

# The Mesquiter

## **“Membership: Friendship and Service, Now More Than Ever”**

October! Thoughts of bright pumpkins and leaves turning color come to mind. Mesquite Club starts this month with our Western-themed Opening Luncheon on October 2. “Y’all Come Back Now, Ya Hear” sets the tone for a fun day. There is nothing wrong with being light-hearted, even in this unusual and difficult time. Get your reservations in right now!

We have two more meetings in October and look forward to interesting and informative programs. We will hear from our GFWC Nevada State President Cherie Williams-DeWitt on October 9. October 16 will feature member, Silvia Buckley, from Freedom House to tell us how their program got started and what factors inspired it. Plan to be there to hear these special women share their information with us.

I want to thank our Bylaws Chair, Betty Miller, and her committee members for an interesting and informative program in September and our speaker from CSN, Dr. Deanna Beachley, for teaching us about women’s suffrage history in Nevada,

Don’t miss out on the Ways and Means Committee’s exciting Raiders Football Pool Fundraiser. They will be covering all the home games, and there will be a lot of winners. At the end of the month, their “Tailgate Party” luncheon promises to get everyone in the fall football mood and should be lots of fun. Help them raise those funds they are working for by making your reservation soon.

Our Community Service Committee continues to accept donations for Freedom House and is very grateful to all of you who have been bringing donations in. They are taking them over regularly, and all donations are much appreciated.

Our Clubhouse now has new technology. We now have a surveillance camera at the front door than can be viewed remotely. We also have a big-screen television to help us view programs, videos, and meetings virtually. Thanks to Building Chair Cherie Williams-DeWitt for getting it all working. Both of these new items were donated by members.

A special thanks to all members for helping Mesquite Club to keep working and moving forward even though we never know what is coming next. You are the best!

Cathi Poer, President



## **SAVE THESE DATE!**

### Opening Luncheon

Friday, October 2, 2020 \$30  
11 a.m. Social - Noon Luncheon

### Evening Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 - 6 p.m.

### Business Meeting

Friday, October 9, 2020 - 1 p.m.

### Regular Meeting

Friday, October 16, 2020 1 p.m.

### Evening Ways & Means Bingo

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 6 p.m. \$15

### GFWC Nevada Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2020 TBD

### Ways & Means Tailgate Fundraiser

Friday, October 30, 2020 \$30  
11 a.m. Social - Noon Luncheon

### Evening Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - 6 p.m.

### Business Meeting

Friday, November 13, 2020 - 1 p.m.

### Evening No-Show Fundraising Event

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

### Regular Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2020 1 p.m.

### Community Service Wine Tasting

Saturday, November 21, 2020 3 p.m. \$30

### Evening Holiday Party details TBD

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

### Ways & Means Holiay Tea

Friday, December 4, 2020

### Mesquite Club Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 11, 2020 \$35



# OPENING LUNCHEON

**Y'all Come Back Now, Ya Hear!!**

**Dig out your denims, calicoes, gingham,  
bandannas, boots and western hats!**

**Meet us at the Mesquite Clubhouse Corral, Friday,  
October 2, 2020, at 11 a.m., for the luncheon to kick  
off the new Club year of fun and friendship.**

Social distanced seating will be limited to 40,  
so make your reservation by sending a check  
for \$30 to The Mesquite Club, PO Box 95662,  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-5662 by August 28.





# EVENING CHAIR LETTER; EVENING EVENTS



Dear Ladies of Evening  
Mesquite Club,

What a wonderful Welcome  
Back Meeting we had Tuesday  
evening! We had a great  
turnout of 25 ladies, including  
members and guests, and

thanks to Vicki Lambert, four members were able to  
attend through Zoom! Thank you Linda Shapona  
and your committee for planning and organizing our  
first very successful meeting of this Club year.  
Thank you Bonnie Utton, for the scrumptious  
dinner of assorted sandwiches, macaroni salad, and  
desserts!

