



The Mesquiter



Everything's Coming Up Roses

Here's wishing that all had the best Thanksgiving. In this crazy world, we still really have so much for which to be grateful. We've had a very busy start to our year and now it's time to set up for Christmas and the New Year! These holidays always seem to sneak up on us.

Our Clubhouse is all set up beautifully for the Holiday Craft Auction! There's evidence of lots of elves everywhere. I can't wait to see all the gorgeous holiday fashion.

We have our Holiday Bake Sake and Boutique on Saturday, December 9. There will be scrumptious soup and baked goods to buy. Joan Doubrava is setting up her jewelry store. Remember to invite a friend or two to join in the fun. We have the best chefs!

We are having our Day Mesquite Club Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 15 at Las Vegas National Golf Course again. Yahoo! Coincidentally, the Golf Course is located at "1911" Desert Inn. How appropriate!

Evening Mesquite will be kicking up their heels at Carrabba's. I know it's going to be a fun event, but we'll miss you. Last year's joint luncheon was fun.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new President Elect, Dianne Steel. We have to give her all our support in learning the position. Thank you Dianne for stepping up. I don't believe we've had a President Elect in the last four years.

Ladies, I am so excited about our upcoming events. I will also be attending the GFWC Holiday Reception this year in Washington D.C. on the 6th of December at GFWC Headquarters. As a flight attendant on layovers I would run by the House never dreaming the Mesquite Club would get me through the doors. It's all the holiday spirit!!

My husband and I are finally going on a long postponed cruise over Christmas, so I will miss our Holiday Luncheon, as we will be in the middle of our flight to Singapore. I will be there in spirit and want to see lots of pictures of the fun that I missed. So, Ho! Ho! Ho! Have fabulous holidays with your friends and family!

Frankie Chase Segel, President

SAVE THESE DATES!

38th Annual Holiday Craft Auction
Friday, December 1, 2023
\$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

Afternoon Tea
Friday, January 5, 2024—1 p.m.

Evening Business Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024—6 p.m.

Business Meeting
Friday, January 12, 2024—1 p.m.

Afternoon Meeting
Friday, January 19, 2024—1 p.m.

Evening HCA Charity Check Presentation
Tuesday, January 23, 2024—6 p.m.



Dear Mesquite Club Sisters,

*We wish you and your families Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this holiday season and
throughout the year!*

Wishing you lots of love, joy and happiness!

Best holiday wishes,

Joyce Avery

Sandra Ackerman

Colleen Bailey

Barbara Bolling

Peggy Bruhns

Joan Doubrava

Jenny Durant

Lois Edora

Pat Garcia

Ruthie Hinman

Sandra Holiday

Dolores Martinez

Betty Miller

Ginger Norton

Mickey Pajor

Cathi Poer

Ginger Riley

Frankie Segel

Dianne Steel

Jan White

Nancy Zangl

Linda Zesiger

Cherie Williams-DeWitt

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



Ways and Means Fundraiser

Bake Sale, Soup Sale and

**HOLIDAY
BOUTIQUE**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

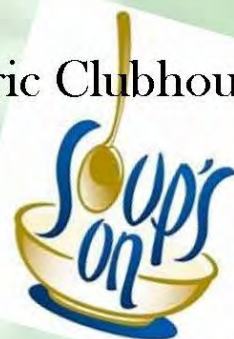
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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!



Mesquite Club Annual Holiday Luncheon

Winter Wonderland

Friday, December 15, 2023

11 a.m. Social—Noon Luncheon

\$35



Entertainment by
Sythe and Deanne


1911 E Desert Inn Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89169

This is a great time to celebrate the holidays with your

Mesquite Club Sisters!

To make your reservation send your check to:

Nancy Zangl

481 Edgefield Ridge Place - Henderson, Nevada 89012

Reservation deadline: December 8, 2023

EVENING LETTER; Super Bowl Bunco! NPHY Drive!

Cheryl & Connie



Happy Holiday
Season, Ladies!

Over 20 Evening Mesquite members showed up on Tuesday night, November 14th to begin setting up for our big event of the year, the Holiday Craft Auction!!! These are exciting times around the

Clubhouse. There are many beautiful and useful items to be auctioned off, and we expect a healthy bounty after the event's income is tallied. We are so appreciative of all the donors for their generosity towards the live-auction items and the basket raffle. So many local businesses have donated. Also a big thank you to all of our members who have worked so hard on this is our big fundraiser for our Scholarship Program and the local Community Counseling Center.

