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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



October 2025

## The Mesquite Club, Inc.

*Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911*

# The Mesquiter



Dear Ladies,

It is certainly good to be back with you, and I know you that you all feel the same way. Thank you for those who attended the Opening Luncheon. The event was very cleverly developed with a Back-to-School theme, and we signed up three new members! According to Linda Shapona, the Evening Membership Chair, we have hit a campaign goal of 15 new members. [...]only 85 to go...] There is no greater resource for the Mesquite Club and the communities we serve through our volunteer efforts than new members. New members provide more hands to serve our community and more support for our collective goals.

New faces provide more opportunities for personal relationships and for creating new friendships.

Please consider joining the Bylaws Workshop to better define the need, or lack of need, to amend our Bylaws to better serve our members. This is not a committee, but instead a discussion and engagement of the members to address our goals and direction for the direction of the Mesquite Club, Inc. We are reviewing each Article of the Bylaws and the Standing Rules. It is also an opportunity to better understand the framework that guides our Club. The remaining date is October 20, 2025, at the Clubhouse at 11 am. We will set other dates if necessary. Please email me at [judgetsteel@cox.net](mailto:judgetsteel@cox.net) for more information, or to join the discussion.

I urge you to attend the Evening Halloween Bunco on October 7, 2025. The Flower Power Fundraiser has been moved to October 10, 2025. I hope to see everyone there. Let's make this an exciting year where we "Strive to Thrive" in 2025-2026!

Finally, the theme that I have selected for this year directs members to *"Go Forward Forever,"* while respecting our rich history since 1911. Be sure to share your love for the Mesquite Club with your family, friends, and neighbors. I am grateful for the Opportunity to Serve.

Dianne

## SAVE THESE DATES!

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Evening Halloween Bunco - \$15

Friday, October 10, 2025 - 11 a.m.  
"Flower Power"  
Community Service Luncheon - \$30

Friday, October 17, 2025 - 11 a.m.  
Business Meeting with Speaker

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Business Meeting and Program  
Speakers

Saturday, October 25, 2025  
GFWC Nevada Fall Board meeting  
open to all members and guests

Saturday, November 1, 2025  
Legacy of Giving Celebration; in  
Memory of Joan Doubrava  
To be rescheduled—Stay tuned

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Holiday Craft Auction work meeting

Friday, November 7, 2025 - 11 a.m.  
Ways and Means "Bingo and Wine,"  
Luncheon - \$30

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - 6 p.m.  
Holiday Craft Auction Setup

Friday, November 14, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.  
Holiday Craft Auction

Friday, November 21, 2025 - 11 a.m.  
Business meeting with honorees



MESQUITE CLUB OF LAS VEGAS  
COMMUNITY SERVICES



# Luncheon



Mesquite Clubhouse

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

## OCTOBER 10TH, FRIDAY

11 - 2 PM \$30



WEAR YOUR GROOVIEST ATTIRE

CHILDREN  
SHEETS

CHILDREN  
PAJAMAS

RSVP TO NANCY ZANGL  
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CASH OR SQUARE (+FEE)

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ASHLEY STRONG  
FOUNDATION

# EVENING LETTER; Gingerbread Fair, Encourage!



Greetings Members,

Our opening event, the Welcome Back Potluck, was a huge success! Special thanks for a job well done to our Membership Chair, Linda Shapona, our membership committee, and our entire Evening membership. The well-thought-out expo tables gave members information about many upcoming events, plus a table highlighting our membership in The General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The potluck dinner was exceptional, and all committee chairs gave informative reports. A heartfelt thanks to all the members who brought guests. We received donations from generous members for our "Shade Tree" Community-Service drive in conjunction with the GFWC Day of Service. Our Halloween Bunco Fundraiser will be held on October 7, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Our first program meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, and will feature a speaker from Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNLV. The speaker is Teri Malburg who is one of OLLI instructors. She will talk about the OLLI program and the classes, in-person and online, that are available through the program.

