

# The Mesquiter



## We Can Do It And Have Fun

Hello Ladies of the Mesquite Club,

**We are on a roll!** The Chinese New Year Fundraiser Luncheon was a blast. Everyone who attended was treated to an extravaganza of food, prizes, and entertainment. Super job goes to Linda Zesiger and her committee. We had quite a few guests who expressed interest in joining our fun organization!

When we pull off these events throughout the year, it is so rewarding to see all the camaraderie of our members. It is always work, but as many a member told me when I was chair, "Frankie we always get it done!" It's so true! That point brings up the matter

of filling our next years' positions. Please consider what position or committee that you would like to help with or head. It really is so rewarding to work together to complete our missions. Be fearless!

On January 13, Club members were treated to a tour, concert, and luncheon by Doris French Elementary Ensemble. The students and staff were absolutely delightful and dedicated. It was wonderful to see the results of all your efforts. The children reported that they have never felt such soft skin as our ladies possess. They are very cute.

Ladies, we are listed as sponsors of Smith Center in all of their Playbills. Yahoo! The Center is working on a private tour for us. I'll let you know when as soon as they confirm.

The Helldorado Parade is on May 15 this year. We have participated in it before. All I can say is Heck yes, let's do this! Let me know who wants to don hats and show the city who we are!

Everyone is working hard behind the scenes to set up the Silver Tea on February 3rd. RSVP to Barbara Bolling so they can properly prepare for this lovely event .

Cherie Williams-Dewitt and this President are again putting on a Valentines Day Private Luncheon at the Las Vegas Country Club on, Tuesday February 14. Please let us know that you'll be attending by sending a check of \$50 to Nancy Zangl by January 31. Love is in the air.

It is time to rev up for the Rummage Sale on March 3 and 4. The chairs have provided a little more time for set up so we all need to please sign up for what we can do for this money-making event.

Whew! I'm so proud of you all and this Club. However, I am sure you're tired of reading my prose by now. So, ciao for now ladies!

*Frankie Segel, President*

## SAVE THESE DATES!

**Silver Tea—1 p.m.**  
**Mesquite Club Anniversary**  
Friday, February 3, 2023

**Evening Super Bowl Bunco \$15—6 p.m.**  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

**Business Meeting with Speaker—1 p.m.**  
Friday, February 10, 2023

**Evening Business Meeting &  
Rummage Sale Setup—2:30 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

**Community Service Tea—\$0**  
Saturday, April 1 2023 1p.m.

**Evening HCA Charity Presentation**  
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6 p.m.

**Business Meeting/Elections  
Community Service Charity Presentations**  
Friday, April 14, 2023 1 p.m.

**Evening Business Meeting Scholarship  
Awards and Election of Chairs**  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6 p.m.

**Fine Arts Day**  
Friday, April 21, 1 p.m.

**GFWC Nevada State Convention**  
Saturday, April 29, 2023



# **SPARKLE** & Shine

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT  
THE MESQUITE CLUB ANNIVERSARY  
AND  
MEMBER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION**

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

**1 p.m.**

**Mesquite Clubhouse**

**702 East St. Louis Avenue - Las Vegas, Nevada 89104**

**Sparkle More and Shine Bright!**

**Don your blingiest Garbs and let's  
celebrate our members  
and the good work that we do!**

**Please RSVP by January 28th, 2023**

**Contact Barbara Bolling: [barbmeseq1911@gmail.com](mailto:barbmeseq1911@gmail.com)**

**Or Call @: (702) 341-6363!**

**There is no charge for this event!**

# EVENING LETTER; SCAM ALERT!

The Mesquite Club was filled with warmth and friendship January 10, when 20 members of Evening Mesquite Club and two guests enjoyed a delicious Greek dinner. We presented the check to Foster Kinship from the Holiday Craft Auction fundraiser, and enjoyed an informative presentation by a law enforcement officer.

The evening began with a Greek dinner provided by Kate Ksobiech, Tobylyn Power, Barbara Grogan, and Ruth Larson. In addition to the wonderful food, Greek music played, and Greek flags were displayed.