The event is SOLD OUT !!

Many thanks to Toni Babbish who stepped right up to Chair our Scholarship Committee for the rest of the 2023-24 Club year.

Evening Mesquite has a lot to be proud of this Club year. We can boast a busy and balanced calendar of events including the hard work put in by our members for our heartfelt charity fundraisers, our fun ways and means events, enlightening speakers, our Community Service supplies drives, and our memorable social gatherings. This array of different activities helps to keep our members involved in giving back to our community and also allows us to make new friends and continue to nurture the enduring friendships that we have made through our membership in the Mesquite Club and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

We celebrate our four new members, Emerald Stanton, Deena Spaulding, Gina Cobb, and Marie Titus and welcome them to our Clubhouse, our calendar and our hearts.

Enjoy the Holiday Season! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Nancy Hill
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EVENING WAYS AND MEANS

SUPER BOWL BUNCO

MESQUITE CLUBHOUSE (702 E. ST. LOUIS) ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

\$15 ADMISSION

BUFFET DINNER—BASKET RAFFLES—PRIZES—SUPER BOWL POOLS

Baby it's Cold, Outside!

We will be collecting new hats, scarves, and gloves for Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. January and February can be quite cold and many of these youth need these items. We are hoping to distribute them in January.

When you are doing your holiday Shopping, you can pick up one, two, or all three of these items. They can be for teenage male or female youths. The collection box will be on the table near the stage at the first evening meeting in January. Thank you for your support of this project!

Thank you for your support!; In Memory of an Angel!



Celebration of Life Fund!

Celebrating LIFE events! Your donation to this fund helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse.

Share news with your Club sisters and help to support the upkeep of our Historic Clubhouse, feel free to make a donation to this fund!

**Celebrate the life of those no longer with us.
Celebrate the arrival of a new member of the family.
Just Celebrate the fact that you woke up this morning.
We all have so much to celebrate!
Thanking you in advance for your support!**

In Honor of Joan Powell:

Sue Churchill—Joan Dimmitt—Joan Doubrava
Sylvia Phillips—Cathi Poer—Nancy Zangl
Cherie Williams-DeWitt

In Honor of Clyde's Liver Transplant:

Cherie Williams-DeWitt

GFWC Project Statistical Form

Thank you to all the members who have completed a Project Statistical Form summarizing an event completed by the members in calendar year 2023. This information is crucial to our club history, nonprofit status, and state and national statistics. If you have not completed your report, please do so. If the project is on-going, such as a supply drive, please complete the form for the supplies that have actually been taken to the recipients through December 31, 2023.

The forms are in a marked binder in the new bookcase in the office, and you may leave your completed form in that same big binder. Remember, I do not need completed participation forms. Please leave those in your chair's binders with a copy of your completed statistical form. Each year, it is remarkable to compile a summary of what our club accomplishes in one year's time. Our members are amazing, and those of you who chair these projects and events are a true blessing. It is a pleasure being your Statistician, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Connie Freeman, GFWC Project Statistician

Joan Y. Powell, 89, a long-time resident of the Las Vegas area, passed away on October 23d, 2023, at home surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born September 5, 1934, in Memphis, TN to John and Marjorie Young. She found her soul mate and partner for life at the age of 17, when she married Joseph Sydney Powell of Memphis, TN.

They moved to Las Vegas in 1963 where Joan was very active in the Girl Scouts, St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, NV and The Mesquite Club Las Vegas, NV. Joan was President of the Mesquite Club from 2010 - 2011 and 2012 - 2013. Joan was also the State President for the GFWC and a member DAR.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Hatridge (John) of Granbury, TX, Mary Beth Powell Farmer (Dalton) of Las Vegas, NV. Her grandsons Stuart Hawkins (Stephanie) of Granbury, TX, Wesley Riddle (Molly) of Austin, TX, Clint Riddle (Hannah) of Watauga, TX, Travis Hatridge (Margie) of Amsterdam NL, Zak Zoblotsky, of Denton, TX, Dalton Farmer, of Las Vegas, NV Cecilia Farmer, of Las Vegas, NV and Eleven beautiful great grandchildren that all brought her great joy. Joan is also survived by her sister's Margie Collins, of Olive Branch, MS, Sandra Ackerman (David), of Las Vegas, NV and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.



Holiday treats for you to try!

