December 2024



#### The Mesquite Club, Inc.

Serving the Las Vegas Community since 1911

## The Mesquiter



Seasons' Greetings Kind Ladies,

What a wonderful year the Mesquite Club has experienced in 2024. I know, I know, it is not over yet, but my prediction remains positive as we await 2025. Looking back, we have so many wonderful memories. Speaking for myself, I had the great pleasure of becoming the President of our Club. I have learned so many things about our organization and feel like my "sea legs" are less wobbly. The recent Evening Ladies had an amazing event for their charity. So many people attended, and I hope, we will get a few new members. Mickey has been doing a great job of getting new members on board. We are working on plans to make them feel welcome immediately.

I am writing as Thanksgiving is approaching and will be in the rear-view mirror by the time you read this letter. I truly hope you had a great day and that you have much for which to be thankful. I also hope your dinner came without calories.

Right on the heels of giving thanks comes the season of giving. This is where we shine. Our involvement in Mesquite Club, Inc., carries the very real essence of our mission. Giving for the community's needs to make this world a kinder place. We cannot let down when Ashley Strong Foundation is counting on us to help them make dreams happen. And we come together with the Evening Members to support the Foster Kinship recipients this year to relieve some of their burdens while taking care of their family members.

I implore each member to review the bylaws. This is the year that we have a committee looking for possible changes. If you have any suggestions, please contact the committee as soon as possible so they may get full consideration. The first meeting is January 15 so please have your written suggestions to the committee by then.

During this season of giving, remember the words of William Wordsworth:

The best portions of a good man's [woman's] life, his [her],

nameless, unremembered acts, of kindness and love.

Wishing you the Happiest of Holidays. Make the most of them,

In Kindness, Dianne

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

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

Friday, January 3, 2025 - 1 p.m. Regular Meeting with speakers

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - 6 p.m. Business Meeting/Charity check presentation

Friday, January 10, 2025 - 1 p.m. Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 10 a.m. Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - 6 p.m. Meeting with speaker

Friday, January 24, 2025 11 a.m. Ways and Means luncheon





## **Soup and Bake Sale with Clothing**







Laurie Elledge will have some of her clothing sample available for sale!

Friday, December 6, 2024 1 p.m.





Bring a friend To shop



#### **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.



RSVP by December 6, 2024

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



Vegetarian entrees available upon request

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



Evening Members,

Congratulations to you all for a most successful Holiday Craft Auction. There are not enough ways to express thanks for the giving of your time, talents, and monetary donations towards this event. You outdid yourselves! A spe-

cial thank you to our HCA Chair, Bonnie Utton, for once again, chairing the event, and to her family, for the wonderful meal and continued dedication. The elves worked so hard and were so cute. Thank you to the bartenders, Oscar Cardona (Irene) and Ken Ksobiech (Kate) for the great job they do. We certainly appreciate their taking on this task each year. To Bonnie Utton, and the HCA Committee Chairs, bravo for a job well done. It takes an enormous amount of time and effort, prior to the event, to success. We all can be very proud of what we have done for our scholarship program and the charity that we chose, Foster Kinship. Space does not allow me to list all those members who put in the extra effort. Thank you to all the daytime members, guests, and local businesses who spread their generosity throughout the event. We will be presenting the check to Foster Kinship at the January 7 meeting.

The speaker for our January 21 meeting is Dawn Streicher-Mills from the Women's Care and Community Outreach at Dignity Health. This will be a very informative evening regarding free programs available to us to improve our health. As the Holiday Craft Auction is over and the calendar year is coming to an end, we rejoice in our volunteerism so far in our fiscal year and cherish the friendships we share with our members. We have so much more to look forward to from January through May.

Terri Guillemets wrote, "Volunteers wear work boots, but leave a trail of angel footprints." Wishing you, Mesquite Club precious Angels, the happiest holiday season, a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

YOUR Evening Chair Connie Freeman

#### 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

#### **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.* 

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, we are looking for a contact for this project.

**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*.





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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.



Any Club member wishing a bylaw change or addition should submit it in writing and sign it.

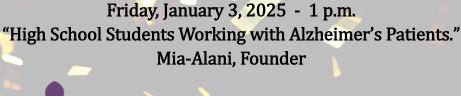
Forward to Bylaws Chair, Connie Freeman by January 15, at constance2591@aol.com.

Alice Curtis
12/04
Carol Seibel
12/04
Virginia Norton
12/05
Sharon Segerblom
12/19
Connie Freeman
12/20
Brenda Dupont
12/20

Virginia Gordy 12/23

Sigrid Insull-Lucking

12/24





FORGET ME NEVER FOUNDATION

IMPROVING ALZHEIMERS; ONE CONNECTION AT A TIME

Be so completely yourself that everyone else feels safe to be themselves too



#### SAVE THE DATES

Mesquite Club Annual Rummage Sale February 27, 2025 -March 1, 2025





# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
World AIDS Day	International Day For the Abolition of Slavery	3 Giving Tuesday	TATIONAL COOKIE DAY	International VOLUNTEER DAY	6 Bake and Soup Sale 1 p.m.	PEARL BARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
8	9 Signal Special Speci	Board Meeting 10 a.m. Evening Holiday Party 6 p.m.	International Mountain Day	12 INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY	Holiday Luncheon 11 a.m.	14
15 Thought Bill of Rights Day	16	17 WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY	INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY	19	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY	Winter Solstice
22	23	24  * Christmas*  Eve*	25 Christmas	26  KWANZAA	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1  Sew Year's Day		uppor	ting
December 2024 is Observed as:						

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Universal Human Rights Month
Safe Toys and Gifts Month
National Impaired Driving Prevention

ANOTHER'S SUCCESS
WON'T EVER
DAMPEN YOURS.

# **Vol. 5 Issue: December** This newsletter is published 10 times annually for members and friends of the Mesquite Club, Inc.

The deadline is December 15th

For the January issue.

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DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

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TO BE INCLUDED.

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#### Notes from your editor.

During this holiday season, take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life. Enjoy your time with family and friends, and honor those no longer with you. We never know what is happening in another person's life, so be kind and treat them as you wish to be treated. Some of us are adjusting to a new normal, and it is not an easy journey.

Reflect on the important things in your life and celebrate them. Life is short, so let's respect others and their ideas. There is always room for new ideas. Invite your friends to join us on our Clubwoman journey. The more the merrier.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a wonderful Kwanza.

Yours in Federation Friendship, Cherie Lee Williams-DeWitt Ask yourself what is really important, and then have the wisdom and courage to build your life around your answer.



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