Dolores Martinez presented a \$13,517.25 check to Leah Dods, Director of Care Giver Programs for Foster Kinship. The check represented Foster Kinship's portion from the profit made at the Holiday Craft Auction in November 2022.

Shannon Serena, law enforcement officer, enlightened us about current scams via phone and via the Internet. His bottom-line comment was, "Hang up the phone on calls that sound questionable. Delete questionable email." Shannon suggested if one goes out after dark, park in a lighted area. If winning in a casino, ask security for accompaniment to your car. At home, keep the outside of the building well lit. Install an iron security door in front of the main door. Do not let bushes around the building become large and therefore a hiding place for a predator. He also suggested there is no better deterrent than a barking dog! Shannon offered his phone number and email address to contact him with any questions we have. His email address is: [sserena@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:sserena@dps.state.nv.us). His office phone number is: 702 486-6416. Shannon's cell number is: 702 513-5986.

Dolores was the one who shared the report about the income and expenses that was prepared by Bonnie Crawford, evening financial secretary.

Jane Reid will be sending out requests for proposals from nonprofit organizations for the net proceed of the 2023 Holiday Craft Auction



The number of Evening members is currently thirty-three. With mixed emotions, we said good-bye to long-time member Ellie Watts. Ellie is returning to her homeland, Australia.

An enjoyable evening of Superbowl Bunco is planned for Tuesday, February 7. A dinner of football-type food will be served. There will be cash prizes, raffle baskets, and a Superbowl pool. All members and guests are invited to attend. The cost is \$15, payable at the door. Attendees are encouraged to wear items that support their favorite team.

The yearly rummage sale will take place on March 3 and 4. Donations will be accepted through Friday, February 24.

## DID YOU KNOW

1931 - Membership was at 79. The building fund was at \$1,502.90. A suitable property was found on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A celebratory tea was held in the new building on April 28, 1933, with 150 women in attendance.

*Happy Valentine's Day!  
Arlene and Nancy*

To avoid someone, change the deed to your home without your knowledge: go to, Clark County Recorder, on that site click on Recording Notification Service. Follow the link below. [https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/elected\\_officials/county\\_recorder/recording\\_notification\\_service.php](https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/elected_officials/county_recorder/recording_notification_service.php)



- ❖ If someone calls saying they have a loved one, and they want money to set them free. Hang Up...if it is real, they will call back.
- ❖ Set up a code word with loved ones in case of a real emergency. Make it a word a stranger could not easily think of.
- ❖ Any correspondence online or on the phone regarding you buying gift cards is a scam.
- ❖ Very Important: The Police NEVER EVER solicit for money over the phone. These calls are scams. Hang Up!





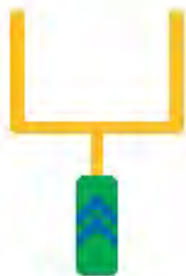
**Evening Mesquite Ways and Means  
Presents:**

## **Superbowl Bunco**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**6 p.m.**

**Cost: \$15**



**Join us for Fun, Food, Raffles, Prizes  
& a Superbowl Football Pool!!!**



**Wear your favorite team's jersey!**

**Mesquite Clubhouse  
702 East St. Louis, LV 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 January 31, 2023.



Send your check for \$50 to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

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

Please RSVP to Cherie @ (310) 710-9792 or [cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net](mailto:cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net)

To secure your seat.

This is a Ways & Means fundraiser.

Seating is limited!



# SAVE THESE DATES



## *Ways and Means Luau*

Friday, March 17, 2023

11 a.m. Social—12 noon Luncheon  
\$30

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

Send your check for \$30 to:  
Mesquite Club Financial Secretary  
P.O. Box 95662 - Las Vegas, Nevada 89193

*Polynesian dancers, great food,  
good fun and friends!  
Join us for this fundraiser!*



## **Afternoon Tea at the Mesquite Club**

Saturday, April 1, 2023

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

## **Helldorado Days 2023**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023 10 a.m. till Noon**

<https://vegasfoodandfun.com/helldorado-days/>

We would like to put together a committee who will create a Mesquite Club entry in the Helldorado parade. The application deadline is April 30, 2023. There is no fee to enter the parade. It goes between Gass and Stewart Avenues.

