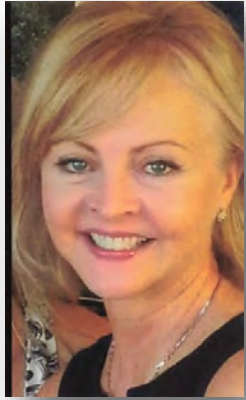




**The Mesquite Club, Inc.**  
*Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911*

January, 2023  
Issue 6

# The Mesquiter



## We Can Do It And Have Fun

Happy New Year Ladies!!

It's always fun to start out a fresh year. All I can say is if we thought the holidays were busy, well, buckle your seat belts and hold on for a very ambitious year! We begin on January 6 with an honorees tea for some very deserving members. It will be so wonderful to see everyone after our holiday break.

On January 10, Evening Mesquite is presenting a generous check to Foster Kinship from a very successful Holiday Craft Auction. Great job ladies! On January 13, we are being entertained by Doris French's Elementary Ensemble. I hope everyone has signed up for this event. The children need to know how many sandwiches to make. Adorable! Thank you Lois Evora for getting this event together! The performance will be at the school.

January 20, is our money maker-The Ways and Means Chinese New Year! It's the year of the Rabbit. Yes, there will be a Dancing Ceremonial Dragon performing and blessing our Club. Invite your friends and family to this special event. Please let Nancy Zangl know how many will be attending.

We haven't forgotten our new members. We need to get to know you all better, and you need to get to know us. New members are absolutely vital to this Club. On January 27, there is a new members tea sponsored by the Board. Thank you everyone who has brought these new ladies into our Club. Thank you Peggy Bruhns for holding down the fort as I take a family appreciation week.

I'm writing this as Peter, and I drive to Los Angeles. I can't help but think about you fabulous women.

We are going to have a great year!  
Signing off now.

*Frankie Chase Segel, President*



## SAVE THESE DATES!

**Business Meeting/Honorees—1 p.m.**

Friday, January 6, 2023

**Evening Program Meeting—6 p.m.**

**“Stay Safe” Shannon Serene, NHP**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

**Tour of Doris French School—1 p.m.**

Friday, January 13, 2023

**Chinese New Year 11 a.m.—\$30**

**Ways & Means Luncheon**

Friday, January 20, 2023

**Evening Social—6 p.m.**

**Sip/Price Jewelry at Connie Freeman's**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**New Member Tea—1 p.m.**

Friday, January 27, 2023

**Silver Tea—1 p.m.**

**Mesquite Club Anniversary**

Friday, February 3, 2023

**Evening Super Bowl Bunco—6 p.m.**

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

**Business Meeting with Speaker—1 p.m.**

Friday, February 10, 2023

**Evening Business Meeting &**

**Rummage Sale Setup—6 p.m.**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**Annual Rummage Sale**

Friday & Saturday, March 3 and 4, 2023

**Closed Business Meeting**

March 10, 2023

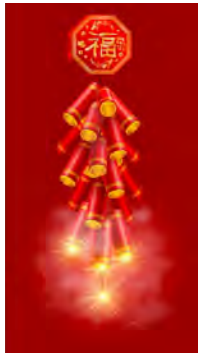
**Ways & Means Hawaiian Luau—\$30**

Friday, March 17, 2023 11 a.m.

**Evening Business Meeting—6 p.m.**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

# The Year of the Rabbit!



*If you feel the ground trembling beneath your feet in January 2023, don't fear! It's simply Chinese New Year. You'll find a full 20% of the Earth's population celebrating, using more fireworks than any other day of the year. It's a celebration marked by good food, red envelopes, and blessings for everyone.*

*Join the ladies of the Mesquite Club to celebrate Chinese New Year.  
Friday, January 20, 2023 11 a.m. Social—12 p.m. Luncheon.*

*RSVP by January 16, 2023.*

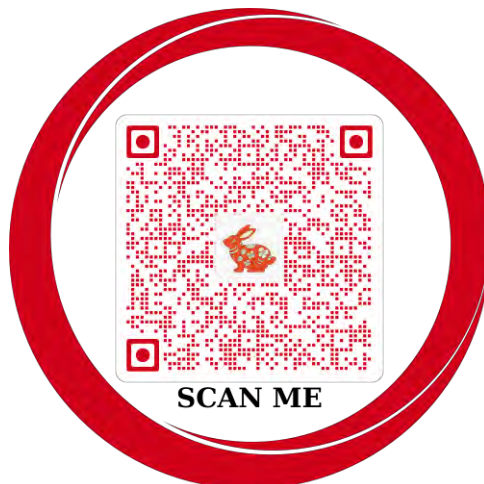
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MESQUITE CLUB?

