

# The Mesquiter



## Everything's Coming Up Roses

Greetings Ladies of the Mesquite Club,

Ladies, we are marching into the Madness of March, but the love of February is still lingering with us. We are gearing up for our Marvelous Mesquite Club Rummage Sale. It is a lot of work, but I really love seeing us all working together.

I hope you all have seen the plug we received from Channel News 8's Coffee Cup campaign. Anchor Nathan Tannenbaum gave the Mesquite Club quite a nice review while sipping from our Mesquite Club coffee mugs. His wife had been a member of the

Junior Mesquite Club so he was quite generous in his praise and even announced our Rummage Sale.

We have our Beautification committee working on plans to refresh our Clubhouse this summer. The Committee has a goal of having a presentation of options they have come up with to show the Club by the end of March. This is a very ambitious crew! Brenda DuPont and her Nominations Committee are working feverishly to fill next year's slate of Officers and Chairs.

Everyone at the Club is here to help you and the Club which helps our community. We have the most talented and experienced members with whom you could ever align yourself with. Self-nomination is absolutely acceptable and encouraged.

The Day and Evening members of the Mesquite Club are joining up again to attend Oscars Viewing Party for Variety The Children's Charity of Southern Nevada at Brenden Theatres at the Palms. This a fun event, and the fellow sponsoring it provides the Mesquite Club the antique cars we will ride in for the Helldorado Parade again. Yeehaw! The tickets are \$30 but included is a \$25 Theater Concession Voucher. Peggy Bruhns is chairing the Helldorado Parade so she's also keeping track of the attendees of this event. Ways and Means is putting on Sipping Into the 60's Wine Tasting fundraiser on March 22. This was a wonderful title as 1964 was the year that we inhabited our Clubhouse, and this year marks 60 years that we have been in our second home.

What an agenda but we always get it done. With that said, it's time for me to sign off. Here's wishing everyone a marvelous March!

Frankie Chase Segel, President

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### RUMMAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, March 1 & 2 2024

### Luncheon with Speaker

Friday, March 8, 2024—1 p.m.

### Evening Social Outing

Tuesday, March 12, 2024—6 p.m.

### Closed Business Meeting and St. Patty Day Luncheon

Friday, March 15, 2024—1 p.m.

### Ways and Means Wine Tasting

Friday, March 22, 2024—11 a.m.—\$30

### Evening Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024—6 p.m.

### Elegant Spring Tea

Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.—\$50

### Evening Business Meeting and HCA 2024 Charity Presentation

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

### Business Meeting and Elections

Friday, April 12, 2024—1 p.m.

### Fine Arts Day

Friday, April 19, 2024—1 p.m.

### Evening Scholarship Awards and Elections

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

### Historic Tour

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
12 p.m. To 4 p.m.

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THE SHAMROCKS THAT GROW,  
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## March 8 Speaker

# Alaska History Fun Comes to the Mesquite Club!

Did you know:

The last shot of the American Civil War happened in Alaska?

Tombstone legend Wyatt Earp built a bar in Nome?

An Alaskan aviator wrote the U.S. Air Force song?

Join award-winning Alaska author/historian  
Laurel Downing Bill as she shares these and many more  
entertaining stories from Alaska's colorful past.



Where:  
702 E St. Louis  
Las Vegas, NV

When:  
Friday, March 8  
1 p.m.

Refreshments

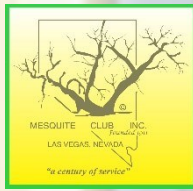
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Downing Bill's critically acclaimed five-book series, *Aunt Phil's Trunk*, won the 2016 Literary Classics International Gold Medal for Best Nonfiction Series worldwide.

Although written for an adult audience, children enjoyed her short stories and hundreds of historical photographs so much that teachers asked her to create a school curriculum for the series. It took the Silver Medal in Education in 2018.

For several years she appeared weekly on Southwest Alaska's CBS Channel 11 in a segment called "Story Time with Aunt Phil" that was a hit with young and old alike. Those shows now are available to view on YouTube.





# Sipping into the 60's

Join us for an afternoon of wine tasting celebrating the 60's

At our Ways and Means Fundraiser!

Don your bell bottoms and your Peace Sign

And lets have a sip of Vino!



Friday, March 22, 2024

1 p.m. - \$30

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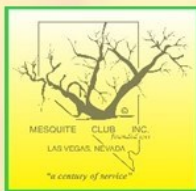
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*The Ladies of the Mesquite Club, Inc*

*Invite you to our Elegant Afternoon Spring Tea*

*Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1 p.m.*

*The Mesquite Clubhouse*

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



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## *Our Elegant Afternoon Spring Tea Reservations*

TICKETS ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY, SEATING IS LIMITED. (Sorry, no children under 10 years of age.)  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2024. EVENT DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

Reservation Form with Check may be mailed to:  
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c/o Nancy Zangl, Financial Secretary  
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**Individual Reservations:** \$50.00 per person. To reserve seats together, list names and include payment for \$50.00 per person.