Contact Cherie @ (310) 710-9792 or email @ [cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net](mailto:cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net) to join the Committee. Let's show Las Vegas what the Mesquite Club Ladies are all about.



# FINE ARTS DAY



**Mesquite Club Fine Arts Day**  
**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
**1 p.m.**

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

With major holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hanukkah behind us and Valentine's Day, Easter, and Ides of March ahead of us, it is time to do some relaxing activities such as art can provide. **Sue Churchill** and the Watercolor group meet at the Clubhouse on Wednesdays. Many of us are doing artwork in our own homes in part to stay warm in this wintry weather, as well as for an uplifting experience. Spring is just around the corner and all those wonderful flowers, gardens, and outside activities will be available for us to shake off the winter. Art from Nature will encompass us.

Friday, April 21, 2023, is our Fine Arts Day Event where we will be able to enjoy the creative accomplishments of our Mesquite Club members as well as from our guest artists. There will be handicrafts to fine arts to enjoy, including knitting, spinning, quilting, collage, photography, wood turning, painting, gourd petroglyph art, art collected from travels displayed, textile art, ikebana Japanese flower arranging, and canapés. Art truly is a part of our everyday lives. Its creation and appreciation make our lives richer while our nourishing our souls.

Here are the biographies of more of our Mesquite Club members and guest artists:

**Kathie Clinesmith** has exhibited and sold her artwork here in the Las Vegas area for years including at the Red Rock

Canyon BLM Visitors' Center. *"Having had a career as a high school librarian, when I first retired from the Clark County School District, I wondered what I was going to do with all that newly acquired free time. I figured a house, husband, horse, crafts, and gardening would keep me busy. The first year I grew a bumper crop of Apache dipper gourds which I put in hammocks in the garage to dry. My husband kept running into them and threatened to throw them all out if I didn't do something with them. A trip to the library introduced me to the world of contemporary gourd crafts that I have spent the last 25 years exploring. Gourds are a part of most cultures. They were cricket containers and teapots in Asia, bowls and musical instruments in Africa, bird houses and containers in North America and Sherlock Holmes' pipe in England, to name only a few of their uses. I have always loved the cave painting of Europe and was delighted to discover a wealth of rock art in southern Nevada and the surrounding states which I have used in the designs on my gourds. I like combining these designs with found objects such as; horse hair, seed pods, shells, etc. I always try to always leave part of the natural gourd visible. Gourds have been nicknamed "nature's pottery" and offer an endless art form to explore and share."*

Our Mesquite Club members, **Jan White, and Sandy Holliday**, have gleaned pleasure with their artwork through knitting scarves and hats for charity through their church. Jan told of knitting argyle socks for her husband. Now that is talent and determination. What a wonderful gift to be able to create, give away, and have all the pleasure of helping others. Sandy and Jan will be exhibiting their talents at Fine Arts Day.

**Ruth Larson** is, *"originally from Pennsylvania. I have been a member of the Evening Mesquite Club for 11 years. I developed my passion and skill for quilting when I joined the Sun City Anthem Sewing Club shortly after I moved here. I have been quilting ever since."* She will have quilted projects at the Fine Arts Event.

**Tobylyn Power** is an avid photographer and takes workshops to improve her already competent talent. Her photographs of hummingbirds and nature are well crafted and exceptionally well presented.

Some of the artists will be offering their artwork for sale, and you are encouraged to come enjoy their efforts and perhaps take a special artwork home for continued enjoyment.

*Brenda Kostick and Tobylyn Power, Co-Chairs.*

# 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.

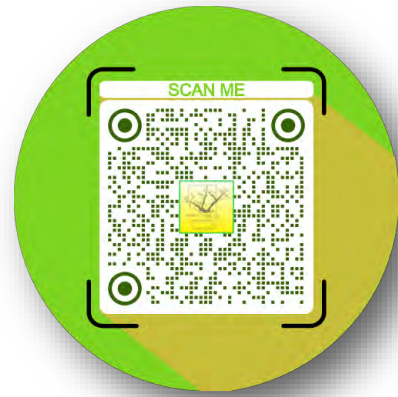
We will be inviting chairs of our various committee charities to look for donatable items for specific charities. Those individuals will be contacted prior to the set up.

