The Mesquite Club, Inc.

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Hello to the Ladies of the Mesquite Club,

"Here we go again;" it is exciting to be starting another Club year. I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer because we are jumping into the new year full steam ahead.

The Clubhouse looks great! The rain washed her down. Our flag is flying again, the utility box out front has gorgeous rose artwork painted on it, we have a new computer, and the yearbook is almost complete.

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Board sponsored "Life Is a Beach" luncheon! We are ahead of the game before we even begin the year. The success at Evening's "Pool Party" and "Christmas in July" have deposited \$5,000 plus to the Club's coffers! We are off to a great start.

The opening luncheon, "Members Roundup," looks to be fun with its western theme. I cannot wait to see you all and hear all your summer adventures . Also, we will be hearing from the Area Metro Commander about what is happening in our area and how they are managing the homeless situation . It should be interesting and shine a light on our Clubhouse.

There is a program where police officers within the Assist the Homeless division, approach and distribute socks and talk to the homeless, to get them off the streets. Please consider bringing pairs of socks to add to the 150 pairs that I have collected to give to them. So far, we have been lucky not to have trouble with this unfortunate sector of our community, and it cannot hurt to give the police a hand.

Finally, yes, the Monkey, me, will be at the Clubhouse on Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, after the Opening Luncheon. You can come by to chat, brainstorm, exercise or, catch a morning matinee. We are still going to have fun!

So, as the song goes, "See You in September! "

Frankie Chase Segel. President

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, September 15, 2023 Opening Luncheon - 11 a.m. \$30

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 Evening Welcome back & Business Meeting - 6 p.m.

Friday, September 22, 2023 Business Meeting -1 p.m.

Saturday, September 30, 2023 GFWC National Day of Service

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Evening Ways & Means Bunco -6 p.m. \$15

Friday, October 6, 2023 Tea with honorees -1 p.m.

Friday, October 13, 2023 Business Meeting -1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 Evening Business Meeting/Speaker -6 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 2023 Community Service Event 11 a.m. \$30

Saturday, October 28, 2023 Open Air Market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



MESQUITE CLUB OPENING LUNCHEON



Mesquite club opening luncheon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
11 a.m. SOCIAL-LUNCHEON 12 NOON
\$30

RSVP-Send Your Check to:
Nancy Zangl/Financial Secretary
481 EDGeField Ridge Place
Henderson, Nevada 89012

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRENDA DUPONT:

EMAIL: BOOKVAMPIRE@GMAIL.COM OR CELL: (702) 673-0676 See YOU THERE!

EVENING LETTER FROM NANCY HILL;

Cheryl & Connie

Hello, Ladies -



OH, NO! I inadvertently left one of my favorite people off the list of new committee chairs for the 2023-2024 Club year. Sunnie Rae Grigsby will be our Scholarship Chair. Thank you, Sunnie Rae.

Jane Reid's Pool Party on August 5 was a swimming success as always according to many members who attended. There was terrific food and drink, games, fellowship, and a chance to cool off in Jane's inviting pool.

Bonnie Utton, our Holiday Craft Auction Chair, will be leading two upcoming meetings to continue to plan the Holiday Craft Auction event. Bonnie has already been meeting with her committee members and they are all busy at work on the event. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, at 5 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Evening Mesquite is participating in the GFWC Day of Service Food Drive. Donations can be dropped off at the Tuesday, September 12,

The Holiday Craft Auction meeting or at the Welcome Back Potluck on Tuesday, September 19 when our regular 2023-2024 Club year meetings begin.

As always, we like keeping up with our Club members. Congratulations to Sigrid Insull-Lucking who sold her house in Spanish Trail. Cherie Williams-DeWitt recently enjoyed a trip to Athens, Georgia. Nancy Hill is traveling to Portland, Oregon to visit her stepchildren and granddaughters, Cassidy (Eight) and Sophie (Five). Oregon is a popular destination for Evening Mesquite members this summer. Arlene McCroy visited her daughter and her family in Portland several weeks ago. Additionally, Club ladies attended the GFWC Western States Conference, in Redmond, Oregon, see page six. We all enjoy knowing what is going on with our Club members.

Call me on 702-672-7447 and let us know what are up to. Hope everyone is keeping cool.

See you this September!

Nancy Hill, Evening reporter!

Mesquite Club Holiday Craft Auction

Please note; the Annual Holiday Craft Auction will be held in

the Mesquite Clubhouse on

Friday, December 1, 2023

More information will follow.

Please remember to mark your calendars!