Our members are busy working on our 40th Annual Holiday Craft Auction under the direction of Bonnie Utton, HCA Chair. All members are reminded to secure basket and live-auction items for this very worthwhile charity fundraiser. Bonnie is taking reservations, and the event is sure to sell out quickly. If you are unable to attend, monetary donations are very much appreciated.

Recently I traveled with Evening members, Connie Freeman and Dolores Martinez, and attended the Western States Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Long Beach, California, September 11-14. Members of both the Mesquite Club and the GFWC Lamoille Women's Club in Lamoille, Nevada attended. It was a pleasure to represent the volunteer efforts of our Club members, learn useful information about GFWC, and see some interesting sights of the city and surrounding areas. I encourage all members to consider attending next year, as the conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Looking forward to our busy Club year of friendship as we "Encourage Women in the Desert." Let's remember to say something kind to someone today and continue to *Live the Volunteer Spirit*.

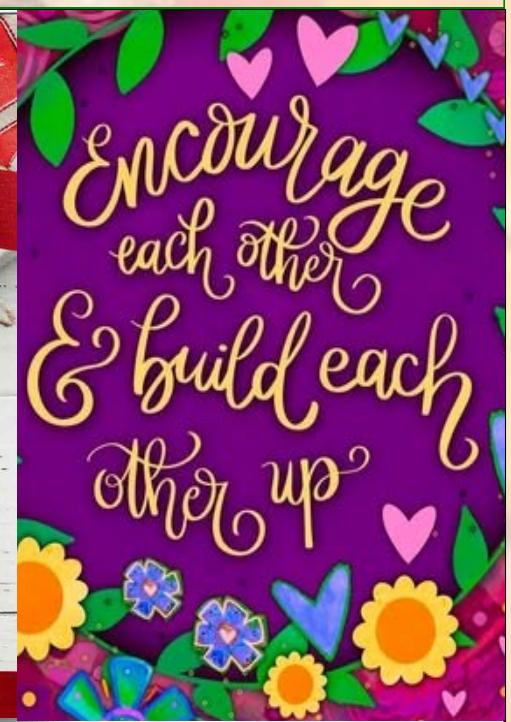
Pamela Ivey

**GINGERBREAD FAIR**  
CRAFTS & PANTRY

at  
**GREEN VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
1798 Wigwam Parkway  
Henderson 89074  
Exit north at Valle Verde from I-215

Saturday  
**OCTOBER 4**  
9am-2pm

Raffle items will be available



Ways and Means Wine Bingo!

# Mesquite Club



Ways and Means Fundraiser

Friday, November 7, 2025

11 a.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

\$30

Charcuterie boards



TO RSVP: Email: [tomzz@juno.com](mailto:tomzz@juno.com)

By November 1, 2025

Credit card available + fee

Mail your check to:

Nancy Zangl  
Mesquite Club, Inc.,

481 Edgefield Ridge Place - Henderson, Nevada 89012



# MINGLE ALL THE WAY!



*Please join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon*

Friday, December 19, from 11:00-2:00

*Lawry's The Prime Rib*

4043 Howard Hughes Pkwy.

*Guests are welcome*

Tables will be set up for 4 or 6 top

\$36.50 per person

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MESQUITE CLUB?

Join us for our October 17, 2025  
Business meeting.

Sensi Kika Shibata,  
Ikebana Arts by  
Kika Shibata



Kimi "Kika" Shibata's mission is to teach Ikebana still correctly, having her students experience "the Joy of Ikebana" and develop within her students the happiness that comes when loving one's Ikebana. Encouraging students to go outside the Ikebana classroom to expand their Ikebana experience and sharing it with other Ikebana schools and the community at large. Teaching Ikebana is something that has brought her much happiness doing what she loves.

We look forward to you joining us for this wonderful meeting.

## Christmas in July Thanks!

Sharon Segerblom and Elizabeth Foyt wish to sincerely thank all members who made donations to the 2025 "*Christmas in July*" effort.

