked tirelessly all day, both days, to sell all the outdoor items. And here is to Chris' husband, Jerry, and Linda Shapona's husband, Mark. Wow did those two men ever show their support by working so hard before and during the sale. A Big thanks to Joan Doubrava and Cathi Poer for their expertise in the Boutique. Also, six staff members from Foster Kinship volunteered with us on that busy Friday morning. A sale like this event could not happen without the generosity of our members, their neighbors, friends, and family. Through the road construction and the wind, the customers came, and they bought. We had volunteers that were shop-a-holics and purchased great merchandise at reasonable prices. We appreciate all the food, sorting, pricing, marketing, and purchasing. We were able to also donate to Foster Kinship, US VETS, Dress for Success, Doris French Elementary School, Little Free Reading Libraries, an Eagle Scout Program, our Eyeglass Drive, a homeless clothing drive at the Whitney Library, plus donated items were perfect for our Club's fundraising activities. Rumor has it we can look forward to another sale next March! Let us know if you would like to be on the 2024 Rummage Sale Committee.

Thank you and, again, Congratulations on a most profitable sale!

Connie Freeman and Chris White, Rummage Sale Co-Chairs

HAIKU'S FROM FINE ARTS DAY!

Betty Miller
I love the art show
Mesquite Club has some fun days
Don't you want to join

Jane Reid
I love my two cats
Pete and Penny rule the house
We have fun each day

Karen Ziegler
I love my old dog
he follows me to the back yard
He loves to be brushed

Brenda Dupont & Lois Evora
It is here and now
Mesquite Club Fine Arts today
Let's all celebrate

Barbara Bolling
Fun day at Club
Food to eat no wine to drink
Makes a lady cry

Brenda Kostick
Safe place of petals
Captured in a dying rose
Flee to the garden

Jill Halverson
Sheep grow fine curled locks
I wash dye comb and then spin
Each stitch knit so cozy.

Linda Shapona
I treasure the Club
Mesquite means the world to me
Family means love

Ruth Larson
I like to crochet.
I make pink baby blankets
For cute little ones

Carol Seibel
We walk on the earth
The sun and moon shine on us
The bright stars guide us

Chris White
Some days are happy days
Some are sadder than some
But sunshine days rule

Toby Power
I love to travel
To places unknown to me
Adventure awaits

Roberta Mc Kinney
Washington will suck
I will miss all my Mesquite
Club friends whom I like

Dolores Martinez
Fritz my little love
At home he's my company
Him and Baby Cat

Colleen Bailey
Jack saw the squirrels
Chuck ran up the tree quickly
Shirley chattered away

Anonymous
Let us share our art
There is so much to see here
I am so amazed

Anonymous
Mesquite Club art show
Fuss worry angst a ha time
Good results in end

Jan White
When you knit with cats
You wait till they go to sleep
Or they will help you

Connie Freeman
I came to the Club
to see the great art pieces
They were beautiful

Linda Stiglitz-Heckendorf
Half hitch step one step
two Rings chains and
Knotted lace tatting

WHAT'S THE BOARD UP TO?

MESQUITE CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - April 4, 2023

Call to order: President Frankie Segel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the secretary present. President Segel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President's Report: President Segel commented we are in the home stretch and have accomplished our mission for the Club year. She is gratified that the name of the Club has appeared in local media in a good light, and there are more activities to come. President Segel welcomed 1st Vice President Peggy Bruhns back to active status after an unplanned hiatus recovering from a fall.

Treasurer: Corinne Mewhirter distributed copies of the March Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Comparison reports. Corinne stated that the income from the Ways and Means events and new member's dues payments have helped to decrease a deficit in our budget.

Building Chair: Cherie Williams DeWitt reported that she and Club member Jenny Durant looked for a new refrigerator at restaurant supply stores in March. They selected a business model at Cresco Resco. Evening Group and Poker Club will share it. The cost of the refrigerator at \$2,129.00, including delivery and removal of the old one, was a discounted price at the store and less than the amount authorized by the Board. In addition, Cherie reported that she had contacted the Water District Construction Manager and requested that they allow unfettered access to the Club on certain dates, and it has been provided. While the anticipated completion date for construction in St. Louis Avenue is mid-April, Cherie decided to re-schedule the outdoor Craft Fair that had been planned for May 6, 2023. Cherie will post a retraction of announcements for the Fair that were placed on social media.

Evening Group: Cheryl Musser reported that the group had collected items for donating to two community entities. They filled 45 bags with hygiene items for the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and 20 baskets with items for Betterment Housing Housewarming Baskets for welcoming veterans.

