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"Membership: Friendship and Service, Now More Than Ever"

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021!

We are beginning both a new calendar year and a new part of our Club year. December was a very busy month with our Ways and Means, Special Events, and Community-Service Committees all completing beautiful, fun, exciting, and safe events. The Special Events Committee decorated our Clubhouse with a gorgeous White Christmas theme, and while the other committees made a few additions, the same theme was used throughout the whole month. Super teamwork! Both of the fundraising events were very successful

thanks to the hard work of our outstanding member volunteers. The Holiday luncheon had us all dancing in our seats with the great entertainment by singing duo Sythe and Deanne, and members and guests carried home delightful food and gifts from both fundraisers.

January starts some of the work for the business of Mesquite Club. Our Bylaws, Nominating, and Donations Committees will all be getting down to work. If members have information or suggestions for these committees, please contact the chair listed in your yearbook right away.

There will be three meetings in January, and each one features an interesting program. On January 8, the program will be a painting demonstration by artist Jan Shaffer; on January 15, former Las Vegas showgirl, Jessica Lane, will entertain us with a backstage look at the life of a showgirl; and finally on January 22, Dr. Mark Doubrava, chair of the Nevada Board of Regents for the System of Higher Education, will speak to us about the work of the Regents. You don't want to miss any of these varied and educational programs.

I know we are all chafing under the restrictions the pandemic has imposed on our lives, but we have so much to be grateful for and so much work left to do this year. Our members go on proving how well they can overcome adversity and continue to support both Mesquite Club and the community. Our Membership Committee is focusing on attracting and supporting new members. We are well on our way to meeting a goal of ten new members this year. Thanks to those of you who are introducing us to your friends so they can enjoy all that GFWC Club membership has to offer. Friendship and service are what it is all about!

Stay healthy and keep looking forward to a time when life gets back to normal. Bring a friend and enjoy the opportunities of a new year!

Cathi Poer, President





SAVE THE DATE!

Evening Business Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2021 - 6 p.m.

<u>Afternoon Tea</u> Friday, January 8, 2021 - 1 p.m.

<u>Regular Meeting</u> Friday, January 15, 2021 - 1 p.m.

<u>Evening Social Event</u> Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 6 p.m.

<u>Regular Meeting</u> Friday, January 22, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Evening Business Meeting Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - 6 p.m.

<u>Silver Tea/Club Anniversary</u> Friday, February 5, 2021 - 1 p.m.

<u>Business Meeting</u> 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 - 11 a.m.

Evening—Rummage Sale Set-up Tuesday, March 2, 2021 - 6 p.m.

<u>Mesquite Club Rummage Sale</u> Friday March 5-Sunday, March 7, 2021

<u>Closed Business Meeting</u> Friday, March 12, 2021 - 1 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, March 16, 2021</u> Evening Ways and Means Fundraiser 6 p.m.

<u>Fine Arts Day</u> Friday, March 19, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Community Service Luncheon Friday, March 26, 2021 - 11 a.m.



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MESQUITE CLUB JANUARY COAT DRIVE

Mesquite Club is heading up a project to collect warm clothing for the homeless.





Las Vegas Catholic Worker Serving the Poor and Homeless Since 1986

An affiliate of Widow's Mite Foundation, a 501(c)3 Non-profit organization

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There are many opportunities to get involved with the Las Vegas Catholic Worker. Many people choose to serve the homeless and poor on the morning food line near downtown Las Vegas. They also distribute clothes to the homeless. This is where they need your help!



They need: MEN'S COATS AND JACKETS WOMEN'S STURDY COATS PARKAS HOODIES SWEATSHIRTS KNIT CAPS AND GLOVES



Many charities are not taking clothing due to the pandemic, With the cold weather, the need is urgent!

Bring items you, your friends, and family no longer need, to the Clubhouse between January 5 or 8, 2021.

Be sure items are clean, in good repair and ready to wear.

