



The Mesquiter



Everything's Coming Up Roses

Greetings Ladies of the Mesquite Club Las Vegas,

Where do we find the energy? Is it the synergy we drum up when we're all working on a project together? I think so!!

October was a very busy month. The Evening Mesquite *"Halloween Bunco"* fundraiser is a major crowd pleaser. This raucous event was well attended by both Day and Evening Mesquite Club members. Congratulations!

The Mesquite Club Day Community Service had their first fundraising event, *"Project 150 Harvest."* Chris White's fabulous committee had the room filled with fall foliage and sumptuous food. The fall décor let us know that Thanksgiving is upon us soon.

Then we were invited to participate in the *"Commercial Center's Diamond Anniversary Festival"* through the connections of Linda Shapona and Vicki Lambert. We needed six volunteers to staff this event, and 14 showed up to help promote our Mesquite Club. Again, this effort was attended by both Day and Evening Mesquite Club members. Synergy!

I think quite a few more people now know that we are just up the street and not in Mesquite. Whew! But more importantly, many of the visitors to our booth commented on how much camaraderie we showed toward each other as we chatted all day together. Great job!

The time has arrived for the *"Inaugural Open-Air Market at The Mesquite Club"* the weekend of October 28! Thank goodness fall is upon us, and we should have perfect weather for this outdoor event. Good planning Cherie. So in closing, all I can say is stay strong, and let's keep having fun!

Frankie Chase Segel,

President of the Mesquite Club

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, November 3, 2023
Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2023
GFWC Nevada Fall Board Meeting

Friday, November 10, 2023
Business Meeting with Speaker, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Evening Business meeting 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Evening HCA set-up meeting 6 p.m.

Friday, December 1, 2023
38th Annual Holiday Craft Auction
\$30—5:30 p.m.

Holiday Tea and Bake & Soup Sale &
Boutique
Saturday, December 9, 2023
1 p.m.

Evening Holiday Party
Tuesday December 12, 2023
6 p.m. - \$33

Annual Holiday Luncheon
Friday, December 15, 2023
11 a.m. - \$35





Ways and Means Fundraiser
Bake Sale, Soup Sale and



Saturday, December 9, 2023
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

This is a great opportunity to pick up some tasty warming soups for those cold days, as well as tasty treats as we go into the holiday season.

This fund raiser helps to support the upkeep of our historic Clubhouse.
We look forward to seeing you!



EVENING LETTER

Cheryl & Connie

Hello, Ladies -



It's spooky time again, and I hope everyone is making plans to put a great costume together for a festive Halloween celebration. What fun it is to see the neighborhood children in their costumes. They're always so clever, so imaginative. Our members look forward to it every year.

BUNCO seems to be the game of choice for many of us and our guests. Jane Reid and Dolores Martinez, Evening Ways and Means Co-Chairs, and their committee had the Clubhouse decorated for Halloween, presented a delicious salad and dessert buffet, set up a lovely raffle basket table, and oversaw a wonderful BUNCO event. There were 34 guests that participated along with 18 Evening Mesquite members. Evening Mesquite Co-Chair, Connie Freeman, was happy to announce that \$1,235 was raised for the Club operating expenses.

Our Evening Mesquite Club members have a couple of important work meetings regarding the Holiday Craft Auction coming up. On Tuesday, November 14, we will begin our set up for this big fundraiser. Members not on committees will assist the committees in preparing for the event. Please join us at 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse as we can use everyone's help. On Tuesday, November 28, we will be working to completely set up for the event including going over all members duties so we are prepared for the event. Again, please join us at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse to help and to turn in all your \$2 opportunity ticket sales. Please continue selling as many as you can.

The Holiday Craft Auction begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday night, December 1. There's a lot of excitement about this year's big event. Thank you, Holiday Craft Auction Chair Bonnie Utton, for months of hard work and great leadership.

