



# The Mesquiter

## “Membership: Friendship and Service, Now More Than Ever”

Happy Holidays! As we begin the last month of this very unusual year, it is time to think of the holiday season and of family and friends. In this issue of the *Mesquiter*, you will find our Club Christmas Card coming to you from your Mesquite Club friends. This project saves us all a lot of work preparing and mailing cards and helps raise money for the Ways & Means fund, so enjoy!



Our Community Service Wine Tasting Event, “Sip, Sip, Away”, was planned to raise funds to support Freedom House, and was scheduled for Saturday, November 21. This event has now been postponed to Saturday, December 19, to hopefully get past the spike in Covid cases in November. There is more information about that event elsewhere in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars for the new date to taste the wine.

Congratulations go to the Ladies of the Evening for a very successful Scholarship Fundraiser—more than \$6,500 was raised!

There are fewer Club activities in December, but it will still be a busy month for our Club. Our annual Holiday Tea will be held December 4, and there will be an opportunity to take home lots of homemade goodies from the Ways & Means Bake Sale, Soup Sale, and Holiday Boutique. Bring plenty of Santa cash!

Evening will have their Holiday Party at the National Golf Club on December 8, and the Holiday Luncheon will be in the Clubhouse this year on December 11. Be sure to get your reservations in for these events, and enjoy a little holiday cheer with your Mesquite sisters.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our members for all the work you have done in 2020 for Mesquite Club and for your community. To be able to continue our contributions during difficult times is a tribute to all of you. We will look forward to better times when we can accomplish even more! Have a very happy, safe, and healthy Holiday Season and enjoy all December has to offer!

Cathi Poer, President

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Ways & Means Holiday Tea

#### Bake Sale and Boutique

Friday, December 4, 2020 - 1 p.m.

### Evening Holiday Party Las Vegas

#### National Golf Club

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - 6 p.m. \$35

### Mesquite Club Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 11, 2020 - 11 a.m. \$35

### Community Service Wine Tasting

Saturday, December 19, 2020 - 3 p.m.

\$30

### Evening Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 - 6 p.m.

### Afternoon Tea

Friday, January 8, 2021 - 1 p.m.

### Regular Meeting

Friday, January 15, 2021 - 1 p.m.

### Evening Social Event

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 6 p.m.

### Regular Meeting

Friday, January 22, 2021 - 1 p.m.

### Evening Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - 6 p.m.

### Silver Tea/Club Anniversary

Friday, February 5, 2021 - 1 p.m.

### Business Meeting

Friday, February 12, 2021 - 1 p.m.

### Evening Community Service Project

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 - 6 p.m.

### Ways & Means Fundraiser

Friday, February 19, 2021 - 1 p.m.

**March means the  
Rummage Sale!**



**Merry Christmas  
from the ladies of  
The Mesquite Club!**

**Joyce Avery**

**Helga Caggiano**

**Joan Doubrava**

**Pat Garcia**

**Kay McClure**

**Mickey Pajor**

**Cathi Poer**

**Janice White**

**Linda Zeisiger**

**Ruthie Hinman**

**Colleen Bailey**

**Sue Churchill**

**Sandra Holliday**

**Joan Lapan**

**Phyllis Noblitt**

**Sylvia Phillips**

**Elsa Torgerson**

**Nancy Zangl**

**Barbara Bolling**

**Mary Gafford**

**Cherie Williams-DeWitt**





## Ways & Means Holiday Tea

### Bake Sale and Boutique

Friday, December 4, 2020 - 1 p.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse

702 East St. Louis Avenue

Las Vegas, Nevada 89104



*A pandemic will not stop us from celebrating the Holidays.*

*Baked goods, Soup mixes, jewelry items, and holiday decorations.*

*Come enjoy and SHOP!*

*Have a wonderful  
Holiday Season*



**Blind Wine Tasting!**

**Benefitting Freedom House**

We cordially invite you to

# Sip, Sip, Away!

A socially distanced blind wine tasting event

Saturday, December 19, 2020

3 p.m.

The Mesquite Clubhouse

Tickets are \$30 and include:

- Blind tasting of four wines
- Personal charcuterie board
- Selection of desserts
- Silent auction
- Door prizes

To RSVP email Sue Churchill:

laf2day2@gmail.com

Tickets are limited; RSVP and payment

RSVP by December 15, 2020

Join the Community Services Committee as we kick off the holiday season with a fun "blind" wine tasting and silent auction. All proceeds go to benefit Freedom House.