After dinner, Linda Shapona and Cherie Williams-  
DeWitt installed five new members, Vicki Lambert,  
Kelly Wallace, Poly Schmitt, Marie Louise Brooks,  
and Mary Sheets. Welcome to Evening Mesquite  
Club ladies! Connie Macauley and Cathi Poer then  
conducted the Installation of the Evening Chairs for  
2020-21 with a wine theme, in honor of yours truly.  
It was quite entertaining and creative. Thanks  
Ladies. Now we are all official!

Looking ahead for the rest of 2020, our next  
meeting, October 6, will be a regular business  
meeting with Day member, Denise Beaumont,  
presenting a program about Senior Healthcare

should be very informative. October 20 we will have  
a Ways and Means "Covid Crazy Halloween Bingo!"  
For \$15.00 you will get a Box Dinner, with a choice  
of pastas (marinara with a meatball or alfredo with  
chicken), games, prizes, raffles, and a lot of fun!  
Hope to see you there. Costumes are optional.  
Masks Required!

The result of the vote for the November 17,  
Scholarship fundraiser was the "No Show-Non  
Event," so the Committee volunteers will work with  
the Scholarship Co-Chairs, Toni Babbish and Poly  
Schmitt, to organize and mail out flyers. We are  
grateful that we can take a break from all the hard  
work we usually put into our Holiday Craft Auction,  
I hope you will generously support this "Non-Event"  
in order that we can be generous with our  
Scholarships – thank you! Our Holiday Party will be  
December 8, instead of December 1, and the  
location is still to be determined.

It was so good to see so many of you Tuesday  
evening and continuing with Membership,  
Friendship, and Service. My new mantra,  
quoting Chief Dan George as Lone Watie, in the  
"Outlaw Josie Wales," let's **"Endeavor to Persevere"**  
even in the face of difficulty!

Wishing you Health, Peace, and Love.  
Dolores Martinez, Evening Chair



COVID CRAZY HALLOWEEN BINGO  
\$15 Donation

Tuesday, October 20, 6 PM.

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

Box Dinner. Games. Prizes. Raffle!!!  
We WILL Practice covid correctness. masks required!

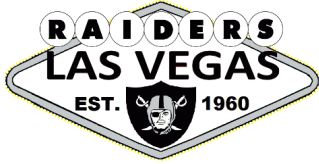
For more information, contact Evening Ways & Means Chair:  
Bonni Utton @ (702) 236-1216

Meal Choice of: Pasta with Marinara sauce & Meatballs  
Or Pasta with Alfredo sauce and Chicken



*Let's Get ready to Tailgate!*

**Mesquite Club Ways & Means Committee  
invite you to join their football Pool!**



**Join us for a Tailgate Luncheon  
Ways and Means Fundraiser  
Friday, October 30, 2020  
11 a.m. \$30**

Raiders home games schedule:

- ♦ Sunday, October 04, 2020 · 1:25 PM PDT - Buffalo Bills
- ♦ Sunday, October 25, 2020 · 5:20 PM PDT - Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- ♦ Sunday, November 15, 2020 · 1:05 PM PST - Denver Broncos
- ♦ Sunday, November 22, 2020 · 5:20 PM PST - Kansas City Chiefs
- ♦ Sunday, December 13, 2020 · 1:05 PM PST - Indianapolis Colts
- ♦ Thursday, December 17, 2020 · 5:20 PM PST - Los Angeles Chargers
- ♦ GAME WILL BE PLAYED December 26 OR 27 - Miami Dolphins

⇒ There will be boards for the pool that will consist of 100 squares and each square will be sold for \$5.

⇒ Pay off will be 50/50/50/50 - \$50 for each quarter and at end of game.

⇒ Boards will be open for sale at each meeting. Get your square NOW.

⇒ Nothing to do, you don't even have to watch the game. If you win, a check will be sent to you.

For more information, contact Elsa Torgerson @ [etorgerson@cox.net](mailto:etorgerson@cox.net).

**Join us for this exciting, ongoing fundraiser!**



SAVE THE DATES!

**March 5, 6 and 7, 2021**

Tell your friends and neighbors!