Together we raised nearly \$7,000 for the operation costs of our Clubhouse. Special thanks to Nancy Zangl, financial secretary, who was key to this project over the past five months. Melody Wells was winner of the \$100 donor drawing.

Again, our thanks and appreciation for your kindness.

## *Join in the Mesquite Club Christmas card.*

This is a small annual fundraiser. A way to save money and time sending Christmas cards to your Mesquite Club sisters. It supports the Ways and Means fund.

**What do I have to do, you ask? Every dollar helps!**

We ask that you send at least ten dollars to financial secretary, Nancy Zangl, and you will be included in the Club Christmas card that will be published in the December Mesquiter.

How easy is that? No addressing envelopes, buying stamps, and going to the post office to mail the numerous cards. In the end, you are supporting the Clubhouse as well. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Celebration of Life Fund!

Celebrating LIFE events!  
Your donation to this fund helps with major improvements to the Clubhouse.

Share news with your Club sisters and help to support the upkeep of our historic Clubhouse. Feel free to make a donation to this fund!

Celebrate the life of those no longer with us.  
Celebrate the arrival of a new member of the family.  
Just celebrate the fact that you woke up this morning.

We all have so much to celebrate!  
Thanking you in advance for your support!

In honor of Joan Doubrava:  
Kay McClure

*A Celebration of Life*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Katherine Vandertulip**, a recent transplant to Las Vegas, currently serves as Director of Grants and Major Gifts at the DISCOVERY Children's Museum. Katherine has had roles including Vice President of Investor Relations at the Borderplex Alliance, and key development positions at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso and New Mexico State University.

A graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, Katherine has long coupled her professional career with community service. She has volunteered

with the Junior League of El Paso and Las Cruces, the El Paso Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, the YWCA El Paso del Norte Region, and served as a board member for the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest. Today, she continues her passion for service through the Junior League of Las Vegas, the Red Rock Audubon Society, and now the Mesquite Club.

Personally, Katherine enjoys time with her husband, Alex, a physician assistant with the United States Air Force, and their three dogs—Jaxon, ZsaZsa, and Frida. She describes herself as a “doer” and finds joy in cooking, baking, needlepoint, and gardening.

**Patti Paluzzi** attended elementary, junior high, and high school, Chaparral High School, in Las Vegas, and began studies at UNLV during her high school senior year. She was an active collegiate member of Delta Zeta Sorority, and served as UNLV's College Chapter Director for over nine years, after becoming an Alumna. Patti was an active member of the GFWC Junior Mesquite Club serving in many Executive Board positions. She is married to her college sweetheart, Mathew, who is a Bishop Gorman High School Graduate and Sigma Chi Alumni.

They have one son, James, married to Bailey, who presently lives in Southern Oregon, and they are involved with the area's Foster Children's Programs. She is so proud of Jim and Bailey for all they do for children and their community.

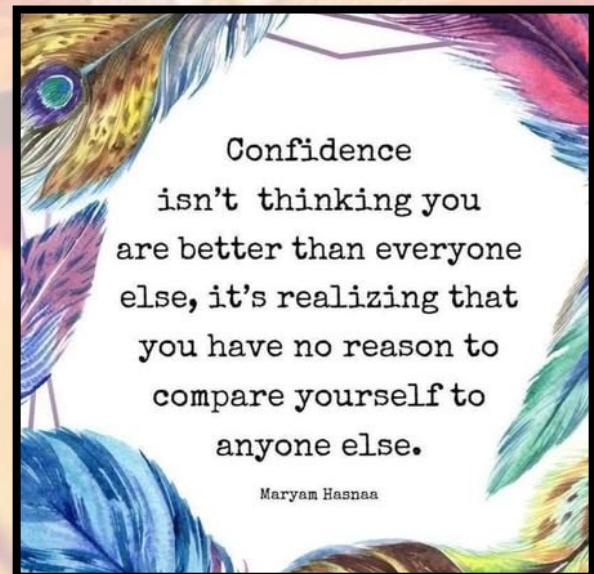
Patti retired in January 2025, after about five decades, in real-related industries where she worked in homebuilding, escrow, title, banking, and mortgage banking, spending 35 of those 50 years in sales, production, management, and as a corporate trainer. She and Mathew enjoy traveling as much as possible now and are constantly deciding where to go next. She looks forward to being involved in the community service aspect of the Mesquite Club, once again!



