



The Mesquiter

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

February is still a winter month, but by its end, we will see spring coming. It is a time for remembering those we love with valentines and looking forward to nature’s blooms.

January brought Mesquite Club some delightful meeting programs and some more hard work completed by our members. Our Homeless Coat Drive pop-up project headed up by Barbara Bolling produced an amazing amount of warm clothing in only two collection days. Many of the items collected have already been distributed and were greatly appreciated. The Bylaws Committee has completed their proposals and you will find them included in this newsletter. The Nominating Committee chair resigned. The new chair, Nancy Zangl, has accepted the job. Please contact them if you are willing to serve in an elected office next year. The Donations Committee is still accepting applications for next year’s benefit recipients until February 15, so contact chair Corinne Mewhirter, if you have an organization to be considered.



February 5 is our Club anniversary celebration, the Silver Tea. This lovely event celebrates service awards for long-time members and honors our past Club presidents. While there is no charge, it will be necessary to RSVP for this event due to current attendance restrictions. Also this month, we will have a Leadership program, and on February 19, the Ways and Means Committee will present their Mardi Gras Luncheon in true New Orleans style. Get your reservations in soon for this fun event!

Coming up there are some calendar changes to note: the vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules will be at the March business meeting, not the April one as indicated in the yearbook. The Rummage Sale scheduled for the first week in March has been postponed until the last week in April. (There is no meeting scheduled for March 5.) Evening Mesquite has decided to cancel their in-person meeting schedule for February and hope to be back in action by March.

While we have much to celebrate we also have some sadness as we mourn with Evening Chair Dolores Martinez the loss of her husband, Ken Sowards. January also saw the passing of 64-year Mesquite Club member and past president Naomi Boyer Papworth. Our condolences go out to both families.

I want to wish a sweet February to all my ‘Mesquite Club Valentines.’ There are no kinder people than Mesquite members, and you all truly have my heart. Let’s enjoy February and “forget not to be kind.”

Cathi Poer, President



SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

Evening Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6 p.m.

Ways & Means Fundraiser
Friday, February 19, 2021 - 11 a.m.

Closed Business Meeting
Friday, March 12, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Fine Arts Day
Friday, March 19, 2021 - 1 p.m.

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

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Garden Tea
Friday, May 7, 2010 1 p.m.

Closing Luncheon
Friday, May 21, 2021 11 a.m. \$30

PLEASE NOTE!

- ◆ As we move forward with our meetings, seating is limited.
- ◆ Masks are required.
- ◆ We practice social distancing.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer is available.
- ◆ We will adhere to current Covid-19 requirements.

**You are invited to join us at
The Mesquite Club's
110th Anniversary Celebration
Annual Silver Tea
Friday, February 5, 2021
1 p.m.**

Join us for this delightful celebration.

There is no charge for this event.

With Covid restrictions seating is limited.

Reservations are required.

Masks are required; hand sanitizer will be available.

R.S.V.P no later than Friday, January 29, 2021

Sue Churchill-Email: laf2day2@gmail.com or Cell:(702) 731-9856.

Join us as we honor members with service awards and honor our Past Presidents.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you may join by Zoom.

See information below:

Mesquite Club Silver Tea Zoom meeting.

February 5, 2021—1 p.m. Pacific Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85214414108?pwd=MnZlaXpsTldmUWRKZWRYWkRLRFMwZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 1441 4108 Passcode: 408141

For more information about attending by Zoom, contact:

Cherie Williams-DeWitt @ cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net; Cell: (310) 710-9792



Laissez Les Bon
Temps Rouler!



Let the
Good
Times
Roll!

Mesquite Club
Ways and Means Fundraiser
Friday, February 19, 2021
11 a.m. Social - 12 p.m. Luncheon - \$30

ENTRÉE CHOICES

- ♦ **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo over Rice**
 - ♦ **Shrimp Monica With Cajun Cream sauce over Corkscrew Pasta**
- Hurricane Cocktails; Red and White wine!**



AUCTION!

Special feature painting by Mary Shaw pictured.

Join us in your favorite Mardi Gras garb!