We are collecting treasures for our annual Rummage Sale!

**NO winter clothing, NO books NO electronics.**

Thank you in advance for your help to make this annual event a success!  
Contact Rummage Sale Co-Chairs Connie Macauley, @ (702) 378-1325 or  
Frankie Segel @ (973) 462-6270 to arrange drop off your donations.

A FEW FRIENDLY  
REMINDERS

❖ When attending meetings at the Mesquite Clubhouse, you are required to wear a mask. We will have hand sanitizer available for your use.

We appreciate your compliance with this. Our hope is that someday soon we will be able to meet and see each others lovely faces again.

Please stay safe.

❖ The Mesquite Club is a 501c3, non-profit organization. We are non political. We respect your right to show your support to your candidate of choice. We ask that you refrain from wearing anything at the Clubhouse.

We thank you for your understanding and compliance. We are sisters supporting our local community and working together as one.

❖ Please note: in accordance with our bylaws, a member who arrives at the event and has not prepaid or notified the Financial Secretary in advance, who wishes to attend, and can be accommodated, must pay an additional five dollars (\$5) over the stated cost of attendance.

Thank you for your attention to these matters!



Silvia Buckley 10/01  
 Alice Black 10/05  
 Peggy Broxterman 10/06  
 Irene Armijo 10/09  
 Barbara Spavin 10/10  
 Ellie Watts 10/12  
 June Eckenroth 10/16  
 Diane Mosinski 10/20  
 Shannon Kelly-Stalk 10/21  
 Jean McClain 10/22  
 Corinne Mewhirter 10/23  
 Joyce Avery 10/24  
 Helen Holland 10/25  
 Barbara Goodwin 10/29  
 Sonja Bettendorf 10/30

## **REMINDER!**

As a member of the Mesquite Club, you have the opportunity to rent the Clubhouse for an event.

For more information regarding the cost and conditions, contact Building Chair, Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt @ (702) 405-9422.

This is a great way to help defray the cost of maintaining our historic Clubhouse.

## **WHY ADVERTISE IN THE MESQUITER?**

Your ad in the *Mesquiter* supports the Mesquite Club. The Mesquite Club, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit, so the cost of your ad is tax deductible.

How much is it to advertise in the *Mesquiter*, you ask? I have attached an ad sheet for your information. We cannot guarantee that you will get business, but we can guarantee that people will see that you are a supporter of the historic Mesquite Club.

That is important and much appreciated. ♥

Please see the attached rate sheet. Invite your business friends to support us.

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### **WE CARE**



### **Our Mesquite sister Sylvia Sturgeon reports:**

My sister Ellie went to Heaven last night, September 23, 2020. We are all sad but know she is with her Lord and Savior. She was a friend to many here on earth, a giving person to her church and the missions, and she loved her family so much. She will be greatly missed.



## **Celebration of Life Fund Contributions**

**Let's celebrate LIFE events!**  
**Your donation here helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse.**

- ❖ **Lois Evora gave a donation in memory of Jeanne Greenawalt**
- ❖ **Nancy Zangl gave a donation in memory of Jeanne Greenawalt**

## **Got unwanted Jewelry?**

**If you have old or unwanted jewelry, think about donating it for an upcoming fundraiser for this Club year.**

**Contact our resident jewelry expert and maven, Joan Doubrava. We are planning exciting events for you and the community, and would love your donations.**

**Contact Joan at (702) 656-1911 or email: smiley191122@gmail.com. She will work her magic for the next fundraiser. We appreciate your support.**

## GFWC NEVADA INFORMATION

### GFWC Nevada Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

YOU are invited to attend this informative GFWC Nevada Federation meeting. All GFWC members are encouraged to attend. The meeting is Saturday, October 24, 2020, starting at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There is no charge for the meeting. You will have fun, meet your GFWC State Board Members, and learn about GFWC events. We will have fun fundraising for the state.

Bring your enthusiasm and any questions that you have about GFWC. GFWC is a dynamic organization that YOU are a member. You will get a better understanding of the mission and workings of the organization as well as the benefits of membership. For those who cannot join us in person, we will have the availability to attend by Zoom, meetings.

