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February 2026

The Mesquite Club, Inc.

Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911

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With Valentine's Day, Galentines' Celebrations, and the Super Bowl. Makes February the season of love, friendship, and competition. Hallmark Cards have lost an opportunity to celebrate those people involved in combat for a sports victory, bragging rights, and sorry you lost? Or has it? Is it really an opportunity when it supports the accomplishment that the recipient has defeated another, or has been defeated? Economically speaking the human nature to love and befriend is the better choice. It is better because it promotes kindness, hope for the future, and recognition that relationships can better the world. I know that the Mesquite Club members, with all their efforts to serve the community, realize the path we have chosen is the best. We provide benefits to so many more than we will ever know. So, keep up the spirit of kindness we represent and spread it around.

We are having a renaissance in Club membership this year. Hard work does pay off. Your efforts to include your family, friends and, yes, complete strangers in our efforts to make our community better has a side reward: We all get to spend more time with more people we love. Keep up the search for others who want to be involved and invite them to join us. Win-win.

February is the shortest month, but we have a full plate this month with:

- ◆ Super Bowl Bunco, fun on top of fun.
- ◆ The Silver Tea, celebrating our Club's Anniversary, recognizing members for their service, and recognizing Past Presidents.
- ◆ Two business meetings; one featuring the Minnesota Poetry Society.
- ◆ The preparation and holding of our annual Rummage Sale with all hands-on deck, please.

You may also get a call to office from members of our Nominations Committee. You will also see the work of the Bylaws Committee for the review and changes which have been considered. Feedback is extremely important this time due to the reorganization and update of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Have a Fabulous February!!!

Dianne

SAVE THESE DATES!

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Super Bowl Bunco

Friday, February 6, 2026- 11 a.m.
Silver Tea—Mesquite Club
Anniversary

Friday, February 13, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Business Meeting & Speakers

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Business Meeting

Rummage Sale
February; Thursday 26, Friday 27,
Saturday 28, 2026; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Social held at an Italian Restaurant.
Details to follow.

Friday, March 13, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Closed Business Meeting, Presentation
of Proposed Slate

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Business Meeting & Community
Service Project

Friday, March 27, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Community Service Luncheon

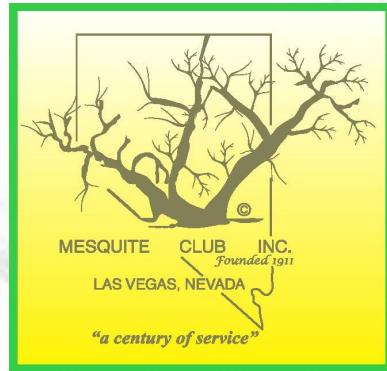
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Business Meeting and Charity check
presentation

Friday, April 10, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Fine Arts Day

Friday, April 17, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Business Meeting; Elections

Tuesday, April 21 2026 - 6 p.m.
Scholarship; Election of Chairs

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 10 a.m.
GFWC Nevada Annual Convention



Mesquite Club Silver Tea Celebration the Club Anniversary

Join us as we honor
Mesquite Club Past Presidents
and
Service Award Honorees

Friday, February 6, 2026
1 p.m. Doors open at Noon



EVENING LETTER



Dear Members,

A special thanks to Dolores Martinez for stepping up and presiding on January 6, in my absence as I travelled abroad. Linda Shapona announced the Mesquite Club has 23 new members! Wow and congratulations to all of our members that promote our Club and encourage friends to join.

January Highlights:

January 6: It was a very proud moment when Bonnie Utton presented a check for over \$12,000.00 to Nicole Neal from Candlelighters. Candlelighters' mission is to provide support, quality-of-life programs, and financial assistance for children and their families who are affected by childhood cancer. A big thank you to all the members who worked so hard to make this donation possible.