Bring your mask and beads!

R.S.V.P.'s are required, send your check and entree choice to:

Mesquite Club, Inc. - C/O Sue Churchill

P.O. Box 95662 - Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-5662

Seating is limited!

We will adhere to Covid-19 requirements!

Masks are Required! - Sanitizer will be available!



EVENING CHAIR LETTER; EVENING EVENTS



Dear Members of the Evening Mesquite Club,

All of our hearts are saddened by the loss of Dolores's dear husband, Ken. Dolores, while no words can ease your loss we want you to know our love, heartfelt sympathy, and warmest thoughts are with you and your families.

That being said, I have talked with the chairs of the next two meetings, Pam Ivey and Bonnie Crawford. Both have agreed, for cautionary purposes, not to hold the two meetings scheduled in February. The rummage sale scheduled for March has been postponed until April. See the ad in this newsletter. The Irish Sweepstakes, scheduled for March 16, is on "wait and see" status as is the rest of our meetings and events. We will keep you informed of all the newest information and changes as it becomes available.

President, Cathi Poer has invited us to participate in the day events, and our help is needed for the success of the rummage sale. I hope everyone can agree to these special situations and hopefully with vaccinations and careful planning, we can get back together again.

To help us get together virtually, there will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6 p.m. It will be good to see everyone's face. Meeting details will be sent out in a future email. Stay tuned!

If you have any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, please feel free to call or text me as Connie has asked me to reprise my role of Evening Chair in the interim. When Dolores feels ready, she will take her rightful place. Please take care. I know we are missing our friends and activities as we proceed with caution, but better safe than sorry seems to be the motto of the day.

Hoping for a more peaceful, illness-free tomorrow, yours in sisterhood, Toby Power

NEW DATES!

RUMMAGE
SALE

April 30 and May 1, 2021

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 of your donations.



**Evening Mesquite
Irish Sweepstakes**

**To be rescheduled!
Stay Tuned!
Do YOU have the
Luck of the Irish?**

ROSTER UPDATES

Connie Sue Hines new phone number: (702) 688-2020

Heather Sabatello new email address:
heather0209@outlook.com

Meeting date correction: the April 24, Regular meeting is Friday, April 23, 2021.

Please add these changes to your roster.



We Care

We wrap our arms around our Evening chair Dolores Martinez as she mourns the loss of her beloved husband, Ken Sowards. Send cards to her address in the roster. No phone calls or texts at this time.

We also mourn the loss of longtime member Naomi Papworth, a member since 1957. You may send condolences to her daughter, Allison Boyer; 7817 Scammons Bay Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129.

Please keep these members in your prayers.



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Celebration of Life Fund Contributions

Celebrating LIFE events!

Your donation here helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse.

- * Judy Bolander donation in memory of Alice Black
- * Helga Caggiano donation in memory of Alice Black
- * Billie Kenney donation in memory of Alice Black
- * Nancy Zangle donation in memory of Bill Dimmitt and Alice Black



AND THE WINNERS ARE! THANK YOU FROM THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

September 21	1st Q - Linda Zesiger	Half - Barbara Bolling	3rd Q - David Fletcher	Final Joan Doubrava
October 4	1st Q - Mickey Pajor	Half - Mickey Pajor	3rd Q - Mickey Pajor	Final - Lois Evora
October 25	1st Q - Mickey Pajor	Half - Mesquite Club	3rd Q - Toni Morrison	Final - Elsa Torgerson
November 15	1st Q - Jan White	Half - Linda Zesiger	3rd Q - Linda Zesiger	Final - Joan Doubrava
November 22	1st Q - Allison Krueger	Half - Jan White	3rd Q - Colleen Bailey	Final - Lois Evora
December 13	1st Q - Joan Doubrava	Half - Ruthie Hinman	3rd Q - Peggy B	Final - Joan Doubrava
December 17	1st Q - Joan Doubrava	Half - Peggy B	3rd Q - Polly Schmitt	Final - Betty Miller
December 26	1st Q - Joan Doubrava	Half - Connie Macauley	3rd Q - Mesquite Club	Final - Sylvia Phillips



DONATIONS

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 Monday, February 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 need 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!

