



The Mesquiter

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

Welcome to April and all the joy that spring brings.

Meetings in April start the second week of the month due to Good Friday and Easter. March included successful and fun fundraising events for both Evening Mesquite and the Community Service Committee. Congratulations to all who worked on these important events. A delightful musical program was presented on Fine Arts Day which featured the singing talents of member Evelyn Leslie.



Mesquite Club partnered with the City on a shredding and prescription drug turn-in event in our parking lot on March 27. In addition, toiletries were collected at this event for the Embracing Project.

In April, both Evening and Daytime members will consider and vote on charity beneficiaries for next year. Evening will also present their Scholarship Awards in April.

On April 9, 2021, Dr. Elwood Schmidt, author, will present a program highlighting his 50 years as a rural doctor in the West. At the April business meeting, we will elect our officers for 2021-2022. The month will finish with the annual Rummage Sale the last weekend of the month. If you have donations, please plan to bring them in soon.

Club members are happy to be returning to meetings and events. I can tell by the smiles on their faces! We will all look forward to greeting residents of our neighborhood when they attend the Rummage Sale to shop for bargains. This event always brings all our members together to work toward a successful outcome and find a few bargains ourselves.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday, and enjoy this month's activities. Eat a little candy from the Easter basket, and enjoy one of the best months in our valley home. Happy April!

Cathi Poer, President

SAVE THE DATE!

Evening Business meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 6 p.m.

Afternoon Tea
Friday, April 9, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Business Meeting - Elections
Friday, April 16, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Evening HCA 2021
Charity Presentations
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - 6 p.m.

2021-2022 Community Service
Charity Presentations
Friday, April 24, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Mesquite Club
Annual Rummage Sale
Friday April 30, 2021 - 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Evening Scholarship Awards
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 6 p.m.

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

Evening Calendar Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6 p.m.

Memorial/Business Meeting
Friday May 14, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Evening Installation
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6 p.m.

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



MESQUITE CLUB ANNUAL



Friday April 30, 2021 and Saturday, May 1, 2021
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Masks are required
We will practice social distancing
All Sales are FINAL, NO HOLDS

EVENING CHAIR LETTER; EVENING EVENTS



Dear Ladies of the Mesquite Club
(Day and Evening),

Your prayers, support, and love
were very much felt and
appreciated during this most
difficult time of my life, with the

loss of my dear husband, Ken. I am feeling stronger
emotionally, and I believe I am able to get back to my
duties as Chair of Evening Mesquite Club. I would like to
thank Toby Power for stepping in as Evening Chair in my
absence, and all those who supported her and helped keep
things going with the Club, these past three months.

Although a couple of meetings were cancelled, and there
was an out-of-Clubhouse Zoom meeting, thanks to Cherie,
on Tuesday, February 16, on March 16, the Social,
Membership, and Ways and Means committees came
together to put on a successful, and long awaited, Irish
Sweepstakes! Thirty-six people attended the event and
from all reports, a good time was had by all, with a net
profit of \$1,119.72 for Ways and Means! A special thank
you to Irene Armijo and Cheryl Musser, social co-Chairs,
Linda Shapona, membership, and Bonnie Utton, ways and
means chair – Great job ladies! To all those who
contributed items for raffles and prizes, those who
participated in the “horse races”, and those who attended,
thank you for showing that when we work together, we
are sure to be successful!

I would like to recognize and thank Connie Macauley for
her separate donation of \$110.00 to Evening Mesquite
Ways and Means, to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the
Mesquite Club.

To finish out the Club year and in order to have time to
contact agencies and people involved with upcoming
meetings, the following are changes to the meetings in
April and May:

April 6 – Business Meeting

April 20 – HCA 2021 Charity Presentations

May 4 – Scholarship Awards

May 11 – Calendar Meeting

May 18 – Installation of Chairs and New Members

Please make note of these changes and the one additional
meeting, May 11, in your Yearbook. Before each meeting,
I will send an email with more information about the
meeting. My hope is that as things are improving in Las
Vegas and as more of us have gotten the vaccine, our at-
tendance at the rest of our meetings also improves.
Remember the Rummage Sale is April 30 and May 1, and
volunteers will be needed for set-up and working at the
sale. I hope to have a sign-up at the April 6 meeting.
Let's all get involved with this event which benefits the
Mesquite Club. I have missed you all, and I am looking
forward to seeing you all at the April 6 meeting!