January 20: Our program was very informative. Bruce Ewing spoke about musical theater classes at the UNLV OLLI program. He was in Phantom here during its run, and is part of the team that performs at the Lutheran Church on Tropicana. He is very knowledgeable about musicals. Thank you, Marie Titus, for setting up the program.

February will be a busy month!

February 3: Super Bowl Bunco, please contact Dolores Martinez to join us in the fun. Football squares are available for \$5. Kindly consider asking all your friends to come to this event, as we raise money for the Club's operating budget.

February 26, 27, and 28: Rummage Sale.

Members, we need your help setting up our Rummage Sale on the following days:

February 16-21 and February 23-25.

Marie Titus has placed sign-up sheets on the bulletin board, and, of course we need volunteers during the sale.

Save the Date:

March 3: Social out of building at an Italian Restaurant.
More info to follow.

Love is in the air!



February, the shortest month of the year, is often the coldest, but it's also the one that packs the most warmth. February asks us to focus on the things that keep us going: love, good health, and the power of connection. I hope this newsletter finds you well, happy, and ready to embrace the promise of early spring.

Remember our theme: Encourage Women in the Desert.

Celebrate Love: Galantines Day, February 13, 2026. This month, let's remember that love isn't just about romantic hearts; it's about the power of friendship and community.

I'm so grateful for this connection we share. Let's make this year one where we prioritize support, growth, and joy for ourselves and for each other.

Pamela Ivey, Evening Chair

FOCUS ON PEOPLE WHO

inspire you,
love seeing you grow,
show up for you,
and genuinely want the
very best for you.



What's Happening at the Mesquite Club



Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Program

Eyeglasses, sunglasses, readers, loose lenses, and cases, are in need for the less fortunate in our community. Your donations are used by the local Lions Club to provide eyecare for our most vulnerable citizens. Donations can be placed in the eyeglass donation box on the bookshelves of the Mesquite Clubhouse. Know that each donation makes a difference in our community.



Thank you,

Elizabeth Foyt



Amanda Bailey, Colleen Bailey's daughter, is the President of the League of Minnesota Poets.

Peter Stein, Treasurer, Mary Schmidt, Membership Chair, along with Amanda, will be reading their original works for us. This event should be entertaining.

Friday, February 13, 2026 - 11 a.m.

Business meeting speakers

Join us for a poetry reading!

Mesquite Club Statistics Reporting

This message is for all Mesquite Club Committee Chairs, Board members, Officers, and any Mesquite Club member conducting or coordinating a Mesquite project, special event, or speaker programs. Please ignore this message if you do not fall in any of these categories. I thank you for your time. If you're not sure, please contact Rosella Young, at 907-227-3077. All reports and Brag Sheets must be given to Rosella Young by February 4, 2026. If you already sent in your report/Brag Sheet, thank you very much.

Please drop off your report/Brag Sheet at the Mesquite Clubhouse in the Statistician wall basket located in the Mesquite Office. You may also email your report/Brag Sheet to Rosella Young at yrosella35@gmail.com. Please text or call Rosella at 907-227-3077 with any questions.

You are the Stars of the Show. The status of the Mesquite Club is dependent on you. Your star shines so brightly.

Let's show the world of GFWC what we're made. You have the potential to help the Mesquite Club earn four awards. I know you can do it. Stars, keep shining brightly through February 4. Thank you for your time and efforts. We can do this together.

In GFWC/Mesquite Club Loving Friendship,
Rosella O. Young
GFWC/Mesquite Club Statistician Chair



The Annual Mesquite Club of Las Vegas **RUMMAGE SALE**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday
February 26, 27, 28**

*Clothes, decor, jewelry,
craft items, linens,
appliances, and hidden
treasures*

**702 E. St. Louis
Las Vegas, NV
89104**



Your purchase supports the Mesquite Club members' philanthropy and helps maintain the beautiful clubhouse. The Mesquite Club has been active in local community service since 1911. To learn more about the club or membership, please visit www.mesquiteclub.com.