FINE ARTS

Day

Friday, March 19, 2021

1 p.m.

We look forward to you joining us!

Ways and Means Committee Fundraiser

**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 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

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!

*Spaghetti and meatballs
with fondant-based
"spaghetti" and brownie
"meatballs" topped with
green sugar "parsley" and
red doughnut "tomato
sauce" with toasted
biscotti "bread."*





**MESQUITE CLUB
"COATS FOR THE HOMELESS PROJECT"**

BY: Barbara Bolling, Chairman

FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Committee Chairs for present and future,

I need your help for a better accounting system for Fundraising for the club.

Please send list of fundraising activities planned for the rest of this year with dates these activities are to happen. This will help keep track of funds in and out and will be a great way for checks and balances. I have noticed that our numbers do not always match. This way we will be able to make corrections easily and be in balance.

- ◆ Name of fundraiser
- ◆ Date to be held
- ◆ Activities to be held, such as Luncheon, Auction, Bake Sale, Raffle, and so on.

This will help trace the income and clarify income and expenses for the Chairperson. This tracking should allow us to track the income and expenses and easily identify profitability.

You can email me your information at Sonja@tipsytotes.com. If you have any questions please give me a call at 702-523-5459 or an email.

Thank you for your help. I think this will be a change but will be better for all of us and create a better understanding of the events' profits.

Sonja Bettendorf, Treasurer

In conversation with President Cathi Poer and GFWC State President Cherie Williams, it was decided to contact the membership asking for donations of winter clothing, especially coats. Over 25 members responded and brought in over 500 pieces of winter clothing, such as hats, socks, hoodies, sweatshirts, etc. The donations included 55 coats. Much of this clothing had hardly been worn. Nearly all was clean and in perfect condition.



The coats were taken to The Catholic Worker, an organization that feeds the homeless, every day, in downtown Las Vegas. They had expressed a need for coats for the many people who wait in line for food and had recently been distributing them this

winter, but unfortunately had run out of coats. Fortunately, we fulfilled that need, and they have expressed how grateful they are for our donations. They will distribute these coats to the homeless in need of warm attire, as they line-up for food.

Other recipients of our coat and winter clothing drive are the Embracing Project and the Faith Lutheran Thrift Store. All of these non-profit organizations serve our community in many and varied ways.

Presidents Poer and Williams express their appreciation to the ladies of Mesquite Club.

Thank you,
Barbara Bolling

In-kind donations -
\$3,000.00

Hours spent - 25



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GFWC LEADS Candidate



The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grass-roots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club.

Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.

Each state federation selects one LEADS attendee annually. GFWC provides state federations with guidelines and forms to help them in selecting LEADS candidates, and using LEADS graduates to enhance state leadership. See LEADS Information for State Federations.

The LEADS application form is available in the [GFWC Member Portal](#) in the LEADS folder under L in the digital library. You may also contact your State President, Cherie Williams-DeWitt. We will be sending a LEADS candidate to the GFWC National Convention in Toronto, Canada.

We look forward to accepting your application!
The deadline is March 1, 2021!

The Embracing Project & Rite of Passage



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 |
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They accept gift cards

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<http://theembracingpr.wpengine.com/>

For more information, contact Cherie @

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Proposed changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules

Page #1

These proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules will be voted on at the March Business Meeting 12, 2021.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MESQUITE CLUB BYLAWS 2021

(1) (Page 3) ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP.

Section 3. CLASSIFICATION, A.

Proposed Change: *After the word "obligations" Insert the words: "including hostess duties, attending meetings and serving on committees;"*

If adopted would read:

An active member in good standing is one who pays annual dues; fulfills her obligations including hostess duties, attending meetings and serving on committees; respects other members; and abides by the Bylaws and Standing Rules of Mesquite Club, Inc.,

Rationale: To better define the term 'active member' as one who is actively participating in the Club activities.)

(2) (Page 7) ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.

Section 4. DUTIES, A. President, 4.