For questions or more information contact: Barbara Bolling - 702-431-6363 If you cannot come to the Clubhouse, Barbara will pick them up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



EVENING CHAIR LETTER; EVENING EVENTS; RUMMAGE SALE



New Year's Greetings, Evening Mesquite Members,

We made it to 2021! I am sorry we were not able to get together for our Annual Holiday Party, but we hope to

celebrate the New Year on January 19. The Social Committee is working on a fun social event – details to be announced at the January 5 meeting.

I hope you all were able to spend some special time with family over the Holiday and are looking forward to, as I am, to seeing friends and getting back to Club business. We have a couple of interesting and informative programs to look forward to, in January and February. A presentation by Heather Sabatello about *"Outsmarting the Scammers,"* at our January 5 meeting, and then on February 2, Joy Clash will tell us about *"Enneagram,"* which promotes understanding and acceptance of self and others. Our Community Service Project will be coming up on February 16, and don't forget our two big March events, the Rummage Sale, March 5-7, and the Irish Sweepstakes, March 16. The storeroom is getting full of all the treasures you have been bringing in for our Annual Rummage sale. Keep them coming!

The Ways and Means Irish Sweepstakes, that was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, will get a new chance to raise money for our Club. More information will follow, on all of these upcoming events, at the January 5 meeting and through emails.

I am looking forward to seeing you all and having a much better 2021 and continuing with *"Membership, Friendship, and Service,"* with this wonderful Mesquite Club!

Health, Peace, and Love,

Dolores Martinez Evening Mesquite Club Chair 2020-2021

Evening Mesquite Irish Sweepstakes Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6 p.m. Do YOU have the Luck of the Irish?

Welcome new members:

- Kathy Cluxton
- ♦ Sonya Merriman
- Peggy Bruhns

Their contact information will be included in an email attachment.

Coming SOON!



March 5, 6 and 7, 2021

Tell your friends and neighbors! We are collecting treasures for our annual Rummage Sale! <u>NO winter clothing, NO books NO electronics</u>.

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 of your donations.



Ways and Means Committee Fundraiser

Donations Committee

Do you have an organization that you feel would be a worthy candidate for our fundraising next year? If so, please submit their information to the Donations Committee. This will be for our fundraising for 2021 thru 2022.

Submit your candidates no later than Friday, January 15, 2021. Please send to Corinne Mewhirter @ rmewhirter@cox.net.

Your submission should include:

- 1.The organization name.
- 2.If they are a 501©3.
- 3. The name of the Director or contact person.
- 4. The address.
- 5. The phone number.
- 6.The website.
- 7. Any other information that you feel is important.

Please let the organization know that you are submitting them for consideration. They will be given an application to complete, and next year, they will be able to do a short presentation to members at our regular meeting on Friday, April 24. We thank you for your help. If you have any questions, contact Corinne.

Your support is greatly appreciated!





Friday, March 19, 2021 1 p.m.

An extravaganza of member Artistic talents.

We look forward to you joining us!

The Ways & Means Committee has wonderful gold open ended double clip lanyard available for sale.

They are priced at \$15, and are very good for holding your name badge, as well as many other uses. See Lois Evora at the next meeting that you attend and she will happily sell x

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she will happily sell you one or more.

We thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Community Service Luncheon FRIDAY, March 26, 2021 11 a.m. Social; 12 p.m. Luncheon \$30

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March Meal Madness Do you really know what you are eating?

Mark your calendars to join us for an awesome afternoon of foods that are not really what you think that they are.

Can you figure it out?

Come and find out. More details later!

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Mary Gafford 01/04 Karen Ziegler 01/08Judy Bolander 01/11**Billie Kenney** 01/11Melissa Clary 01/12Pat Garcia 01/13**Bonnie Crawford** 01/17Tai Gregory 01/18Linda Ziesiger 01/23Sandra Ackerman 01/26Poly "Sherry" Schmitt 01/31

Building Committee Report

We Care

We send our heartfelt condolences to Joan Dimmitt. She recently lost her husband, Bill. Our hearts go out to her and her family. They moved to California in October. He was surrounded by his family. We love Joan's humor and dedication to the Club.

