

# The Mesquiter



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# April 1996

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE LION AND THE LAMB: Like the March weather, club functions resembled the lion and the lamb!

The JUNIOR MESQUITE RECIPROCITY TEA on March 1st where all members were honored, was rightfully well-attended. We were pampered amid red-white-blue "Election 96" decorations, stuffed with delicious tea fare prepared by their Provisionals, entertained, and then gifted with bouquets and a check for \$500.00. Thank you, President Dixie Stephens and Mesquite Club Representative Connie Macauley, provisionals and members!

The lions growled at the closed business meeting (members only) held March 8th. One of our newer members who gave me permission to quote her letter to me, stated:

"I was most taken aback at the acrimonius tone of our business meeting today. As a new member, this is only the second such meeting I have attended. Obviously - from my own contribution - I believe issues must be raised before the membership, and administrative items discussed and voted on. However, I was truly upset at the personal attacks and innuendos of mismanagement or even misfeasance leveled at the Officers and Board Members. Please accept from one member a statement of full support and heartfelt appreciation for the Mesquite Club officers, committee chairs, and directors on whom we depend. Sincerely, "

All published By-law and Standing Rule amendments were passed. The room was filled with "spring", beautifully decorated with yellow and green by the Tea Committee chaired by Mary Rymer and Shirley Gronvold. This President was unable to partake of teatime (which I am certain was nicely done and served), as the thought of "rotten tomatoes thrown" and spotting the yellow/green color scheme took care of my appetite! Mary Snow purchased the winning 50-50 ticket worth \$31.00 to her; same benefit to the club.

The March MESQUITER which we all received was the last publication this year prepared entirely by our "lovebirds" NONY & CHARLEY. They were free to make this announcement themselves, and chose not. However, I believe they did so on page 3, which bears repeating:

#### "BEAUTIFUL FACES, HANDS AND FEET OF NONY AND CHARLEY"

Beautiful faces are they that wear the light of a pleasant spirit there;
Beautiful hands are they that do deeds that are noble, good, and true;
Beautiful feet are they that go swiftly to lighten another's woe: NONY

AND CHARLEY DAVIS

(from McGuffy's Second Reader)

Friday evening, March 15th, found the clubhouse filled with joviality, music, warm friendship, excellent Irish cuisine heaped upon our plates, and dancing — with an added plus of Education! ED ST.JOHN explained, exhibited, and even "played" his bagpipe. Never have Robert and I enjoyed a bagpiper more! BOB MacCARILLO entertained us again with wonderful dance tunes. Members "cut a few rugs" and a wonderful raffle was held. A financial report will be given elsewhere by our vibrant WAYS AND MEANS Chairman, JOAN LeMERE, whose Vice-Chairman is NORA WIELAND (one of the hats she wears this year). The entire committee is applauded for the outstanding function for our membership!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, con't.

Membership Chairman, JOANNE VAUGHN, conducted an excellent New/Prospective member orientation on March 20 with assistance from some Board members.

On March 22nd DR. Y. WING CHOI, M.D. and Licensed Acupuncture Practitioner in Nevada and California, renewed the interest of many members in the ancient/modern art of pain control through acupuncture. Dr. and Mrs. Choi were introduced by longtime patient and friend, ANNA DONNELLY KLEINECKE. They were able to remain for tea, through which he was further questioned (obviously with enjoyment). If I tell you the color scheme of our clubhouse that day (black-white-yellow) you could guess the Tea Chairman - yes, JOAN DOUBRAVA, assisted by Vice-Chairman RUTH VOGLIOTTI and their committee. Each tea day equals the last "best-ever" tea day. The ladies of MESQUITE CLUB are truly great and loving cooks. SARA BROWN'S ticket was drawn in the 50-50 opportunity drawing; she and the club shared \$94.00.

Do yourselves a favor, ladies, and plan to attend the next annual JUNIOR MESQUITE CLUB ART AUCTION. Exceptional art was displayed on March 23rd and auctioned skillfully, with attendees enjoying a sumptuous offering of cocktail hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Le 29 Mars 1996, MONTMARTRE HOLIDAY nous a laisse' avec de bons souvenirs. Une belle apre's-midi passee' dans une ambiance amicale, gaie et artistique. Sans oublier la bonne cuisine! This President wore French Blue, hoping same would assist the trans-lation - Norwegian English prevailed after the welcome EXCEPT for the lilting and beautiful devotion from the talented tongue of PATRICIA DUNCOMBE. Lion weather brought the red-white umbrellas inside, but could not dampen the lively spirit of FINE ARTS Chairman, BARBARA HUNTER, Art Chairman BELINDA FEENEY, Music Chairman JERRIE PEARSON and Drama/Literature Chairman MARY SHAW. Background music provided by students from LAS VEGAS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (my alma mater building) soon became a feature program drawing the attention of all attendees. These students and their contemporaries, mostly teenagers, are the focus of our "education" donations 1995-96. I am certain that each of you is filled with pride to know that our functions and donations can enrich the continued education of these talented young citizens. What better use of our efforts and funds?

