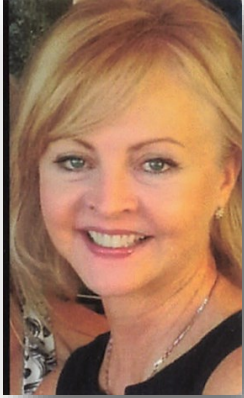


The Mesquiter

We Can Do It and Have Fun



Well, Ladies, we are doing it, and aren't we having fun! What a fun-packed month it was! It was a lot of work for the Club but well worth it!

The "Afternoon with Cleopatra," was fabulous and well attended. Both GFWC and day Community Service netted \$1,024 from the proceeds.

The Holiday Craft Auction was spectacular! The decor was wonderfully festive. It got everyone in the mood for holiday giving, as was demonstrated by the generous bids on auction items.

I'm writing this letter as cars encircle our parking lot at the much-anticipated, shredding event! It was amazing! I talked to many women who were totally intrigued with our Club. Things are stirring!

A date to save! January 13 at 1pm. After 12 years of supporting Doris French Elementary School, we are going for a tour and presentation by the students. These lovely children are providing us a tour, finger sandwiches, and a musical presentation from their choir! Thank you, Lois Evora, for arranging this event.

Our last fundraising event for 2022 is the Bake and Soup Sale Tea on December 2. It is the perfect time to stock up on and freeze these fabulous culinary delights to serve yourself and family.

Now is the season to take care of and enjoy our families. But, first, let's give ourselves a pat on the back and enjoy our Mesquite Club Holiday Luncheon at Las Vegas National Golf Course on Friday, December 9. This year the evening Mesquite ladies are joining the luncheon! I love all the ladies together. Did you realize that the address of the Las Vegas National Golf Course is 1911 Desert Inn—a perfect coincidence!

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Frankie Chase Segel, President



SAVE THESE DATES!

Holiday Ways & Means Bake and Soup Sale and Boutique 1 p.m.
Friday, December 2, 2022

Board Meeting 10 a.m.
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mesquite Club Holiday Luncheon—\$35 Las Vegas National Golf Club 11 a.m.
Friday, December 9, 2022

Afternoon Tea with Honorees 1 p.m.
Friday, January 6, 2023

Evening Program Meeting 6 p.m.
"Stay Safe" Shannon Serene, NHP
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

New Member Orientation 12 p.m.
Business Meeting/Project 1 p.m.
Friday, January 13, 2023

Chinese New Year 11 a.m.—\$30 Ways & Means Luncheon
Friday, January 20, 2023

Evening Social - 6 p.m.
Sip/Price Jewelry at Connie Freeman's
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Silver Tea 1 p.m.
Mesquite Club Anniversary
Friday, February 3, 2023

Evening Ways & Means Event 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

New Member Orientation 12 p.m.
Business Meeting with Speaker 1 p.m.
Friday, February 10, 2023

Business Meeting & Rummage Sale Setup 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LADIES OF THE MESQUITE CLUB

Colleen Bailey

Barbara Bolling

Peggy Bruhns

Marla Canup

Sue Churchill

Cherie Williams-DeWitt

Joan Doubrava

Laurie Elledge

Lois Evora

Pat Garcia

Sandra Holliday

Pat Jordan

Brenda Kostic

Kay McClure

Sonya Merriman

Corinne Mewhirter

Betty Miller

Mickey Pajor

Cathi Poer

Ginger Riley

Frankie Segel

Ellie Watts

Chris White

Jan White

Nancy Zangl

Linda Zeriger

Karen Ziegler

Florence Zucker

MESQUITE CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!



Mesquite Club Holiday Luncheon

Classic Christmas Time With Friends!

Friday, December 9, 2022

11 a.m. Social—12 noon Luncheon \$35

Las Vegas National Golf Club

1911 East Desert Inn Road - Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

RSVP by December 1, 2022

Send your check for \$35 to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

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



We are partnering with St Jude's Ranch. Bring pajamas for children. There are about 80 children in their various programs. Boys and Girls, ages infant to 18 years old. Thank you for your help with this project!

Bring your donations to the luncheon!