Holiday Sticky Buns

Recipe courtesy of Ina Garten

Level: Easy Total: 55 min

Prep: 20 min

Inactive: 5 min

Cook: 30 min

Yield: 12 sticky buns

Ingredients:

12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature

1/3 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed

1/2 cup pecans, chopped in very large pieces 1 package (17.3 ounces/ 2 sheets) frozen puff pastry, defrosted

For the filling:

2 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted and cooled 2/3 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup white raisins

Directions:

1 Preheat the oven to 400 degrees f. Place a 12-cup standard muffin tin on a sheet pan lined with Parchment paper.

2 In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine 12 tablespoons of butter and 1/3 cup brown sugar. Place 1 rounded tablespoon of the mixture in each of the 12 muffin cups. Distribute the pecans evenly among the 12 muffin cups on top of the butter and sugar mixture.

3 Lightly flour a wooden board or stone surface. Unfold one sheet of puff pastry with the folds going left to right. Brush the whole sheet with 1 tablespoon of the melted butter. Leaving a 1-inch border on the puff pastry, sprinkle each sheet with 1/3 cup of brown sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons of cinnamon, 1/4 cup of the cranberries and 1/4 cup of the raisins. Starting with the end nearest you, roll the pastry up snugly like a jelly roll around the filling, finishing the roll with the seam-side down. Trim the ends of the roll about 1/2 inch and discard. Slice the roll in six equal pieces, about 1 1/2 inches each. Place each piece, spiral side up, in six of the muffin cups. Repeat with the second sheet of puff pastry to make 12 sticky buns.

4 Bake for 30 minutes, until the sticky buns are golden to dark brown on top and firm to the touch. Allow to cool for 5 minutes only, invert the buns onto the parchment paper. (ease the filling and pecans out onto the buns with a spoon) and cool completely.



White Chocolate Peppermint Fudge

Level: Easy Total: 1 hour 15 min (includes chilling time)

Active: 15 min

Yield: about 115 pieces

Ingredients:

4 cups marshmallows (about 36)

2 cups sugar

1 cup heavy cream

4 tablespoons unsalted butter Pinch kosher salt

3 cups white chocolate chips (18 ounces) 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

10 peppermint candies, crushed

Directions:

Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with foil. Bring the marshmallows, sugar, cream, butter and salt to a simmer in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue to stir until the marshmallows melt and all the sugar dissolves. Remove the saucepan from the heat, add the white chocolate chips and vanilla, and stir until the chips are completely melted.

Pour the mixture into the prepared pan, and scatter the crushed candies over the top.

Let cool to room temperature, then wrap and refrigerate until chilled and firm, about 2 hours. Cut into 1-inch squares.





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What's the Board up to?

MESQUITE CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2023

Call to order: President Frankie Segel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

First Vice President: Sandra Ackerman expressed her and her family's thanks to everyone in the Club for their kind thoughts and words upon the death of her sister, long time Member, Joan Powell. She will advise us when they will be holding a Memorial Service. She also announced that, in lieu of flowers, Joan requested donations to the Mesquite Club. Sandra went on to discuss the hospitality duties and to inform the Board and future hostesses that they need only submit a floorplan to John King, caretaker, and that he will take care of the rest regarding beverage set up. It was also noted that, since John is usually at the Club-house during the day, the homeless population has dwindled.

Second Vice President: Mickey Pajor announced that we have four new members: Carol Titus (D), Marie Titus (E), Regena Cob (D) and Rita Dorn (E). Mickey also let us know that, in the future, all new members will have a star on their badges to easily identify them as new members and to be sure we welcome them to the Club. Ms. Pajor also inquired as to the status of the Mentor Program. Was it still something we were doing? If so, she needs volunteers to be Mentors. After discussion, it was the consensus that we don't need a formal program as we are all mentors to our new members. Regarding new members, it was suggested that, rather than having a formal New Member Tea in January, we invite new members to attend our February Board Meeting. At this time, they can see what the Board does, and each Officer and Chair will give a short synopsis of the duties of their office. Consensus was to do this and that all members will contribute to the refreshments.

