The Mesquite Club, Inc.

Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911

March 2023 Issue 8





The Mesquiter

Greetings Ladies of the Mesquite Club

We Can Do It And Have Fun



Well, here we go marching into March! What a fabulous month February was. The funds were flowing. We added money to our Ways and Means from the Evenings Bunco and Super Bowl event as well as Cherie and my "Galentines" Luncheon at the Las Vegas Country Club. Yahoo! Both were well attended, and it is reported that fun was had by all at both events!

What's next? Well, we are setting up for a stupendous rummage sale. So, tell everyone you know about it March 3 and 4! Upcoming is another Ways and Means event on March 17. The "Hawaiian Luau" with hula dancers and Hawaiian cuisine. So, pull out your hula skirts, muumuus, coconut adornments, and leis and join the fun.

It is super exciting to be entering the Helldorado Parade again this year. Why did we ever stop?! Start thinking about your costumes. Past, present, future, 50's, cowgirls, showgirls! They all will work. This is going to be fabulous for the Club! The date is Saturday, May 13.

April 1 is our second and last Community Service Event, "Our Elegant Afternoon Spring Tea." This is going to be an extravaganza. Entertainment and yes, we can don our Easter Parade hats. This is a very important event in support of our charity for the Las Vegas Natural Museum. Can't wait to see you there.

Really there is so much ahead of us in each month that I refrain from itemizing it in this address. I will keep you abreast of upcoming activities through email. Keep having fun, and I'm having a blast keeping up with you all and your ideas.

Frankie Chase Segel, President



SAVE THESE DATES!

Annual Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday, March 3 and 4, 2023

Closed Business Meeting

March 10, 2023 1 p.m.

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—\$50 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

"Music in Memoriam"

Friday, May 5, 2023 1 p.m.

Business Meeting

Friday, May 12, 2023 1 p.m.

Evening Installation of Chairs &

New Members

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6 p.m.

Closing Luncheon—\$30

Friday, May 19. 2023 11 a.m.

MESQUITE CLUB ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE





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



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

Clothing, household items, lots of treasures. Jewelry, small appliances, craft items, linens! Lots of wonderful treasures.









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



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Mesquite Club Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 95662 - Las Vegas, Nevada 89193

Entertainment, great food, good fun and friends!

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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

April 21,2023 is coming quickly as we prepare for Fine Arts Day, both for presenting artists and interested viewers, we realize that opening a door to art educates us, civilizes us, connects us and excites us about the world and people around us, in the December *Mesquiter*, it was expressed that "our souls, if you will, are discreet and desirous of communicating to our fellows." As our artists express their souls through their artwork, we know them better, and we become educated on ways of communicating styles, techniques, themes, fulfillment, and a plethora of life skills for creating successes of our life adventures.

Here are the biographies of two more of our artists—one a member of Mesquite Club and one a guest artist.

ANTONIA BABBISH: Antonia Babbish is an enthusiastic world traveler having visited over 60 countries and 200 plus cities, villages, valleys, and peaks.

"During my travel adventures, I have collected diverse forms of folk art representing the people and the heritage of their various regions. Because hand-made and hand-tooled woodcarvings are my favorite form of folk art, I will have several creative samples to share with you.

On behalf of the Evening Mesquite Club, of which I have been an active member since 2003, I hope that you enjoy and appreciate the creative imagination and heart that the carvings represent."

GARY KOSTICK: Gary Kostick is a woodturner who moved to Pahrump, Nevada in 2017. Experiencing what was to become a life-impacting event, Gary was introduced to woodworking in his 7th grade woodshop class. From that point, Gary's love of working with wood in many forms has flourished and expanded, sending him on a life-long journey of pleasure and satisfaction. During Gary's formal Air Force career from 1971-1996, his artistic interest in woodworking never faltered.

For the majority of his adult life, he concentrated on creating pieces of arts and crafts, building furniture, custom decks, and as a certified architectural draftsman, created Dreams in Print for designing custom residential blue prints.

While living in Georgia, Gary expanded his "wood working" expertise to include "wood lathe work" and since that time, he has focused on capturing and presenting the essence and beauty of wood found in the USA, specifically Georgia, —cherry, walnut, hickory, different maples, pecan, box elder, osage, orange, elm, ash and other Native American woods. "I never tire of the natural beauty of nature. She has done such an incredible job."

As Gary's skills matured, so did his interest to explore and enjoy more challenging projects pushing his technical skills by working in a multitude of disciplines of woodturning making him both an accomplished artisan and artist.