Nominating Committee: Committee Chair Mickey Pajor reported that the slate, of officer nominees is complete but the committee was unable to fill the slate of nominees for the nominating committee election. Only two nominees were secured to be on the slate requiring nine nominees per Club bylaws. Mickey stated that two members of the current committee are willing to have their names on the slate but board action is required. Micky brought a motion, "I move that Sylvia Phillips and Linda Zesiger be approved to serve an additional term as Nominating Committee members if elected – 2023-2024". Motion adopted. Mickey brought an additional motion for an officer currently serving her third year in a position. "I move that Cherie Lee Williams-Dewitt be approved to serve an additional term as Building Chair - 2023-2024". Motion adopted.

Ways and Means: Chair Linda Zesiger stated she was pleased that the Hawaiian Luau luncheon was well received and that the profit was \$1,799.00. She suggested the theme is one that may be successfully used for events next Club year.

New Business:

Helldorado Parade – Plans are progressing for the Club's participation in the parade. President Segal asked that we let the committee know if we choose to ride in an antique car or walk and hand out roses or carry the Club banner. The parade date is May 13, 2023.

Clubhouse deep cleaning. - After discussion it was decided to continue having periodic deep cleaning of various areas of the Club house. The person performing the cleaning in the past will be contacted for this task six times a year or as needed.

New signs. - Four new No Trespassing signs in large print were purchased by Scott Missen, custodian. The Board agreed that two signs should be placed in the front of the building on the two gates, the other two will be placed on the wall in the rear of the property.

Mesquite Club Membership Dues Renewal

❖ Mesquite Club Membership Dues Renewal ❖

Mesquite Club membership dues of \$100 are due no later than June 1, 2023. Mail your dues to the address listed below. Enter your information in the form below to ensure that your information is correct when the yearbook is Published.

Send check for dues to:

Mesquite Club, Inc. - Financial Secretary
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MEMBERS WHOSE DUES ARE IN ARREARS AFTER JUNE 30 WILL FORFEIT ALL RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP. THERE WILL BE NO MORE LETTERS OR CALLS. TO BE REINSTATED AFTER JUNE 30, THE ANNUAL DUES PLUS A FIFTY (\$50) PENALTY MUST BE PAID WITHIN 60 DAYS.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2023-2024

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| Please indicate if you are a member of Day or | r Evening Mesquite, |
| and please indicate any changes from last ye | ar. |
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Jean Hill 05/06 Nancy Zangl 05/07 **Annette Dorman** 05/11 **Arlene McCroy** 05/14 Vera Knox 05/15 **Tobylyn Power** 05/20 **Melody Wells** 05/22 Jane Reid 05/25 "Dee Dee" White 05/29 **Diane Holst** 05/31

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Fine Arts Day 2023!



















2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------|--|---|----------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| | 1 May Day | 2 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening Calendar Meeting 6 p.m. | 3 | 4 STAR WARS DAY | 5 Afternoon Tea & Memorial 1 p.m. | 6 Kentucky Derby |
| 7 World Laughter Day | 8 | 9 | 10 | ACM AWARDS | Business Meeting 1 p.m. | 13 |
| Mother's Day | NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY | Evening Installation 6 p.m. | Norwegian Independence Day | Ascension | 19 Closing Luncheon 11 a.m. | ARMED FORCES DAY |
| 21 | International Day for Biological Diversity | WORLD TURTLE DAY | National Brother Day | 25 Shavuot | 26 | 27 |
| National Burger Day | 29 MEMORIAL DAY | 30 Calendar Meeting 10 a.m. | World No Jobacco Day | May 2023 is Observed as: National Bike Month National Physical Fitness and Sports National Mental Health Awareness Lupus Awareness month Lyme Disease Awareness Month | | |

FEDERATION SISTER (noun)

A friend not related by blood who shares a bond that
does not know time, space, or distance.

Traits include: volunteering, listening understanding;
knowing what to say and do; sharing belongings, hugs, and
desserts; regularly reminding one another of their
strength, ability and love to make things better for all by
Living the Volunteer Spirit.

When you realize

HEART and EARTH are
spelled with the same letters,
it all starts to make sense.



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The deadline is June 30 For the Summer issue

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LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT GURANTEED

TO BE INCLUDED

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Notes from your editor.

Happy May,

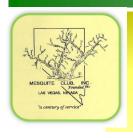
As the Club year winds down, the work that we do does not. As your GFWC
Nevada State President, I am planning events that will give you more information about GFWC, and what you can do to take advantage of your affiliation with GFWC. As a member of the Mesquite Club, you are a member of GFWC.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an International women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Collectively, we are 60,000 strong, Living the Volunteer Spirit. If you are traveling, or if you move to another state, and want to connect with other Clubs, most times, you can find a Club in the local area.

We are part of a sisterhood who works to improve lives in our community. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work. Yours in Federation Friendship,

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt



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