For rummage sale info: MarieTitus16@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE!

The Rummage Sale is Almost Here!

We are currently accepting donations for the Annual Rummage Sale on February 26, 27, and 28. Donations of clothing, household items, linens, toys, craft items and jewelry can be dropped off during all member meetings in **boxes**, which can be stacked easily in the storage room. Donations on Wednesdays will be accepted by calling Connie Freeman, at 702-378-1325, to schedule a drop-off time.

No electronics, No heavy winter coats, and No books!
Do Not Leave Donations Outside!

Furniture will not be accepted until February 21, 2026. Please call Marie Titus, at 201-687-6674 to schedule a drop-off time. We collect large tote bags, newspapers, grocery bags, and bubble wrap to help package sold items. A container will be available in the Clubhouse. Volunteers are needed for unpacking boxes, setting up for the sale, and selling. Set-up dates are Monday, February 16, through Saturday, February 21, and Monday, February 23 through Wednesday, February 25. The sale days are Thursday February 26, to Saturday, February 28. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please see the bulletin board for the sign-up sheets. If you cannot get to the Clubhouse and want to sign up, please contact Marie Titus, 201-687-6674, or Melody Wells, 469-831-8709.

We need everyone's help to make this sale a big success!

Distribution Requests for Rummage Sale Flyers

The Rummage Sale Committee is requesting that you assist us in distributing the event flyers which you have received at the meetings. We would like to have them posted at community centers, churches, stores, restaurants, car washes, and any other facilities of which you frequent. If there is a church bulletin which allows advertising, just let us know. **Please post them two weeks before the Rummage Sale begins, which will be starting February 14.**

Please also pass them out to your friends, family, and neighbors. You may also belong to other organizations which would allow advertising in their publications. For more information, please contact Linda Shapona at lshapona@gmail.com or via text 734-871-6207.

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the Fabulous 50's

PRESENTED BY COMMUNITY SERVICES
supporting the Ashley Strong Foundation

March 27th
doors open at 11:00 am

Get your reservations in - tomz2@juno.com

Auctions

\$30

Food

Best
Dressed
Prize

Games

DJ &
photo
ops



Mail your checks to
Mesquite Club of Las Vegas,
c/o Nancy Zangl 431 Edgefield Ridge Pl, Henderson , NV 89012
Pay at the door - Cash - Debit / Credit Cards + fee



Announcing Fifth Annual! ALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

Members are the lifeblood of our club. They help fulfill our purpose, provide invaluable volunteers, and supply much of our operating budget from their membership dues.
Sponsors of this Day & Evening membership drive can win:

First Place: \$100 Second Place: \$50 Third Place: \$25

1. We are setting a clear goal of 15 total new members for this club year.
2. Marketing consists of distributing our membership application in print and virtually, which lists our member benefits. In addition, we will have website visibility and newsletter ads. We'll have a Guest Information Form on each table for follow-up. Always pass on your excitement verbally to potential members on why YOU joined Mesquite Club, Day or Evening. Follow up phone calls are crucial.
3. Members bring guests to our events.
4. Incentivizing sponsors with a monetary reward.
5. Brief membership pitch and campaign update presented at each meeting/event.