**Shannon Hale** is a recently retired elementary school teacher, having worked for CCSD the past 29 years. Her husband was in the construction industry for 40 years and is also retired. Their adult son works at a local hospital and is continuing his education to become a registered nurse.

They have three small dogs and support several charities that help animals; Street Dogz, Raise the Bar-n, and The Animal Foundation.

The things they enjoy together are traveling, dining out, comedy shows, playing games with friends, and home improvement projects. She regularly play Mahjong and Bunco, attends cooking classes, enjoys craft projects, and support other charities, such as The Compassion Initiative, The TEAL Foundation, and Child Haven. As a member of The Mesquite Club, she looks forward to meeting new friends and contributing my talents to the group.



# MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

## Announcing Fifth Annual!

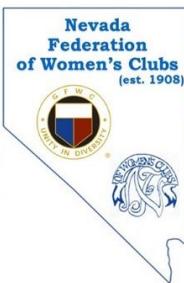
## ALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

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 Betty Weider                                     | Frankie Segal  |
| 2. Jennifer Tuggle                                 | Diane Steel    |
| 3. Katherine Balok                                 | Linda Shapona  |
| 4. Miriam Orwin                                    | Linda Shapona  |
| 5. Cherie Hughes                                   | Frankie Chase  |
| 6. Susan Houck                                     | Carol Siebert  |
| 7. Natalie Rosenberg                               | Colleen Bailey |
| 8. Shannon Hale                                    |                |
| 9. Vickie Rohde                                    | Linda Shapona  |
| 10. Stephanie Seiler                               |                |
| 11. Ami Peterson                                   | Connie Freeman |
| 12. Patti Paluzzi - Connie F., Irene A. Dolores M. |                |
| 13. Alisen Recharde                                | Dee Dee White  |
| 14. Ginnie Brimmer                                 | Pam Ivey       |
| 15. Debbie Bellasquez                              | Dianne Steel   |



*Mark your  
Calendar*

# GFWC EVENTS

GFWC Nevada Board Meeting

Open to all members and Guests

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Doris French School

(More details to come)

October 19-25, 2025—Advocates for Children Week

**Saturday, October 25, 2025—GFWC Nevada Fall Board meeting open to all and guests**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025—GFWC Holiday Reception GFWC Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026—GFWC Women's History Celebration

April 19-25, 2026—GFWC Volunteers in Action Week

**April 24, 2026—GFWC Nevada Annual Convention with GFWC International Treasurer, Juliette Casper visiting**

April 24, 2026—Federation Day

**June 27-29, 2026—GFWC Annual Convention—Westin Kierland Resorts & Spa Scottsdale, Arizona**

**June 29, 2026—Installation of 2026-2028 GFWC Officers & Adjournment**

### Region Meeting 2026

**September 10—13, 2026—Western States Region, Park City, Utah**

Events highlighted in green are drivable. Let's consider a GFWC Girl's Trip!

Events highlighted in red are your local events.



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Federation  
of Women's Clubs  
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## SAVE THE DATE

GFWC cordially invites you to the 2026 GFWC Annual Convention, June 26-29, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Please block out these dates on your calendars.

Reminder that 2026 is an Installation Year, meaning all those in attendance will take part in the ceremonial proceedings for the transfer of leadership from Madam President Suellen B. Brazil to President-elect Wendy Carriker.

