

The Mesquite Club, Inc.

Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911

The Mesquiter

October 2024



Kind Ladies,

I hope you were able to attend our Opening Luncheon. It was a great success because we have been a busy group over the summer. Summer is in the rearview mirror, and fall is upon us. Thanks to the Beautification Committee, chaired by Carol Seibel, and co-chaired by Cheryl Musser and Linda Baxter, we now have a very nice Clubhouse. We now have a smoother floor surface, new carpet, fresh paint, upgraded lights and chandeliers, and a new awning to welcome us back. Betty Weider gave very generously to help to make this happen, along with others, and John King gave of his time very liberally to keep the work going.

A special shoutout to Elizabeth Foyt for chairing and single-handedly operating our Christmas in July, raising \$7,002 which will go a long way to help with general Club expenses. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to those non-members who also gave contributions.

Corinne Mewhirter's daughter celebrated her wedding reception as our first rental of the year, so we are off to a great start. Poker is back in action as well as many functions in October. Evening has a Bunco planned for October 1. All members are on the committee for the "Open Air Market" for October 19, so mark your calendars. It will also be a winter-themed rummage sale, so bring in Halloween, Christmas and warm clothing for our table. We will prep the parking lot on Friday the 18. Don't forget our business meeting on October 11, and our daytime community service luncheon fundraiser October 25.

Thank you for entrusting me with the great honor of being your president. As I stated at our Opening Luncheon, my goals include increasing our membership to 200, (double the pleasure, double the fun), updating the bylaws and meeting with every committee chair to review and define the committees' goals. I look forward to growing our Club, stressing kindness in our everyday lives, setting up educational events for new and old members, and getting to know all of you better.

In Kindness,
Dianne, President

SAVE THESE DATES!

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 - 6 p.m.
Evening Bunco - \$15

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - 10 a.m.
Board Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2024 - 1 p.m.
Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 - 6 p.m.
Evening Meeting with Speaker

Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 3 p.m.
Open Air Market 9 a.m.

Friday, October 25, 2024 - 11 a.m.
Community Service Luncheon
Black & White Masquerade - \$30

Friday, November 1, 2024 - 1 p.m.
Tea with Honorees

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - 6 p.m.
Evening HCA work meeting

Friday, November 8, 2024 - 11 a.m.
Ways & Means Luncheon - \$30

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 10 a.m.
Board meeting

Friday, November 15, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
Holiday Craft Auction - \$30

November 9 - 14, 2024
Holiday Craft Auction Set-up





MESQUITE CLUB INC.
Founded 1911
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

"a century of service"



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



LOCAL OPEN-AIR MARKET

We are looking for vendors to participate in our inaugural event. All vendors are welcome. 10x10 spaces as well as some bigger spots. Food truck spot and entertainer spots open.

**VENDORS
WANTED**

**OCT 19TH
9AM-3PM**

SIGN UP TODAY



Mesquite Club, Inc. of Las Vegas

Annual Fall Luncheon Fundraiser

Come dressed to impress, bring a mask or decorate one at the event

RSVP: Send a \$30.00 Check to
Nancy Zangel, 481 Edgefield Ridge Place
Henderson, NV 89012

Lunch, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Door Prizes



Raising money, for the Ashley Strong Foundation, spreading sparkles helping children in hospice care, pediatric nursing homes, and other long-term children's care facilities. They provide them with bright colored character sheets, pajamas, blankets, room decorations, games, sensory items, electronics, iPad, and VR to experience the world from their beds.



11:00 am Friday 25 October 2024

Mesquite Club, Inc. of Las Vegas 702 W St Louis Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104



EVENING LETTER; HOLIDAY CRAFT AUCTION INVITATION



Greetings Members,

Our opening event, the Welcome Back Potluck was a huge success! Special Kudos 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.

Thank you to Denise Beaumont and Arlene McCroy for bringing guests. Food donations were pouring in from generous members for our "Hands of Hope" community service food drive in conjunction with the GFWC Day of Service. We are excited about the upcoming Fall Bunco Fundraiser on October 1, and hope that it is well attended. We are excited, also, for our October 15, meeting, as our speaker will be Diana Eden. Her program will be "Stars in Their Underwear." Her unpredictable journey from Broadway dancer to costume designer for some of Hollywood's biggest stars will be discussed. You don't want to miss it! Please RSVP to me so our hostesses will know how many to prepare for, at constance2591@aol.com.