EVENING WELCOME BACK & BUSINESS MEETING

WELCOME BACK EVENING MESQUITE!

THE "OLDIES BUT GOODIES"

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO THE SOCK HOP 50'S PARTY



BRING YOUR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!
WE WILL HAVE A ROCKIN' GOOD TIME!
50'S APPAREL SUGGESTED BUT OPTIONAL
ENJOY A POTLUCK DINNER WITH ALL THE
FIXIN'S!

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN; CHOIR; CHRISTMAS WITH JACK

Announcing Third 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.
- 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. Deena Spauling	Cheryl Musser		
2. Linda D. Potter			
3. Carol A. Seibel	Elizabeth Foyt, Sharon Segerblom		
4. Rosella Young	Cherie Williams De-Witt		
5. Emerald Stanton	Laurie Elleridge		
6. Judy Hetherington	Elizabeth Foyt		

Every Day is Christmas with Jack!

Even nonmembers are excited to contribute to our causes. One of the things I've always loved about Mesquite Club is how it is a sisterhood of women not only helping the community but also each other. A wonderful example of this was after my son's death, we were desperate to find a good home for Jack, his big, sweet dog of 12 years. Although we all love Jack, none of the family could take him. So, I made an announcement at one of our meetings, and our president mentioned it to her sister who immediately said, "I want that dog." She got him and is so happy with him that when our president again mentioned our "Christmas in July" donation program for Ways and Means, her sister immediately said, "I am going to donate to that because every day with Jack is like Christmas."

THE MESQUITE CLUB CHOIR

This is just a little reminder that our Club serves our community in ways that many are not even aware. Some of our newer members might not $\mathbf{\hat{R}}$ know that we once had a wonderful Choir.

We disbanded about four years ago, due to it shrinking, along with our membership. The Choir provided entertainment for the membership and was especially renowned for providing beautiful Christmas music at our annual Christmas Tea.

Tonsequently, a ton of choral and piano music was left in storage. The music has been taking up needed space in cupboards on the stage. I called my good friends at *Hanson Music Studios*, and they came to the Clubhouse, loaded it into their vehicles, and provided storage in their studio.

They found a wonderful, permanent home for it with Las Vegas Master Singers. I spent months speaking with music departments, including UNLV, but no one seemed interested. I'm so happy and proud that such a prestigious group as LV Master Singers were happy to inherit it and 🗗 will put it to good use. They are a communityoriented chorus based in Las Vegas. They enjoy 🗖 a partnership with Opera Las Vegas and collaborate with many other Las Vegas area arts 🗖 organizations such as Nevada Chamber Symphony, Nevada Ballet Theater, and UNLV.

We thank *Hanson Music Studios* for finding such a prestigious home for our beloved music.

Barbara Bolling

Director, and past choir member

Ladies of Nevada at WSR Convention!

GFWC Western States Region meeting was held in Redmond Oregon in August. Nevada had five delegates in attendance. The 2024 WSR meeting will be in Washington State. If you have never attended a GFWC meeting, I urge you to do so. The meetings give you detailed insight about what GFWC is, and you get to interact with the GFWC International President.

Every Regional meeting has tours that help you experience local activities, and you get to spend time with like-minded women from other states within our region. Western States Region consists of; Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Future sites are; 2024 Washington, 2025 California, 2026 Utah, 2027 Montana, 2028 Nevada, 2029 Idaho, 2030 Wyoming, 2031 Colorado, and 2032 Alaska. The Hawaii Clubs have not been very active and have little or no membership, Traveling there can be expensive and would limit attendance.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A WRS MEETING?

They offer tours prior to the start of the convention. The first night is State night. That is a banquet that is hosted by the state showing off, speakers, entertainment, and whatever they want to do to show their pride in their state. We had a speaker who was a survivor of trafficking and an advocate for helping other survivors. There was also a wonderful singer who entertained us.



Saturday was a business meeting that included the basic business of the organization. We have reports from various officers of the GFWC Board of Directors. There are presentations supporting the various GFWC programs. Some are serious; some are very entertaining. There is a luncheon with a service project and speakers. Their project supported Central Oregon Veteran Ranch.

After lunch, more presentations were given and this year was the year of elections. Then later it was on to the banquet. There is fundraising, entertainment, and then a special message from our current International President. Sunday is the final day with brunch, speakers, reports and an invitation to the next meeting from the hosting state. They close with remarks from the International President, the WSR President then we recite the collect. After that the members join hands and sing, "Let there be peace on Earth."

