

# The Mesquite Club, Inc.

*Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911*

## The Mesquiter

May 2025



Summer Greetings Kind Ladies,

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa.*

Think back to a time when you were on the receiving end of a compliment. If you remember such kindness, it is truly endless. I encourage each of us to seek out as many members of the Mesquite Club, Inc., in this last month of our fiscal year and speak kind words to them. Summers can be hard on those of us who depend on our friends here at the Mesquite Club for our social interaction. You may well get someone through the summer. It is an easy "going away" present.

For myself, the Club's embrace of my theme of kindness gives me happiness, and I thank each of you for the kindness shown to me during my year as your President. I am working on my next theme, and I hope it too will be given positive consideration by all members as we move our Club forward.

I have a responsibility to give a brief speech on our past accomplishments at our Closing Luncheon. I rely on each Director, Officer, Chair, and member to send me your reports so I may deliver a comprehensive sense of our Club's completion of its goals and its purpose. Don't hold back where you see opportunities to improve our Club's operations. We have a very busy few weeks coming up, and I appreciate your time to inform me on accomplishments where you and your committee members have led our Club to better our community.

If you have not RSVP'd for the Closing Luncheon, please contact Nancy as soon as possible. Remember to invite others to attend our meeting so they may look us over. For those of you who may be unable to attend, I am grateful for the trust and support you gave me last year. It is also rewarding to be re-elected for an additional year. Please know that I am always open for assistance, suggestions, and questions from each and every member. Don't hesitate to contact me.

With Kind Regards,

Dianne

### SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, May 2, 2025 - 1 p.m.  
Memorial for members that have passed

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 9 a.m.  
GFWC Nevada Annual Convention

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
Preservation Foundation Tour

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Evening Ways & Means Event-\$15

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Evening Calendar meeting

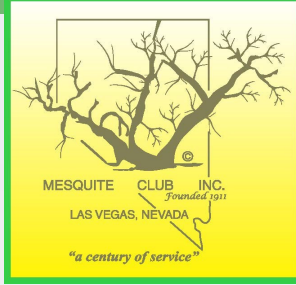
Friday, May 16, 2025 - 11 a.m.  
Closing Luncheon and Presentation of Check to Ashely Strong

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Evening Installation of Officers & New Members

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - 10 a.m.  
Calendar Meeting for 2025-2026



# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS!



## Mesquite Club Closing Luncheon

## Celebrating Our Success!

Friday, May 16, 2025

11 a.m. Social - 12 p.m. Luncheon

\$30

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

Make your reservations by sending your check to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

Nancy Zangl

481 Edgefield Ridge Place

Henderson, Nevada 89012

R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 9, 2025



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## EVENING LETTER; Baby's Bounty Donation!



Greeting Mesquite Club Members,

Kudos to Pam Ivey and Pat Garcia for all their efforts in coordinating the March 25 Baby's Bounty Supply Drive. We donated 1,000 diapers, 25 packs of baby wipes, nine bathtubs, 30 onesies,

several bibs, towels, wash cloths, and numerous amounts of toiletries, such as baby wash, Vaseline, diaper cream, shampoo, and baby lotions. What a wonderful way to conclude our Community Service programs for the Club year.

A huge thank you to Jane Reid for emailing out all the 2025 Holiday Craft Auction applications, and leading Ruth Larson, Cheryl Musser, Denise Beaumont, Kate Ksobiech, and Toni Babbish through narrowing down the number to the four finalists. Thank you Jane, and the entire committee for doing such a fantastic job. The four finalists were Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada, Children's Service Guild of Southern Nevada, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, and Street Teens. The membership chose Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada. The Evening membership embraced the Holiday Craft Auction years ago, when the Junior Mesquite Club could no longer continue this great project. They have done such a wonderful job in making the event bigger and better. Also, years ago, our Junior Club was very instrumental in assisting Candlelighters, during their early stages in Southern Nevada. Several of us past Juniors recall our volunteer efforts towards this worthwhile organization. We hope to help as many local Candlelighter children as possible, along with

funding three \$2,000 scholarships at the 40th Annual Auction, which will be held on November 14, 2025 .

On April 22 we met our Scholarship Award winners from last November's auction. Thank you to Scholarship Chair, Toni Babbish, for spearheading this selection Project. Kudos to all of the Evening members who read and graded the many applications received. We relish the opportunity to enhance the lives of those young high school graduates, as they continue their education in our great state of Nevada.