We have had a lot of volunteer opportunities so far this Club year. Not all of our members are able to take advantage of these opportunities. Evening Mesquite

Co-Chair, Connie Freeman, has made the following suggestion: *"For those Evening Mesquite members who are unable to participate in our fundraising events, whether they be for charity or Club operating expenses, please consider making a monetary donation in lieu of your attendance. So much effort is put into the events and everyone's participation is very much appreciated."* To make a donation please send a check made payable to The Mesquite Club, Inc. Give or mail your donation to the attention of Bonnie Crawford, The Mesquite Club, P. O. Box 95662, Las Vegas, NV 89193-5662 with a notation as to whether you are donating to our operating expenses or to a specific charity.

San Diego, California was a desired destination for a couple of our members recently. Arlene McCroy just returned from a trip there to join many other former employees of United Airlines for a fun reunion. Cherie Lee Williams DeWitt and her handsome husband, Clyde, enjoyed a trip there as well.

We were delighted to be reminded of this little tidbit from the past. On her 70th birthday, Connie Jaeger (perhaps our most adventurous Club member) celebrated by skydiving. That's right. Skydiving. Good for you, Connie. We are still impressed.

Here's wishing everyone a very happy Halloween. It's the night when witches race around the moon. I'm getting my broom ready. Enjoy the candy and the kiddos.

Nancy Hill
702-672-7447



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May your blessings be multiplied this year and throughout all your life.
Happy Thanksgiving wishes to you!

Evening Mesquite Club Presents:

Winter Wonderland
38th Annual Live
Holiday Craft Auction

Friday December 1, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse

702 E. St. Louis Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89104

Drinks--Buffet Dinner--Raffles

Reservations ONLY

Limited Assigned Seating

Deadline for Reservations:

November 8, 2023

\$30 donation per person to attend

Proceeds to Benefit:

Community Counseling Center

Evening Mesquite Scholarship Fund



The Mesquite Club Craft Group News!

**The Craft group will meet in November on
Mondays: 6, 13, 20.**

Are you crafty and want to spend time with like-minded ladies? The craft group meets at the Mesquite Clubhouse most Mondays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Sue Churchill is the contact for the Craft Group.

Email: laf2day2@gmail.com; Phone: (702) 731-9856.

If you wish to join them, contact her to be sure that they will be meeting. It is most Mondays.

Currently, they are working on Christmas items for the Ways and Means Bake Sale,
Saturday, December 9.

As well as Stockings for our Troops through Blue Star Mothers!

Their mission is:

"Blue Star Mothers NV4 mission is to support through service.

We are honored to support our U.S. Military ~ Past, Present & Future!!"



As the holidays draw near, Nevada's thoughts turn to our Military who are currently serving overseas in War Zones and will not be home to share this special time of year with friends and family.

The Blue Star Mothers of Henderson & Boulder City NV4 collect items to stuff hundreds of Holiday Stockings to ship to local Soldiers in the War zone. Our goal, with your help, is to send a bit of home to them.

Bring any fabric that you want to get rid of except stretchy fabrics.
Old curtains, sheets, anything in decent condition are welcomed.

This is a great time for a good cause! Thank you for your support.

Bring your ideas and spend time with other crafters!



What's Happening at the Mesquite Club?

Speakers for our upcoming meetings!

Friday, November 3, 2023 1:00 p.m.
Speaker: Iris Hattersley "I Was the First Female U. S. Marshall"

Friday, November 10, 2023 1 p.m.
Speaker: Cherie Williams-DeWitt, GFWC Nevada President
"GFWC Forum" Everything that you wanted to know about GFWC but were afraid to ask!

Friday, January 5, 2024 1 p.m.
Speaker: Denise Beaumont, RN "Botox and Derma Fillers"

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6 p.m.
Lena Walther: "All Forms of Human Trafficking"

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 p.m.
Susan Russell: "Auctions and Estate Sales"

Friday, January 19, 2024 1 p.m.
Speaker: Kelli Kristo, executive Director "Project 150 for Homeless Youth"

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Annual Mesquite Club Christmas Card!