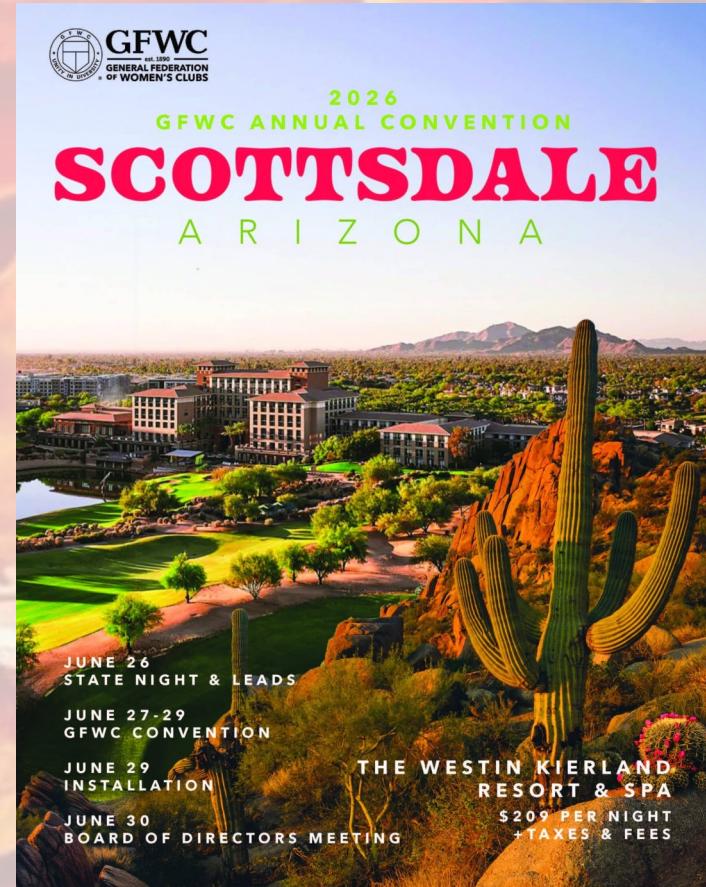
Next year, GFWC celebrates two Administrations in one event. Join your GFWC sisters in thanking the 2024-2026 Administration for their leadership and welcome the 2026-2028 Administration.

This is definitely the must-attend event of the year!

You will also have the opportunity to vote for Cherie Williams-DeWitt as Treasurer to the GFWC International Board of Directors. You have to attend to be able to vote!

Let's get a Nevada member serving on the International Board of Directors!

What a wonderful Girl's trip as well!!



# Western States Region



**Silvia Buckley**  
10/01  
**Christine White**  
10/03  
**Monterey Brookman**  
10/03  
**Irene Armijo**  
10/09  
**Barbara Spavin**  
10/10  
**Marie Titus**  
10/16  
**Shannon Kelly-Stalk**  
10/21  
**Corinne Mewhirter**  
10/23  
**Joyce Avery**  
10/24  
**Helen Holland**  
10/25  
**Virginia Riley**  
10/29



The recent Western States Region Conference in Long Beach was attended by over 175 WSR members that included nine members from the state of Nevada. There were several boosters and Marybeth Williams second vice president as well as Carlene Garner, past international president. GFWC International President, Suellen Brazil and president elect, Wendy Carriker were both present offering inspiring and encouraging words to all attendees.

There were workshops, community-service projects, vendors selling their wares. Lots of networking and connecting and reconnecting. Such a sense of GFWC/WSR sisterhood was in the air. The red white and blue bags were such a great Patriotic touch. The 2026 Western States Region Conference is in Park City, Utah. If you have never been to a WSR event, this is the perfect opportunity to experience the pomp and circumstance and non-profit business that it takes to keep our organization afloat. Please consider attending; the details will be available very soon.

This conference is a wonderful opportunity to have a Mesquite Club girls trip! We might even consider charting a bus to accommodate the number of members who will attend. Fingers Crossed!