Please join us for the Coin Toss Game on May 6. Jane Reid, Bonnie Utton, Pat Garcia, Ruth Larson, and Sunnie Rae Grisby continue to shine, planning a fun and profitable Evening Ways and Means event." Please ask as many friends as you can to attend. May 13 will be the Evening Calendar meeting, in which our Evening Chair-elect, Pamela Ivey, will preside. May 20 will be the installation of our fabulous new members and our incoming Evening Chairs.

Congratulations to Pamela and each and everyone of our lovely members who agreed to take leadership roles, co-chair positions, and committee member positions to help to fill the slate. I am so very proud of each and every Evening member for their continued service to The Mesquite Club of Las Vegas and those less fortunate in our community. Our light shines bright. I have so enjoyed being your Evening Chair and will express my closing remarks in the next newsletter.

Love,

Connie Freeman



Pat Garcia & Pam Ivey, dropping of donations.





**Evening Ways and  
Means Fundraiser  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025  
6 p.m.**

**Mesquite Clubhouse  
702 E. St. Louis Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89104**

## **HEADS OR TAILS COIN TOSSES FOR FANTASTIC PRIZES!**

Who doesn't like the excitement of a coin toss? We do but with a twist! If you win the coin toss, you get to select a gift bag and reveal your prize. However, the next winner of the coin toss could "steal" your prize by paying \$5. You would have the option of keeping your prize by paying \$5, or let the steal happen and pick another prize. Each fabulous prize can only be "stolen" twice. So, bring \$5 bills with you to make the coin tosses exciting!

**This fun event features:**

**A buffet dinner with desserts**

**Selections of wines, soft drinks, and water**

**Basket raffles**

**The coin toss games**

**Admission: \$15**

# Announcing Fourth 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
1. Alisha Baty	Melody Wells
2. Penny Silva	Pamela Ivy
3. Catherine D'Amico	Elizabeth Foyt
4. Marta Polling Schmitt	Elizabeth Foyt
5. Shelley Herr	
6. Deborah Fisher Koch	Laurie Ellridge
7. Monterey Brookman	Elizabeth Foyt
8. Pat Sutherland	Helen Bowen/Barbara Wiggins
9. Frances Richards	Helen Bowen/Barbara Wiggins
10. Rosann Ealey	Connie Freeman
11. Gerry Faucett	Alice Curtis
12. Berry Weider	Frankie Segal



# Thank You...



Community Service wants to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our recent fundraiser. Together, we raised over \$4,000 for the Ashley Strong Foundation!



Ladies,  
Thank you for helping make Mystery at the Mesquite Club a success! Together, we raised over \$4,000 for the Ashley Strong Foundation and collected many thoughtful items for the kids. Your generosity is appreciated. Thanks to Bonnie Utton for catering the delicious Italian lunch—it was a hit! The Ashley Strong Foundation will continue as our community service charity from Fall 2025 through Spring 2026. Thank you again for your support and for allowing me to serve as Chair of Community Service.

Thanks

Melody Wells

# DONATIONS PAGE *Ongoing donations*

**Las Vegas Natural History Museum** has a constant need of school supplies including paper of all sorts, crayons & markers and art supplies as well as general office items. Peggy Bruhns is the contact.

**ASHLEY STRONG FOUNDATION**, the chosen charity for Daytime, is collecting new twin bed sheets, art/drawing sets, short sleeved pajamas, games and amusements for bedridden young patients residing in long term nursing care. Melody Wells is coordinator.

**ANIMAL RESCUE FACILITIES** are in constant need of old towels, blankets, quilts, bedspreads, dog beds & dog crates. *Things that are too worn for the Club's Rummage Sale are most welcome.* Please bag or box your contributions with a note to attention of Pat Garcia.

**EYEGLASSES, readers, sunglasses, prescription glasses, loose lenses, frames, and eyeglass cases** continue to be collected on behalf of the LIONS Club and used to provide eye care to the needy in our community. This is a multi-year effort coordinated by Elizabeth Foyt.

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS** is again welcoming donations of work and business appropriate women's clothing including dresses, suits, shoes, purses and accessories. We are looking for someone to take this over. It only means collecting the clothes and dropping them off.

**DORIS FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** continues to seek our support with needed school supplies for the classroom including markers, crayons, colored pencils, copy paper and more. Speak with Cathi Poer for further details on this multi-year effort.

