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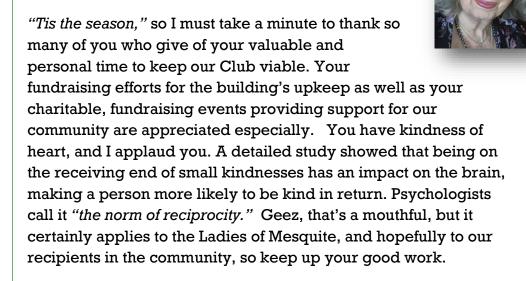




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"We Rise By Lifting Others."

Dear Members.



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, 2021Holiday Tea & Bake Sale 1 p.m.

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

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

Friday, December 17, 2021Mesquite 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.

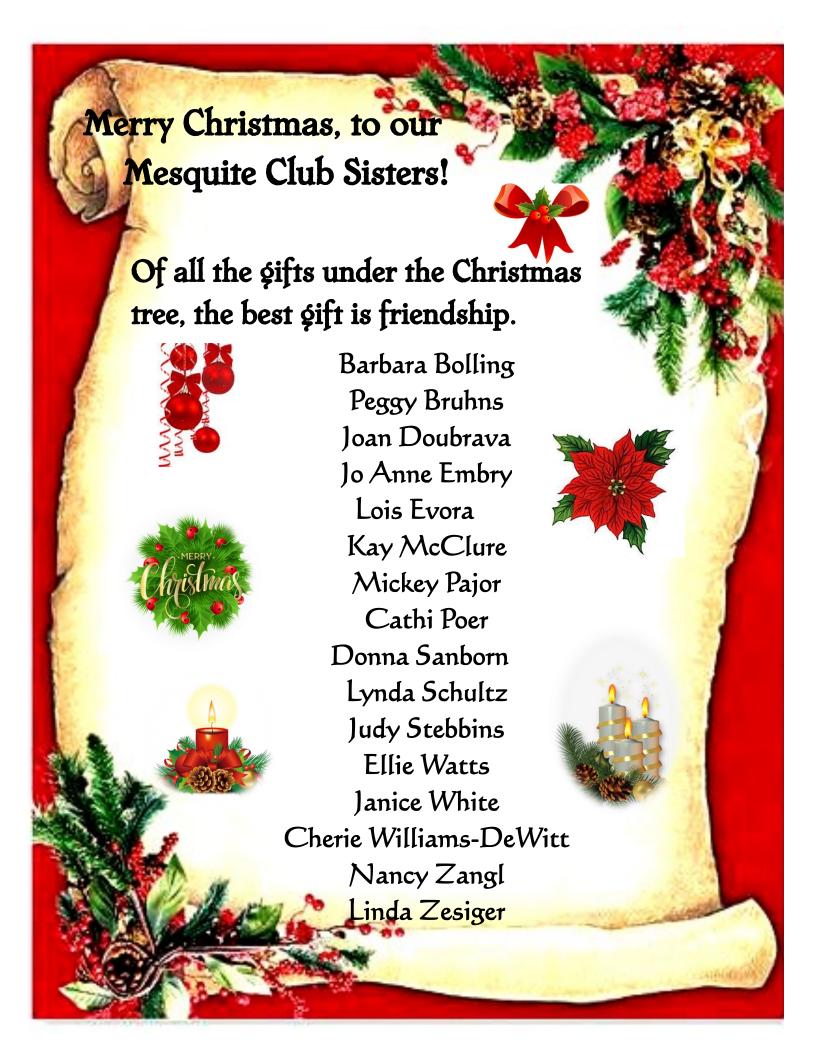
Friday, January 14, 2022 Business Meeting 1 p.m.

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.





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



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!



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



To RSVP Send your check and meal choice by December 11, 2021 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.

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.

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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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Celebration of Life Fund Contributions
Celebrating LIFE events!

Your donation here helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse. Thank you to the following members:

Joan Doubrava donated in memory of her husband Max and her dear friend Mary Gafford

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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.



2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 28, 2021 through December 6, 2021 Tappy Chanukah! 1 10 a.m. 2 3 Holiday Tea Bake, Soup and Gift Basket Sale 1 p.m.						4
International VOLUNTEER DAY	6	Board meeting 10 a.m. Evening Holiday Party 5:30 p.m.	8 10 a.m.	9	Human Rights Day	11 It's a Jungle out there Fundraiser 2 p.m.
12	13 Special Spe	14	15 9 a.m. ARI Gresss 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. ARY Closes 12 p.m.	30	new of the second secon	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!

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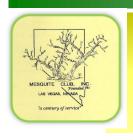
Notes from your editor.

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





Cherie



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