Social distancing protocol will be observed, and masks are required to attend.

**Send your check for \$30 to:**

**Mesquite Club, Inc.**

**C/o Sue Churchill**

**P.O. Box 95662**

**Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-5662**



**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**  
**THE MESQUITE CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**IS**  
**"DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS"**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT**  
**THE MESQUITE CLUBHOUSE**  
**702 EAST ST. LOUIS**  
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89104**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 AT 11 A.M.**

**ENJOY A SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL OF YOUR**  
**CHOICE:**

**♦ CHICKEN PICATTA**

**♦ SHRIMP ALFREDO ROTINI**

**CATERED BY: ROMA RESTAURANT AND DELI**



**ENTERTAINMENT BY:**  
**"SYTHE AND DEANNA"**

**SPACE IS LIMITED. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**  
**SEND YOUR \$35 CHECK TO AND MEAL CHOICE TO**

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**C/O SUE CHURCHILL**  
**P.O. BOX 95662**  
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**RSVP DEADLINE TO GUARANTEE YOUR MEAL CHOICE: DECEMBER 1, 2020**

**WE WILL COMPLY WITH COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS.**  
**PLEASE WEAR A MASK. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

# EVENING CHAIR LETTER; EVENING EVENTS



## Seasons Greetings Evening Mesquite Ladies,

A "Huge Congratulations" to Toni Babbish and the Evening Scholarship Committee and a "Big

Thank You" to all of the donors, including Day and Evening Mesquite members, for your generous donations to the very successful "Best Gala That Won't Happen!" This "Non-Event" was so successful that Evening Mesquite will be able to give three scholarships instead of two!

We celebrated our Scholarship Fundraiser at our November 17, business meeting, with 15 members attending in person and four members attending by way of Zoom! While observing all Covid precautions, we enjoyed a meal of croissant sandwiches, had fun learning how to do Diamond Art with Ruth Larson, making Holiday Gift tags, had our business meeting, and then we wrote Thank You notes to our Scholarship donors.

Cheryl Musser announced that the Holiday Party on December 8, at the Las Vegas National Golf Course, is still on. Let's hope that doesn't change. The cost is \$35. per person and spouses or guests are welcome. If you haven't RSVP'd or paid yet, please give Cheryl or Irene a call, and you may still be able to attend. This year, instead of our traditional gift exchange, an optional donation to the Evening Mesquite Scholarship Fund, is suggested, to be collected at the Party.

Our next meeting will be January 5, 2021! Heather Sabatello, a Day member, will be presenting a

Program, about "Outsmarting the Scammers". This should be an interesting and informative program and I hope we can have a well-attended meeting to start off the New Year!

We have been steadily going forward these past few months. We have had some big successes and a couple of hiccups, but we continue to persevere, and I hope and pray that 2021 will be a better year for all of us!

Everyone have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season! Peace, Health, and Love,

Dolores Martinez, Evening Chair



Evening Mesquite Holiday Event  
December 8th 5:30 pm-8:30 pm  
spouses/guests welcome

Private Dinner @ Las Vegas National Golf Course

1911 E. Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, 89169

Well lit parking in front of building

Cocktail Hour 5:30-6:30 no host bar (\$7-\$12)

Dinner service 6:30

### Menu

House Salad tossed with balsamic vinaigrette

Slow Roasted Prime Rib – carved to order OR

Fresh Baked Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce

Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Assorted Dinner Rolls

Holiday Dessert

Includes Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

\$35.00 each - make check payable to Irene Armijo, give to Cheryl or Irene

\*\*\*In lieu of traditional gift exchange an optional donation to the E.M. Scholarship Fund is suggested and will be collected at event.

Contacts: Cheryl 702-277-8737 or Irene 702-328-7561





Sandra Holliday

12/04

Virginia Norton

12/05

Connie Macauley

12/20



As building chair, safety of the members and the building are essential to me.

Our Ring camera has been replaced over the door. Recently, we have had homeless people coming to the Clubhouse gate and reaching through the gate to use the electrical outlet. We have disabled these outlets. Soon we will be installing another Ring camera and flood lights. This will surveil the parking lot and let us know what activity is happening, when we are not there. Our hope is that when trespassers realize that they are under surveillance and recorded, this will be a deterrent. We are doing our best to keep us all safe. Stay safe!