Our members are busy working on our 39th 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 member, Dolores Martinez, and attended the Western States Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Seattle, Washington, September 5-8. Members of both the Mesquite Club and the GFWC Lamoille Women's Club in Lamoille

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 Long Beach, California.

Looking forward to our busy Club year of camaraderie as we are Living the Volunteer Spirit.

Connie Freeman, Evening Chair

Evening Mesquite Club
It's a ToyLand Holiday
39th Annual Live
Holiday Craft Auction

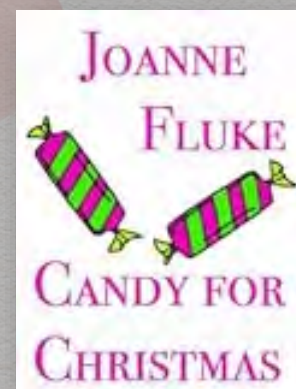
Friday, November 15, 2024
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Mesquite Clubhouse
702 E. St. Louis Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Drinks--Buffet Dinner--Raffles
Reservations--ONLY
Limited and Assigned Seating
Deadline for Reservations:
October 25, 2024

\$30 donation per person to attend

Proceeds to benefit:
Foster Kinship
Evening Mesquite
Scholarship Fund

The graphic features a festive design with a red and gold border, a Christmas tree on the left, and a red sleigh filled with wrapped gifts at the bottom.



Ways & Means presents "Novel Affair"

Friday, November 8th, 11
a.m.

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



\$30

Hanna Swensen, a baker and self professed sleuth spends her spare time solving mysteries in this series of books by Joanne Fluke.

Each book contains multiple recipes, and the luncheon will be based on testing some of these tempting recipes. Finally, a luncheon where criticism is Encouraged is a novel idea in itself!

Jump start your Christmas gift giving from the selection of Silent-auction items and gift-card tree!

Make your reservations by sending your check to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary

It's time for Bunco again!

Evening Mesquite Club Fall Bunco

Buffet dinner, basket raffles, and monetary prizes for Bunco wins!

Where: Mesquite Clubhouse, 702 E. St.
Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

When: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Time: 6 p.m.

Admission: \$15



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE SOUP AND BAKE SALE!

Please contact Laurie Elledge about the annual Soup and Bake Sale at:
lelledge1964@gmail.com.

Let her know what you will bring. We are accepting soup, bread or sweet items to sell.

Do you have any mason jars that you would like to donate? We will gladly take them.

This is a Ways and Means event, supporting the upkeep of our historic clubhouse.



It's from all the places we
didn't fit in that we learnt
how to show others that
there is room for everyone.

Trudi Jane
POETRY, PROSE AND PONDERINGS

*What will you be
bringing to the Annual
Soup & Bake Sale?*



*Empty jars hanging out in your kitchen?
We would love to have you bring them
back*

DEC 06 2024

at one o'clock in the afternoon

Mesquite Club Clubhouse

702 E. St. Louis Ave. Las Vegas, NV

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



An opportunity to help the Mesquite Club carry on their tradition of charitable, in-kind giving has opened up!

We have been collecting and donating to Dress for Success since 2008 and now need someone to take over this worthy project. It is not difficult and does not have to be done on any kind of regular schedule. Please look up the website for Dress for Success and read all about them. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to do this but now it is time to pass the baton.

I will be happy to answer any questions if you have any.
Thank you. Sue Churchill



Silvia Buckley
10/01
Christine White
10/03
Irene Armijo
0/09
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
Penny Silva
10/30

Announcing Fourth 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

We are setting a clear goal of 15 total new members for this Club year. Our first new member this Club year is: Alisha Baty, sponsored by Melody Wells!

STAY TUNED!



Tell the people you love, that you love them more often.

"You really never know what life is going to bring and what could happen in an instant. Tell those you love that you love them, appreciate them, and value them in your life. There isn't always a tomorrow to say sorry or I love you."

REMINDER: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With the holiday season upon us. Here is a quick recipe that you can prepare for guests. It is so yummy!