Announcements of the photography, art and literary winners are elsewhere. What a challenge the Judges must have encountered, as all art submitted had its own special quality and beauty. Those artists not selected for submission to GFWC-Nevada competition and thereafter GFWC International, should NEVER be discouraged - they were All Winners on display! As you know, Judges have no knowledge or information of the artists, only numbers from which to designate their choices. The talent that abounds in our club never ceases to amaze this "klutz" who is a true lover of beauty. We wish all the chosen winners GOD SPEED and good fortune at State and International!

On March 31st our clubhome celebrated its 35th birthday. Unlike our members, she does show her age (and more). Dedication was March 31, 1961 - a proud day for MESQUITE CLUB members who so cleverly negotiated and constructed this building as a memorial to Founders, Charter Members, and all subsequent members.

It is a joy to see new member MARGEY CHAPIN at most meetings and functions. We are fortunate to have this great member.

BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOU FOR A BLESSED EASTER OR PASSOVER SEASON, AND MAY  $\underline{\text{YOUR}}$  GOD GO WITH YOU.

Lois

NOTICE: The Evening Mesquite Bridge Party on April 13 (Saturday) will start with a Brunch at 10:00 A.M. (time change from that shown in Members' book.) See ad in March Mesquiter.

# BOARD BRIEFS, cont'd.

\* Permission was granted to JOANNE VAUGHN, <u>Membership Chairman</u>, for a full-page ad in the MESQUITER calling attention to the New Members' Luncheon and Fashion Show on April 26, as this is the only announcement of this event.

# GUESTS AT MARCH MEETINGS:

March 22 Sharon Funke

Dale Meyer Lucille E. Rud Betty Sass Linda Waite

March 29 Sue Churchill

Anna Itkis Dale Meyer Lucille E. Rud Linda Shanz

Sophia Hesbon, 2nd Vice-President

# PREVIEWING UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Friday, April 12
BUSINESS MEETING
Nominating Committee Report
Recognition of Appointive Committees

Friday, April 19
SPRING MUSICALE - NEW SOUND CHOIR
ART: Betty Ervin, art instructor
from Meadows School, will
provide art from her students.

Friday, April 26
"NEW MEMBERS WILL ENTERTAIN"

Friday, May 3 ANNUAL GARDEN TEA



#### MEMORIAL FUND - March 1996

We wish to acknowledge the following contributions:

Donor:

In Honor of:

Don Garvin Family

Judith Sylvain

Ruth Naylor

Peggy Simon

In Memory of:

Carol Reid

Peggy Casey

Scott Robinson

Marjorie Robinson

Elizabeth Castle

Marion Kohler

Frank D. Symons

Katherine Symons

Please continue with your support of the Mesquite Club through our Memorial Fund. It's a great way (and easy way!) to honor someone's birthday,anniversary, etc. or to memorialize a loved one. It is important that you send your gift directly to me at 3005 Golf Links Drive, Las Vegas 89134. The Memorial Committee thanks you for your support of this ongoing project.

June Eckenroth, Chairman Mesquite Club Memorial Fund

## INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

"Education - Foundation for Freedom"

Friday - May 24, 1996 11:00 a.m. Social - 12:00 Noon Luncheon Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Gourmet Luncheon Menu
Complimentary wine and punch
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Program - Special Music

Reservations: Special Events Committee will call each member. Your check is your reservation and should be sent to:

Jane Price

Deadline: May 14 for receipt of checks

2685 Dulcinea Dr. Henderson, NV 89014

Table Reservations for 10 - Call Pat Fenton at 735-4881

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. JEAN HAGER has graciously accepted the MESQUITER duties for April and May. The regular Mesquiter Committee will continue to assist. Thank you all!
- 2. Evening members enjoyed two fine programs on March 5 and 19, with speakers ANN TATE and Senator DINA TITUS, respectively. All members are cordially invited to their meetings and functions, so check yearbook pages 83-91 and take advantage of these additional membership benefits. The Community Service Committee function listed on page 90 will begin at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 13, with a Brunch to remember!
- 3. A future Program Chairman may consider featuring the rare historical DEATH VALLEY MEMORIES (film, books, photos, etc.) cherished by family of BARBARA & TED GOODWIN.
- 4. Well executed plans of our Community Services Committee have netted approximately \$5,000 this club year from two functions. CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!
- 5. Memorial Fund procedure, after much thought, has been finalized by our four Directors. Due to importance of and increase of activity in this worthwhile club activity, kindly study the By-law addition published this month for a May vote of the general membership.
- 6. CURLEE DUNNAM will assist Financial Secretary BILLIE KENNEY in collection of monies and distribution of the notecards which are now available to members.
- 7. Elected Recording Secretary JANE HUBBARD is unable to assume those duties as yet because of treatment dates. You are missed, JANE!
- 8. An apology from the President is offered to new member LARAINE CALLOM who was not introduced until March 29 when Sponsor NANCY LONG spoke up. A St.Patrick gremlin placed an X by her name. We all look forward to becoming better acquainted with LARAINE.
- 9. Your telephone contact will not be calling for closing luncheon reservations. Please notice that SPECIAL EVENTS committee will handle reservations on a pre-paid basis. Regular callers will contact members with respect to the New Member Function on April 26th.
- 10. The Choir, with Board approval, will plan and hold a summer function in the clubhouse on Friday, June 21st.
- 11. Two of our outstanding members, BERNICE FISCHER and TOVE ALLEN, will be honored on April 14th by NEVADA OPERA THEATRE GUILD at a Friendship luncheon. This is also the date of MESQUITE HIGH TEA elaborately planned jointly by our Community Improvement Project Committee and Education Committee. The good news is that we can attend and/or donate to both prominent and worthy affairs.

#### BOARD BRIEFS:

- \* Building Chairman SHIRLEY WILLSTEAD reported that scraping, repairing and painting of outside wood trim has been completed.
- \* JOANNE TRAHAN, Corresponding Secretary, was complimented due to the fact that her "New Year 1996" greeting on behalf of the President and the Club was published in CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE just received.
- \* Recommendation of DONATIONS COMMITTEE, presented by Chairman JO WATERS was approved for submission to the general membership at the April business meeting on the 12th.
- \* Final bridge marathon games will be held during April, after which results will be published and awards made by Chairman LAURA LIPPOLD and her committee.
- \* The Board voted to reject the Body Wise Fund Raiser proposal, with gratitude to member June Clark for introducing same.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT April 2, 1996

#### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

300 Members 6 Honorary 306 Total

#### RESIGNATIONS:

Ethel Whitney, 2/16/96

ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NO. CHANGES:

Perry Sheehan Adair 8816 Villa Ridge Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89134-8531 Telephone No.unchanged

Marcheta Cook 5112 Burr Oak Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130 Telephone No. 395-2149

#### NEW MEMBERS:

Georgia "Laraine" Callom 2912 Broken Willow Circle Las Vegas, NV 89117 Telephone No. 242-6339 Birthday: March 28

DEATHS: Dorothy Preston

March 17, 1996

Billie Kenney, Financial Sec'y.



#### REMINISCING

WE CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

# Past President's Birthdays:

April 20 Marilyn Reaney

# April Birthdays:

- 16 Rachel Estrin
- 16 Lucina LaGrange
- 18 Joan Maule
- 20 Phyllis Bowgren
- 20 Johnnie Guyon
- 20 Mary Resendez
- 21 Edith Farran
- 21 Joan Fragakis
- 22 Patricia Heinzmann

# May Birthdays:

- 1 Fran Miller
- 2 Sue Ziegler
- 4 Belinda Feeney
- 7 Max Failing
- 7 Mildred Gundy
- Iva McDonald 10
- 11 Aurora Martinez
- 14 Nancy Pitchford
- 14 Karen Zumpft
- 15 Nancy Long
- 15 Marion McFadden

#### Get Well Cards:

Maryann Hantout, Charlie Davis, Eve Maheu, Bob Maheu, Harvey Schnitzer (husband of Maureen) & Richard Phelps (husband of Evelyn)

## Thinking of You Cards:

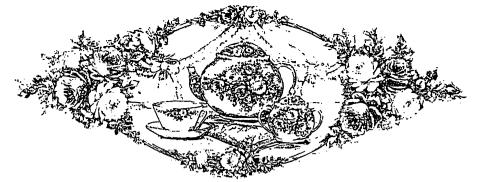
Nini Brenske, Rochelle David, Margaret Chairsell

#### Sympathy Card:

Juanita Allf (on the death of her husband, George)