REMINDER

I just love buying, signing, addressing, stuffing the envelopes and then mailing Christmas cards every year, said no one! ☺

We remedy that for you with a small fundraiser. Send \$10 to Nancy Zangl, the Financial Secretary and we will add your name to the Annual Mesquite Club Christmas Card. That way you send your holiday greetings to the whole Club and you do not have to do anything. This card will be published in the December Mesquiter newsletter. This is a Ways & Means fundraiser. Every little bit counts!

Thank you for your support of this project!

Send your payment to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

Nancy Zangl

481 Edgefield Ridge Place

Henderson, Nevada 89012

Save these GFWC Dates!

Saturday, November 4, 2023
GFWC Nevada Federation Board Meeting
Mesquite Clubhouse—9 a.m.

Friday, November 10, 2023 – 1 p.m.
Mesquite Club Business Meeting - GFWC Nevada Forum
Everything that you wanted to know about GFWC but were afraid to ask!

December 6, 2023
GFWC Headquarters Holiday Open House
Washington D.C.

Saturday, April 27, 2023
GFWC Nevada Federation Convention
Details TBD

June 29-July 1, 2024
2024 GFWC Annual Convention
Chicago, Illinois

GFWC Nevada Fundraiser 2024
2024 Special Event at the Jimmy Kimmel Comedy Club
Details TBD



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WHAT'S THE BOARD UP TO? October 3, 2023

Call to order: President Frankie Segel called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with the secretary present. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Second Vice President: Mickey Pajor noted that we had a new Day member, Andy Buckley, who was brought into the Club by Sandra Ackerman.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne Mewhirter distributed P&L and Balance Sheet for September 2023. Checking account balance is \$21,448.81 and Savings Account has a balance of \$73,877.03 for a total of \$95,325.84. She reported that Ways and Means has been very successful having raised \$5,398 from the Christmas in July and Board Summer fundraiser. Treasurer Mewhirter also reported that our licenses are up to date and paid and the taxes have been sent to the accountant.

Financial Secretary: Nancy Zangl distributed a corrected Financial Report for August which now included an \$800 deposit from Evening Mesquite event. Also distributed was the Financial Report for September 2023 which showed a total income of \$4,918.18. Nancy also said that we received a donation of \$500 for Community Service from a member.

Building Chairman: Cherie Williams-DeWitt reported that we received a Grant for a Defibrillator for the Club as well as training to be provided by LVFD. Next reported that the mechanism for the front doors needs to be replaced after several attempts to repair. Next reported that she purchased a Blue Tooth device for only \$59 versus the original quote of 600. A proposal was received from Roberts Flooring (Connie Freeman's husband) to repair and replace the flooring in the Clubhouse for \$18,000 which includes a savings of \$15,000 if we use the carpet tiles they will donate to the Club. Chairman Williams-DeWitt recommended that we start a "Wish List" of projects to be done, including repainting the interior, after the flooring is complete. Recommendation was passed. Consensus was to have the floors done after the close of the 2023-2024 Club year in June.

Community Services: Chris White reported that the GFWC "Day of Service" was a huge success and that over 300 lbs. of food were delivered to the Project 150 facility at Rancho and Gowan. Project 150 also gave our members a tour of the facility which will be posted on Facebook. She further informed the Board that the next Community Service event on October 20 will be "Project 150 Fall Harvest". Refreshments will be soup, salad, bread, and an array of desserts. There will be a Silent Auction, games and she was working on entertainment. It was suggested she get a Tarot Card reader.

Evening Representative: Dolores Martinez was present. She reported that the Welcome Back Potluck was a success at which they shared with members as well new and projective members information regarding the Club, upcoming events and activities as well as having Committee Chairs provide information at Expo tables. Next, she reported that the GFWC National Day of Service was successful and that members collected, delivered, and served at the Community Meal of Catholic Charities. Next, she announced that Halloween Bunco will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd. Next the Holiday Craft Auction was well on its way and that she and Sunny Rae Grigsby will be attending the Friday, October 6, meeting to sell raffle tickets. On Tuesday, October 17th, they will have a Business Meeting with speakers Aaronell Matta and Patrick Sena-Bozarth, who represent the HCA recipient Community Counseling Center.