Cherie Williams-DeWitt,  
Building Chair

## **SHREDDING DAY!**

We are looking to partner with our Ward 3, Commissioner to host a shredding day in our parking lot. The tentative date will be a Saturday in February.

We will be asking for donations of food, paper products, and toiletry items to be donated to a needy organization.

This will give you time to get those papers together, bring them to be shredded, and help out a local organization.

**Stay tuned for more information!**

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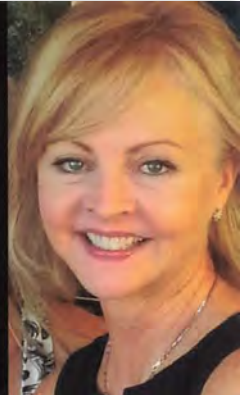
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## **Celebration of Life Fund Contributions**

**Let's celebrate LIFE events!**

**Your donation here helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse.**

**Joan Dimmitt, aka Joan D2, would like to wish her Mesquite Club sisters a Happy Thanksgiving from Laguna Woods, California!**

## **Got unwanted Jewelry?**

**If you have old or unwanted jewelry, think about donating it for an upcoming fundraiser for this Club year.**

**Contact our resident jewelry expert and maven, Joan Doubrava. We are planning exciting events for you and the community and would love your donations.**

**Contact Joan at (702) 656-1911 or email: smiley191122@gmail.com. She will work her magic for the next fundraiser. We appreciate your support.**

## Mesquite Club Ways & Means Committee invite you to join their football Pool!



### Ways and Means exciting, ongoing fundraiser!

For more information, contact  
Elsa Torgerson @ [etorgerson@cox.net](mailto:etorgerson@cox.net).

- ⇒ The boards for the pool consist of 100 squares, each square is be sold for \$5.
- ⇒ Pay off will be 50/50/50/50 - \$50 for each quarter and at end of game.
- ⇒ Boards will be open for sale at each meeting or to support the fundraiser, send your money to Sue Churchill.
- ⇒ Buy a square and you may be a winner. You don't even have to watch the game. If you win, a check will be sent to you.

#### Raiders home games schedule:

- ♦ Sunday, December 13, 2020 · 1:05 PM PST - Indianapolis Colts
- ♦ Thursday, December 17, 2020 · 5:20 PM PST - Los Angeles Chargers
- ♦ GAME WILL BE PLAYED December 26 OR 27 - Miami Dolphins

#### And the Winners are:

September 21		October 4		October 25	
1 <sup>st</sup> Q	Linda Zesiger	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	Mickey Pajor	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	Mickey Pajor
Half	Barbara Bolling	Half	Mickey Pajor	Half	Mesquite Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	David Fletcher	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	Mickey Pajor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	Toni Marshall
Final	Joan Doubrava	Final	Lois Evora	Final	Elsa Torgerson

**You still have time to be a WINNER!**

SAVE THE DATES!  
**March 5, 6 and 7, 2021**

# RUMMAGE

# SALE

Tell your friends and neighbors!  
We are collecting treasures for our annual Rummage Sale!

**NO winter clothing, NO books NO electronics.**

Thank you in advance for your help to make this annual event a success!  
Contact Rummage Sale Co-Chairs Connie Macauley, @ (702) 378-1325 or  
Frankie Segel @ (973) 462-6270 to arrange drop off your donations.



### Bylaws and standing Rules Changes

The bylaws committee is accepting suggestions for amendments to the bylaws and standing rules. The deadline is the end of December. After the committee review and printing in the *Mesquiter*, amendments will be voted on at the closed meeting in March.

If you need a copy of the 2018 Bylaws, there are copies in the office. You should state the page number and the article number of the rule that you wish to change. You must put it in writing and sign it. You must state the reason you wish to change it. The bylaws committee can put it into the proper wording.

Submit your changes to Betty Miller before the end of December. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Betty Miller, Bylaws  
Committee Chair

Email:  
[beteldon@msn.com](mailto:beteldon@msn.com)  
Phone: (702) 254-5875



*Can you relate???*



## After Turning the Clocks Back an Hour



## GFWC Nevada ornaments for the headquarters tree.

Every holiday season, GFWC Headquarters decorates the house and asks every state to send an ornament or gift to Headquarters. With the help of Cathi Poer, I was able to assemble the ornaments pictured and sent them to be used on the tree.



