



The Mesquiter

"We Rise By Lifting Others."



Well, it is almost time to defrost the big bird and put on my chef hat. Although I hear turkeys are going to be as scarce as hens' teeth this year. That was my feeble attempt at a "foul" joke. Anyway, my husband said there is an abundance of pigeons, just in case. He said they taste like chicken. Yikes! If necessary, I'll go on the hunt for a Tofurkey. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and not a time to gain ten pounds within a few days. Right? I must not have gotten that memo.

What are you grateful for this year? Aside from my family, I'm grateful for you amazing, hardworking ladies in this Mesquite Club, who have donated hundreds of hours, as well as dollars, to keep this Club viable, and to keep our fund-raising efforts on track. While I was compiling Club statistics for my report at the GFWC Meeting, I was reminded of just how much was accomplished by you, in the past two years. You literally raised thousands of dollars, some of which went to cover Club expenses for the Ways & Means committee. Thousands of dollars went to charities and scholarships for Community Service. We've collected coats for the homeless, used-eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, school supplies, hygiene products, etc. You should be very, very proud of your generous selves, and especially of your dedication through these uncertain times as we've suffered through this horrible pandemic.

We have acquired a brand-new laptop for our new Treasurer, Mickey Pajor, to use. The old one had become antiquated and useless because the newer version of software was no longer compatible. As you know, all of our pertinent financial records have become digital, and it was a necessity rather than a choice. Outgoing Treasurer Sonja Bettendorf had been using her own personal computer to perform her duties. Speaking of Sonja, she will be missed, and we thank her for work on behalf of the Mesquite Club. She and her family have moved to the beautiful Ozarks in Arkansas. Nancy Zangl will serve as Financial Secretary. Mickey and Nancy were voted-in at the October Business Meeting.

We have lots of wonderful events happening in November. Aside from our regular Tea and Business Meetings, we are touring the Museum of Natural History at 1 p.m. on November 19th, and Evening Mesquite is having their famed **Holiday Craft Auction**, that same evening at 5:30 p.m. Please plan on attending these important events.

I want to send out a warm welcome to our new members. We are very honored to have you. Ladies, please take a moment to make them feel welcome them and introduce yourselves when you see them around the Clubhouse.

Meanwhile, I wish you a very wonderful and a blessed Thanksgiving.

Barbara

SAVE THESE DATES!

Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Evening HCA working meeting 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021
An Afternoon with Edith Head \$40
A GFWC Nevada Fundraiser 1 p.m.

Friday, November 5, 2021
Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 11, 2021
Ways & Means Cooking Class
12 p.m. - \$50

Friday, November 12, 2021
Business Meeting 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Evening HCA set-up meeting 6 p.m.

Friday, November 19, 2021
LVN History Museum Tour 1 p.m.

Friday, November 19, 2021
Holiday Craft Auction 5:30 p.m.
\$25

Friday, December 3, 2021
Holiday Tea & Bake Sale 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Evening Holiday Party 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 11, 2021
Community Service Fundraiser
2 p.m.

Friday, December 17, 2021
Mesquite Club Holiday Luncheon
11 a.m. Social, Noon Luncheon
\$35



“IT’S A JUNGLE OUT THERE”



It's a
Jungle
out
there!

Mesquite Club
Community Service
Fundraiser Supporting

Las Vegas History Museum STEM Program

Saturday, December 11, 2021

2 p.m. - \$30

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

Live auction—Luncheon—Jungle Juice

To RSVP Send your check to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

P.O. Box 95662

Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-5662

Or email: mesquiteclublasvegas1911@gmail.com

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Let your wild animal loose!