I wish you Health, Peace, and Love,

Dolores Martinez, Evening Chair 2020-2021



Thank you to all who attended the Evening Irish Sweepstakes.

A good time was had by all. Luckily, we did not have any injuries on the track, but those horse droppings.
WHEW! ☺ Next year, they will be on a bland diet!

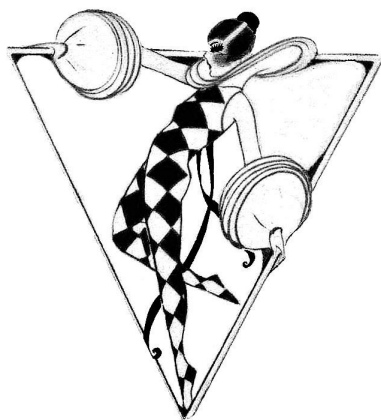
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The Mesquite Club
for

A 1920's Spring Tea

Come for an Afternoon Recalling the Style of a Century Ago

Enjoy
An Elegant Tea with
Delightful Delicacies and Pastries
and
Entertainment



Friday, May 7, 2021, 1p.m.
The Mesquite Clubhouse
702 East St. Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104



RSVP by 4/30/21 - \$30 per person
To make your reservation, mail your check (Memo: 1920's Spring Tea) to:
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CRAZY DAISY



Afternoon at the Mesquite Club
Friday, May 21, 2021
11 a.m. Social—Noon Luncheon
\$30
R.S.V.P. deadline is May, 14, 2021



You are invited to join us as we close our Club year.
This has been a year like no other,
in the midst of a pandemic, we have been able to continue our good work.
Join us as we celebrate the year, install new officers, and make our
presentation to Freedom House



To reserve your space, send your payment to:
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We will adhere to Covid-19 requirements!
Masks are Required! - Sanitizer will be available!



Mesquite Club 2021-2022 Proposed Slate of Officers

Evening Officers

Evening Chair

Dolores Martinez

Chair Elect

Open

Devotions and We Care

Melissa Clary

Programs

Pam Ivey - Connie Macauley

Hospitality

Toby Power

Membership

Linda Shapona

Recording Secretary

Jane Reid

Financial Secretary

Jane Reid

Community Service

Bonnie Crawford - Ruth Larson

Ways and Means

Pat Garcia

Nominating Chair

Dolores Martinez

Historian

Toby Power

Evening Mesquite Representative

Arlene McCroy

Social Events

Cheryl Musser - Irene Armijo

Holiday Craft Auction

Bonnie Utton

Public Relations

Kelly Wallace

Scholarship

Toni Babbish - Poly Schmitt

Mesquite Club Board

Chairs & Directors

President

Open

President Elect

Open

First Vice President (Kitchen)

Peggy Bruhns

Second Vice President (Membership)

Connie Sue Hines

Recording Secretary

Barbara Bolling

Treasurer

Sonja Bettendorf

Financial Secretary

Micky Pajor

Corresponding Secretary

Sylvia Phillips

Building Chair

Cherie Williams-DeWitt

Community Service

Open

Nominating

Lynda Schultz

Ways and Means

Jenny Durant/Sandra Ackerman

Evening Board Representative

Arlene McCroy

Directors

Cathi Poer

Lois Evora

Sandra Holliday

Joan Doubrava

Nominating Committee

Jan White

Annette Dorman

Judy Bolander

Helga Caggiano

Julia Van Cise

Tai Gregory

Elsa Torgerson

Linda Zesiger

We Care

This past year has been a challenge for all of us.



Congratulations to all that have survived. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones. We wish those who are still recovering a swift and full recovery.

Our Past President, Joan Lapan, is in the hospital. She has been fighting with cancer in the past year.

Cards are always welcome to help uplift her spirits. Send cards to her address in the Yearbook. I am sure that her family will see that she receives them.

Nominations

We will confirm our 2021-2022 slate, of officers as the Friday, April 16, business meeting. As you can see on the previous page, there are still a few openings. The Club operates with the participation of its members.

Review the slate and please consider stepping up to help keep the Club operating smoothly. Contact Nancy Zangl to express your interest.

Thank you for your support of the Mesquite Club.