New Member Sponsor

23. Frances Palenski	Monterey Brookman
24. Diana Adams	Peggy Bruhns
25. Miranda Morris	Peggy Bruhns

New Member	Sponsor
1 Betty Weider	Frankie Segal
2. Jennifer Tuggle	Diane Steel
3. Katherine Balok	Linda Shapona
4. Miriam Orwin	Linda Shapona
5. Cherie Hughes	Frankie Chase
6. Susan Houck	Carol Siebert
7. Natalie Rosenberg	Colleen Bailey
8. Shannon Hale	
9. Vickie Rohde	Linda Shapona
10. Stephanie Seiler	Connie Freeman
11. Ami Peterson	Connie Freeman
12. Patti Paluzzi - Connie F., Irene A. Dolores M.	
13. Alisen Recharde	Dee Dee White
14. Ginnie Brimmer	Pam Ivey
15. Debbie Velasquez	Dianne Steel
16. Janis Schoen	Elizabeth Foyt
17. Nicole Montalto	Connie F., Roseann Ealey
18. Madera Clark	Barbara Wiggins
19. Marie Miller-Morgan	Frankie Chase
20. Shirley Callahan	Frankie Chase
21. Ann Hatfield-Merritt	Frankie Chase
22. Misty Langford	Mickey Pajor



Marta Schmitt
02/02
Natalie Rosenberg
02/02
Gerry Faucett
02/03
Alisen Rocharde
02/07
Patti Paluzzi
02/09
Ginnie Brimmer
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Mickey Pajor
2/11
Helga Caggiano
02/13
Barbara Wiggins
02/15
Vicky Lambert
02/16

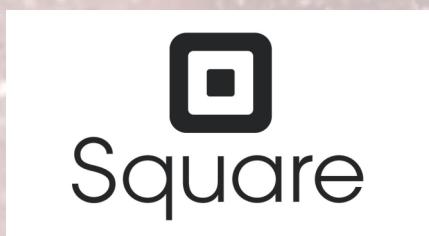


Thank you to Mayor Shelley Berkely for speaking to us at our January business meeting. She was presented with a check for \$1,000 from the Mesquite Club for her tree-initiative fund.



This is in line with the initial mission of the Mesquite Club by our founders. Trees are important in our community providing shade, improving the air quality and enhancing our neighborhood aesthetics.

Thank you Mayor for your support of our community!



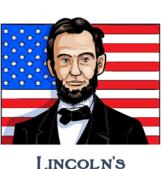
You can pay for your dues or donations with your credit card.

There is a processing fee of 5% for your transaction.

BEHIND EVERY
SUCCESSFUL *woman*
IS A TRIBE OF OTHER
successful WOMEN,
WHO HAVE *her back*.

FEBRUARY

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Grammy Awards	2  Groundhog Day	3 Super Bowl Bunco 6 p.m.	4  World Cancer Day ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠	5  National Weatherperson's Day	6 Silver Tea 1 p.m.	7  DGA AWARDS
8  SUPER BOWL	9  National Pizza Day	10 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	11  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN & GIRLS IN SCIENCE ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠	12  LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13 Business Meeting 11 a.m.	14  Valentine's Day
15	16  Presidents Day	17 Rummage Sale Working Meeting 6 p.m.	18  ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20  WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE	21  International Mother Language Day
22  WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23	24	25	February 26, 27, & 28 Annual Rummage Sale 9 a.m.—4 p.m.		
<p>Rummage sale set-up dates are: Monday, February 16, through Saturday, February 21, 2026.</p> <p>Monday, February 23, through Wednesday, February 25, 2026.</p>				<p>February 2026 is Observed as: Black History Month American Heart Month</p>		

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**The deadline is February 20th
For the March issue.
NO EXTENSIONS!**

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

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submission of articles, contact:**

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Notes from your editor.

Welcome to February, a month dedicated to love. February also brings awareness to several other important issues.

Key Awareness in February:

- **Black History Month:** Celebrates African American history, achievements, and contributions.
- **American Heart Month:** Promotes cardiovascular health and heart disease prevention.
- **National Cancer Prevention Month:** Focuses on reducing cancer risk through lifestyle changes.
- **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:** Raises awareness about healthy relationships and dating violence.

No matter what your passion is, celebrate the diversity of awareness that February offers us. That is the beauty of our Club. We support a diverse demographic of our community. Feel free to celebrate your passion and share it with your fellow Club sisters. Have a wonderful February!

Cherie Williams-DeWitt
GFWC Nevada State President, 2024-2026



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