St. Jude's
Ranch for Children
A Community of Hope



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MESQUITE CLUB?



**Mesquite Club Holiday Tea
Bake Sale, Soup Sale and
Holiday Boutique!**

**Holiday goodies and festive jewelry.
Start your holiday shopping while
doing good!**

Get your holiday spirit kick started!

Friday December 2, 2022

1 p.m.

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



Will You Be Our Valentine?



*You are invited to join Cherie and Frankie for
A Valentine Private Luncheon at the
Las Vegas Country Club
3000 Joe West Brown Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89109*

Join us Tuesday, February 14, 2023
\$50 - 12 p.m.

RSVP by February 7, 2023.

Send your check for \$50 to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 95662 - Las Vegas, Nevada 89193

This is a Ways & Means fundraiser.



EVENING LETTER; RUMMAGE SALE

EVENING MESQUITE'S "HOLIDAY CRAFT AUCTION" A SMASHING SUCCESS

The ladies of the Evening Mesquite Club are riding high after a rollicking success at their 37th Annual Holiday Craft Auction, held on November 18, which earned what one member has called, "a lot." The exact amount will be announced in next month's newsletter when all the accounting is settled.

The Clubhouse was beautifully decorated in Holiday red and white under the leadership of Sigrid Insull- Lucking and featured centerpieces of festive balloons. Our theme of a "very beary holiday" was carried out throughout the Clubhouse with a beautiful collection of stuffed bears that graced our bookcase. There was also a collection of stuffed bears in the foyer. These foyer bears will be given to Foster Kinship to be donated to the children. Thank you, Jane Reid and Sigrid Insull- Lucking for making that happen for the kids!

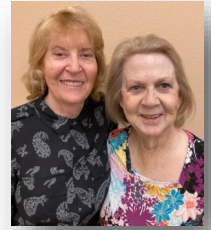
There were raffle baskets galore featuring such items as delicious potent potables, dinners at some of the best restaurants in town, pet items, spa items, dancing lessons and many more desirable prizes.

The live auction (from which the Holiday Craft Auction gets its name) was just that -- lively. Auctioneer Doug Suerdieck brought his inimitable style to the event and made the auction fun for everybody.

Award-winning milliner Louisa Voisine started the live auction off right with her donation of a stunning fascinator (women's small hat) in black with flowing pink feathers and a gorgeous floral piece of pale pink, piped in black with an elegant rhinestone center. The equally lovely Frankie Segel modelled this lovely item.

The live auction included such dazzling items as beautiful watercolors by the famed artist Lucy Foley, a Holiday grapevine door wreath made by Club member Linda

Shapona, hand crocheted baby blanket made by Club member Bonnie Crawford, an elegant pearl necklace designed by Club member Sigrid Insull- Lucking, a private wine class for 20, a stay at the historic Boulder City Hotel, a ride on the Boulder City Santa Express train, Christmas caroling quilt made by Club member Ruth Larson, a two night staycation at the South Point Hotel Casino and Spa, a dental special for your fur baby, a perfect Kentucky Derby hat handcrafted by Denise Beaumont, gorgeous amethyst earrings from John Fish jewelers, and a fabulous two-night stay at CasaBlanca Resort in Mesquite, Nevada.



Bonnie Utton, her beautiful family, and several Evening members did a magnificent job on the food and the food service. We new members now know what a great cook Bonnie is and how gracious she has been with doing all this challenging work. We are most grateful to Bonnie, her wonderful children, and grandchildren and to the Evening members.

DID YOU KNOW -

1913 - To celebrate Christmas, the Club erected a tree on Fremont Street. There was a gift for every child and gifts of food or clothing for anyone in need. The lighting of the tree was followed by music, carol singing, and dancing for all to enjoy. This practice continued until 1953 when the little town of Las Vegas had become a city.

GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT - Helen Holland celebrated her 100th birthday at the Mesquite Clubhouse on October 22, her actual birthday is October 25. Local media covered the celebration, and Helen had a wonderful time. Happy birthday to Helen.