**Table Reservations:** A limited number of tables for eight (\$400.00), are available on a first-come basis. Names of attendees must be listed and full payment of \$400.00 must be included.

**Donation:** If you are not able to attend but would like to contribute to The Mesquite Club's support of Project 150 for Homeless Youth your donation is appreciated.

\_\_\_ \$200    \_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ \$50    \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

### Reservations for Individuals (\$50.00 per person)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reservations for Tables (\$400.00)

Name of Person Reserving Table for 8:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Total for Reservations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Food Allergy Warning: Please be advised that the food served may contain wheat, dairy, nuts, peanuts, soy, fish, or shellfish.*

# THANK YOU MEMBERS; HELP FOR ELEGANT TEA



Community Service - Project 150 Prom Closet

A big thank you to all our members who contributed to our Prom Closet donations for Project 150 our Club donated:

- 25 ~ Dresses
- 9 ~ suits
- 4 ~ pants
- 7 ~ shirts
- 14 ~ pairs dress shoes
- 13 ~ purses
- 1 ~ box full of belts & ties

They are sorting things and setting up the Prom Closet the same time we're doing Rummage Sale.

Thank You so much for your generosity!!  
Chris White, Community Service Chair



## Our Elegant Tea

Ladies we are in the planning stages for our elegant tea for

April 6, 2024. We are

looking for silent auction and raffle items.

We will be making gift card trees again too! Any and all donations accepted.

Let Chris white or Cathi Poer know if you have questions!!

Thanks,  
Chris White



## Building Rental Discounts for Mesquite Club Members!

The Building Committee met on January 19, 2024, to discuss a recommendation that we offer Club Members a discounted rate for Clubhouse Rental.

*The Building Committee recommended that we reduce the rental fee for use of the Clubhouse and restrooms from \$500 to \$300 and that the rental fee for use of the Clubhouse, restroom, and kitchen be reduced from \$650 to \$450, this includes the \$100 cleaning fee for the Caretaker to clean up afterwards. This rate is for Members only. The normal \$400 refundable deposit is required to secure the space.*

*For more information, contact Cherie @ [cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net](mailto:cherieleewilliams@earthlink.net).*



# MESQUITE CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, February 6, 2024

**Members present:** Frankie Chase-Segel, Diane Steele, Peggy Bruhns, Sandra Ackerman, Mickey Pajor, Corinne Mewhirter, Nancy Zangl, Sylvia Phillips, Chris White, Connie Freeman, Brenda Dupont, Linda Zesiger, Cathi Poer, Barbara Bolling, Jan White. **Excused:** Colleen Bailey, Cherie Williams-DeWitt.

**Invited Guests present:** Marie Titus, Andy Buckley, Carol Titus, Ms. Mulligan, Judy Heatherington, Rita Dorn, Carol Seibel.

**Call to order:** President, Frankie Chase-Segel, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with the secretary present. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting were approved as written.

**President's Report:** Frankie Chase-Segel praised the Club for its adventurous attitude while maintaining our standards. An example of trying innovative approaches was the Silver Tea on February 2, 2024. A further example was inviting all new members to attend the Executive Board Meeting to see how it works and to learn what each Officers position involved, rather than having a separate luncheon. President Chase Segel then explained the duties of the President as outlined in the Club By-Laws. President Chase-Segel told the new members about the creation of the Grant Committee and Beautification Committee. She encouraged them to get increasingly involved and assured them that everyone was here to help.

**President Elect:** Dianne Steel told our new members that the position of President Elect did not mean that they would automatically assume the position of President once the current term was over. It was more of a "Presidential Intern" position where you learn what the Club and Committees were all about. In this position you were also automatically assigned to the Program Committee, Building Committee, Celebration of Life, Committee and Budget Committee. The position also had check-signing authority, as outlined in our Club By-Laws.

**First Vice President:** Sandra Ackerman told the new members that her position was responsible for "Hospitality," which is more involved than it sounds. The position was responsible for assigning Meeting and Tea Committees for the year and assisting the meeting and tea Committees, as needed. The First Vice President was also responsible for assuring all kitchen and restroom supplies were well stocked.