We mourn the passing of Club member, Alice Black. Alice fell and was hospitalized in a coma. She never regained consciousness. Alice has been a member of the Club since 1994. She will be missed.



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Your donation here helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse.

Joan Dimmitt in memory of her husband Bill Joanne Kishner in memory of Jeanne Greenawalt Cathi Poer in memory of Bill Dimmitt and Alice Black Sue Churchill in memory of Bill Dimmitt and Alice Black

The Mesquite Clubhouse is in good shape these days, which is a good thing. To keep our members and visitors safe, we have installed a Ring floodlight camera that covers the entire parking lot. The photo below shows the view from the camera. Any activity is being recorded. We hope that this will been two papers are

that this will keep trespassers away.

When you need help with something at the building, please contact John. You can reach him on his cell phone @ (702) 503-4301, or you may email him at, tee2tee9@yahoo.com. John



will help you with your set-up or anything at the Clubhouse. Please give him precise instructions in advance so that he can get your set-up done correctly. Thank you for your help with this.

Cherie Lee Williams, Building Chair

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Prevent Online Child Sexual Exploitation

GFWC activated our Legislative Action Center in support of the EARN IT Act of 2020 (S. 3398 and H.R. 8454), which proposes to establish the National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, and limit the liability protections of online service providers with respect to claims alleging violations of child sexual exploitation laws. While the Senate bill was approved unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee, it appears that the limited number of legislative days does not give enough time to enact this legislation. A related bill, the Online Content Policy Modernization Act (S. 4632) proposes to revoke the entire Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which shields technology companies from liability for what users post online. Although this broad bill was withdrawn from the Senate Judiciary Committee agenda on December 10, this will certainly be a priority issue for the 2021-2022 Congress.

Proposed American Women's History Museum

Legislation that may be approved before Congress adjourned in December is the Smithsonian America Women's History Museum Act (S. 959, H.R. 1980). The House bill, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), was approved in February, and the Senate companion bill, sponsored by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), is ready for floor action. The bill authorizes the Smithsonian to establish a council to recommend a site, the design, and construction of the museum on or near the National Mall.





Are seeking help with their Hygiene Drive

Benefiting local children and youth who are affected by sexual exploitation, sex trafficking and violence.

The Embracing Project (TEP) is a Rite of Passage program advocating peace and healing for youth survivors of violence, sexual exploitation, and trafficking, through the development of specialized programs, trauma-informed care, and unconditional support.

Hygiene products



Full-size items are preferred. Travel-sized items, especially from hotels can be a trigger.

Antibacterial Ointment| Band-Aids |Tissue| Cleansing Wipes| Body Wash | Deodorant| Combs | Brushes | Shampoo | Conditioner | Hair Ties | Toothbrushes | Toothpaste | Dental Floss | Feminine Products | Washcloths | Lotion | Toilet Paper

They accept gift cards

Only for stores that do not sell alcohol or tobacco. They will accept Ross, T.J. Max and Marshalls.

<u>http://theembracingpr.wpengine.com/</u> For more information, contact Cherie @ cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net; or (310) 710-9792.

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3	4 National Spaghetti Day	5 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening Business Meeting 6 p.m.	6	7	8 Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.	9
10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness	12	13	14	15 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	16 Religious Freedom Day
17	18 KING A DREAM	19 Evening Social Event 6 p. m.	20	21 NATIONAL HUG DAY	22 Regular Meeting 1 p.m.	23 National PIE, DAY
24 National Peanut Butter Day	25	26	27	28	29	30 MATIONAL CROISSANT DAY
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Notes from your editor.

Welcome to 2021!

The past year has been epic in many ways. We celebrate the lives of those whom we have lost, and look to the new year with optimism and hope.

I do not do New Years resolutions, but I do look to the new year with a positive attitude. I do that especially this year as we look forward to



welcoming our first grandchild in March. The pandemic has helped us to appreciate family, friends, and the little things in life. I want to express my appreciation for my Mesquite Club Sisters.

Happy New Year dear friends. Don't forget the past, learn from it, and go out strong for your dreams and future. My best wishes are with you and yours.

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt





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