

The Mesquite Club, Inc.

Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911

The Mesquiter



Dear Ladies,

I wish you the happiest New Year in 2026, all year long. The Mesquite Club's future is looking brighter every day. Our membership roll is increasing with talented, energetic, and caring women.

In case you missed it, the holiday party at Lawery's was so much fun. We shared our ideas and got to know each other, bonding over "Calendar Girls" and "quantum theory." Sandra Ackerman shared her favorite holiday song, "Dominic the Donkey." The

Paint and Sip party was also a huge success. I have absolutely no artistic bones in my hands; however, I managed to put a recognizable red bird on a fence. If ever you get the chance to do this activity, I recommend it. You may even surprise yourself just as I did.

We have two important matters to take care of in the next few months. Our elections for the next year will be underway. Please be kind to the members of the Nominating Committee. Just say yes when they ask you to consider taking a leadership role in the Club. You can even make their lives easier by calling them to indicate your interest in a particular position.

Our Bylaws Committee is working hard to put together a cohesive and professional document, guiding us on our journey towards a greater organization. I am asking that every member take an active roll in assisting the committee by; reading the Bylaws; reviewing the changes being proposed; and sending in your suggestions for changes. Please send your questions and your concerns to Linda Zesiger, Chair of the Bylaws Committee. I will be reaching out to current Chairs, Officers and Directors for input on how the Bylaws and Standing Rules could be more helpful.

Have a happy New Year!
Dianne

January 2026



SAVE THESE DATES!

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - 6 p.m.
HCA Charity Check presentation

Friday, January 16, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Business meeting with speaker

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting and Speaker

Friday, January 23, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Ways & Means Mexican Fiesta

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Super Bowl Bunco

Friday, February 6, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Silver Tea—Mesquite Club
Anniversary

Friday, February 13, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Business Meeting & Program

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Business Meeting

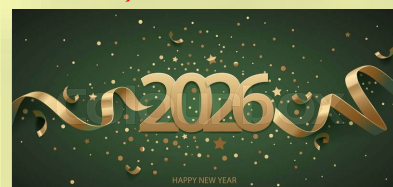
Rummage Sale
February; Thursday 26, Friday 27,
Saturday 28, 2026; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Out of the Building Social

Friday, March 13, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Closed Business Meeting, Presentation
of Proposed Slate

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - 6 p.m.
Business Meeting & Community
Service Project

Friday, March 27, 2026 - 11 a.m.
Community Service Luncheon





Mesquite Club, Las Vegas

Ways & Means

Mexican Fiesta

Friday, January 23, 2026 - 11 a.m.

\$30

Mesquite Clubhouse

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

TO RSVP: Email: tomz2@juno.com

Credit card available + fee

Mail your check to:

Nancy Zangl

Mesquite Club, Inc.,

481 Edgefield Ridge Place

Henderson, Nevada 89012



EVENING LETTER; OLLI Speaker Bio



Happy New Year, Ladies!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful, restful holiday season and are feeling refreshed for a fantastic New Year.

Welcome back, everyone!

The Evening Members are excited to kick off the New Year with friendship and fun. Thank you again for making 2025 so memorable. Our Welcome Back Potluck, Halloween Bunco, Program +Speaker from OLLI, the Holiday Craft Auction, and the Sip and Paint events were fantastic, thanks to your generous spirit and dedication.

The energy we all brought to the beginning of our Club year was incredible. Now it's time to channel that passion into 2026!

We are starting the year with a bang.

Mark your calendars:

- **January 6:** Charity Presentation
- **January 20:** Program Speaker - Bruce

Ewing teaches a class on musical theater at OLLI. He was in Phantom here during its run, and is part of the team that performs at the Lutheran Church on Tropicana. He is very knowledgeable about musicals.

- **February 3:** Super Bowl Bunco

Your commitment to the heart of the Mesquite Club is inspiring. Let's make 2026 our most successful and joyful year yet. Here's to a year filled with laughter, great company, and meaningful work.

See you all soon.

Pamela Ivey, Evening Chair



I first learned about OLLI at UNLV several years ago from friends at my church, who enjoyed coming to OLLI and attending classes. A few of us discussed the concept of "practicing retirement" before becoming fully retired. In show business, retirement happens more gradually than in other fields, so I thought it sounded like a good idea. Five or six years ago, my mother moved to Las Vegas. We wanted to find things we could do together and started to come to OLLI twice a week. We've been coming ever since!