**Second Vice President:** Mickey Pajor explained that the main duty of the Second Vice President was to recruit new members and brief them on what the Club is all about and to make them welcome. She encouraged all new members to not be afraid of accepting Committee positions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corinne Mewhirter distributed the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for January 2024. She reported that we are financially in a good place with \$93,882 in savings and \$42,615 in checking. She further reported that the Ways & Means account was healthy with \$15,896.28 in Daytime W&M and Evening just disbursed \$10,637.14 to their Charity as well as issuing three scholarships of \$1,500 each. Treasurer Mewhirter went on to outline the duties of Treasurer, as outlined in the Club By-Laws.

Treasurer Mewhirter then asked that the Date, Time, and Place of the Celebration of Life services for Sandy Holliday be announced via email to all Club members.

**Financial Secretary:** Nancy Zangl distributed the January 2024 Financial report which shows a total income of \$2,653.33. Secretary Zangl then proceeded to summarize the duties of the Financial Secretary, which included collecting and disbursing funds, recording transactions, making, and recording all deposits, and sending all information to the Treasurer. She also had check-signing authority.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sylvia Phillips reported that she had sent thank you notes to Betty Weider, Andy Buckley, and Silvia Buckley.

**Building Chair:** Chair Cherie Williams-DeWitt reported that, following the January Board Meeting, the Building Committee met on January 19, 2024, to discuss President Chase-Segal's recommendation that we offer Club members a discounted rate for Clubhouse Rental. *"The Building Committee recommends that we reduce the rental fee for use of the Clubhouse and restrooms from \$500 to \$300 and that the rental fee for use of the Clubhouse, restroom and kitchen be reduced from \$650 to \$450, to include the \$100 cleaning fee for the Caretaker, for Members only. This would be in addition to the normal \$400 deposit required to secure the space"*. After discussion, the recommendation was approved by the Board. President Chase-Segel, in the absence of Chair Williams-DeWitt, then outlined the duties of Building Chair for our new Member attendees, as outlined our Bylaws.

**Community Services:** Chair Chris White outlined the duties of the Community Service Chair, as outlined in our Bylaws. Chair White further explained the objectives of our current nonprofit, Project 150. She also reminded everyone of the Annual Tea that will be held April 6, 2024.

**Evening Representative:** Evening Representative, Connie Freeman, described the position as outlined in the Club Bylaws. Ms. Freeman announced that the Evening Group presented a check in the amount of \$10,637.14 to the Community Counseling Center at the January 23, 2024 meeting. She further reported that the Scholarship Fund will be distributing \$4,500 to three deserving young women on April 23, 2024. Connie reminded everyone of the Super Bowl Bunco to be held this evening starting at 6 p.m. and the Annual Rummage Sale on March 1 and 2, with a sneak preview for Members on Thursday, February 29.

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# EVENING LETTER;

Cheryl & Connie



shaping up beautifully.

Congratulations to our entire membership for their efforts towards the Rummage Sale. This is a large endeavor that raises money for our Club, enhances our neighborhood, fulfills wish lists for local charities, and is a perfect opportunity for both Day and Evening members to work together and develop lasting friendships.

Kudos to our own Sigrid Insull-Lucking as she highlighted her career in Hollywood as speaker at the February 16 Daytime business meeting.

Super job by our Evening Ways and Means Committee and generous members at our Super Bowl Bunco on

Hello, Ladies,

Here we are in the windy month of March, and our membership is getting very excited about our annual Rummage Sale. Thursday, February 29, 2024, is our Early-bird sale. March 1 & 2, 2024 is our rummage sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Our membership has been working very hard, and it's

February 6. We had 47 attendees who enjoyed the fantastic food and the fun game. We were very successful in raising money for the Club from this popular event. Thank you to Jane Reid and Dolores Martinez, Ways, and Means Co-Chairs along with the wonderful committee members.

Congratulations to Cheryl Musser on her volunteerism to the Club Beautification Committee as Committee Co-chair and to Sigrid Insull-Lucking and Connie Freeman for their efforts as Committee Members from Evening Mesquite. We are grateful and proud.

Please remember to mark your calendar for our March 12 meeting. It is being hosted by our recent Holiday Craft Auction recipient, Community Counseling Center, and we will have the opportunity to tour the facility.

A huge welcome to Andy Buckley. Andy recently joined the Club as a Daytime member and then her schedule changed. Andy is delightful and eager to meet all the Evening members.

See you in April when, hopefully, we'll have some lovely Spring showers.

Nancy Hill  
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## *(Board notes continued)*

**Nominating Committee:** Brenda Dupont described the duties of the Nominating Committee Chair as outlined in the Club Bylaws. She encouraged members to talk to other members at our meetings to see what position they may be fit for or interested in.

**Ways & Means Committee:** Chair Linda Zesiger explained the duties of Ways & Means Chair were to raise money to keep the Clubhouse up and running, which included everyday expenses such as power bill, insurance, and building upkeep. Linda reminded everyone about the Chinese New Year event being held on Friday, February 9, 2024, and the upcoming Wine Tasting on March 22.

