November 2024



# The Mesquite Club, Inc.

Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911

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Kind Ladies,



I had to wear a sweater this morning to do my gardening. The weather is beginning to match the season. Welcome to the cool air and the excitement of the approaching months of celebrations. If you have not been to the Mesquite Clubhouse lately, I encourage you to make plans to stop by.

We now have an opening for President Elect. This position serves in the place of the President in the event of her absence. She is also a member of a few boards, making this a great opportunity to peek inside the operations of the Mesquite Club. It was my true training ground for my current position as your president. The best part is getting to know other members. Please consider placing your

name forward to this exciting position. If you are interested, please call Shannon Nochese.

Our Mesquite Club Board Meeting will be this November 12. We are specifically inviting new members to attend to see how we make the Club run so smoothly. By the way, any member may attend our Board Meetings. They are the second Tuesday of the month and start at 10 am. At the November meeting we will entertain questions from the attendees to clarify in more detail about our wonderful service Club operations. Speaking of new members, please keep in mind my president's goal for 200 members by June 30, 2025. It is totally doable.

On the November horizon there are many Club opportunities. Our tea honoring Cheryl Musser, Frankie Chase Segel, and Peggy Bruhns is on November 1, 2024, at 1 p.m. Please join us in celebrating the many years of service they have given our Club.

Of course, we are all looking forward to the Ways and Means fundraiser on November 8, 2024, at 11 a.m., a Novel Affair is the theme. On November 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., the Evening Mesquite arm of our Club will hold their Community Service event, "The Holiday Craft Auction." Let's make sure we all show up and support these November events. November also brings forth Veterans' Day observance as well as Thanksgiving Day. Be safe on your journeys and take the time to enjoy your families. Happy Holidays.

In Kindness, Dianne

#### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

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

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

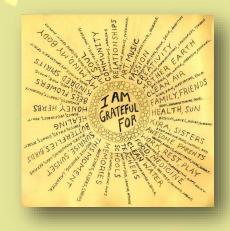
Friday, November 15, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. Holiday Craft Auction -\$30

Friday, December 6, 2024 - 1 p.m. Holiday Soup and Bake Sale

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - 10 a.m. Board meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - 6 p.m. Evening Holiday Party, Giuseppe's Italian Grill -\$45

Friday, December 13, 2024 - 11 a.m. Christmas Luncheon, Lawry's The Prime Rib, "Magical Merriment" -\$36.50





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Ways & Means presents
"Novel Affair"
Friday, November 8, 2024
II a.m.

Mesquite Clubhouse 702 East St. Louis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 \$30



Hannah 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!

Two Hannah Swensen Holiday

Make your reservations by sending your check to:

Mesquite Club Financial Secretary
Nancy Zangl
481 Edgefield Ridge Place
Henderson, Nevada 89012

#### **EVENING LETTER; HOLIDAY PARTY**



# Greetings Mesquite Club Members,

It is a pleasure to serve with such wonderful volunteer women. We are certainly Living the Volunteer Spirit as we work together to plan, execute, and participate in our meetings and events. Our Fall Bunco was such a fun fundraiser. Thank you to our Ways

and Means Chairs, Jane Reid and Connie Jaeger, and the Committee Members, Bonnie Utton, Ruth Larson, Pat Garcia, and Sunnie Rae Grigsby, for their tremendous efforts towards this successful event. It was an evening of good fun, cute fall decorations, great food, and camaraderie between the Club members and guests. We raised \$768 for our Club operating expenses. Congratulations to Marie Titus for rolling FIVE Buncos that evening.

And, a thank you to Marie for setting up the speaker for our October 15 meeting. We met Diana Eden. Diana described her journey from Broadway dancer to costume designer for some of Hollywood's biggest stars. It was noted that she met the famed designer, Bob Mackie, through Ann-Margret and assisted him on the 1980 Oscar Awards and then the Las Vegas showgirl spectacular, Jubilee, when it opened at the MGM Grand Hotel. Her book, "Stars in Their Underwear" is delightful.

