

# THE MESQUITER

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## STAY SAFE AND STAY CONNECTED

**We hope that everyone is staying safe.  
If anyone needs assistance, please reach out, and we will get help to you.**

### CLUB BUSINESS

**DUES:** The Mesquite Club year is coming to an end. We are not sure what that means right now, but we still need to conduct the business of the Club. It is time to renew our membership for the next Club year. Attached is the renewal form for the 2020-2021 Club year. Take a moment to fill out the information in the form, even if your information has not changed. This helps us to be able to keep accurate records for members. Please indicate any changes of information. Dues are usually sent to the Club P.O. Box, although, in these unusual times, and so that Sue can practice social distancing, please mail the checks to her home address. It is listed on the renewal form. We thank you for your support with this, and look forward to the time that we can re-convene. *The renewal form is attached.*

**STEPPING UP:** With the new Club year quickly coming up, take time to consider how you want to support the Club. There are many ways that you can be an active member of the Club. You may be receiving a phone call to ask for your help. It is good when you know what you want to do and step up. We cannot do this without you. *Thank you for "Living the Volunteer Spirit."*

**UNITED STATES 2020 CENSUS:** The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. You can fill out the form received in the mail. You can go online @ [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). You can call: 844-330-2020. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

Let's get the momentum of volunteerism going again. Little things can make a huge difference. There are so many things that we can do to help others less fortunate than we are. Let's celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, or Arbor Day on Friday. I am a member of the Arbor Day Foundation. See a suggestion on the second page for a project idea.

We are in this together, and we will emerge better on the other side. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected.

*Cherie Lee Williams-De Witt*



Wednesday, April 22, 2020

*"I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now," wrote the Quaker missionary Etienne de Grellet.*



Friday, April 24, 2020

## HELPING THE COMMUNITY

### DOING HER PART FOR THE COMMUNITY



Ruth Larson, 2019-20 Evening Community-Service Co-chair, has a passion for sewing. She makes quilts, centerpieces, and other decorative items, but lately, her sewing efforts have focused on needs in the community.

She along with Bonnie Crawford, 2019-20 Evening Community-Service Co-chair, planned a community-service project for the February 18, 2020, meeting. All of the members were encouraged to bring in packages of diapers, and Ruth cut out material that she donated for the Evening members to iron and then sew into receiving blankets. Under Ruth's and Bonnie's direction, four sewing machines were used by members who could sew while other members used irons to press hems. Ruth finished up the receiving blankets at home, and Evening members delivered the diapers and the blankets to HELP of Southern Nevada. Ruth reported that the agency was thrilled to get both the diapers and the receiving blankets and said that they would like more.

Now, with the COVID 19 virus, Ruth is at home like everyone else, and her sewing projects have switched to masks. Not only has she made masks for friends and relatives, she along with 26 other members of the Sun City Sewing Club made over 1,300 masks that have been distributed through local hospitals. She is also making masks for Central Christian Church. They use the masks for church members who pass out food to people in need. So far, she has made over 300 masks for the church.

Ruth exemplifies the members of the Mesquite Club who use their special talents to give back to the Las Vegas area. She is a special part of the Mesquite Club and should be recognized for what she has done and continues to do.

**Thank you, Ruth.  
You are truly living the Volunteer Spirit!**

### Set Aside Shoes to Donate While Spring Cleaning During Quarantine

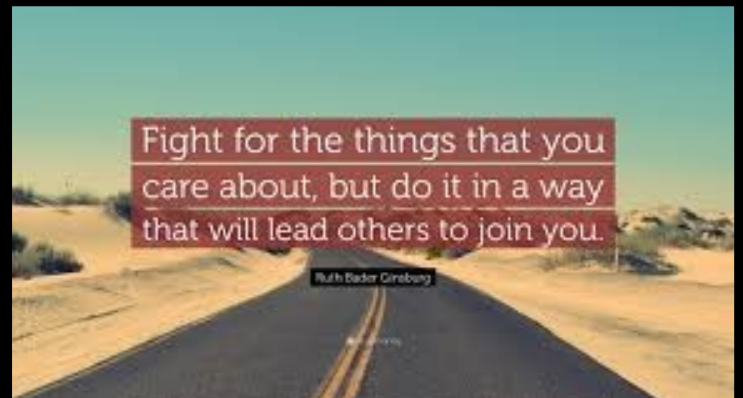
Clearing out closets and other areas of your house is an excellent way to pass some time at home! While spring cleaning, set aside some



gently-used pairs of shoes to donate to Soles4Souls (accepts all types of shoes) or Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe Program (accepts athletic shoes).

As we cope with the effects of the current pandemic, it's easy to forget that thousands around the world still lack basic essentials such as shoes.

Let's make plans to contribute to the GFWC 2018-2020 Used Shoe Grand Initiative remotely. Save your unwanted shoes.