I like the choice of classes and the variety of topics. One of the first classes I attended was on Islamic culture, which I found fascinating.

Next, I took a class called Demystifying Judaism. I grew up in a community with a large Hasidic Jewish population, and had always been curious. The Rabbi who taught it was interesting and funny; he truly demystified it for me. I was interested in taking a political science class, but was concerned about how heated the topics might become. Through speaking with other members of the OLLI community, I was encouraged to take the current events class "So, What's New(s)?" and appreciated the impactful and respectful discussions. I have enjoyed many classes on films—especially movie musicals! I even took my very first art history class here at OLLI, something I never thought I would do.

More recently, I began teaching at OLLI. My father had always encouraged us to participate in public service, and early in my career I taught high school. I really enjoyed instilling a love of the performing arts in young people, but had to leave teaching in order to pursue my own dream of living a performance life. Now that I am semi-retired and working part time as a choir director and teaching classes on musical theater at OLLI have been wonderful experiences. This opportunity has allowed me to remain excited about this art form and see the same excitement in the faces of those OLLI members who love it as much as I do, as well as the wonderment of those who had not previously experienced Broadway musicals.

In Loving Memory



Helen Rohrmoser Knollmueller Holland, age 103, passed into heaven's embrace during the early morning hours of November 21, 2025, in Las Vegas, Nevada, while holding the hand of her daughter lifelong companion, and truest friend, Josephine. Helen was born on October 25, 1922, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the only child of German-immigrant parents Johann Knollmueller (1896-1975) and Josephine Theresia Rohrmoser (1896-1975). Raised by parents who had known sacrifice and service, her father was a decorated veteran of the First World War—she grew up with a deep sense of duty, family, faith, and gratitude.

Helen began her college education at Brigham Young University in Provo in 1939, enrolling as a 17-year-old freshman and living in Amanda Knight Hall. She attended BYU from 1939 to 1941 and left school during World War II, six months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. On August 18, 1943, she married Grant Wyatt Holland (1922-1989), and together they became the parents of four children: Grant (Andrea), Douglas (Jennifer), David (Carol), and Josephine.

Helen worked as an executive secretary, first in the military at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah, and later in the private aviation industry with the Howard Hughes Corporation in Las Vegas, Nevada. In her later years, she worked at the Four Queens Hotel in downtown Las Vegas, where she served for many years as a hotel reservation specialist and from which she ultimately retired. She was active and influential in many local service organizations, including the Mesquite Club.

More than eight decades after leaving BYU, she resumed her education through BYU-Idaho as a transfer student in the Fall of 2023. News organizations were denied interviews because, in her words, "I haven't done anything yet." In August 2024, at the age of 101, she completed her associates degree and rose from her wheelchair to walk across the stage to receive her diploma.

A devoted lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Helen found deep joy in sustaining and supporting her family members in the many callings they held. She embraced her own opportunities to serve, and among her favorite callings was acting as a den mother for young Cub Scouts, where her patience, fun, and loving encouragement blessed the lives of many boys. Dozens of her posterity have served missions across the world and continue to serve faithfully in the Church she loved.

Grandma was always there. She was there at births and baptisms, at high school and seminary graduations. She was there at little league games and family reunions. She saw her missionaries off and welcomed them lovingly home. She was there for you when you married, when you blessed your children, when you were sealed in the temple. And she was there when life knocked you down and you needed to regroup and lick your wounds. She restored your confidence. She reminded you of the big picture, where you fit into it. She did that for you. And she did that for your sweetheart. And she did that for your children. She knew you better than you knew yourself. And she saw the best. She made you believe it when she said she saw greatness in you. She saw greatness in everyone. But knowing she saw greatness in everyone never diminished what she saw in you. It just amazed you to realize, through her eyes, that there was so much greatness in this world.

Grandma was 103, so logic told us this day would come. But love lied to us a little and let us believe that maybe it never really would - that she would always be there, as she always had been. After all, she had just been to have her nails manicured and painted the day before and was scheduled to see her hairdresser until she started feeling poorly. As she passed from this life, family gathered around her and experienced the sacred privilege of being there for her. We thanked her, kissed her brow, held her hand, and felt the power of God and the strength of family. In death, as in life, she helped them remember what family truly is.

