



The Mesquiter

"We Rise By Lifting Others."

Dear Members,

"Tis the season," so I must take a minute to thank so many of you who give of your valuable and personal time to keep our Club viable. Your fundraising efforts for the building's upkeep as well as your charitable, fundraising events providing support for our community are appreciated especially. You have kindness of heart, and I applaud you. A detailed study showed that being on the receiving end of small kindnesses has an impact on the brain, making a person more likely to be kind in return. Psychologists call it *"the norm of reciprocity."* Geez, that's a mouthful, but it certainly applies to the Ladies of Mesquite, and hopefully to our recipients in the community, so keep up your good work.



Please plan to participate in the fun activities we have planned throughout December. As we move forward into the new year, we will continue to be busy little beavers, straight through to our fiscal year, ending May 31, 2022. By the way, as we slip into 2022...what happened to 2021? I don't know about you, but time seems to fly these days. I just hope none of you are suffering from burn-out, with so many Club activities. We want you to enjoy our Club and the camaraderie it provides. Personally, I'm looking for a moisturizer that hides the fact I've been tired since 2011. This has been a hectic year.

I send good thoughts and prayers for a safe and blessed season. So here goes...Seasons Greetings, Joyeus Noel, Nollaig Shona, Feliz Navidad, etc. However, one says it, "Merry Christmas, dear ladies."

With warmest regards, Barbara

SAVE THESE DATES!

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

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Evening Holiday Party 5:30 p.m.
\$40

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

Tuesday, January 4, 2022
Board Meeting 10 a.m.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022
Evening Business Meeting 6 p.m.

Friday, January 7, 2022
Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.

Friday, January 14, 2022
Business Meeting 1 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Evening Ways & Means Bunco
6 p.m.

Friday, January 21, 2022
Regular Meeting 1 p.m.

**Check your Yearbook for
Speaker information.**



**Merry Christmas, to our
Mesquite Club Sisters!**

**Of all the gifts under the Christmas
tree, the best gift is friendship.**



Barbara Bolling
Peggy Bruhns
Joan Doubrava
Jo Anne Embry
Lois Evora
Kay McClure
Mickey Pajor
Cathi Poer
Donna Sanborn
Lynda Schultz
Judy Stebbins
Ellie Watts
Janice White
Cherie Williams-DeWitt
Nancy Zangl
Linda Zesiger



**MESQUITE CLUB WAYS & MEANS HOLIDAY TEA,
BAKE, SOUP AND GIFT BASKET SALE**

**Bake Sale
and Bazaar**



Friday, December 3, 2021 @ 1 p.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

Thanksgiving is over; it's time to get that Christmas shopping done.
Come and shop for wonderful baked items, tasty soups, and
Festive holiday gift baskets.



Don't forget to bring a friend!
Let's get this holiday shopping started! See you there!

“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

You may pay at the door by credit card.



Let your wild animal loose!

MESQUITE CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

You are invited to enjoy a



With the Ladies of the Mesquite Club

Friday, December 17, 2021 - \$35

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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EVENING CHAIR LETTER;



Season's Greetings Ladies of
Evening Mesquite Club,

WOW!! A Huge
Congratulations to Bonnie
Utton and the entire Holiday

Craft Auction committee for putting on a Spectacular Event! After taking a year off, because of Covid, we were focused on having the best Craft Auction ever, including seating people at tables. Our members have been coming together, over the past six months, with their ideas, talents, time, money, and demanding work, and I believe "WE DID IT!!" Thank you to all Mesquite Club Members, both Day and Evening, and all the Donors, for your donations and patronage, which contributed to the success of this very worthwhile affair!

Three weeks before the Craft Auction, we had another successful event with the "Low Down, Hoe Down"! Congratulations to Pat Garcia and Bonnie Utton and their Ways and Means committee, for a fun, well attended, afternoon of live Country Music by the very entertaining "Outlaws and Angels", line dancing, delicious food, and games! Thank you, ladies, well done!

In two weeks, Tuesday, December 7, is our Holiday Dinner party at the Las Vegas National Golf Course – I know we are all ready for the Party! All are invited to attend, including spouses, Day members, and guests. Irene Armijo and Cheryl Musser have planned a fun-filled evening, including a Cocktail Hour with a no host bar, 5:30 – 6:30, a scrumptious menu, with dinner at 6:30, and a traditional gift exchange, which always livens up the evening! You do not want to miss

this one, so if you have not contacted Irene with your RSVP, she has a new deadline – November 30. Please contact her at 702-328-7561. Irene and Cheryl are also asking for a donation of children's pajamas which will be donated to children in need. Both the gift exchange and the pajamas donation are optional. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift with an approximate value of \$20. See details on the flyer included in this Mesquiter.