Proposed Change: *Delete this paragraph and renumber remaining paragraphs in the section.*

Rationale: The position of Evening Advisor is no longer needed as there is both an Evening Representative to the Executive Board and an Evening Chairman.

(3) (Page 10) ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.

Section 4. DUTIES, G. Financial Secretary, 2.

Proposed Change: *In the second sentence after the word "promptly", Delete the rest of the sentence and Insert the words "deposit same in the Club bank account and transmit the deposit information to the Treasurer."*

If adopted would read:

She shall promptly deposit same in the Club bank account and transmit the deposit information to the Treasurer.

Rationale: To conform to current procedure.

(4) (Page 11) ARTICLE VII. ELECTIVE CHAIRS.

4. DUTIES, A., Building Chair, 2.

Proposed Change: *Add a second sentence.*

If adopted would read:

An Evening Mesquite member shall also serve on the committee.

Rationale: To be in conformity with Standing Rule 21 which lists the members of the Building Committee.

(5) (Page 12) ARTICLE VII. ELECTIVE CHAIRS.

4. DUTIES, A. Building Chair, 5.

Proposed Change: *In the first sentence, after the words "Executive Board" change the period to a comma and Insert the words: "or the Building Committee may appoint a Rental Chairman to be approved by the President and Executive Board."*

If adopted would read:

She shall be responsible for supervision of the clubhouse rentals in accordance with the rules of the Executive Board, or the Building Committee may appoint a Rental Chairman to be approved by the President and Executive Board.

Rationale: To allow for a Rental Chairman to be appointed.

(6) (Page 14) ARTICLE VIII. DIRECTORS.

4. DUTIES.

Proposed Change: *In the last sentence, after the words: "(3) Membership Committee;" Delete the rest of the sentence and Insert the words: "(4) the fourth Director may be appointed to a committee by the President as needed."*

If adopted would read:

There shall be at least one Director on each of the following committees: (1) Ways and Means Committee; (2) Community Service Committee; (3) Membership Committee; (4) the fourth Director may be appointed to a committee by the President as needed.

Rationale: The position of Evening Advisor is no longer needed as there is both an Evening Representative to the Executive Board and an Evening Chairman.

(7) (Page 15) ARTICLE IX. EXECUTIVE BOARD.

4. MEETINGS, A.,

Proposed Change: *Add a new second sentence.*

If adopted would read:

The Executive Board may vote to suspend one meeting a year.

Rationale: To codify current procedure.

(8) (Page 16)

Proposed Change: *Insert a new ARTICLE X. EMERGENCIES.*

Renumber remaining Articles.

If adopted would read:

ARTICLE X. EMERGENCIES.

Proposed changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules

Page #2

1. In the case of a national emergency, state emergency or any type of event (man-made or natural), that could potentially put members in danger, the President, with the consent of the Executive Board, may order that a meeting be held by electronic means as a substitute for a regular, Executive Board, or special meeting.

2. In the case of a national emergency, state emergency, or any type of event (man-made or natural), that could potentially put members in danger, the President, with the consent of the Executive Board, may order elections or other decisions requiring approval of the membership, be held by mail or by electronic means.

(Remaining articles would be renumbered)

Rationale: On advice from GFWC, clubs should add an emergency provision to their bylaws.

(9) (Page 18) ARTICLE XII. MAJOR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

Proposed Change: Insert a new Number 1. Renumber remaining paragraphs in this section.

If adopted would read:

ARTICLE XII. MAJOR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

1. Mesquite Club, Inc. shall retain a Resident Agent for the Corporation, a Legal Advisor and a Tax Advisor. The Club shall obtain legal advice, when needed, from an attorney licensed in Nevada.

(Remaining paragraphs would be renumbered.)

Rationale: Necessary as the Club is a Nevada non-profit corporation and this should be stated in our bylaws.

(10) (Page 18) ARTICLE XII. MAJOR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

2.

Proposed Change: In the last sentence of this paragraph, after the words "and should be kept in" Delete the rest of the sentence and Insert the words "a safe deposit box."