## **Mesquite Club Silver Tea Club Anniversary Member Service Awards**



### **Silver and Gold Celebration**

**Join us as we celebrate our Club  
Anniversary and our dedicated  
members.**

**Friday February 3, 2023  
1 p.m.**

Mesquite Clubhouse  
702 East St. Louis Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

## *Will You Be Our Valentine?*



*You are invited to join Cherie and Frankie for  
A Valentine Private Luncheon at the  
Las Vegas Country Club  
3000 Joe West Brown Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89109*

*Join us Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
\$50 - 12 p.m.*

*RSVP by February 7, 2023.*

*Send your check for \$50 to:*

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*This is a Ways & Means fundraiser.*





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MESQUITE CLUB?

## *Mesquite Club Annual Rummage Sale*

# RUMMAGE SALE



Friday and Saturday, March 3 & 4, 2023 at 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Happy New Year fellow Club women! Your Annual Rummage Sale is almost here! We thank everyone for their donations and have many items in storage yet need many more donations to make this Club Ways and Means Fundraiser a big success.

This year we've decided to extend our setup so that we don't all get burnt out before the actual sale days.

Unloading boxes will begin on Monday, February 20 at 9 a.m. We will continue unloading, pricing, and setting up through Thursday 27. On Wednesday February 22, and Wednesday, March 1, the Clubhouse will be closed. Saturday and Sunday before the sale the Clubhouse will also be closed.

Donations will be accepted up to February 24, **(no later)** to give us time to sort and price everything. The sale itself is Friday March 3 and Saturday March 4. Cleanup Day is Monday March 6.

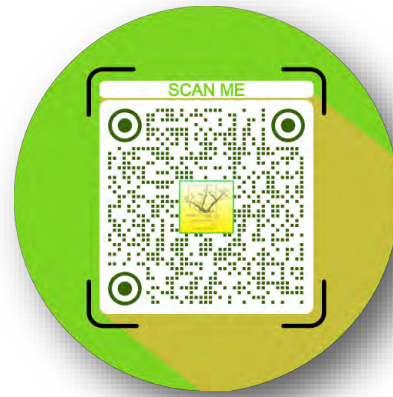
We will be inviting chairs of our various committee charities to look for donatable items for specific charities. Those individuals will be contacted prior to the set up.

We expect everyone to participate, this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Signup sheets with needed shifts and food donations will be sent out in a separate email.

Thanks for your participation,

Your Co-chairs,

Connie Freeman & Chris White



## Making Donations to the Mesquite Club

Non-profit organizations operate with the support of their members, friends, and sponsors. To make a monetary donation, scan this QR Code and you can chose to donate; \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1000, or you may enter a custom amount to the Club. We ask that no donation be under \$50. We encourage you to share this opportunity with friends, business associates as well as possible sponsors. Verification of our non-profit status is available upon request.

These donations will help our Ways and Means fund. This is how we pay the bills for the Clubhouse, and it also helps with the upkeep of the building.

**The Mesquite Club us a registered 501© 3 Charitable organization #: 88-6003112.** All donations to the organization can be deducted on your income taxes.

You can also leave a legacy to the Mesquite Club in your will or trust. We encourage you to check with your tax specialist regarding this option and any major donations that you wish to make to the Club. When you make a donation, be sure to designate how you wish the funds to be used.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope that you and yours will consider this option to support the Club so that we can continue to support our local community!

*The Mesquite Club is a member of The General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.*

*Collectively, we are Living the Volunteer Spirit.*

# EVENING LETTER; DORIS FRENCH TOUR; NOMINATIONS

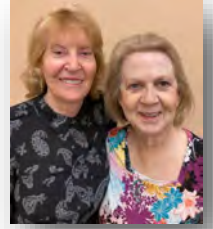
*"The Holiday Craft Auction"* is still the talk of the Evening Mesquite Club after netting a whopping \$16,640.45 which will go to the very worthwhile organization of Foster Kinship as well as to the scholarship fund. We are proud of how hard the Evening Mesquite members worked to earn this money for our charities. *"The Holiday Craft Auction"* was a huge hit. It was also a lot of fun!