Happy Holidays, everyone,

Arlene McCroy and Nancy Hill

RUMMAGE SALE



**Friday & Saturday
March 3 and 4, 2023
9 a.m. till 4 p.m.
Mesquite Clubhouse
702 East St. Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104**

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

We are still accepting donations,
For more information, contact;
Chris White
@ eriecatlady@gmail.com, or

Connie Freeman
@ constance2591@aol.com

Thank you for your support!

The Year of the Rabbit!



If you feel the ground trembling beneath your feet in January 2023, don't fear! It's simply Chinese New Year. You'll find a full 20% of the Earth's population celebrating, using more fireworks than any other day of the year. It's a celebration marked by good food, red envelopes, and blessings for everyone.

*Join the ladies of the Mesquite Club to celebrate Chinese New Year.
Friday, January 20, 2023 11 a.m. Social—12 p.m. Luncheon.*

RSVP by January 16, 2023.

Send your check for \$30 to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

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



Lucky Money Tree!



Great Chinese food!



Red Envelope!



FINE ARTS COMMITTEE; SILVER TEA

Part Two

As stated in the October Mesquiter in part one of the open letter to the Mesquite Club members, you were asked to start thinking of **YOUR** definition of “*fine art*,” and get ready to attend the Mesquite Club Fine Arts Day event April 21, 2023.

While considering your definition of “*fine art*,” or art, in general; here are commonalities that well executed art (*fine art and handicraft art*) always include. Ahmed Javed on the internet site Englopedia wrote the following for our information. The beginning of the 19th century had types of plastic arts, including painting, sculpture, drawing, engraving, mural painting, ceramics, goldsmithery and handicraft. Later, other artistic manifestations such as cinema, photography, or digital art and modern art with its versatility of materials and concepts expanded the range of plastic art. This is basically because the plastic arts are based on principles common to the immensity of artistic disciplines.

Artists use different methods to give shape to their ideas. At the Fine Arts Day event, we will have artists of varying techniques with whom you can interact and view their contribution to art, expressing to us the discipline of their talents and ideas. If the years of Covid taught us anything, it is that we as individuals are important within our own minds and selves, and important to our fellows. Our souls, if you will, are discrete and desirous of communicating to our fellows. Art releases our “*soulfulness*,” via our communication to others through art.

Plan to come to the Fine Arts Day event to celebrate our own Mesquite Club artists and their guest artists. One of our guest artists is our own Mesquite Club member Colleen Bailey. Here is her brief biography telling of her artistic pursuit. *I decided to try art classes back in the 80's when Mary Shaw started teaching an oil painting class at Mesquite Club. I had recently separated from my husband and thought that art classes would give me a hobby I could do in the evenings when I was alone. I was not particularly good at it, but I*

persisted and when Mary switched to teaching watercolor, I decided to try that also. I figured I could not be any worse than I was with oil. I took classes, went to workshops, and enjoyed myself but never did feel that I was much of an artist. I was too literal and tight in my Painting, and Mary felt that she had failed in making a loose woman of me.

Then about a year ago, my older daughter suggested that I might like to do collage and I thought she might be right as I was sure I could cut and paste. She sent me links to tutorials on U Tube to watch and see how various artists in this medium make their unique papers. I have learned ways to make my background papers and use various sources for items to glue on the papers and have been making cards with this process as well as art pieces for my grandchildren. I enjoy it very much and am looking forward to showing how to make a couple of the background papers and then turning those and other unique papers I have into lovely all- purpose cards. I make cards now for all my families' birthdays and include poems I have written for everyone.

In addition to Colleen Bailey, we will have as a guest artist, Jill Halverson who does the technical and historical arts of spinning. Here is her introduction: *I am Jill Halverson a native Las Vegan. I taught elementary art, and middle school computers for the Clark County school district and retired in 2020. I began knitting in 2004, so I could make my son a baby blanket and spinning my own yarn years later. I have three traditional, treadle wheels, three electric wheels and a book charkha for spinning cotton. I spin, knit, dye, crochet, and weave primarily for my own pleasure, but have begun limited commission work. I make commemorative keepsakes made from yarn spun from the fur of people's pets. I have also traded spinning for wool from small flock owners.*

Mark your calendars for April 21, 2023, for an exciting interactive day at Mesquite Club.