**Community Services Director:** Director Cathi Poer explained that, originally the position of Director for Past Presidents only. Since then, this restriction has been changed so that you do not necessarily have to have held the position of President to serve as Director. Each Director is a Board Member and is assigned to advise and assist on one of the Committee, but all serve as needed throughout the Club.

**Ways & Means Director:** Director Barbara Bolling explained to the new members that she was Director at Large for the past two years and was responsible for Programs which included Ways & Means and Community Service events, the Silver Tea as well as finding and scheduling speakers for our meetings. She was given the position of Director of Ways & Means following the sudden death of Sandy Holliday in December.

**GFWC:** Chris White gave a history of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and our involvement with GFWC.

## New Business

Recording Secretary, Peggy Bruhns, brought forth the motion *"that the cost of the cream-colored chair covers, purchased for the Silver Tea, in the amount of \$149.55, be deducted from the Craft Fund."* The motion was seconded and discussed and approved by the Board

President Segel showed the Board logoed coffee mugs she recently purchased so that the Club could be part of the Channel 8 morning "mug club" and be highlighted on the morning show.

President Chase-Segel discussed our involvement in Helldorado, being held on May 10, 2024, again this year. She explained that, in addition to the vintage automobiles we had last year, we will also have access to a flatbed truck that we can decorate. Peggy Bruhns has accepted the position of Chair of the Helldorado Committee and will be recruiting committee members as well as putting out an email blast to see how many Members will be able to participate this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.





**Barbara Allen-Lewton**  
04/11

**Joan Maule**  
04/18

**Edith Farran**  
04/21

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**Celebrate the life of those no longer with us.**  
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GFWC Nevada Federation held an Afternoon Board Luncheon at the Las Vegas Country Club. We had 18 ladies present from Green Valley and the Mesquite Club. We all enjoyed a wonderful salad luncheon.

I was able to conduct the meeting in spite of my hip surgery. The Past President's Club held their meeting as well. We had new members who were able to see the advantages of our membership in GFWC International. We also had several past presidents join us as well. We are in the process of planning our GFWC Nevada Convention. More to come!

Yours in Federation friendship!




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GFWC Nevada hosted the Inaugural Paint & Sip at Olive Garden on Flamingo near Maryland Parkway. We had 24 ladies from Clubs throughout the Las Vegas Community. We painted and had a good time. There was education about Organ Donation. This event Celebrated Black History Month, as well as moving forward my Organ Donation





Education program. Look for details for our next event in April. April is Organ Donation month. We are truly living the volunteer spirit!







# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>March 2024 is Observed as:</p> <p>Women's History Month</p> <p>National Nutrition Month</p>				29	1	2
				<p>Mesquite Club Rummage Sale</p> <p>February 29, 2024 Early bird 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.</p> <p>March 1 and 2, 2024 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.</p>		
3  World Wildlife Day	4	5 Board meeting 10 a.m.	6  NATIONAL OREO DAY	7  NATIONAL CEREAL DAY	8 Meeting with Speaker 1 p.m.	9
10  Daylight Savings Time Begins	11  NATIONAL NAPPING DAY	12 Evening Social event out of the building 6 p.m.	13 	14  World Kidney Day	15 Closed Business Meeting St. Patty Day Luncheon! 1 p.m.	16  NAACP Image Awards
17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19  National Agriculture (AG) Day	20 	21  World Poetry Day	22 Ways & Means Wine Tasting 11 a.m.	23  National Puppy Day
24  Holy Thursday	25  INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY	26 Evening Community Service Project 6 p.m.	27  	28  Holy Thursday	29  GOOD FRIDAY	30  National Doctors' Day
31  Easter						

### **Vol. 7 Issue: March**

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

**The deadline is March 15**

**For the April issue**

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## **Notes from your editor.**

March is Women's History month. This is a very important month for me. Our GFWC Nevada work helps us to stand on the shoulders of strong women who have come before us. Let us celebrate women this month.



I want to take a moment to thank everyone for the cards and flowers during my hip-replacement surgery recovery. My heart is full with your encouragement and support. I may not be at events in person, but I make my presence known by my tasty cookies. I purchased an ad so that you can commission them. I also purchased an ad for the book that I have a chapter in. Transplant hope includes stories from organ recipients, the families of organ donors and a nurse who supports the patients. *My chapter is Caring for Clyde.* I am donating a portion of the sales to my GFWC Nevada President's project, Organ Donation Education. Feel free to contact me for more information or to purchase a book. The cost is \$25, the ad has details for mailing. Thank you again,

*Cherie, GFWC Nevada State President!*



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