January 10, will be a business meeting with a program by Shannon Serena, about how to *"Stay Safe,"* and we will be presenting a check to Foster Kinship. You won't want to miss this meeting!

January 24, will be an Out of Clubhouse social at Connie Freeman's home to *"Sip and Price Jewelry,"* for the upcoming rummage sale boutique. This sounds like fun!

February 7, will be our Ways and Means event. It is going to be a *"Super Bowl Bunco."* Information and flyer to follow soon. Join us for this fun *"Super Bowl Party!"*

**DID YOU KNOW:** 1925 - The Club was very active. Large meetings and parties were held in the American Legion Hall, a church basement, and the restaurant at the train station (*the center of social life at the time.*) The Club's various locations had become too small to accommodate their many activities, and a building fund was created. Members were assessed and within a few months the fund was at \$315.



*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."* - Winston S. Churchill

*"No one has ever become poor by giving."* - Anne Frank

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

*Arlene McCroy and Nancy Hill*

## Tour of Doris French Elementary School Friday, January 13, at 1 p.m.



Sign up for this tour of the school. A Sign-up sheet is located on the Club Bulletin Board. We will tour the school and learn about the progress of the school during the Mesquite's Club's many years of service to this *"high risk school."*

We will be greeted by Principal, Tammy V. Crabb, with refreshments, the school's student choir, and a video presentation.

**Respond by January 3, 2023.** We are encouraging car pooling from the Mesquite Club at 12:30. The school is about a 30-minute drive from the Clubhouse. The address of the school is: **3235 East Hacienda Ave., Las Vegas Nevada.** This is an opportunity you will not want to miss. For more information, please call Lois Evora at 702-286 -2016.

## Time for nominations for 2023-2024 Club Year!

### NOMINATIONS

The Mesquite Club operates with the energy of its members. Leadership is a vital part of the Club's operations. It is time to start thinking about the leadership for next year.

The next page lists the positions that are available for you to serve in a leadership role for the Club.

If you have any questions or for more information, contact Mickey Pajor, our Nominations Chair.

Mickey Pajor @ [mickpajor@aol.com](mailto:mickpajor@aol.com), or call her at: (612) 558-8729.

Please consider stepping up!

# REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-2024

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED NOMINATIONS MESQUITE CLUB 2023-2024

The Mesquite Club Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 Club year requests assistance from the membership in preparing a proposed slate of officers and chairs for the coming year. We do not wish to overlook any member of long standing, nor any new member who may be especially qualified for a specific position. If there is a position you personally feel qualified for, you may show your interest by nominating yourself. We ask that you carefully consider this request.

Please print and complete this form and return it to **Mesquite Club, Inc, P.O. Box 95662, Las Vegas, NV 89193. Attention Nominations Chair; Mickey Pajor** - or put it in the Nominations Chair Mailbox in the office at the Clubhouse. No signature is required on this form, and your suggestion will be considered at our next meeting. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

### OFFICERS

President Elect	Community Service
First Vice President (Hospitality)	Ways and Means
Second Vice President (Membership)	Building Chair
Recording Secretary	Nominations
Treasurer	Evening Representative
Financial Secretary	Director
Corresponding Secretary	Director

# A LETTER FROM THE FINE ARTS COMMITTEE!

## Welcome to 2023!

This is the third in a small series of articles on art for the Fine Arts Day event in April 2023 to encourage participation at the event. As you put Fine Arts Day event April 21, 2023, on your calendars and make plans to attend the event, here is “*food for thought*” regarding our desire to produce and/or enjoy art and the art process.

Here are five reasons why we need art:

- ◆ We need art because it makes us complete human beings.
- ◆ We need art to have a full range of expression.
- ◆ We need art to keep us healthy.
- ◆ We need art to understand and to share our individual and shared history.
- ◆ We need art to keep us connected.

One of our interactive artists for the April 21, is Mesquite Club’s member, Sue Churchill whom everybody knows as our resident artist and for her tremendous contributions of time, energy, and effort to keep Mesquite Club activities going for the benefit of all those meetings, art classes, fund raisers, and fun filled activities.

Here is Sue’s biography:

I took my first art lesson in brush ink (like pen and ink) when I was 34 and wintering in Arizona. I loved the peacefulness I felt as I concentrated on the work and tuned the world out. After moving to Las Vegas, I signed up for a watercolor class at Reed Whipple which was taught by Mary Shaw and Charlotte Baklanoff. Mary’s class was later moved to the Mesquite Club where we painted on Wednesdays for about 30 years before she retired from her teaching.