Sadly, because of COVID-19, there will be no Holiday Open House at Headquarters, but they are still staying in the spirit. They will be decorating and sending photos of the decorations to share the holiday spirit. I wish you the best holiday ever. Please stay safe, and thank you for your support. I look forward to 2021 and the projects in our future.

*Cherie, GFWC Nevada President 2020-2022*

## GFWC Contests

**GFWC sponsors a number of contests for individual members, clubs, and State Federations and individuals who may not be GFWC members.**

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage our members' artistic expression, and recognize and support members' achievements in photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the GFWC

### **Photography Contests:**

1. The World in Pictures
2. Living Things
3. Scenes
4. Still Life
5. Volunteers in Action
6. A Year in Pictures

The GFWC Writing Contests seek to provide an avenue for GFWC members and community members of all ages to freely express themselves, as well as draw upon their experiences through writing. These submissions illustrate the talent of GFWC members and are a reflection of our communities.

### **There are four categories for entries:**

1. GFWC Member Short Story Writing Contest
2. GFWC Member Poetry Writing Contest
3. Youth Short Story Writing Contest
4. Youth Poetry Writing Contest

**Go to GFWC.org for more information. YOU could be a winner!**



# Tasty Cookies for the Holidays!

## Christmas Red Velvet Sugar Cookies Recipe

Prep time: 10 mins    Cook time: 10 mins    Total time: 20 mins

CHRISTMAS RED VELVET SUGAR COOKIES – Perfect and easy cookie recipe for Christmas or any festive time of year! The delicious flavor of red velvet, buttery soft and topped with best cream cheese frosting!

### Ingredients

#### For Red Velvet Cookies:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar + ½ cup for rolling
- 2 eggs
- Pinch of salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon red food coloring
- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour

#### For cream cheese frosting:

- 4 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups powdered sugar

#### For Garnish:

- Red, green and white sprinkles, optional



### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees prepare a baking pan with parchment paper

#### To make Red Velvet cookie:

1. In a large bowl, mix together flour, baking powder, unsweetened cocoa powder and salt, set aside
2. In a medium bowl, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy
3. Add eggs one at the time, vanilla extract, white vinegar and red food coloring, mix until combined
4. Slowly add dry ingredients into wet ingredients and mix until the dough is fully combined
5. Scoop cookie dough by the tablespoon full and roll into a ball, about 1-inch balls
6. Add granulated sugar to a small bowl for rolling
7. Roll each ball of cookie dough into sugar and place onto baking sheet, spacing about 2 inches apart
8. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges of the cookies being to crisp
9. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes then remove to cooling rack and let cool completely

#### To make cream cheese frosting:

1. In a medium bowl, mix together butter and cream cheese until fully combined, add vanilla extract and powdered sugar until combined
2. Spread cream cheese frosting on each cooled cookie and sprinkle with red, white and green sprinkles

Stay safe for the holidays



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**\$\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate another amount.**

**MAKE DONATION CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC NEVADA**

**SEND CHECK TO: Joan Doubrava – GFWC Treasurer**







**55050 Indian Hills Avenue; Las Vegas, NV 89130**

**EMAIL: [gfwcnevada@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcnevada@gmail.com).**





# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>December 2020 is Observed as:</b>  <b>Universal Human Rights Month</b>  <b>Safe Toys and Gifts Month</b>		1 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	2	3	4 Holiday Bake Sale 1 p.m.  Mesquite Clubhouse	5  <b>International VOLUNTEER DAY</b>
6	7  <b>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	8 Evening Holiday Party 6 p.m.  Las Vegas National Golf Course	9	10	11 Holiday Luncheon 11 a.m.  Mesquite Clubhouse	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Sip, Sip Away Fundraiser 3 p.m.  Mesquite Clubhouse
20	21  <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22	23	24	25  <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31  <b>New Year's Eve</b>	1 <b>Happy New Year Day</b> 	2

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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.**

Happy Holidays!

In these unsettled times, I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

Please enjoy the newsletter. The Sip, Sip Away fundraiser has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 19, 2020, at 3 p.m.. If you cannot attend, the Silent Auction items will be available for bidding online. More information will be available prior to the event.

Please stay safe and stay connected, we will get through this together.

Clyde and I wish you the best holiday ever and look forward to the time that we can get together and HUGG!

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt



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