Baked Feta Appetizer

This Baked Feta Appetizer comes together in just minutes with only a handful of ingredients – olives, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh garlic, olive oil, and herbs. Bake it all together with a block of feta cheese until it's warm and creamy then serve with crispy crostini!

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 25 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

8-ounce block feta
1 cup pitted olives, drained
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes
1/3 cup olive oil
3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary
Kosher salt
fresh cracked pepper



For serving:

Fresh chopped parsley
Sliced French bread or crostini
Cook Mode Prevent your screen from going dark

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees.
Add an 8-ounce block of feta to a small baking dish.
Add 1 cup olives and 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes to the baking dish around the feta.

In a small dish combine 1/3 cup olive oil, 3 cloves sliced garlic, 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, and a couple pinches of salt and pepper. Pour over the block of feta, olives, and sun-dried tomatoes. Bake for 20 minutes. Broil for 1-2 minutes.

Garnish with fresh chopped parsley and crispy crostini.



Starting this month, our newsletter will include a page listing in-kind donations useful to our ongoing charitable endeavors. Our club president Dianne Steel has asked Elizabeth Foyt to coordinate. The list will be evolving as needs or requests may change. Please contact elizabethfoyt@gmail.com for more information.

Each project should have a designated
Collection box or designated area.

Ongoing donations currently requested:

“Got SNEAKERS?” requests any used tennis shoes (all sizes) for a fundraising effort coordinated by
Connie Freeman.

ASHLEY STRONG FOUNDATION, the chosen charity for daytime, is collecting new twin bed sheets, art drawing sets, short sleeved pajamas, games and more for bedridden young patients in long term nursing care.

Melody Wells the is coordinator.

GIFT CARDS in any amount are needed for the upcoming Evening Holiday Craft Auction presented by evening members. The gift cards are a special treat for their auction baskets. Contact Bonnie Utton or Connie Freeman for details.

EYEGLASSES, readers, sunglasses, lenses, frames, and **eyeglass cases** continue to be collected on behalf of the Lions Club. These glasses are used to provide eye care to the needy in our community. This is a multi-year effort managed by Elizabeth Foyt.

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, we are not collecting items on behalf of **DORIS FRENCH Elementary School**.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Evening Bunco 6 p.m. \$15	2  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE	3  NATIONAL POETRY DAY	4  WORLD SMILE DAY	5  WORLD TEACHERS DAY
6  German-American Day	7  WORLD HABITAT DAY	8 Board Meeting 10 a.m.	9  WORLD POST DAY	10  World Mental Health Day	11 Business Meeting 1 p.m.	12  NATIONAL FARMERS DAY
13  INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION	14  Columbus Day	15 Evening Meeting With Speaker 6 p.m.	16  World Food Day	17  INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY	18	19 Open Air Market 9 a.m.— 3 p.m.
20	20	22  National Nut Day	23  MOLE DAY	24  NATIONAL FOOD DAY	25 Community Service Luncheon 11 a.m. \$30	26  National Pumpkin Day
27  NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY	28  National Chocolate Day	29  World Stroke Day	30  NATIONAL CANDY CORN DAY	31  HALLOWEEN	<p>A Wish for the Week Ahead</p> <p>May you remember that everyone is going through something and that you seldom regret being kind. May you remember that disagreement doesn't have to include disrespect and that we're all just trying to figure it out. May you find reasons to laugh and to be grateful, and may your coffee be fresh and plentiful.</p> <p> Nana Hoffman</p>	

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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 GURANTEED
TO BE INCLUDED.***

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submission of articles, contact:**

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Notes from your editor.

Welcome to Fall! Why fall is special?

The fall season is symbolic of change. From the leaves evolving to beautiful warm hues to chunky knit sweaters making their way into our daily attire, fall brings change—but with a sense of comfort and ease.

It may not be quite so fall here in Las Vegas, someone forgot to mention it to Mother Nature. This is still a time for transition. Take a moment to reflect upon the things in your life that you wish to change. There are those that you can control and those that you cannot. The wise woman understands the difference and moves forward.

I have embraced change and a new normal, and the change that I can control. What are YOU changing?

My words of wisdom, yours is Federation Friendship,

Cherie



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