**AND – as always, BOOKS, PUZZLES and MAGAZINES** are appreciated for sharing among members – Please place on BOOK SHELVES.



# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISER; WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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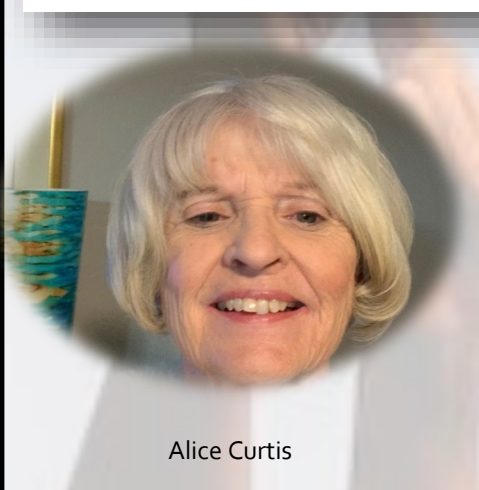
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Alice Curtis

Alice Curtis is a proud mother of two and a beloved bonus mom to eight, cherishing her role as grandmother to 28 grandchildren—and countless grand and great-grand dogs. She attended

college on singing scholarships, which opened the door to a fulfilling 37-year career in special education. A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Alice finds joy in connecting with others and believes everyone has a story worth hearing. Her favorite color is periwinkle, and she delights in shopping, sharing laughs, and passionately obsessing over all things Neil Diamond. Her life is a rich blend of music, family, faith, and meaningful conversation.

I am homegrown in Las Vegas, and I was schooled at JD Smith, Jim Bridger, and Rancho High. I attended Pepperdine University BA in Psychology, minor in Theology. I have a Teacher Certification and master's program in Educational Psychology at USC. I taught at Jordan High school in Watts, California, a marvelous, amazing, awesome experience. I met my hubby in our final year at Pepperdine, ultimately moved to Missouri where he was in medical school, we were married in a big field—lovely. We are celebrating 49 years—a blessing! I taught school and worked on television news in Northeast Missouri. I earned MA in Education from Truman University Continuing education at Pepperdine Law School Strauss Institute for Mediation and Dispute Resolution for 22 years. Currently I am involved in counseling, consulting, public relations, community activist serving on Boards of charities and organizations I deem of value to our world—helping prison reform, addiction recovery, human trafficking, veterans, humane treatment of animals, and more. I am devoted to God, family, and friends, my fellow man. I care for animals, coaching total integrated health—body, mind, spirit.



Monterey Brookman



# MESQUITE CLUB 2025-2026 ELECTION RESULTS

## Mesquite Club 2025-2026 Election Results

President	Dianne Steele
President Elect	Colleen Bailey
First Vice President (Hospitality)	Sue Churchill
Second Vice President (Membership)	Mickey Pajor
Recording Secretary	Brenda Dupont
Treasurer	Corrine Mewhirter
Financial Secretary	Nancy Zangl
<u>Elective Chairs</u>	
Community Service	Melody Wells
Ways & Means	Carol Titus
Building Chair	Peggy Bruhn
Nominations	OPEN
Evening Representative	Sunnie Rae Grigsby
Director	Frankie Segel
Director	Chris White
Nominating Committee:	Kay McClure, Shannon Noschese, Linda Zesiger, Ginger Reilly, <b>Alternate</b> : Sandra Ackerman

## Evening Mesquite Club Slate 2025-2026

Evening Chair	Pam Ivey
Donations/We Care	Dr. Frances Richards & Judy Stebbins
Program Chair	Jane Reid & Marie Titus
Recording Secretary	Connie Freeman
Financial Secretary	Bonnie Crawford
Community Service	Pat Garcia & Pam Ivey
Scholarship Committee	OPEN
Historian	Kate Ksobiech
Hospitality	Denise Beaumont
Membership	Linda Shapona
Membership Committee	Karen Ziegler & Kate Ksobiech & Irene Armijo
Nominating	Linda Shapona
Board Representative	Sunnie Rae Grigsby
Social Events	Barbara Wiggins & Helen Peak
Ways & Means	Ruth Larson & Dolores Martinez
Ways & Means Committee	Jane Reid & Pat Garcia & Bonnie Utton
Holiday Craft Auction	Bonnie Utton
Rummage Sale	Marie Titus

**Thank you ladies for your dedication to the Mesquite Club, Inc. Las Vegas.**



March 3, 2025

Mesquite Club  
702 E St Louis Ave  
Las Vegas NV 89104

To the kind hearts of The Mesquite Club,

On behalf of Freedom House Sober Living, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation for our clients. Your thoughtful contribution plays a vital role in our mission to create an environment where individuals in recovery can rediscover a quality of life they may have forgotten or never experienced.