I have been walking around my gated community. While walking, I am listening to Ruth Bader Ginsberg's book, "My Own Words." I am inspired by her grace and eloquence in the performance of her job.

I think that this says it all!

Cherie

## BOARD MINUTES MARCH AND APRIL

### MESQUITE CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Call to Order was made by President Joan Lapan at 10:05 a.m.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sylvia Phillips read a note from Ellie Watts, an Evening member, who said she was sorry she couldn't work on the Rummage Sale and she included a donation.

**Community Services:** Corinne Mewhirter reported that she took some things to Freedom House and that some of the residents are coming to help at the rummage sale. She said the committee is looking for cash donations to raise funds for program scholarships for those living in the house.

**Nominating:** Lois Evora said that they still need a Building Chair. She then read the slate. The slate will be nominated at the March 13 Business Meeting and then voted on at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting. Nominations are open until April 10. Lois then made a motion to "accept the nomination of Sylvia Phillips for a fourth year as corresponding secretary". The motion was seconded and adopted.

**Evening Mesquite:** Pat Garcia reported that she took diapers and 40 receiving blankets that the group had made to HELP of Southern Nevada. They have a program where they give diapers to mothers. The club is now waiting on scholarship applications to work on that project.

**Building:** Cathi Poer said that the committee is still studying a way forward on the sewer problem and are not in a hurry to make a decision.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Second Chance Boutique:** President Lapan reported that the group has not had a chance to visit the Boutique and talk with them about their proposal. They will go next week.

**Women's Suffrage:** President Lapan reminded us of the installation of the suffrage marker on March 5 and to wear hats. The Brownies will be handing out Girl Scout cookies.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Selection of Mesquite Club Charity:** Corinne Mewhirter proposed that we think about choosing a charity to support for more than one year. It was suggested that that proposal should come from next year's committees when we would be more knowledgeable about the charity.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

### MESQUITE CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING—ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The Call to Order was made by President Joan Lapan at 10:10 a.m.

**President's Report:** President Lapan said that all activities at the Clubhouse are postponed until the end of April and the rest of the club year may have to change drastically. She said that although these are challenging times for us all we will weather this situation.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Elections:** Barbara Bolling made a motion: "**I move that we cancel all Mesquite Club meetings and activities through the end of April, 2020, or at which time Nevadans are allowed to discontinue home isolation, in accordance with health care providers and state and local health departments. Also, that a decision will be made at the May Board Meeting as to whether elections for the 2020-2021 officers will be held at a clubhouse meeting or if the elections will be held via mail.**" The motion was seconded and approved. This is an override of bylaws, okayed by National President.

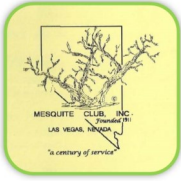
#### ELECTED OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN REPORTS

**First Vice President:** Connie Sue Hines suggested that when we are back to meetings that refreshments be eliminated or kept to a minimum so that we keep our time together to a shorter time.

**Financial Secretary:** Sue Churchill passed copies of the Financial Report for March by email to the members. There was discussion that some members have paid ahead for events which may not happen until this summer. Lynda Schultz, Treasurer, reminded us that all money in accounts now will not carry on to next year which begins June 1. After discussion Sue agreed to send an email to all who had paid asking if they wish to donate or be refunded. If they wish to donate, state who they want it sent to.

**Nominating:** Lois Evora made a motion "**to accept with regret the resignation of Holly Nieto in good standing**". It was seconded and approved. Lois Evora read the slate of officers and chairmen for the 2020-2021 year. She pointed out changes from the nominations at the March 14, Business meeting. Due to the resignation of Holly Nieto from the club, Cathi Poer agreed to be nominated as President and left the nomination for President Elect open. Beth Moore is being nominated as First Vice President, not her sister, Tai Gregory as previously indicated.

**Donation Committee:** Cathi Poer, Donations Committee member read the Donation Committee's Recommendation "**that for the 2020-2021 club year the charity benefit recipient for our Community Services financial donation continue to be our current recipient, Freedom House, and that other charities not be considered for financial donations for the coming club year.**" The motion was approved by the board. It will then be presented to the membership at the next opportunity.  
**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### My quarantine story ♥



I love the stories about working from home. That is my normal day. I have not had to change much except that, I wear a mask when I go the store or the post office.

I do this to protect Clyde, since he has recovered from prostate cancer. Yes, he is working at home, and I have not strangled him, yet. 😊

I have fixed the things in my home that I was going to get a handy man to do. Now, I am the handy woman. I have been tending to my garden. Enjoy this rose from my garden. I hope that you are keeping busy and staying safe. If you are feeling lonely, pick up your yearbook and call a Club sister. You may be helping them to have a better day as well.

Stay safe, but please stay connected. It is a great thing.

Cherie



## Stay Connected Stay Safe

**Send anything that you want to share for the next bulletin:**

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**See you soon!**

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