Early on, Mary encouraged me to join the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) as an associate member and the Nevada Watercolor Society (NWS.) During my time with the NLAPW, I won a first-place award in one of their annual art shows. After having paintings accepted in three different juried shows in the NWS, I became a Signature member. I have also had the honor of three of my paintings winning an Honorable Mention Award in the NWS. Through the NWS, I attended local workshops and demos.

With Mary as my traveling companion and mentor, I joined her when she taught a week-long class in Yosemite. We also had a group of fellow painters and friends who would meet in Aptos, California near Carmel for a “*Same Time Next Year*” art-related trip. Mary and I attended workshops at Asilomar State Park near Pacific Grove, California. While Mary stayed on the property, I had the good fortune to room with a friend

in a house in Carmel within walking distance of Mission Carmel and Clint Eastwood’s Mission Ranch. I was taking a workshop with Tony Couch in Pleasanton, California on 9/11, an experience I can never forget.

The most fun workshop was three weeks at La Romita, an old monastery in central Italy where we took sketching excursions to the surrounding towns and villages. They also offered a print-making workshop given by an accomplished Italian print artist who spoke only Italian. Thankfully, we had a translator.

Here is my biography, Brenda Kostick.

While having been a devout art lover, appreciator, purchaser, encourager, observer, and exhibiting other “-er” behaviors, I am a “newbie” at creating art. After working at different jobs including a 30-year career, I found my opportunity to concentrate on developing my artistic interests other than being a spectator. Along the way reading, fabric arts (crocheting, embroidery, sewing, quilting), and gardening gave way to Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging). While living in Georgia where there is an active Japanese American community in Atlanta and the surrounding area, I took ikebana lessons for about six years eventually reaching the level of instructor. This was a lovely, joyful time working with fresh flowers arranging forms using traditional Japanese techniques. After years of exhibiting in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon, Japan Fest in Decatur, and other festivals in Georgia, I moved to Pahrump—in the middle of the Mojave Desert.

Living in the desert has taught me to seek further application of my skills. Now, I am creating flower pictures using the colorful juices dripping from the beautiful, fresh flowers from my garden onto various papers including watercolor, washi, and Korean. I also use desert plants and dry materials to create floral arrangements evocative of Japanese styles.

I still photograph my arrangements and flower-dripped pictures for framing. To finish my flat artwork, I now cut my own matting from all those available, lovely, harmonizing mat boards. It is ALL fun—at times intense—but satisfying to my soul.

Mark your calendar to attend the Fine Arts Day event on April 21, 2023, at the Clubhouse to interact with the wonderful artists who will be exhibiting. Some of the artwork will be for sale. Each artist will donate ten percent of their sales to the Mesquite Club. The Fine Arts 2023 Committee,

*Brenda Kostick and Toby Power, co-chairs*

# WHAT IS THE BOARD UP TO?

## Board Meeting

**Call to order:** President Frankie Segel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the Secretary present. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November board meeting were approved as corrected, and minutes of the November business meeting were approved as written.

**President's Report:** President Segel brought attention to the repair and painting of the perimeter wall that has improved the appearance of our property. She also named several male relatives of Club members who have assisted the Club in various ways and expressed appreciation for their efforts.

**First Vice President:** Peggy Bruhns reported that it has come to her attention that a requirement of the local, health district is that anyone operating our dishwasher must hold a Health Card issued by that agency. Nancy Bleau has performed this job for us for an extended time period, and she does not have the card. Nancy will be encouraged to obtain a card, but other options for the coming year will be reviewed by the Building Committee.

**Second Vice President:** Colleen Bailey reported that new member orientation meetings have been poorly attended. She proposed that the Board hold a New Member Tea rather than continue with the scheduled meetings. This idea was successfully carried out for new members of the last Club year. The Tea allowed attendees to become acquainted and to hear Club officers explain their responsibilities. By consensus it was decided to hold this Tea on Friday January 27, 2023.