November is a special month as we all volunteer in our largest fundraiser, our Holiday Craft Auction. Please keep selling those opportunity tickets and securing donations. It is important that you get your live-auction item descriptions to Jane Reid. Jane does a fabulous job making sure each auction item is recorded for maximum emphasis and maximum bidding potential. We are so grateful for the job you do, Jane. We are also very grateful for our HCA Chair, Bonnie Utton, and all the time she puts in to continue our tradition of giving our best towards this event. November 5 and 12 are important work meetings to ensure a beautiful and successful auction on November 15. We are grateful for all the work our members put in and for all the members and guests who fill the tables, enjoy the meal, and raise the paddles to fund our three Scholarships and raise money for our chosen charity, Foster Kinship. It is very much appreciated that all our committee chairs

have had their concise reports ready at our regular meetings with copies for Gina Cobb, our Recording Secretary. We appreciate Gina for taking on this position. Having the written reports really help to make her volunteer position easier, our recorded history accurate, and our meetings moving right along. A special thank you to our Devotions Chair, Judy Stebbins for starting off our meetings with such heartfelt messages. Of course, our meetings cannot take place without our precious members attending and taking their turns bringing the delicious meals to share. Thank you to Denise Beaumont for organizing the hospitality committees. As we find ourselves coming upon the Thanksgiving Holiday, we rejoice in our continued volunteerism and join together to give thanks for our opportunity to give back through our membership in the Mesquite Club of Las Vegas.

Please be sure to make your reservations for our Holiday Party that Dolores Martinez and Ruth Larson, our Social Chairs, have arranged at Giuseppe's in Henderson. Thank you Dolores and Ruth. This is always a fun time to celebrate the success of the Holiday Craft Auction and participate in the, always lively, gift exchange game. Wishing you all a wonderful November filled with fulfillment, love and laughter.

Connie Freeman, Evening Chair

#### MESQUITE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM

WHERE: GIUSEPPE'S ITALIAN GRILL 2630 W. HORIZON RIDGE PARKWAY HENDERSON

CHOICE OF DINNER: CHICKEN MARSALA EGGPLANT PARMESAN SALMON

Inc. Salad, bread, dessert, soft drink, and coffee or tea

COST: \$45.00 PP (tax and tip included)
Make check payable to Dolores Martinez

\$20.00 GIFT EXCHANGE GAME

RSVP BY: DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>
Dolores - 702-279-5176
Ruth - 702-979-0995

# Happening's at the Mesquite Club, Las Vegas

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 6ack

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Club Clubhouse

at one o'clock in the afternoon

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

Evening Mesquite Club It's a Toyland Holiday 39th Annual Live Holiday Graft 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

#### Mesquite Club Annual Christmas Card Fundraiser

Every year we offer our members the opportunity to wish other members season greetings in the December newsletter. Simply send Nancy Zangl, our financial secretary, \$10, and your name will be included in our December Christmas Card.

You would spend more than \$10 on cards and stamps. Your \$10 donation must be received no later than November 20, 2024.

Thank you for your support of this annual Ways & Means fundraiser.









You can pay for your dues or donations with your credit

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

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!**



# Magical Merriment

Save the Date! December 13, 2024 11 a.m. -2 p.m.

Join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon Lawry's The Prime Rib 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

At Lawry's in Vegas, rich traditions, warm hospitality and award-winning food make for a sure bet since 1997.

\$36.50

RSVP by December 6, 2024

Send your check to:
Nancy Zangl
481 Edgefield Ridge Place
Henderson, NV 89012



Vegetarian entrees available upon request

# **WE ARE THANKFUL!**



# We are Thankful!

We wish to acknowledge the generous contributions to the Beautification of our Historic Clubhouse.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

- Betty Weider for her donation that initiated the repair of our Clubhouse floor.
- · Carol Seibel for her time and resources for our project.
- Sigrid Insull Lucking for her time, resources and donation of the orchid arrangement.
- · Mickey Pajor for her donation to replace the entrance awning.
- John Wanderer, /partner of Elizabeth Foyt/donated for the two main chandeliers.
- Elizabeth Foyt donated two entry chandeliers.
- Robert Freeman donated for the replacement of the light tubes and drivers.
- Connie Freeman donated for the repair of the kitchen flooring.
- Eric Nelson, of Ironman Eric-ex son in law of Joan Doubrava, repaired our front gate that had been damaged by contractors during the renovation. Gratis!
- Ted Anzel and Marra Coderia from the Purple Chandelier donated the entry console table.
- Cheryl Musser for her time and efforts for securing a grant for the project.
- Frankie Segel sponsored new lights in the kitchen and stage floor touch up.
- Sylvia Buckley, Andi Buckley, Relone Productions, Joan Maul for their financial support.