The Fine Arts Day event committee, Co-chairs Brenda Kostick and Tobylyn Power.

SAVE THE DATE

The Mesquite Club
Cordially invites you to Celebrate Our
Club Anniversary at our Annual Silver Tea
“Silver and Gold”
Friday, February 3, 2022, at 1 p.m.
Mesquite Clubhouse
702 East St. Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Join us as we honor our
Past Presidents and
Member Service Awards
Guests are always welcome at this
complimentary event!

We look forward to the honor of your company at
this wonderful celebration.

FREEDOM HOUSE THANK YOU LETTER



OCTOBER 27, 2022

Mesquite Club
702 E St. Louis Ave
Las Vegas NV 89104

To The Mesquite Club,

We at Freedom House Sober Living would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Your generous donation of hygiene products and snacks are much appreciated. We value your commitment to our efforts to reduce the impact of addiction in our community.

As you know, our mission, right from the beginning has been to create an environment for those in recovery to learn to live with a quality of life they have forgotten or never experienced before.

Our founders have built their communities with the deepest compassion and commitment for the finest services to achieve a first class quality of life for their clients.

We are grateful for your support and dedication to the recovery community and to Freedom House.

Please accept this letter as receipt for your donation including our EIN: #27-3493596.

Feel free to contact me at (702) 494-8750.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Silvia Buckley".

Silvia Buckley
President of the Board
(702) 494-8750.

We so appreciate all your
support

WHAT'S THE BOARD UP TO?; BYLAWS SUBMISSIONS;

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

President's Report: President Segel told us that the theme of the painting of the utility box has been finalized, and it will feature roses and an outline of the state of Nevada. Also, the Smith Center for the Performing Arts has received the donation of \$1,270.00 from Club members and they will recognize our sponsorship in their printed programs by December. She was pleased to draw our attention to two large thermometers that were created by Craft Group Chair Sue Churchill which will be used to keep track of progress in reaching the fund-raising goals for Community Service and Way and Means Committees.

Second Vice President: Colleen Bailey asked for ideas to attract new members attendance at informational meetings as she is disappointed in their turn-out. Telephone calls will be made.

Financial Secretary: Nancy Zangl distributed the October reports which showed that the net income for the Community Service Committee event on 10/21/22 was \$2,952.36.

Building Chair: Cherie Williams DeWitt reported the front door will be repaired when the service provider receives the parts needed for the job. She also spoke about a situation with the outside grounds. The grass growing around the edges of the parking lot has not been removed because that area is not included in the contract with the landscape company currently employed by the Club. Cherie plans to investigate hiring a different company and meanwhile Custodian Scott Missen will clear out the grass and use spray to prevent further growth.

Community Service: Committee chair, Chris White, said she is proud to have a good start on their fundraising goal with the Big Boo profit of \$2,952.36.

Old Business: Grant Committee - President Segel brought the subject of a grant committee as she believes there is potential in the Club qualifying for grants that would help the Club or entities we would support with financial assistance. After

discussion of the topic President Segel appointed Chris White chair of the new committee, and Chris will appoint a co-chair and four committee members.

New Business: Cinder Block Wall - President Segel reported that a company managing repairs and refreshing of block walls had been contacted about caulking, cleaning up and painting the parking lot walls. The company had provided an estimate of \$1,511.00 for taking care of the walls in August of 2021 and they graciously offered to stand by that estimate and perform the work at this time. Custodian Scott Missen will purchase and replace the missing blocks before the cleanup is performed. Cherie Williams DeWitt brought a motion *"I move that we pay Unforgettable Coating and Painting \$1,511.00 to power wash, repair and paint the block wall around the parking lot of the Clubhouse and pay from the Celebration of Life Fund."* Motion seconded and adopted.

Custodian position requirements and requests: Cherie Williams DeWitt requested that we refrain from giving instructions to Scott Missen that would conflict with the duties outlined for his custodian position. He has experienced confusion at times, and Cheri would like us to recognize that she is Scott's "point person" when it comes to his duties and special requests.