Nomination Chair: Brenda Dupont announced that the Nominating Committee had met via phone and unanimously agreed to the following recommendation: ***"By direction of the Nominating Committee, I move that Dianne Steele be elected to the position of President-Elect of Mesquite Club for the 2023-2024 Year."***

Treasurer's Report: Corrine Mewhirter reported that the Budget Committee met and updated the 2023-2024 budget. At which point she brought forth the following motion: ***"I recommend we pass the Budget for 2023"***. Motion seconded and adopted (motion attached). Treasurer Mewhirter announced that the Evening Community Service Day Committee has raised \$2,188 for Project 150. With a budget of \$8,000 they need to raise an additional \$5,812. Evening Community Services has raised \$2,2930.99 to date. They will need to raise an additional \$15,069.01 to meet their budget of \$18,000. Ways & Means Day has raised \$5,521 to date and needs an additional \$4,479 to meet their \$10,000 budget. Evening Ways & Means need an additional \$1,725 to meet their budget of \$4,000. Treasurer Mewhirter reported that there was an increase in our insurance cost of \$243.13. She is attempting to contact the agent to clarify.

Financial Secretary: Chairman Nancy Zangl distributed the October 2023 Financial report which shows a total income of \$8,620.96 which includes Community Service and Ways & Means as well as \$3,706.00 raised to date for the Evening Holiday Craft Auction.

Building Chair: Recording Secretary, Peggy Bruhns, read the report submitted by Chair Williams-Dewitt. The report included the following recommendation: "Recommendation to the Board of Directors from the Building Committee is that the Mesquite Club contract with John King as caretaker at a salary of \$950 per month for a period of 12 months (11/1/2023 – 10/31/2014), with the opportunity for renewal at that time." Recommendation adopted (attached). Chairman Williams-DeWitt reported that the door company came to inspect the door and it was recommended that we replace the doors rather than try to repair again for an estimate of \$10,000. After discussion, it was decided that we investigate alternative fixes. The Open Market was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023. There were 16 vendors. Income as \$1,000 less \$50 per vendor for Special Event permits for a total income of \$800. As this was our first attempt at this type of event, there were some logistical issues but, after discussions with vendors, we know how to do it better next time.

Community Services: Chairman Chris White reported that the Fall Harvest event for Project 150 was a success. Over \$200 in goods were donated and over \$2,000 was raised. We will continue to collect items including small travel sizes that they use in hygiene bags distributed to clients. The next event will be the April Tea for which she is looking for sponsors to provide the food for the event in hopes of elevating the event for which we are charging \$50.

Evening Representative: Delores Martinez was present and reported that the October Ways & Means Halloween Bunco was a success with 52 attendees and raised \$1,335 that, when added to the income from the August Pool party made a total of \$2,275 raised to date. The members will be taking several days to set up for the annual Holiday Craft Auction being held on December 1, 2023. Evening Holiday Party will be held on December 12, 2023, at Carrabba's Italian Grill on West Charleston. Representative Martinez expressed concern over the motion sensing lighting in the area by the trash container. It does not light up until people are well past it. The issue will be addressed by John King.




















Holiday Luncheon Coordinator: Jenny Durant reported that all plans were in place for the Holiday Luncheon being held on December 15, 2023, at the Las Vegas National Golf Club. The event will start with a reception and music at 11:00 am followed by lunch at 12 noon. Jenny is working to get the Jazz Ensemble from Chaparral High School, that performed at our Open Market, to provide the music.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



DECEMBER

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 2023 is Observed as: Universal Human Rights Month Safe Toys and Gifts Month HIV/AIDS Awareness Month Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month Learn a Foreign Language Month					1 Holiday Craft Auction 5:30 p.m.	2  INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY
3  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	4  CRAFT TIME	5 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	6  ART	7  Hanukkah Starts	8  GENOCIDE PREVENTION DAY	9 Holiday Bake Sale and Boutique 1 p.m.
10  Human Rights Day	11  Green Monday	12 Evening Holiday Party	13  ART	14 Holiday Luncheon 11 a.m.		
17  WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY	18  INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY	19	20  ART	21  Winter Solstice	22	23
24	25  Christmas	26  KWANZAA Starts	27  ART	28	29	30  SUPER SATURDAY
31  NEW YEAR'S EVE	 New Year's Day					

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

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Notes from your editor.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that all of your wishes and dreams come true during this holiday season. Sisterhood is powerful energy, and it is always wonderful when we support each other and raise each other up in power.

Take time during this season to acknowledge the special people in your life and let them know how much that you appreciate them. We are not promised tomorrow, and it is always gratifying when we feel loved and appreciated.

I appreciate the love and support that I have received from my sisters during my challenging time. I am so grateful, and words cannot express how much that you all mean to me.

I am looking forward to the holidays and the New Year. I believe that the New Year is for renewal, and I have several exciting projects that I will report to you in the new year.

I love you all,

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt, GFWC Nevada State President



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