These donations total more than \$60,000 in financial support of the Mesquite Club and countless hours' time to accomplish the renovation of our Historic Clubhouse. During this month of Thanksgiving, we take time to give thanks for the support of our benefactors. You are greatly appreciated.

Thank you from the ladies of the Mesquite Club of Las Vegas

### **DONATIONS PAGE**

# Ongoing donation current projects

Las Vegas Natural History Museum has a constant need of school supplies including paper of all sorts, crayons, markers and art supplies as well as general office items, *contact Peggy Bruhns*.

"Got SNEAKERS?" requests any used tennis shoes (all sizes ) for an Evening fundraising effort, contact Connie Freeman.

**ASHLEY STRONG FOUNDATION**, the chosen charity for Daytime, is collecting new twin bed sheets, art/drawing sets, short sleeved pajamas, games and amusements and more for bedridden young patients residing in long term nursing care, *contact Melody Wells*.

GIFT CARDS in any amount are needed for the upcoming Holiday Craft Auction presented by Evening members. The gift cards are a special treat for their auction baskets, *contact Bonnie Utton*.

EYEGLASSES, readers, sunglasses, prescription glasses, loose lenses, frames, and eyeglass cases continue to be collected on behalf of the Lions Club and used to provide eye care to the needy in our community. This is a multi-year project, contact Elizabeth Foyt.

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS** is again welcoming donations of work and business appropriate women's clothing including dresses, suits, shoes, purses and Accessories, *contact Sue Churchill.* 

**DORIS FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** needs school supplies for the classroom including markers, crayons, colored pencils, copy paper and more. This is a multi-year project, *contact Cathi Poer*.

# **MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN; BIRTHDAYS; REMINDER**

#### **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.
- 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.
- Members bring guests to our events.
- Incentivizing sponsors with a monetary reward.
- Brief membership pitch and campaign update presented at each meeting/event.

New Member	Sponsor		
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1. Alisha Baty	Melody Wells		
2. Penny Silva	Pamela Ivey		
3. Catherine D'Amico	Elizabeth Foyt		



## **REMINDER!**

Our Clubhouse can have homeless persons coming inside asking for coffee, water or food. As hard as it may be **PLEASE DO NOT** give anything to anyone who asks. You will be opening a can of worms. I know that this sounds awful, but we must protect ourselves and our members. There are shelters available. We are not a shelter. We are not being unkind, we are protecting our safety.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

One simple rule in life:

If you wouldn't like it

done to you, don't do it

to others.



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Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Evening HCA work meeting 6 p.m.	INT'L DAY FOR PREVENTING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WAR	7	8 Ways & Means Luncheon 11 a.m.	9 HCA Setup
10 HCA Setup  World Science Day for Peace and Development	11 HCA Setup  VETERANS' DAY	12 HCA Setup	13 HCA Setup  World Kindness Day	14 HCA Setup  World Diabetes Day	Holiday Craft Auction 5:30 p.m.	International Day for Tolerance
WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS	18	INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY	universal califoren's day	WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY	LEBANON Independence Day	23
24	INT'L DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	NATIONAL CAKE DAY	National Jukebox Day	Thanksgiving Day	29 BLACK FRIDAY	Small Business Saturday

#### Vol. 4 Issue: November

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

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

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT GURANTEED

TO BE INCLUDED.

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# Notes from your editor.

#### Diary of a broken woman

I once asked a very successful woman to share her secret with me. She smiled and said to me...

"I started succeeding when I started leaving small fights for small fighters.

I stopped fighting those who gossiped about me...

I stopped fighting with my in laws...

I stopped fighting for attention...

I stopped fighting to meet people's expectation of me...

I stopped fighting for my rights with inconsiderate people...

I stopped fighting to please everyone...

I stopped fighting to prove they were wrong about me....

I left such fights for those who have nothing else to fight...

And I started fighting for my vision, my dreams, my ideas, and my destiny...

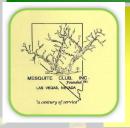
The day I gave up on small fights is the day I started becoming successful & so much more content."

Some fights are not worth your time..... Choose what you fight for wisely. - Author: Lim Teck Yong

This spoke to me, and I wanted to share.

Be thankful for what you have and be kind to others,

Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt



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