  
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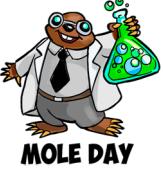
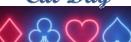
   

**You can pay for your dues or donations with your credit card.**

**There is a processing fee of 5% for your transaction.**



# 2025

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| <p><b>October 2025 is Observed as:</b><br/> <b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b><br/> <b>Domestic Violence Awareness</b></p> |   |   | 1<br><br>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS<br>    | 2<br><br>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE | 3<br><br>WORLD SMILE DAY       | 4<br><br>NATIONAL TACO DAY              |
| 5<br><br>WORLD TEACHERS DAY                  | 6<br><br>WORLD HABITAT DAY         | 7<br>Halloween Fall Bunco—6 p.m.  | 8<br><br>WALK TO SCHOOL DAY<br>                    | 9<br><br>World Sight Day                   | 10<br>Community Service Event<br>11 a.m.  | 11<br><br>International Day of the Girl |
| 12<br><br>NATIONAL FARMERS DAY             | 13<br><br>Columbus Day           | 14<br>Board Meeting<br>10 a.m.  | 15<br><br>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN<br> | 16<br><br>World Food Day                 | 17<br>Business Meeting with Speaker<br>11 a.m.  | 18<br><br>SWEETEST DAY                |
| 19<br><br>World Mission Sunday             | 20<br><br>WORLD STATISTICS DAY   | 21<br><b>National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day</b>  | 22<br><br>National Nut Day<br>                 | 23<br><br>MOLE DAY                       | 24<br><br>United Nations Day | 25<br><br>Trick or Treat              |
| 26<br><br>National Pumpkin Day             | 27<br><br>NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY | 28<br><br>National Chocolate Day | 29<br><br>National Cat Day<br>                 | 30<br><br>NATIONAL CANDY CORN DAY        | 31<br><br>HALLOWEEN          | 1  |
|  |   | <p>Maybe it's not about deciding who needs extra kindness but knowing everyone does</p>                             |  |  |   |  |

**Vol. 3      Issue: October**  
This newsletter is published 10 times annually for members and friends of the Mesquite Club, Inc.

**The deadline is October 20th  
For the November issue.  
NO EXTENSIONS!**

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

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submission of articles, contact:**

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## Notes from your editor.

Welcome to fall and a new Club year. It seems like it will be an exciting and fulfilling year.

Saturday, October 25, 2025, will be the GFWC Nevada board meeting. All Nevada members are welcome and guests as well. I will have more details next week. I hope that you will be able to join us so that you will be able to learn more about the benefits that your membership affords you.

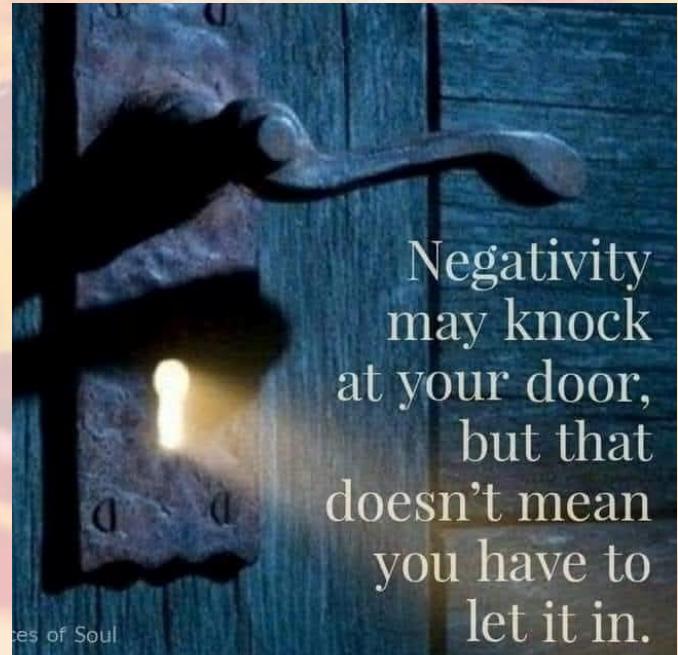
I hope to see you there. *"Be passionate and move forward with gusto every single hour of every single day until you reach your goal." - Ava DuVernay*

Yours in Federation Friendship,

Cherie Williams-DeWitt  
GFWC Nevada State President  
2024-2026



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