Marilyn Essex, Chairman

DOROTHY FARNSWORTH PRESTON, Daughter of Founder MRS. DAVID "FARNEY" FARNSWORTH, passed away on March 17th. Poor health kept Dorothy from club attendance, but her heart and love were always with the Founders, the club and the members. It was a joy to visit with her during this club year and rekindle very old memories of this beautiful valley when she was a "Belle of the Ball" and I was a "gawky youngster". Dorothy's parents were pillars of our city and county, politically and socially, as well as generous endowers of the Methodist Church and MESQUITE CLUB. I can remember when FARNEY, her husband and two lovely daughters moved into a home at 501 South 7th Street where the educated and wealthy families of that day built homes near the High School. Goodness, what a small community Las Vegas was then, with such an enormous heart! I also remember when Dorothy's wedding was the social event of the season. Dorothy was reputed to be the first baby born in Clark County, formerly Nye County. She is remembered with love.



# "VICTORIAN HIGH TEA"

### TO BENEFIT

# NEVADA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1996

2:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

#### **MESQUITE CLUB**

\$15.00 PER PERSON

STUDENTS WILL PERFORM AT 2:45 AND 4:00 P.M.

# RSVP BY APRIL 10, 1996 255-4035 OR 255-7444

COME SHARE A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT, ART, CHAMPAGNE, HORS D'OEUVRES, COFFEE, TEA, EVEN A SIP OF SHERRY!

SPONSORED BY YOUR C.I.P. AND EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

# NOTICE:

# "My Life with the Diplomats and the Dons"

Members of the Mesquite Club will have a rare experience on May 10th when our speaker will be Dame Anne Warburton, DCVO, CMG. She will share with us highlights of her career in the British Diplomatic Service, which included serving in Denmark for seven years as the first woman appointed by Britain to be an Ambassador. She also served at the United Nations both in New York and in Geneva, and she led the British delegation to the United Nations Women's Conferences in Copenhagen and in Nairobi.

Ten years ago Dame Anne retired from the diplomatic service to become President of Lucy Cavendish College. This is a college for re-entry women at Cambridge University in England. In 1993 she was appointed to lead a European Community Investigative Mission that went to Croatia and Bosnia to investigate the reports of the abuse and rape of Muslim women. She retired from Lucy Cavendish College in 1995. She is actively involved as a member of the Nolan Committee which was set up by the government to root out "sleaze" in British politics and public life.

Dame Anne came to the USA with her mother and siblings in 1940 when the invasion of England was felt to be imminent. Before returning to England in 1946, she earned a B.A. degree from Barnard College in New York. She is coming to the United States now to attend the 50th class reunion. She will be visiting her sister, Patricia Duncombe, in Las Vegas.

Beverly Sawinsky, Program Chairman

# Article VII, Section 1, List of Elective Chairmen (Page 41)

After Fine Arts, Insert Memorial

# Amendments to Bylaws Mesquite Club Inc.

# Article VII, Section 4, Duties (Page 43)

(insert at d. to make chairmen alphabetical; d would become e. etc.) d.Memorial Chairman

- 1. She shall appoint a committee, which under her direction, shall be responsible for accepting and acknowledging funds donated to the Memorial Fund.
- 2. Her committee shall prepare recommendations concerning the disbursement of Memorial Funds.

RATIONALE: The position of Memorial Chairman has evolved into a responsible one whereby she is in contact with members and families, not only in acknowledging the contributions but also in making recommendations for an appropriate memorial. It is necessary for her to have a Committee and to report to the Board on a monthly basis. Contributions have been made this year which are greater than the Ways and Means and Community Service Committees which are elected positions.

Article VI, Section 4, First Vice President (Page 40)

(b)4 - Insert after Building Committee--Memorial Committee

RATIONALE: The recommendation to add to the duties of the President Elect to serve on this committee is due to the fact that she will be on the Board for the next four years and will add continuity to this committee.

Submitted by: the Directors of the Executive Board
Jane Beamer
Betty Miller

Alice Pearson

Ethel Trione

REPORT FROM THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE ON CHANGES SUGGESTED BY DIRECTORS:

Harriet Warm, Chairman

Three of the By-Laws Committee concur on the following:

We do NOT recommend these changes.

Our rationales:

- 1. Each President should have the privilege of appointing her chairmen for whatever committee she deems necessary.
- 2. Having an elective chairman makes almost certain that that position cannot be eliminated and seems to remind us of the Federal Government and its many offices.
- 3. Funds should go into the General Fund and should be acknowleded by the Correponding Secretary (which is already an elective position). Funds should be kept in a separate account (as per donations).
- 4. The By-Laws committee (three of the four) recommend that a lasting Memorial (sic honors) be in the form of a scholarship at the University or Community College. It could be called THE MESQUITE CLUB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.
- 5. A Standing Rule to reflect the new chairmanship and the duties could be added to page 48 to reflect these changes.