Although Gary does sell some of his work and accepts consignments, he has also donated pieces of his work to organizations such as Beads of Courage (a children's cancer treatment support group), has made unique offering plates for a small Georgia start-up church, burial urns for friends and family, and delighted many with gifts of hand-turned artwork.

Brenda Kostick and Tobylyn Power, Co-Chairs.

EVENING LETTER; WHAT'S THE BOARD UP TO?

Tuesday evening, February 7, the Clubhouse was a gathering place of enthusiastic Bunco players. Fifty-four members and guests, some dressed to represent their favorite football team, enjoyed fresh bags of popcorn and beverages before partaking in a Superbowl buffet of chips and bean dip, veggies, pigs in blankets, barbecued beef sandwiches, chicken nuggets, fresh fruit, and a variety of desserts. The tables were decorated with small footballs and covered in red and green cloths and napkins, the colors of the teams who played in the upcoming Superbowl, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.

There was merriment, laughter, and several cries of "Bunco" during 18 games of Bunco. Cash prizes were given to the person with the most wins, to the person with the most losses, and to the person with the most Bunco's.

The exciting drawing of raffle tickets for the beautiful raffle baskets and other items completed a perfect evening. The result of this wonderful Evening was \$1,350 for Ways and Means!

Evening had a Super Bowl Pool. Members and guests were invited to buy squares for the price of \$5 per square. Which made for an exciting Super Bowl event! The winners were not decided until the end of each quarter of the game.



Those who purchased a square or more in the pool had a chance to win \$100 after each quarter in the game. Our pool had four lucky winners!

Did you know?

1934 - Mr. Edward Parsons noticed the ladies walking to meetings in their high heels through dust in the summer and mud in the winter. He graciously donated a side walk to alleviate the problem. In gratitude he became the only man ever to be invited to be a member, and he accepted.

"May the hinges of our Mesquite Club friendships never grow rusty."



What's the Board up to?

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Frankie Segel. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tuesday, February 7 2023.

Second Vice President: Colleen Bailey reported that she was very pleased that the Board sponsored New Member Tea held on January 27, 2023 was successful as we signed up three new members. She also reported that for the current club year we have nine new Daytime members and six new Evening Group members. Peggy Bruhns volunteered to obtain a brief bio and photo of each new member for publishing in the Mesouiter.

Treasurer: Corinne Mewhirter distributed copies of the January 2023 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports. She reported that the Evening Group's question about funds from a Community Service event that had not been correctly accounted for two years ago was resolved. The funds in the amount of \$2,587 were available to them.

Building Chair: Cherie Williams DeWitt reported on five separate issues as follows:

Rental Group A group that has rented the club for meetings in July and August requested a reduction in their agreed upon rate. To continue receiving rental income accommodation may be

After discussion Cherie moved "we offer to pay \$450 for a full day to the Tax Group for July and August 2023 per day. And waive the \$150 extra fee" Motion seconded and adopted.

Refrigerator One of the kitchen refrigerators was repaired four months ago and has stopped working. The cost is \$2,500 to repair it again. A preliminary search for a replacement shows that commercial refrigerators are available for less than the cost of repair. The Board agreed that a new one should be purchased and authorized Cherie to take action on that with a cap of \$2,500.

Outside lights Many of the club's outside lights have been inoperable and Cherie engaged an electrician to inspect and determine what is needed. The Building Committee recommended accepting an estimate of \$1,200 for repairs and charging the Celebration of Life fund for the cost. By consensus the Board approved moving ahead with the repair.

Helldorado parade Cherie was contacted by the City of Las Vegas about the annual Las Vegas Days Parade also known as Helldorado. The parade will be held on Saturday Mayl3th and the club is invited to submit an application to participate. The Board agreed that Peggy should serve as the chair of a committee to plan an entry for the parade.

Craft Fair Cherie presented an outline of a Craft Fair that she anticipates producing in the club parking lot on May 6, 2023. Documentation provided includes a Vendor Application and several pages of rules and regulations. The Fair would support Ways and Means and provide publicity for the club. The Board gave approval for Cherie to go forward with plans for the fair.

Ways and Means: Chair, Linda Zesiger was pleased to report that she had received many compliments on the committee's Chinese New Year Luncheon and also that the net financial profit from the event was \$3,705.38.

Treasurer Corinne Mewhirter distributed copies of the 2022-2023 Budget prepared by the Budget Committee. A minus figure reflecting less income than expenses is considered an estimate. Corinne moved "that the 2022-2023 budget be approved with the budget committee recommendation" Motion adopted. The budget and motion will be presented to the club membership for consideration at the business meeting on February 10, 2023







The inaugural Mesquite Club Open-Air Market

The Mesquite Club is hosting an open-air market in the parking lot of their Clubhouse.