This is just a synopsis of the meeting. It can be an inspiring experience. I hope that I have peaked your interest to at least consider attending one of the upcoming meetings. Although, you can always consider attending a GFWC International Convention. The next one will be in Chicago. SAVE THE DATE; 2024 GFWC Annual Convention, June 29 – July 1, Chicago, Illinois. That is my hometown, so you know that I will be there. Consider applying to represent Nevada for LEADS. We offer some financial support for the LEADS Candidate. Contact me for more information.

I hope that this has inspired you to learn more about why the Mesquite Club is a member of The General Federation of Women's Clubs. Always feel free to contact me. We will be having some fun events in the next months that I hope you will support. I have big plans for GFWC Nevada to support the Clubs in

Nevada and eventually create a scholarship fund that will assist members to attend meeting. With your help, I will be able to accomplish that.

We are truly living the volunteer spirit. Yours in Federation Friendship!

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt | Nevada State President, 2022-2024 "UnSung SHEROES" Celebrating women who triumph by changing the community around them one day at a time.

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MESQUITE CLUB PROJECT Supporting PROJECT 150 Food Bank FOOD DRIVE Gift cards are appreciated.



BREAKFAST ITEMS:

Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Cereal

LUNCH ITEMS:

Ravioli or SpaghettiOs (can), Mac & Cheese Box, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Tuna fish or Chicken (cans), Top Ramen

DINNER ITEMS:

Pasta; Pasta Sauce, Canned Chili or Soup, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables.

Bring items to the: "OPENING LUNCHEON"

Questions: Contact Chris White: 814-329-7706

or email eriecatlady@gmail.com

The evening day of Service event is at Catholic Charities.

We will be working on the serving line, cleaning tables, busing trays, and handing out water. **Location 1501 Las Vegas Blvd 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

If you would like to participate please contact Pam Ivey for additional information as you must be able to stand for two hours and you have to complete an application. **Pam Ivey email: pri46@aol.com, or Cell: (732) 245-8598**



The food items requested are: Canned meat. (Chicken, ham, tuna, spam); Canned vegetables; Cereal; Peanut butter.

Please bring the above items to the Clubhouse by September, 27, 2023, and place them in the box on the table near the stage.

Thank you for your support!

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The National Day of Service (NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address it, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs will participate by organizing Community Service Programs (CSP) in their communities as part of NDS. It's also a great opportunity to invite guests to participate in your NDS activities and introduce them to the benefits of GFWC.

OPEN-AIR MARKET







The inaugural Mesquite Club Open-Air Market

The Mesquite Club is hosting an open-air market in the parking lot of their Clubhouse.

Saturday, October 28, 2023 - 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.







Mesquite Clubhouse 702 East St. Louis Avenue - Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

We are looking for vendors to participate in our inaugural event.

All vendors are welcome!

Vendor space is available, 10 x 10, for \$50.

Applications must be submitted before, October 6, 2023—NO EXTENSIONS

For more information, contact: Cheric Lee Williams - Cell: (310) 710-9792 Email: mesquiteclublasvegas1911@smail.com

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Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt Editor

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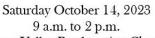
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3	Labor Day	5 Board Meeting 10 a.m.		NATIONAL BEER LOVERS DAY	International Literacy Day	National Teddy Bear Day I September 9
Grandparents Day	PATRIOT DAY	U.N. DAY FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION	13	14 Cream Filled Donut	Opening Luncheon 11 a.m.	INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER
Constitution Day	AIDS and Aging Awareness Day	19 Evening Welcome Back 6 p.m.	20	International Day of Peace	Business Meeting 1 p.m.	23 Fall begins
Gold Star Mothers Day	NATIONAL DAUGHTER'S DAY	National Pancake Day	27 AST	National Son's Day	NATIONAL COFFEE DAY	GFWC National Day of Service

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GFWC National Day of Service!

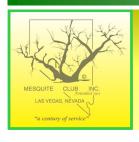
Do we take for granted the fact that we have enough food to eat? There are many in our community who do not, especially children. Our goal is to help those that do not have



enough to eat. Some students do not get a square meal except at school. They cannot learn when they are hungry. I urge you to support the GFWC National Day of Service. Contact Chris White for the daytime project and Pam Ivey for the evening project. See page nine.

Let us do our part to eliminate hunger in our community. It does not take much. I will be sending out more details so that you know how you can help. Thank you for your support.

Cherie Williams-DeWitt, Nevada State President, 2022-2024



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