We expect everyone to participate. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Sign-up 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 choose 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 is a registered 501(c) 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.*



# FUN AT THE MESQUITE CLUB! GFWC Nevada Convention!



Chinese New Year  
Celebration  
A day at Doris French  
School  
A luncheon with  
honorees!



## GFWC Nevada Convention

The GFWC Nevada Convention is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023.

It will be hosted by the ladies of the Lamoille Women's Club. It will be in Elko. It would be wonderful if members from the Mesquite Club would be present in person or on Zoom.

The convention is a great time to learn about the benefits of being a member of GFWC.

Your GFWC membership is included with your Mesquite Club membership. I look forward to sharing the exciting things that GFWC International has to offer to you and our community.

Contact me for more information. I hope to share with you my President's project regarding Organ Donation Education. This will be an important project for our State and maybe the country.

**Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt**  
2022-2024 Nevada State President



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**DONATIONS COMMITTEE**

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Contact: Diane Steel @  
judgesteel@cox.net or her cell  
@ (702) 300-3138.

We appreciate your suggestions.

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Celebration of Life Fund Contributions

Celebrating LIFE events!

Your donation here helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse. Thank you to the following members:

**Elizabeth Foyt made a donation in memory of her dear friend Margo Bartlett Pesek.**

Please send checks to:

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**SMITH'S  
INSPIRING DONATIONS**



The Amazon smile program is ending in February.

Although, you can sign up at Smith's to support the Mesquite Club. Follow this link: <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations>, or go to Smith's Inspiring Donations and follow the directions.

This is a great way to support the Mesquite Club.
















Thank everyone for your kind and loving words of condolence to me for the loss of my son, Michael. The warm, caring feelings you have expressed to me at this sad time of my life are so strongly felt.

They have meant so much to me.

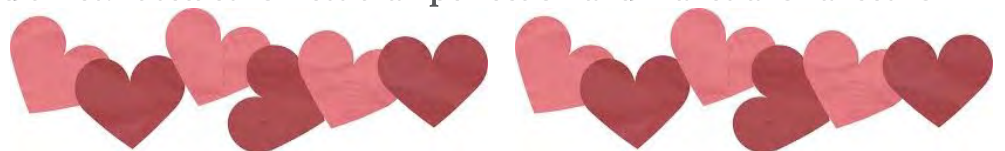
Thank you, Colleen



# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>February 2023 is Observed as:</b>  <b>Black History Month</b> <b>American Heart Month</b>			1 10 a.m. 	2  Groundhog Day	3 Silver Tea Club Anniversary 1 p.m.	4  World Cancer Day
5  Grammy Awards	6	7 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening Super Bowl Bunco 6 p.m.	8 10 a.m. 	9  National Pizza Day	10 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	11
12  SUPER BOWL	13	14  Valentine's Day	15 10 a.m. 	16	17	18  NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY
19 Rummage Sale Setup All week	20  Presidents Day	21  Mardi Gras	22 Rummage Sale Setup	23 Rummage Sale Setup	24 Rummage Sale Setup	25  NAACP Image Awards
26  SAG Awards	27 Rummage Sale Setup	28 Evening Business Meeting Rummage Sale Setup—6 p.m.	1 Rummage Sale Setup	2 Rummage Sale Setup	3 <b>Annual Rummage Sale</b> Friday & Saturday March 3 and 4, 2023	4

“Love is a friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It’s loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weakness.” —Ann Landers





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**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.

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something that we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

**Spread Love** to those around you; remember that not only today but each day you can make a difference in someone's life, you don't need an excuse or special day to show someone that you care.

Have a wonderful month and a Happy Valentines Day.

*Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt*

*Nevada State President, 2022-2024*



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