Saturday, May 6, 2023 - 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.







Mesquite Clubhouse 702 East St. Louis Avenue - Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

We are looking for vendors to participate.
All vendors are welcome!
Vendor space is available, 10 x 10, for \$100.
Applications must be submitted before, April 6, 2023

For more information, contact: Cherie Lee Williams Cell: (310) 710-9792

Email: mesquiteclublasvegas1911@gmail.com



This event supports our Ways and Means fund that helps with the upkeep of our Historic Clubhouse.

BYLAWS PROPOSED REVISIONS

MESQUITE CLUB, INC PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES MARCH 2023

BYLAWS

Page 4 ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP, 2. ADMISSION, B. A New Members' orientation.....

Proposed Change: Delete section B and replace with new section B:

"B. A New Members' orientation and training event shall be scheduled at least once each Club year, to be hosted by the Membership Committee."

Rationale: The practice of holding New Member meetings prior to business meetings is not effective, but holding a New Member event has inspired new members to attend.

Page 7 & 8 ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS, 4. DUTIES, A. President, 1. The President shall exercise supervision...

Proposed Change: after the words "..she shall preside at all meeting of the Club; and"

Delete the rest of the sentence and insert the words "be authorized to sign checks."

Rationale: Update. Banks no longer allow two signatures on checks, but both the President and Treasurer are authorized signers.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS, 4. DUTIES, A. President, 2. She shall act as custodian.....

Proposed Change: after the words "said items shall be kept in..."

change the word 'the' to the word 'a' (safe deposit box), and delete the rest of the sentence. "...said items shall be kept in a safe deposit box."

Rationale: Update. The Club no longer has a safe deposit box at a bank, but rather a safe of our own.

TWO HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS: Pages 9 & 11, B. President-elect, 5.: Delete the 'co-'

She shall be authorized to sign checks. G. Financial Secretary 1.: Delete the 'co-'

She shall be authorized to sign checks.

Page 10 F. Treasurer, 1. Together with the President...

Proposed Change: Delete the words 'Together with the President she shall sign checks,' and insert the words 'She shall be authorized to sign checks, ' before the words 'and any statements...' "1. She shall be authorized to sign checks, and any statements regarding emergency repairs with proper invoices."

Rational: Update. Checks are no longer co-signed.

Page 14 E. Evening Mesquite Representative, 1. She shall, as a voting member...

Proposed Change: In the last sentence, after the word board, delete the words 'and business'. "She shall attend all board meetings."

Rationale: The Evening Member brings information to and from Evening business meetings at the board meetings, and does not need to also attend Daytime business meetings.

STANDING RULES

Page 26 Standing Rule 19. The Budget Committee....

Proposed Change: After the word 'members:' Delete the rest of the sentence and insert: Treasurer, Building Chair, President, President-elect, and an Evening Mesquite member."

Rationale: To conform to current practice and include Evening Mesquite in the budget planning.

Page 27 NEW MEMBERS Standing Rule 25., A. Attend all orientation.....

Proposed Change: Delete the word 'all'.

Rationale: Update to conform with proposed bylaw change.

Standing Rule 25., B. Receive a copy...

Proposed Change: After the word Club, delete the word 'history' and insert the words 'Bylaws and Standing Rules'.

"B. Receive a copy of the Club Bylaws and Standing Rules and a yearbook."

Rationale: Each new member should be provided with a copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Page 29 EVENING MESQUITE, Standing Rule 37. An Evening Mesquite member shall be appointed....

Proposed Change: After the words 'following committees:' insert the words:

"Budget Committee,".

Rationale: Conformity with Standing Rule 19.

Bylaws Committee: Cathi Poer, Chairman; Joan Doubrava, Parliamentary Advisor; Barbara Bolling, Sandy Holliday, and Connie Freeman.

DAY TIME SLATE; HELLDORADO; HELP A SISTER OUT!

MESOUITE CLUB DAY ELECTION UPDATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Frankie Segel 1st Vice Pres Jenny Durant

Sandra Ackerman
2nd Vice Pres Mickey Pajor
Recording Secretary Peggy Bruhns
Treasurer Corinne Mewhirter
Financial Secretary Nancy Zangl

EXECUTIVE CHAIRS

Corresponding Secretary

Building Cherie Williams Dewitt

Sylvia Phillips

Community Service Chris White
Nominating Brenda Dupont
Ways & Means Linda Zesiger

Evening Representative TBD

DIRECTORS

Barbara Bolling Colleen Bailey Cathy Poer Sandra Holliday

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We need nine candidates for the nominating committee. If you wish to serve, contact Mickey Pajor. I have included information from our bylaws to help you decide.