Carol Hale
04/04
Gina Cicconi
04/06
Mary Louise Brooks
04/09
Barbara Allen-Lewton
04/11
Joan Maule
04/18
Edith Farran
04/21
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04/23



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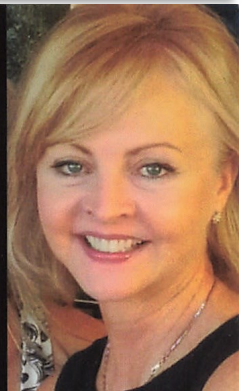
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New Orleans Pralines

Prep: 15 mins - Cook: 15 mins - Set Time: 30 mins
Total: 60 mins - Servings: 15 to 20 servings

Ingredients

1 cup granulated sugar.
1 cup packed brown sugar.
1/2 cup evaporated milk.
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cubed.
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract.
1 1/2 cups toasted and coarsely chopped pecans.
1/4 cup boiling water, if needed.



New Orleans Pralines:

Prepare a baking sheet by lining it with aluminum foil and spraying the foil with nonstick cooking spray. Alternatively, use a silicone mat on top of the baking sheet.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the white sugar, brown sugar, and evaporated milk.

Combine sugar, brown sugar, and evaporated milk in saucepan.

Stir until the sugar dissolves. Once all is well mixed, insert a candy thermometer. Cook the candy, stirring occasionally, until the thermometer reads 240 F.

Stir until sugar dissolves in the pot.

Once the proper temperature is reached, remove the pan from the heat and drop the cubes of butter on top, without stirring.

Allow the sugar mixture to sit for 1 minute.

Add butter to sugar and milk mixture in the pot.

Add vanilla and pecans to mixture in a pot.

Begin to stir smoothly and constantly with a wooden spoon; the candy will begin to thicken and appear lighter in color. Continue to stir until the candy starts to hold its shape. It should still be easy to stir, but do not overdo it, as pralines quickly go from fluid to rock-solid.

Continue stirring until pralines start to harden.

Once the confection has a lighter opaque-brown color and is holding its shape, work quickly and drop small spoonfuls of the candy onto the prepared baking sheet. Because the pralines will start to set in the saucepan, you need to spoon out the candy as fast as you safely can. If the candy stiffens before you are done scooping, add a spoonful of boiling hot water and stir until it loosens, then continue scooping until you have formed all the pralines.

Allow the candy to fully set at room temperature; it should take about 30 minutes for the pralines to harden. Store the pralines in an airtight container at room temperature. Enjoy.

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/new-orleans-pralines-521172>

Thank you Elsa Torgerson

TEXAS CRABGRASS



1/3 cup butter
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 (7 1/2 oz.) can crab meat, drained
(fresh or imitation crab meat can be used)
3/4 cup Parmigiano cheese
1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped spinach cooked and drained.

Melt butter, add onion and sauté until soft. Add crab, cheese, and spinach. Heat through. Serve hot in chafing dish. Serve with melba toast or crackers. Makes about 3 cups.

❖ Can be frozen. Thaw it out before heating in microwave or in the oven at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Thank you Peggy Bruhns








**This is how
WE**

**Mardi
Gras!**





2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 2021 is Observed as: National Poetry Month Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention National Autism Awareness Stress Awareness Month National Donate Life Month				1  April Fool's Day	2  GOOD FRIDAY	3
4  Easter	5	6 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening Charity Presentation 6 p.m.	7 10 a.m. 	8	9 Afternoon Tea 1 p.m.	10  National Siblings Day
11  NATIONAL PET DAY	12	13	14 10 a.m. 	15	16 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	17  NATIONAL HAIKU POETRY DAY
18  ACM AWARDS	19	20 Evening Scholarship Awards 6 p.m.	21 10 a.m. 	22  Earth Day	23 Regular Meeting 1 p.m.	24
25  Academy Awards	26	27	28 10 a.m. 	29	30 Mesquite Club Rummage Sale April 30, 2021 & May 1, 2021 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.	May 1

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Notes from your editor.

Spring has sprung, and I know that we all are looking forward to the warm weather, beautiful flowers, and the ability to get out and soak up some vitamin D rays.

I have received both of my vaccinations, and I hope that if you plan to get it, that you have or will do so soon.

Spring is about renewal, and I know that we look forward eagerly, to renewing face-to-face relationships in the near future. Consider attending any of our upcoming events. We adhere to Covid requirements. We have extra masks available as well as hand sanitizer. I hope that we can see each other face to face soon and even give each other a big hug. Until then, please stay safe and stay connected.

I love Spring because people are happy, new flowers are out, and bees are buzzing around. Spring is here green and colorful; days are sunny, warm and beautiful. I love Spring!

Cherie



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