Helen, herself an only child, had four children, 17 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, each one utterly convinced of their tremendous worth because the love of this one woman was so utterly convincing. She is preceded in death by her husband, Grant Wyatt Holland; her daughter-in-law, Jennifer Lee Wagstaff Holland; and two grandchildren, David Knollmueller Holland Jr. and Megan Elizabeth Holland. We love you, Grandma. God be with you till we meet again. Auf wiedersehen. 1-2-3.



The Annual Mesquite Club of Las Vegas

RUMMAGE

\$\$ CASH ONLY \$\$

SALE

\$\$ CASH ONLY \$\$

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

February 26, 27, 28

9AM-4PM

*Clothes, decor, jewelry,
craft items, linens,
appliances, and hidden
treasures*

702 E. St. Louis
Las Vegas, NV
89104



Your purchase supports the Mesquite Club members' philanthropy and helps maintain the beautiful clubhouse. The Mesquite Club has been active in local community service since 1911. To learn more about the club or membership, please visit www.mesquiteclub.com.

For rummage sale info: MarieTitus16@gmail.com



The Rummage Sale Is Coming!!

It's time to start cleaning out and gathering items to donate to the Annual Mesquite Club Rummage Sale on February 26, 27 & 28, 2026.

No electronics, No heavy winter coats, and No books!

Donations in Boxes—Not Bags!

Do Not Leave Donations Outside!

Donations of clothing, household items, linens, toys, craft items and jewelry can be dropped off during all member meetings in **boxes**. Please do **not** use bags, boxes can be stacked in the storage room much easier. Donations on Wednesdays will be accepted by calling Connie Freeman @ 702-378-1325, to schedule a drop off time.

Furniture will **not** be accepted until February 21, 2026. Please call Marie Titus @ 201-687-6674, to schedule a drop-off.

We are collecting large tote bags, newspaper, grocery bags and bubble wrap. A container will be available in the Clubhouse.

Volunteers are needed for unpacking boxes, setting up for the sale and selling. Please see the bulletin board for the sign-up sheets. If you will **not** be coming to the Clubhouse and want to sign up, please contact: Marie Titus @201-687-6674 or Melody Wells @ 469-831-8709.

We need everyone's help to make this sale a big success!

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 | Dianne 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 | Connie Freeman |
| 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 Velasquez | Dianne Steel |
| 16. Janis Schoen | Elizabeth Foyt |
| 17. Nicole Montalto | Connie F. Roseann Ealey |
| 18. Madera Clark | Barbara Wiggins |
| 19. Marie Miller-Morgan | Frankie Chase |
| 20. Shirley Callahan | Frankie Chase |
| 21. Ann Hatfield-Merritt | Frankie Chase |
| 22. Mysty Langford | Mickey Pajor |

GFWC NEVADA



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.

Please remember that 2026 is an Installation Year, meaning all those participants 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.

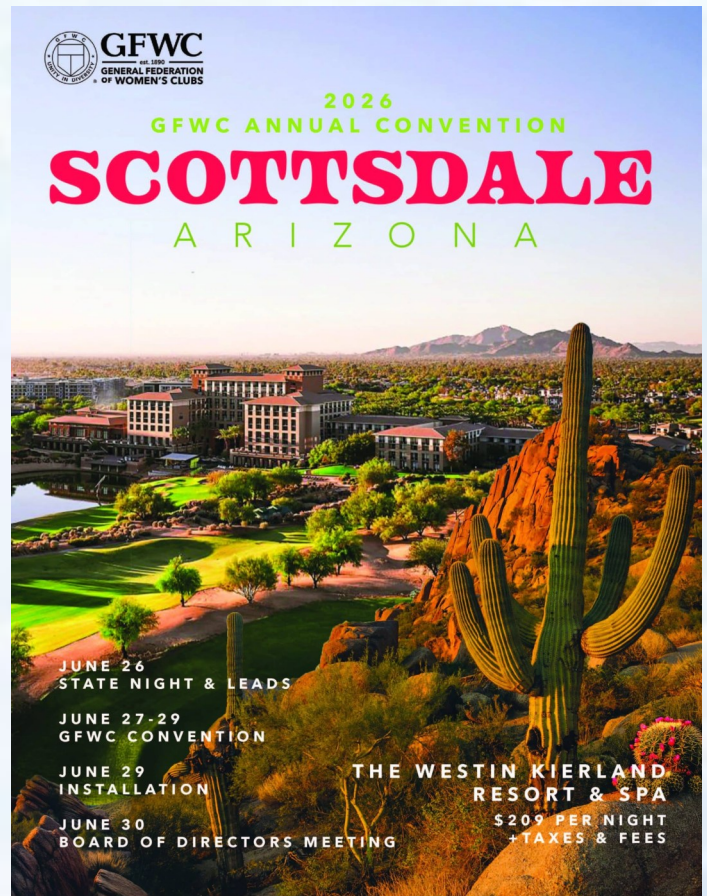
This is definitely the must-attend event of the year!