**Treasurer:** Corinne Mewhirter provided copies of the November Profit and Loss report and the Balance Sheet report for November 3, 2022. She noted that it is important for us to be aware of the need to cut expenses where possible and to increase income. Corinne reported that she had met with the Club's insurance agent and together they found the annual cost of the insurance could be reduced \$3,173.00 with coverage remaining the same. The annual cost will be \$6,121.45 and the insurer going forward will be INSUREONE

**Financial Secretary:** Nancy Zangl passed copies of the November report. She commented that most of the month's income will be given to outside entities.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sylvia Phillips reported that she had sent a letter of regret to Diane Mosinski who had retired in good standing.

**Building Chair:** Cherie Williams DeWitt reported that there is a new gardening service and that the outside lights that were not properly working are being serviced. She also said that her committee will be reviewing the contract for Custodian Scott Missen as it is up for renewal in January, and some changes to it may be necessary.

**Evening Representative:** Cheryl Musser reported that the annual Holiday Craft Auction held by the Evening Group was a great success and netted \$15,640.45 profit. The Foster Kinship organization will receive a donation and three scholarships will be awarded from the funds.

**Ways and Means:** Committee Chair Linda Zesiger was pleased to report the income from the Soup and Bake Sale was \$1,370.50. She reminded us of the Chinese New Year luncheon her committee will host on January 20, 2023.

### Directors

**Director Barbara Bolling** asked the Board if they wished to continue the practice of giving a Christmas bonus to the custodian and dishwasher. After discussion Barbara moved "we give Scott \$100 for a Christmas bonus, also to give Nancy a \$100 bonus for Christmas." Motion seconded and adopted.

### Old Business

President Segel was pleased to report that the painting of the utility box will start in January and the repair and painting of the wall has been completed. She also reported the construction work on St Louis Street will continue until mid-January

### New Business

**Community Service Chair Chris White and Director Cathi Poer:** explained plans the committee has for their scheduled Spring Tea. It will be held on Saturday April 1, 2023, and they are hoping to attract community support by offering food, entertainment, door prizes, lottery and auction items. They feel the event rates a higher admission price than the regular \$35 lunch cost. Chris moved "*that the price for the Community Service April 1, 2023 Tea be \$50 per person.*" Motion seconded and adopted.

**Treasurer Corinne Mewhirter:** asked for Board approval to shred ten years of insurance paperwork when papers are received from the new insurance carrier, INSURONE. By consensus approval granted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



# MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM!

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Happy New Year!





May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!

**Challenges** are gifts that **force** us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a **new way to stand.**

~ OPRAH WINFREY



# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  New Year's Day	2	3 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	4  NATIONAL TRIVIA DAY	5  National Bird Day	6 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	7  NATIONAL BOBBLEHEAD DAY
8	9  Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	10 Evening Business Meeting 6 p.m.	11 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	12  KISS A GINGER DAY	13 Tour of Doris French 1 p.m.	14
15  NATIONAL HAT DAY	16  Martin Luther King	17	18 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	19  National Popcorn Day	20 Chinese New Year Celebration 11 a.m.	21  NATIONAL HUG DAY
22  CHINESE NEW YEAR	23  National PIE DAY	24 Evening Sip & Price at Connie Freeman's 6 p.m.	25 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	26  NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY	27 New Member Tea 1 p.m.	28  DATA PRIVACY DAY
29  KANSAS DAY	30  NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY	31  National Hot Chocolate Day	1– February 10 a.m.  12 p.m. 	2  Groundhog Day	3 Silver Tea 1 p.m.	4  World Cancer Day

January 2023 is Observed as:  
National Glaucoma Awareness  
National Blood Donor Month

National Mentoring Month  
Cervical Health Awareness Month  
Birth Defects Prevention Month



## Notes from your editor.

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**The deadline is January 15  
For the February issue.**

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**“When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.”  
- Paulo Coelho**

Close your eyes and breathe slowly. Imagine yourself in a world where you are perfectly aligned with your purpose.

What is one thing you can do today to move yourself closer to the life of your dreams? See it, and do it! You can do whatever you dream you can do!

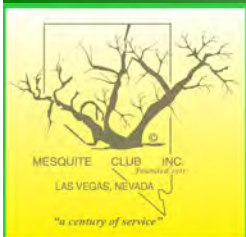
I hope to inspire you throughout 2023 to be the best you that you can be. Let us lift each other up in the sisterhood of community service and volunteer service.

Be kind, be fierce and reach back and bring a sister forward with you. When our sisters succeed, we all succeed.

Your sister in federation friendship,

*Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt*

*GFWC Nevada, 2022-2024 State President*



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