EVENING CHAIR LETTER; HCA, BLIND CENTER RECAP



Dear
Ladies of Evening Mesquite Club,

What a wonderful visit we had to the Blind Center, on October 5. Todd Imholte led 18 of us on a tour of the facility that included a full kitchen, two great rooms, classrooms, and a huge room where the employees conduct their electronics business of refurbishing, recycling, and reselling of donated electronics, such as computers, cell phones, and printers. This electronics business funds about 60% of the Center's operations. At one point, during the tour, we were entertained by an impromptu performance of the Blind Center Band! Not sure that's their name, but they were very good! And to top off the afternoon, we were treated to a delicious sampling of "Chefs" culinary skills!

As a reminder, the funds we raise at the Holiday Craft Auction, will go toward providing shelter for homeless people who are blind, in the Las Vegas area. They are given a safe shelter for the evening, to protect themselves and their possessions.

Our next event is the Ways and Means, "Low Down, Hoe Down," on Friday, October 29, at noon, at the Mesquite Clubhouse! Come on down for a fun afternoon of a live band, games, and great food!

Friday, November 19, is our **Winter Wonderland, 36th Annual Holiday Craft Live Auction**, our biggest event of the year! Our next two meetings in November, the 2nd and the 16th, will be dedicated to putting the final touches and setting up for the HCA. A reminder, that all Evening members are required to donate an item for the live auction. November 2, is the deadline for a description and value of your item, for Jane Reid. Please get this information to Jane as soon as possible, thank you!

December 7, will be our Holiday Party, at Las Vegas National Golf Course. The cost is \$40 per person. Spouses and guests are welcome, and are encouraged to attend. See details on page four.

Thank you all for your
"Membership, Friendship, and Service,"

Dolores Martinez, Evening Chair

Evening Members of the
Mesquite Club present:

Winter Wonderland 36th Annual Holiday Craft Live Auction

Friday, November 19, 2021
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse
702 E. St. Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104

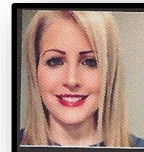
*Drinks--Buffet Dinner--Raffles
Table Seating!*

\$25 donation per person to attend

Proceeds to Benefit:
The Blind Center of Nevada
Evening Mesquite Scholarship Fund

My experience at the Blind Center, Jessica Fox

I attended the tour of the Blind Center. It was touching and compelling. They have a wonderful building designed to serve in a multitude of capacities. 60-70 percent of their revenue is generated through electronic donations, which are cleaned, refurbished, and resold on eBay and/or internationally. The warehouse looks like the inside of a Costco, with pallettes of saran wrapped electronics, each weighing 1,000 lbs. They have a Ceramics Room where they do pottery projects two days a week. They have a band they call the "Broken Spectacles." We got to sit in during their rehearsal!



Their chef is Cordon Bleu trained & trains blind folks to cook centered around the element of cook times. They served us various gourmet courses which included, salad, cous cous, crab cakes, sliders, chicken skewers, & a variety of delicious desserts. They have a fitness center, two-lane bowling alley, game room, and a meeting hall.

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I wanted to share the beauty of this with you all.
Warmly, Jessica C. Fox

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MESQUITE CLUB?



Evening Mesquite Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Las Vegas National Golf Course
1911 E. Desert Inn Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169
Spouses and Guests welcome

Cocktail Hour 5:30-6:30 no host bar
Dinner - 6:30



Menu

House Salad tossed
with balsamic vinaigrette

- ❖ Fresh Baked Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce
- ❖ Chicken Marsala

- ♦ Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley
- ♦ Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- ♦ Assorted Dinner Rolls
- ♦ Holiday Dessert
- ♦ Includes Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

\$40 per person

Make check payable to Irene Armijo,
To RSVP call: 702-328-7561
RSVP deadline November 28, 2021

***In lieu of the traditional gift exchange, an optional donation of pajamas for children would be appreciated!!!
The pajamas will be donated to children in need.



Ways & Means Events!
Cooking Classes with
Chef Jenny
\$50 per class

Upcoming Classes

Thursday, January 13th French Cuisine
"Bon Appetit"

Thursday, April 14th Italian Cuisine

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Limited seating only 10 each class!