If adopted would read:

All contracts and documents are the property of the Mesquite Club, Inc. and should be kept in a safe deposit box.

Rationale: To conform to wording in Article IV. Officers., 4. Duties., A. President, 2.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MESQUITE CLUB STANDING RULES 2021

(1) (Page 22) Standing Rule 7.

Proposed Change#1: In the second sentence, after the words "means to serve hostess duty in person" Insert the words "and provide refreshments" before the word "or".

If adopted will read:

"Hostess Obligation" means to serve hostess duty in person and provide refreshments or obtain a substitute to work on the tea Committee.

Rationale: Providing part of the refreshments is a part of the Hostess Duties.

(2) (Page 22) Standing Rule 7.

Proposed Change#2: Delete the fourth sentence which begins: "Members who serve..."

Insert new fourth and fifth sentences: "Members who serve as substitutes or 'angels' will be paid the \$25.00 for their food purchases. It is the responsibility of the Tea Chairman to notify the Treasurer of the committee member change so she can reimburse the substitute or 'angel'.

(The current fifth sentence will become the sixth sentence.)

If adopted will read:

Members who serve as substitutes or 'angels' will be paid the \$25.00 for their food purchases. It is the responsibility of the Tea Chairman to notify the Treasurer of the committee member change so she can reimburse the substitute or 'angel'.

(The current 5th sentence will become the 6th sentence.)

Rationale: It is unfair for Angels to not be reimursed for their additional expenses.

(3) (Page 24) Standing Rule 13.

Proposed Change #1: In the first sentence, after the words "Attendance at all" Insert the word "Daytime" before the word "Club".

Proposed Change #2: Delete the rest of the paragraph following the first sentence.

Insert the following after the first sentence: "The deadline shall be one week prior to the event and payment or a reservation must be made to the Financial Secretary by that date. Anyone wishing to make a reservation to attend after that deadline must contact the Committee Chairman hosting the event to ensure that they can be accommodated, and then must contact the Financial Secretary and pay an additional five (\$5.00) dollars more than the stated price for the event."

If adopted would read:

Attendance at all Daytime Club functions for which there is a charge shall be prepaid by members to the Financial Secretary. The deadline shall be one week prior to the event and payment or a reservation must be made to the Financial Secretary by that date. Anyone wishing to make a reservation to attend after that deadline must contact the Committee Chairman hosting the event to ensure that they can be accommodated, and then must contact the Financial Secretary and pay an additional five (\$5.00) dollars more than the stated price for the event.

Rationale: There must be a definite deadline for reservations in order to give the committee a chance to plan and shop properly for their event.

Submitted by the 2020-21 Mesquite Club Bylaws Committee, Betty Miller, Chairman

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting 10 a.m.  Groundhog Day	3	4  World Cancer Day	5 Silver Tea 1 p.m. 	6
7  SUPER BOWL	8	9  National Pizza Day	10	11	12 New Member Orientation 12 p.m. Business Meeting 1 p.m.	13
14  HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15	16 Evening Zoom Meeting 6 p.m.  MARDI GRAS	17  ASH WEDNESDAY	18  NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY	19 Ways & Means Mardi Gras Fundraiser 11 a.m. \$30	20
21	22  NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY	23	24	25	26	27
28  Golden Globe Awards	February 2021 is Observed as: Black History Month					
American Heart Month						

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This newsletter is published 10 times annually for members and friends of the Mesquite Club, Inc.

**The deadline is February 15
For the March issue**

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LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT GURANTEED
TO BE INCLUDED***

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Notes from your editor.

I hope that you are doing well and staying safe. We have a lot of things happening at the Club in the coming months, and I hope that you have the opportunity to attend soon.

Feel free to take the time to submit items to share with members for the newsletter, That makes it more interesting. This is your newsletter and we appreciate the participation of all members.

Have a wonderful February, and take a little time to be kind and reach out to other members in these unusual times. Kindness is a commodity that comes back to you as you give it. A wise man once said, "All you need is Love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." Charles M. Schultz.

Have a wonderful February,

*Cherie Lee
Williams-DeWitt*



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