#### INVITATION

The President's Appreciation Potluck Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Clubhouse. This date was chosen so that our Evening Members and Juniors might join the daytime ladies. Appreciation festivities will commence at 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Your President, 1995-96, will furnish beverages, turkey and ham, and decor. All members who support this President are cordially invited and may share a pot luck dish of their choice. Reservations are a must so that I know how many to provide and set-up for. Please leave a message on the Club line, 242-4500, stating your name and what you will bring. Regrets are not needed (the line is limited).

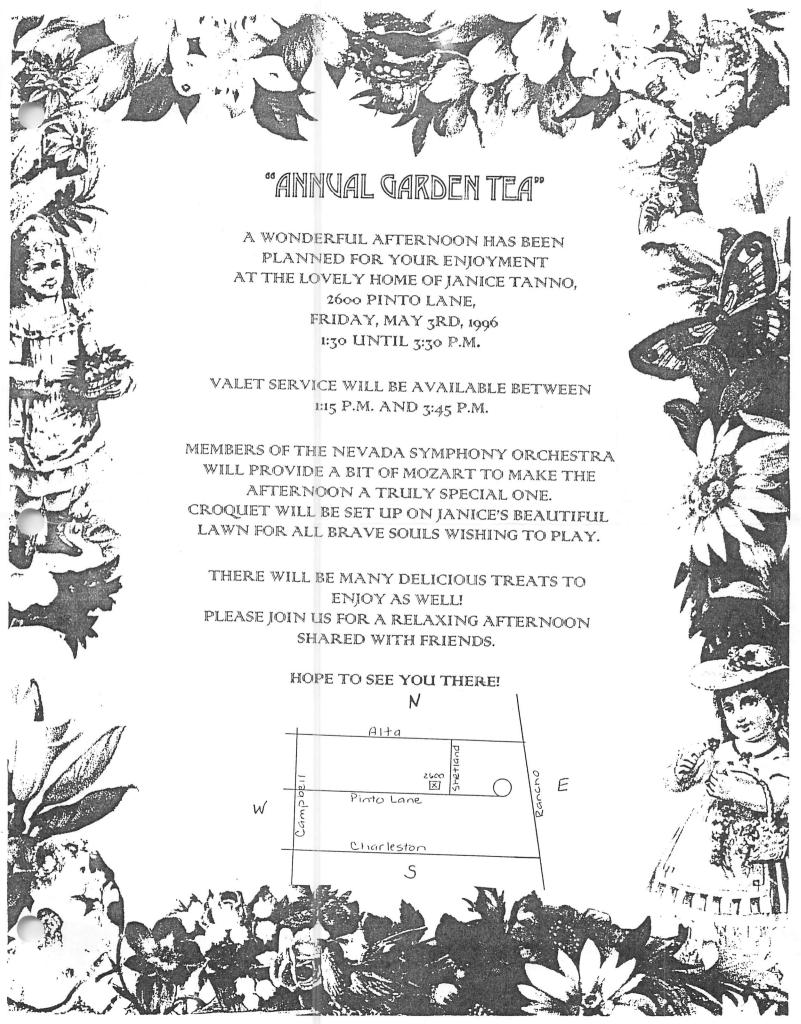
Traditionally each President has hosted a function for her Board and Committee Chairmen; In my planning stages, considering the general membership support and involvement this clubyear, it seemed an impossible task to locate a "cut-off" spot - who could I eliminate?

My thoughts: Why not use the Clubhouse and create some rental income? Why not include all those who have supported me - and they know who they are? Why not have a large farewell (Adios) function - with a minimum of speeches? "Why not" became "I will".

If this is not a good date for "Special Ladies" in my life, you will Please R.S.V.P. at 242-4500 before April 26th. be missed.

# QUATRO DE MAYO - ADIOS AMIGOS! Lois Mahood, President 1995-96 Adiós! Dates to Remember:

- 4/12 Business Meeting
- Evening Mesquite Brunch/Bridge Party Sat.10:00 AM 4/13
- "Victorian High Tea" Sun. 2:00 PM 4/14
- 4/16 Evening Mesquite - "Happiness & Luckiness" - 6:30
- 4/19 Spring Musicale - New Sound Choir
- 4/20/21 GFWC Convention - Sat./Sun. - Clubhouse & Sam's Town
- 4/26 New Members' Luncheon & Fashion Show
- 5/3 Annual Garden Tea
- 5/4 President's Appreciation Luncheon
- 5/7 Evening Mesquite - "Jung at Heart" - 6:30





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