To save your spot, send your check
to:

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If you wish to pay by credit card, send an
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Mesquite Club Fundraiser

Name badge "neck chains," this is an ongoing fundraiser for the Mesquite Club. These neck chains are sold for \$15 each, and they are 25 inches long. They can also be used to hold your face mask.

To place your order, contact Lois Evora, or email:
mesquiteclublasvegas1911@gmail.com.

The next order will be placed soon.
Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

MESQUITE CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

You are invited to enjoy a



White Christmas



With the Ladies of the Mesquite Club

Friday, December 17, 2021

Siena Golf Club

10575 Siena Monte Avenue - Las Vegas, Nevada 89135

Social 11 a.m. No host bar

Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment by the Choir group from the Blind Center:
“Imagine”

Menu

House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette and Ranch

❖ Pasta Florentine

❖ Chicken Roulade

◆ Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley

◆ Rolls and Butter

◆ Chef's Choice Dessert

◆ Includes Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks



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SUPPORT THE MESQUITE CLUB WHILE SHOPPING



Mesquite Club Inc. Las Vegas, Nevada

Mission: Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, bringing together women of all ages and backgrounds for philanthropic and cultural purposes for the benefit of the Las Vegas Community.

Programs: The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for the maintenance, repairs, utilities and management of the Mesquite Clubhouse. The Community Service Committee holds events to generate funds that support organizations throughout the Las Vegas community. All donations stay within the local community.

How to sign up for AmazonSmile

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

Visit: smile.amazon.com

Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com. Select The Mesquite Club. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for The Mesquite Club.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact, and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Smith's Inspiring Donations. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you must do is shop at Smith's and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here is how it works:

1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Smith's Inspiring Donations. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Smith's Inspiring Donations selection on your digital account. Sign into your digital account. Search for your organization here. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save." Your selected organization will also display in the Smith's Inspiring Donations section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

3. Your organization earns.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Smith's Inspiring Donations will donate 0.5% of all eligible spending to organizations that customers have linked to their Rewards Card.

Note, if you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.

Welcome New Members



We are so glad that you have joined us! On behalf of the Ladies of the Mesquite Club, welcome onboard! We believe you will be a terrific asset to our team, and we look forward to your input!

Jean Hill
Patricia Johnson
Donna Machniak
Kathleen Matthews
Sonya Merriman
Donna Sanborn
Linda Zesiger
Joyce White
Peggy Bruhns
Valerie Guillory
Barbara Grogan
JoAnne Embry
Laura Nelson
Jessica C. Fox
Alice Perring

Say hi to a new member!

Community Service Partnership



The Mesquite Club and The Las Vegas History Museum will partner for the 2021-2022 Club year. The focus of this partnership will be supporting the Museum's educational programs for both students in Clark County and the public.

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum Education Team offers fun, innovative, STEM topics and educational experiences for all ages! STEM Education, a term initiated by the National Science Foundation, is an educational approach which focuses on one or more of the four disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Items to collect for STEM projects:

- ⇒ Copy paper, Construction paper, Cardstock, More or less any paper
- ⇒ Crayons, Colored pencils, Golf pencils
- ⇒ Vinegar
- ⇒ Baking soda
- ⇒ Bleach
- ⇒ Towels (old are 100% a-okay)
- ⇒ Inexpensive flashlights and batteries

The paper is for the dino scanner in the Young Scientist Center, where visitors can color in a dinosaur and scan it onto the TV screen. Crayons, colored pencils, and golf pencils are also for crafts and activities.

Vinegar, baking soda, and bleach are for science experiments. The bleach is also used for cleaning, along with the towels.

Flashlights and batteries are for the Pharaoh's Tomb exhibit, which is a dark maze-like room where visitors can use the flashlights.

Opportunities to volunteer with the Museum

- ⇒ Volunteering for events
- ⇒ Volunteering through the restarted docent program
- ⇒ Volunteering for the Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival (hosted by the Museum) Oct 30th
- ⇒ Volunteering to help with daily tasks (database management, copying, etc.)