RSVP to Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt @ [gfwcnevada@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcnevada@gmail.com), by October 20, 2020. We will be following COVID-19 guidelines. Please wear your mask; there will be hand sanitizer available. We will have a boxed lunch available. I Hope to see YOU there

**Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt | GFWC Nevada State President, 2020-2022**  
"We are UNITED: YOU are not alone!"  
C: 310-710-9792

### GFWC Leadership Education and Development

#### Seminar (LEADS)



**We are looking for a LEADS candidate to represent Nevada at the 2021 Toronto Convention. It could be YOU!**

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grass-roots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction.

The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.

The LEADS application form is available in the GFWC Member Portal in the LEADS folder under L in the digital library. GFWC will cover a portion of the attendees' Expenses. For more information contact Cherie.

### Nevada Federation



As we navigate these unusual times, we are learning to use technology to assist us with our mission.

GFWC Nevada now has an Instagram account. We will use this to engage new and younger members to join us on our Community-service journey. Headquarters has an Instagram campaign #IamGFWC. I will give more information about this. If you are willing to do a short video, it might be highlighted on our Website, Facebook page, or Instagram Page.

I am a wife, mother, Clubwoman!

**#IamGFWC**



### Success for Survivors Scholarship Applications

As part of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, the *GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship* was created in 2012 to lend a helping hand to those impacted by intimate partner violence who are pursuing higher education.

The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception, GFWC has awarded over \$80,000 in scholarship funds.

This scholarship helps intimate partner abuse survivors obtain a post-secondary education that offers a chance to reshape their future by securing employment and gaining personal independence.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this program, they can go to:  
[gfwc.org/success-survivors](http://gfwc.org/success-survivors),  
for more information.

**When we uplift others, we  
uplift ourselves!**

## October Is National Bullying Prevention Month

**Tina Daniel, GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program Chairman**



Starting next week, schools and communities across the nation will join forces to promote awareness and help prevent bullying. One question to ask yourself when identifying bullying is: “Is it mean, rude, or bullying?” To meet the criteria of bullying, it has to be repeated, a difference of power, and intentional. There are a variety of websites on bullying and preventing it. Several of these websites have materials for purchase, including STOMPOutBullying.org, PACER.org, and Youth.gov.

One of the fastest growing areas of bullying is cyberbullying—bullying through social media, texting, or posting pictures. While most students are attending school remotely today, a new avenue for bullies has appeared. Students are able to write inappropriate and defamatory remarks in an open, online, classroom forum.

Here are some club project ideas to help stop bullying among children and teens:

❖ Host a teen book club reading at your local library. Provide copies of *Queen Bees and Wannabes* by Rosalind Wiseman. The book was written for adults to help girls survive cliques, gossip, boyfriends, and other realities of adolescent years.

❖ Wear blue on October 5, 2020. This year’s theme is “Kind Vibes Only.” Let’s use the hashtag #BlueUp together.

❖ As a predominantly-female group, we could also encounter bullying-type behavior in our own Federation. Read Dr. Cheryl Dellasega’s *Mean Girls Grown Up: Adult Women Who Are Still Queen Bees, Middle Bees, and Afraid-To-Bees*. Dellasega contends that all women have experienced bullying at some point in their lives.

Our collect promotes “*let us forget not to be kind.*”

Help others to remember to be kind by promoting bully-proof programs in your club and communities this October.