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!





Karen Ziegler

01/08

Pat Garcia

01/13

Bonnie Crawford

01/17

Shelley Berkeley

01/20

Shelley Herr

01/22

Linda Zesiger

01/23

Sandra Ackerman

01/26

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 people 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!

Celebration of Life in honor of Helen Holland:

Colleen Bailey; Sue Churchill

Nancy Zangl; Connie Freeman

Regina Cicconi

A Celebration of Life



VISA



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

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

REMINDER!

Mesquite Club

Contact emails

If you need to contact Club departments, here are the emails that you may use.

Feel free to share the rental email for anyone who needs information for renting the Clubhouse.

For information about the Club:
Info.mesquiteclubinc@gmail.com






To contact the Treasurer:
Finance.mesquiteclubinc@gmail.com

For information about rentals:
Rentals.mesquiteclubinc@gmail.com



JANUARY

2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| January 2026 is Observed as: National Mentoring Month; National Glaucoma Awareness; Cervical Health Awareness Month; National Blood Donor Month; Birth Defects Prevention Month | | | | 1  New Year's Day | 2 | 3 |
| 4  NATIONAL TRIVIA DAY | 5  National Bird Day | 6 6 p.m. Evening Meeting With Check Presentation | 7  NATIONAL BOBBLEHEAD DAY | 8 | 9  Law Enforcement Appreciation Day | 10 |
| 11  Human Trafficking Awareness | 12  KISS A GINGER DAY | 13 | 14  Orthodox New Year | 15  NATIONAL HAT DAY | 16 11 a.m. Business Meeting with Speaker | 17 |
| 18  WINNIE THE POOH DAY | 19  Martin Luther King | 20 6 p.m. Evening Regular Meeting | 21  NATIONAL HUG DAY | 22 | 23 11 a.m. Ways & Means "Mexican Fiesta" | 24  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION |
| 25 | 26  NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY | 27  | 28  DATA PRIVACY DAY | 29  KANSAS DAY | 30  NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY | 31  National Hot Chocolate Day |



"I must do something"
always solves more problems than
"Something must be done."



Notes from your editor.



Happy New Year! I sincerely hope this year brings you everything you wish for and need. As I look back, I feel a deep sense of loss. In March 2024, my husband Clyde passed away. He was my unwavering support throughout my Clubwoman journey. Over the years, I have also lost all my mentors.

Joan Powell was the first; she inspired me to join the Mesquite Club. She also Voluntold me through my journey. Earlier this year, we said goodbye to Joan Doubrava, who was always there to offer sound advice, even when it wasn't what I wanted to hear. Her guidance kept me grounded, and I miss her dearly.

Most recently, we lost Helen Holland, who was 103. Helen and her family welcomed me as one of their own, and I was profoundly moved by her grace and kindness. Each of these remarkable women is missed deeply.

From their example, I realize it's now my time to step up as a mentor. They've instilled in me the compassion and strength needed to support you, my fellow Clubwomen. Thank you for letting me share these reflections with you. As your new mentor, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or if you need someone to listen to you. I am committed to carrying on the legacy of these inspiring women and supporting you through your Clubwoman journey.

I wish you a wonderful 2026; I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Your Federation Sister, Cherie Williams-DeWitt

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**The deadline is January 20th
For the February issue.
NO EXTENSIONS!**

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

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Happy New Year from me and my family!