This will be an exciting partnership in line with the Mesquite Club's focus supporting education. Stay tuned for a year of exciting events that will support the Museum's STEM program. For more information from the Mesquite Club, email: mesquiteclublasvegas1911@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at an event this year!



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**Sonya Merriman 11/13
Cathi Poer 11/05
Kathleen Matthews
11/08
Linda Shapona 11/18
Lois Evora 11/20
Alice Perring 11/22
JoAnne Embry 11/25**



Join us for an afternoon tea with Edith Head, the Woman who dressed Hollywood. A GFWC Nevada Fundraiser Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1 p.m. - \$40 Mesquite Clubhouse 702 East St. Louis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

By using your imagination, you will be transported to a time not so long ago:
To the Golden Age of Hollywood...
... to a new employee orientation meeting in a costume department workroom where you will meet your new boss and mentor...
For more information email: GFWCNevada@gmail.com.
To reserve your place, mail your check for \$40 made out to GFWC Nevada
Mail to: C/O Joan Doubrava 5505 Indian Hills Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

MESQITE CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

Don't sit there and address those Christmas cards to your Mesquite Club sisters. For \$10, you can be included in the annual Mesquite Club Christmas card that is published in the December Mesquiter.

This fundraiser supports the Ways and Means Committee. Send your check to: Mesquite Club Financial Secretary P.O. Box 95662 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-5662

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GFWC DATES TO REMEMBER

GFWC Nevada Fundraiser, An Afternoon with Edith Head Wednesday, November 3, 2021
GFWC Headquarters Holiday Open House, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, Washington D.C.
GFWC Nevada Convention Location to be determined Saturday, April 22, 2022
GFWC International Federation Day, Sunday, April 24, 2022
GFWC International Annual Convention June 25 - June 28, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana
Western States Region Conference August 26 - August 28, 2022, Anchorage, Alaska
GFWC International Annual Convention June 10 thru June 12, 2023, Louisville, Kentucky

November

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 a.m.  ART Classes	2 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening HCA Working meeting 6 p.m.	3 An Afternoon with Edith Head GFWC Nevada Fundraiser 1 p.m.	4	5 Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.	6
7  Daylight Saving Time Ends	8  National STEM Day	9	10 10 a.m.  ART Classes 12 p.m.  ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥	11  VETERANS' DAY	12 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	13  World Kindness Day
14  World Diabetes Day	15 10 a.m.  ART Classes	16 Evening HCA Set-up 6 p.m.	17	18  WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY	19 LVNHM Tour 1 p.m. Holiday Craft Auction 5:30 p.m.	20  universal children's day
21  World HELLO Day	22	23	24	25  Thanksgiving Day	26  NATIONAL CAKE DAY	27  Small Business Saturday
28  Advent begins	29	30	1	2	3 Ways & Means Holiday Bake sale & Boutique 1 p.m.	4
November 2021 is Observed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National Diabetes Month ◆ Lung Cancer Awareness Month ◆ National Adoption Month ◆ National Native American Heritage 			Thought for the month: “The quality of strength lined with tenderness is an unbeatable combination.” —Maya Angelou Lift others up to your level with support and guidance. Praise is a better teacher than criticism.			

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

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Notes from your editor.

I am proud to serve as a member of the Mesquite Club, and as President of GFWC Nevada. I have been thinking, what is the definition of a Clubwoman? Merriam Webster says; a woman who engages in Club activities, especially one prominent in social or civic organizations. The English dictionary says, the definition of Clubwoman, is a woman who is an enthusiastic member of a Club.



I say that being a Clubwoman means following your passion to support the disenfranchised. We let them know that their past does not define them. We help them to survive and thrive, and then reach back and help to bring others forward.

We have all traveled different roads, but we are together, here and now. We are doing the good work to support each other. Remember, when you are out doing your every day errands, toot your Mesquite Club horn. You never know where you might find a new Mesquite Club sister. Your friend in Federation Sisterhood,

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt



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