Looking for Helldorado Days Committee Members Saturday, May 13, 2023 10 a.m. till Noon

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 Peggy @ (702) 755-7560 or email @ pegbruhns@gmail.com, to join the Committee. Let's show Las Vegas what the Mesquite Club Ladies are all about.

ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS.

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chair and five members.
- 1. Four members shall be elected from the general membership at its annual election from a slate of not fewer than nine candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee. The fifth member shall be appointed from the Evening membership.
- 2. The Nominating Chair and Nominating Committee members shall not serve two consecutive terms.
- 3. The Nominating Committee shall function throughout the year to name candidates for any vacancies which may occur among officers, directors, elected Chairs, and its own committee with the exception of the office of President.
- 4. Vacancies shall be filled by election by the Executive Board from candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee.
- B. The report of the Nominating Committee with a proposed slate of officers for the succeeding year shall be presented at the March business meeting.
- C. Only the Nominating Committee shall contact a prospective nominee for a specific position. No member shall be nominated without her consent.
- D. Immediately upon presentation of the nominative slate there may be nominations from the floor, provided such candidates so nominated shall have consented to be nominees and shall have met the bylaw requirements for eligibility. Nominations from the floor may not be closed until the day of the election.

Thank you for stepping up!

Looking for Members with Computer skills!



I am looking for members who are able to help with the

Newsletter, the website, and social media for the Club. Come and share your digital skills in support of the Club!

If you have the skills or want to learn contact, Cherie @ (310) 710-9792 or email @ cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Announcing Second 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.
- Brief membership pitch and campaign update presented at each meeting/event.

New Member	Sponsor					
1. Denise Cantor	Shannon Noschese & Virginia Gordy					
2. Ginger Riley	Sue Churchill					
3. Laurie Elledge	Peggy Bruhn					
4. Vinetta De La Cruz	Colleen Bailey					
5. Kris Ayer	Dee Dee White					
6. Barbara Wiggins EVE Frankie Segel & Cherie Lee Williams						
7. Helen Bowen EVE	Frankie Segel & Cherie Lee Williams					
8. Carolyn Carolina EVE Frankie Segel & Cherie Lee Williams						
9. Sharon Segerblom Elizabeth Foyt						
10. Connie Jaeger EVE Connie Freeman						
11. JoAnn Prevetti EVE Elizabeth Foyt						
12.Alexandria Wells EVE Laurie Elledge						
13. Tara K'Lee Reynolds Laurie Elledge						
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Laurie Elledge

14. Melody Wells



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It only takes a few minutes to be able to save lives.

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 2023 is Observed as: Women's History Month National Nutrition Month				² ge Sale ontinues.		4 GE SALE ♣ № ● ■ - 4 p.m.
5	NATIONAL OREO DAY	7 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	8 10 a.m. ARI Classes 12 p.m.	9 World Kidney Day	10 Closed Business Meeting 1 p.m.	11
12 Total Control of	NATIONAL NAPPING DAY	14	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m.	16	17 Ways & Means Luau Fundraiser 11 a.m.	18
19	20 Spring begins	21 Evening Business Meeting/ Community Service Project 6 p.m.	10 a.m.	National Pappy Day	24	25 EARTH HOUR DAY
26	World Theatre Day	28	29 10 a.m.	National Doctors' Day	International TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY	Community Service Spring Tea 11 a.m.

Hello March!

As we move forward to the bright days ahead I encourage you to bring a grateful, giving, open heart full of love, compassion and kindness, for yourself and others. A peaceful mind full of positive thoughts of the great things to come. A renewed full spirit of passion and purpose of your souls dreams and desires. –Babz

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The deadline is March 15

For the April issue

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT GURANTEED

TO BE INCLUDED

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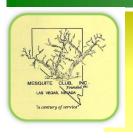
Spring is a wonderful time for renewal. We dust off the winter cold off and look forward to the sun and flowers. Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party." I look forward to the upcoming events so that we can party and do our good work.



Let's enjoy the sisterhood and friendship of the Mesquite Club and GFWC. When women support each other, incredible things happen. Let's keep these incredible things happening.

I am inspired by the dedication and hard work of you all. Your commitment to the Club and the community is inspiring. We are truly "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

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



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