Your support is a powerful affirmation of the importance of our work, and we are sincerely humbled by your kindness and commitment to our cause. By sharing your resources with us, you empower us to continue our mission and help build a brighter future for those we serve.

Thank you once again for your extraordinary generosity. Your contribution will have a meaningful impact on the lives of countless individuals.

This letter also serves as a receipt for your tax-deductible donation, including our EIN: 27-3493596.

We are truly grateful for your kind-hearted support. Individuals like you inspire us to drive positive change in the world.

With Sincere Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Silvia Buckley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Silvia Buckley  
Freedom House Sober Living  
Chairman of the Board  
702-494-8750  
[Silvia@freedomhouseiv.com](mailto:Silvia@freedomhouseiv.com)





# Calling All Crafters!

Crafting is a great way to explore your creativity and network with other creative ladies.

It is important that we re-establish the craft group. All members who possess numerous innovative ideas and have a keen interest in crafts are invited to join our craft group.



Due to the Clubhouse remodeling and various other challenges I faced this year, I have been unable to organize any activities.

We urgently require inspiration and someone who can take on the leadership role to inspire us and manage the crafts group. I have cherished the times we were able to meet, particularly my favorite project of making stockings.

Regrettably, we can no longer participate in this project as the local chapter has unfortunately closed.

If you are interested in contributing to our craft activities and helping us reinvigorate our group, please contact me. Let us work together to resume our creative endeavors.
























Thank you everyone! Sue Churchill @ [laf2day2@gmail.com](mailto:laf2day2@gmail.com)

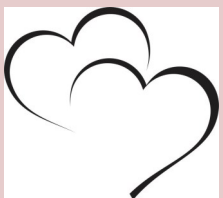
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Annette Dorman  
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Arlene McCroy  
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Vera Knox  
05/15  
Melody Wells  
05/22  
Judy Hetherington  
05/25  
Jane Reid  
05/25  
"Dee Dee" White  
05/29  
Diane Holst  
05/31





# 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May 2025 is Observed as:  National Bike Month; National Physical Fitness and Sports;  National Mental Health Awareness;  Lupus Awareness month; Lyme Disease Awareness Month</p>				<p>1</p>  <p><i>May Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Business Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>GFWC Nevada Convention 12 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Preservation Tour</p>	<p>5</p>  <p><b>CINCO DE MAYO</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Evening Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>  <p><b>ACM AWARDS</b></p>	<p>9</p>  <p><b>MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY</b></p>	<p>10</p>  <p><b>WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY</b></p>
<p>11</p>  <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>12</p>  <p><b>VESAK DAY</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening Calendar Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>  <p><b>NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Closing Luncheon 11 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p>  <p><b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b></p>
<p>18</p>  <p><b>INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY</b></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Evening Installation 6 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>  <p><b>WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b></p> 	<p>22</p>  <p><b>RED NOSE DAY</b></p>	<p>23</p>  <p><b>WORLD TURTLE DAY</b></p>	<p>24</p>  <p><i>National Brother Day</i></p>
<p>25</p>  <p><b>National Wine Day</b></p>	<p>26</p>  <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Calendar Meeting 10 a.m.</p> 	<p>29</p>  <p><b>NATIONAL BISCUIT DAY</b></p>	<p>30</p>  <p><b>World MS Day</b></p>	<p>31</p>  <p><i>World No Tobacco Day</i></p>



A simple act of kindness has the power to change a life.





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

**The deadline is July 20th  
For the Summer issue.  
NO EXTENSIONS!**

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

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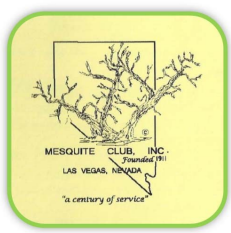
Summer break is here! Although there are no meetings, our community work continues. Stay in touch with Club sisters and start planning for the next Club year.

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."-Unknown*

Our work enhances our community, and we appreciate your dedication to the Mesquite Club and the Las Vegas community. Thank you for your efforts.

Yours in Federation Friendship,

Cherie Williams-DeWitt



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