After the holidays, we will be back in business with our first meeting of 2022 on January 4, 2022. This will be a regular meeting with a program presented by Susan Russell, who will be talking to us as an Appraiser and Estate Liquidator. It should be interesting and informative. We will also be presenting a check to the Blind Center of Nevada, so I hope you all can attend this exciting meeting. Well, ladies friends, we made it through this most difficult year of my life, and I want to thank you all for your friendship, kindness, and love – I could not have done it without you!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party on December 7, and I wish you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

I love you all! Thank you for your "Friendship, Membership, and Service,"

Dolores Martinez, Evening Chair

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 30, 2021

Please bring a pair of unwrapped children's pajamas to donate to Shade Tree Shelter.

We will also be having a gift exchange between club members, please bring a wrapped gift, \$20.00 value if you choose to participate.



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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Joan Doubrava
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Mary May Gafford

January 4, 1936 - November 9, 2021



Mary Gafford passed away at her home November 9th at the age of 85 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Mary was born January 4, 1936, to Ben Grimes and Mary Elizabeth Perfect Grimes in Paris, Texas. After graduating from the University of North Texas where she earned a B.A and Master's Degree in English and Spanish, she married Frank H. Gafford, Jr in 1958. They lived in Texas, Arizona, Washington, Alaska, Colorado, and California before settling in Las Vegas in 1971 where Mary taught English in the Clark County

School District, and they raised their two daughters, Michelle, and Georgette. Throughout her teaching Career, Mary was a devoted teacher who taught her students the value of reading and encouraged them to express themselves through creative writing. She remained a committed and honored teacher until 2004 when she retired. Mary was a member of a wide variety of organizations including the Las Vegas Bottle Club, Coin Club and Coca Cola Collectors Club based on interests she shared with her husband, who preceded her in death in 2002. As a founding member of the Southern Nevada Women's History Project, she combined her passion for writing with her love of history and led efforts to write and publish several compilations of biographies of women previously overlooked in Nevada's history.

One lasting tribute to Mary's efforts with the Southern Nevada Women's History Project was the 2005 installation of a statue honoring Sarah Winnemucca of Nevada, a Paiute activist, educator, and author, into the Hall of Statues in Washington, D.C. She also participated in the sesquicentennial book celebrating Nevada Women's Legacy: 150 years of Excellence as part of Women of Diversity Productions. Mary was also a key leader of many civic organizations including the American Association of University Women, Mesquite Club, and the Pilot Club, among others. She enjoyed tracing her genealogical roots which led her to discover her familial connections to the American Revolution and the Mayflower, and she became an active participant in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, and the Las Vegas Civil War Round Table historical discussions. As a supporter of the arts, Mary was a member of Desert Arts of Nevada and the Symphony Guild. She was particularly proud to have been involved with the Super Summer Theatre for over 30 years. She was always excited for their next production and remained an emeritus board member throughout her illness. Mary is survived by her daughters Michelle Gafford and Georgette Gafford and her younger siblings Ruth Cribbs, Carolyn Sukigara, and Ben Grimes.

Mary formed so many wonderful relationships through her organizations and with her fellow congregants at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life to be held at Grace Presbyterian Church December 4th, 2021, at 1 p.m. at 1515 West Charleston Blvd, 89102, reception to follow.



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dim the light
that shines
from within.*

~ Maya Angelou

December

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 28, 2021 through December 6, 2021	 <p>Happy Chanukah!</p>		1 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	2	3 Holiday Tea Bake, Soup and Gift Basket Sale 1 p.m.	4
5  International VOLUNTEER DAY	6	7 Board meeting 10 a.m. Evening Holiday Party 5:30 p.m.	8 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	9	10  Human Rights Day	11 It's a Jungle out there Fundraiser 2 p.m.
12	13  SALE Green Monday	14	15 9 a.m.  12 p.m. 	16	17 Christmas Luncheon 11 a.m. Siena Golf Club	18
19	20	21  Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25  Christmas
26  KWANZAA	27	28	29 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE	 Happy New Year!

“The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.” –Anonymous

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

***DON'T MISS THE BOAT!
LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT GURANTEED
TO BE INCLUDED***

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Notes from your editor.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season. Please stay safe and enjoy time with family and friends!



Cherie



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