Fundraising ideas: President Segel addressed the need for the Club to generate additional income, and she introduced a sample letter she had composed that would be presented to local business entities. The letter outlines the purpose and activities of the Mesquite Club as well as the names of past and current recipients of our financial support. The letter content is flexible and may introduce the member who is requesting an in-kind or financial donation from a business. It was agreed that a letter should be a part of our ways and means fundraising tool kit. Care will be taken that the businesses being contacted by daytime members are not also being solicited by the evening group.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Bylaws Submissions

Anyone with suggested standing rules or bylaws submissions should contact Cathi Poer **no later than January 13th, 2023**, in order for the committee to consider their suggestions.

Cathi Poer, Bylaws Chairman,
wsr201618@gmail.com





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Of those no longer with us!

FLORENCE MLYNARCZYK: August 18, 1925, to November 8, 2022

Florence passed away in her sleep, November 8, 2022, at 97 years old. Born in Fort Morgan, Colorado, Flo has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1953. Flo is a Nationally Acknowledged Artist and Poet, having awards over the last seven decades. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great-grandmother. Flo has actively supported our community for over seven decades, working twenty-one years with the Las Vegas Visitors and Convention Authority; Seven decades as a working member of the Mesquite Club; Signature Member Nevada Watercolor Society; Associate Member National Watercolor Society; Member Las Vegas Art Museum; Member National League of American Pen Women; Charter Member the Museum of Women in the Arts - Washington, DC; Member GFWC (Nevada & International); UNLV Library Society (Founder/First President/Board Member); and Selected for Distinguished Women of Southern Nevada. Flo was named Volunteer of the Year by the State of Nevada, 1984 - 1986 and to the Governors Honor Roll of Excellence, 1986 - 1987. Florence will be cremated and remains transferred Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City. There will be no public services.

BERNICE ABREO FISCHER July 22,1919 Nov.8,2022

Bernice Abreo Fischer, passed away after an extended illness. Graduating from Texas Women's University, fluent in Spanish, Bernice spent a full career with the U.S. Government based in Montgomery Alabama. After her fiancé died in a tragic accident, she focused on her career and traveled. At age 55, she met Virlis Fischer while on a trip to Lima, Peru. She retired, married him, and moved to Las Vegas. After his death, Bernice continued to support arts and education by providing college scholarships for children. The lobby of the UNLV Judy Bayley Theatre, the Las Vegas Little Theatre Black Box, and Texas Women's University outdoor theatre all bear her name. She also made generous donations to Nevada Ballet, Nevada School of the Arts, LV Opera, LV Symphony, UNLV Music Department, and Holy Family and St. Viator Catholic churches. Leaving no surviving relatives, the love she poured out has been returned by those who have seen to her needs over the intervening years, long-time friends: Doug and Jo Peterson, Mary, and Richard Straub, Shakeh Ghokasian, and Sue and Paul Thornton. In lieu of flowers donations should be made to an arts or educational organization in her name. A Remembrance Gathering will be held, Dec 3, 2 5pm at Las Vegas Little Theatre, 3920 Schiff Drive, 89103.

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  World AIDS Day	2 Holiday Tea and Bake Sale 1 p.m.	3
4  NATIONAL COOKIE DAY	5  International VOLUNTEER DAY	6 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	7 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	8 	9 Annual Holiday Luncheon 11 a.m.	10  Human Rights Day
11	12  Green Monday	13  NATIONAL COCOA DAY	14 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	15  Bill of Rights Day	16	17  WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY
18  Hanukkah	19	20	21 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	22	23	24  SUPER SATURDAY
25  Christmas	26  KWANZAA	27	28 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	29	30	31 
1  2023	2	3	4	5	6 Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.	7  NATIONAL BOBBLEHEAD DAY

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**The deadline is
December 15
For the January issue**

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TO BE INCLUDED***

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Notes from your editor.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday
Season.

We're here to evolve as human beings. To grow into more of ourselves, always moving to the next level of understanding, the next level of compassion and growth.

Something to think about: Our lives are not static.

Every moment is a chance to reach higher, love harder, and become all we are meant to be. Be grateful for all that you have! Enjoy!

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt



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