Ways & Means Committee Report: Linda Zesiger announced that the signup sheet for the December Soup and Bake sale was filling up. A discussion ensued as to whether it should be open to the public since it's on a Saturday this year. It was decided that it should be only open to Club Membership and their invited guests. Distribution of flyers was discouraged. The Ways & Means Committee will work with Corinne Mewhirter and her Committee to decide on how to present refreshments and sale items.

Community Service Director: Cathi Pore thanked everyone who volunteered to help with the Las Vegas History Museum's Dino Ball which went well. She said that it was through this relationship with the Museum that we received a very reasonable quote to print our 2023-2024 Yearbook. Mr. Houghton, a member of the Museum Board, from Horizon Print Solutions agreed to produce our yearbook for \$236.25 versus a quote from our normal printer of over \$800. Books should be available at the meeting on October 6th but noted that there will be changes that were not received in time for printing. She will send change information as she receives it.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Williams-DeWitt had recommended that we increase our rental fees during the September Board Meeting. As there was no quorum at that time it was tabled until October. Chairman set forth the following recommendation "The Building Committee recommends that the price of rental from \$450 to \$500 and the \$600 to \$650. The \$100 deposit is to stay the same." The recommendation was discussed and approved by the Board unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



Happy Birthday
to our friends born in
November

NOVEMBER

Shannon Noschese

11/02

Sonya Merriman

11/03

Cathi Poer

11/05

Linda D. Potter

11/12

Linda Shapona

11/18

Lois Evora

11/20

Alice Perring

11/22

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GFWC National Day of Service

Donation to Project 150

The Mesquite Club donated over 300
pounds of food and toiletries. Too
many of our youth suffer from food
insecurity.



Mesquite Club Evening Ladies

Ten evening members participated in the GFWC day of service on
September 30, at **Catholic Charities**. We bused
tables, worked in the kitchen, handed out water,
cleaned tables, and served food to those in wheel
chairs. We donated over \$300 in food items.





2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.</p>		1 	2 All Souls' Day	3 Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.	4 GFWC Board Meeting 9 a.m.
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 INT'L DAY FOR PREVENTING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WAR & ARMED CONFLICT	7 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	8 	9	10 Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.	11 VETERANS' DAY
12 diwali	13 World Kindness Day	14 HCA Working Meeting 6 p.m.	15 	16 International Day for Tolerance	17 NATIONAL TAKE A HIKE DAY	18
19 WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS	20 universal children's day	21 World HELLO Day	22 	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 BLACK FRIDAY	25 Small Business Saturday
26 NATIONAL CAKE DAY	27 CYBER MONDAY	28 HCA Working Meeting 6 p.m.	29 INT'L DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE	30 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE	1 Holiday Craft Auction 5:30 p.m.	



November 2023 is Observed as:
 National Diabetes Month
 Lung Cancer Awareness Month
 National Adoption Month
 National Native American Heritage

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**The deadline is October 15
For the November issue**

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Notes from your editor.

Thankful!

Please indulge me this personal message.

As we move into the month of November, I can truly say that I am thankful. After months of waiting and a few false starts, my husband Clyde, finally received his liver transplant. As Nevada State President, I have been endorsing my “**Organ Donation Education Program,**” that I am developing. I now have personal experience and I plan in the future to provide more information about this process.

I can truly say that I am thankful this Thanksgiving season. Every day I say “*Thank you for this day.*” I am lucky that I opened my eyes, and I am able to live my life as best that I can. Many do not have that opportunity. I want to thank all who have expressed their love and support. That is what keeps me going and is the basis of the sisterhood of GFWC.

I can breathe now! I am thankful! I am blessed! I wish that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and are blessed with the company of friends and family.

Yours in Federation Friendship,

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt



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