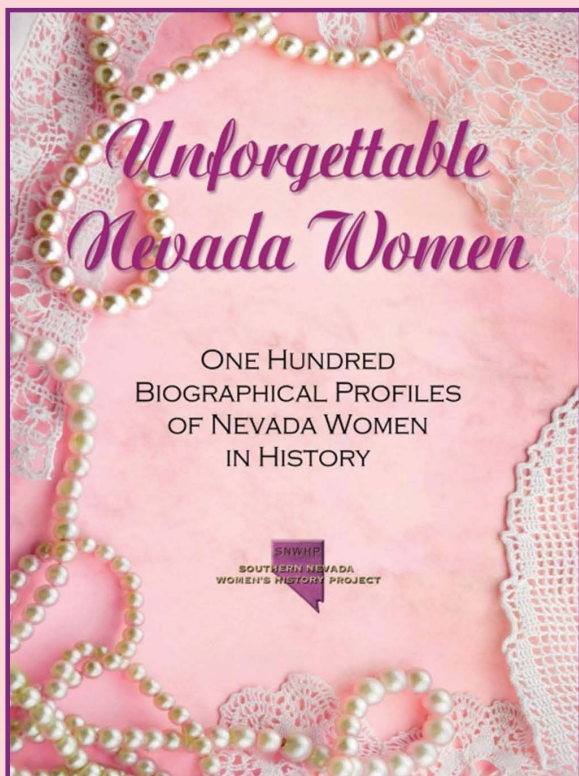


## Announcing A New Book!

from the Southern Nevada Women's History Project

### "UNFORGETTABLE NEVADA WOMEN"

100 more "HER"stories to add to your collection!



The Southern Nevada Women's History Project is proud to announce the arrival of its latest publication, "Unforgettable Nevada Women." This is the third book in a series of "her" stories portraying one hundred biographical profiles of Nevada women in history.

Through interviews, public records and collected historical accounts from newspapers and oral histories, volunteers from the organization gathered these stories and photographs of these remarkable women.

Just as "Skirts that Swept the Desert Floor" and "Steadfast Sisters of the Silver State" chronicled the lives of one hundred amazing women, this third volume follows by recording even more women who have made a lasting impact on Nevada life.

*Ever since its inception, Nevada has been called home by many diverse and dynamic women including: the first woman owner and operator of a hotel casino, the founder of Weight Watchers, the designer of the famous "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign, and a nun whose Angel Bread saved a hospital from closing. Within the pages of this latest book are accounts of educators, singers, community activists, government leaders, artists, Native American crusaders and many more interesting women. In earlier times, news was more often dominated by the achievements of men, and women's considerable and valuable contributions to life in Nevada were rarely, if ever, given credit or documented in Nevada history books. These books help remedy that unfortunate situation.*

All three books are currently available at Amazon.com where they are selling for \$24.95. These books will also be available at our Book Reveal Luncheon and Program at the Las Vegas National Golf Course on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11:30am.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To RSVP for the luncheon or purchase a book

PLEASE CONTACT: Denise Gerdes, 702-306-3612 or readersleader@yahoo.com



# OCTOBER

# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>October 2020 is Observed as:  <b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b>  <b>Domestic Violence Awareness</b></p>				1	2 Opening Luncheon 11 a.m. \$30	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 10 a.m.  Evening Meeting 6 p.m.	7  <b>ART CLASS</b> 9 a.m.	8	9 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	10
11	12  Columbus Day	13	14  <b>ART CLASS</b> 9 a.m.	15	16 Regular Meeting 1 p.m.	17
18	19	20 Evening Ways & Means Bingo 6 p.m. - \$15 	21  <b>ART CLASS</b> 9 a.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28  <b>ART CLASS</b> 9 a.m.	29	30 Ways & Means Fundraiser 11 a.m. \$30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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**The Deadline is October 15,  
For the November issue**

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TO BE INCLUDED***

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## Notes from your editor.

Welcome to fall. Looks like we made it through the brutal summer heat. I am looking forward to nice hikes, cool fall evenings, and the wonderful comfort food that makes us feel so at home.

The summer was a challenge and we made it through. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting as we practice social distancing. Our community-service work continues.

Covid-19 has changed our world completely. My husband Clyde contracted it, he was in the hospital several times, but we recently receive; news that he has tested negative. We don't know how he got it. He wore a mask, washed his hands ,and sanitized. We are thankful that he has recovered. My takeaway is please be careful, but if you ever need help, reach out to a Club sister. We are in this together.

**Stay safe, stay healthy and stay connected, Cherie**



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