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March 2016

SAVE THE DATE

MAR 4: Fine Arts Day, 1 pm

MAR 11: Closed Business Meeting, 1 pm

MAR 14-20: Rummage Sale setup and sale

APR 1: Afternoon Tea, 1 pm

APR 8: Community Service Fundraiser 11 am Social; Noon Luncheon

APR 15: Business Meeting; Elections, 1 pm

APR 29: Bunco Party GFWC Nevada Ways and Means, 2-4 pm

EVENING

MAR 1: Business Meeting Nominations & Presentations to Auction Recipients, 6 pm

MAR 15: Rummage Sale Setup, 6 pm

APR 5: Business Meeting Elections, 6 pm

APR 19: Ways and Means Fundraiser, 6 pm

RUMMAGE SALE HOURS

MAR 18-20: Rummage Sale

Friday-9 am to 4 pm

Saturday-8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 10 am to 2 pm



www.gfwc.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With care and compassion, we extend a helping hand.



On my refrigerator I have a magnet that says it all, "Friends make life's journey sweet." I couldn't agree more. Thanks for all you do to make our club an enjoyable place to be.

Congrats to Mary Gafford and her team for helping us celebrate a tribute to our presidents. The music was inspirational, the brief history lesson of George Washington by Mary Gafford reminded us of our very

first president. Did you have your picture taken with George Washington portrait? Well, I did! Thanks gals for bringing us such an awesome program. (See photos on page 5.)

On March 4, we will have our annual Fine Arts Day. Come and enjoy the speaker, Mike Ogilvie, a Public Art Specialist to Clark County. How did we find him? There was a wonderful article on Brightening Children's Lives. Through his capacity, he hired an artist to creatively paint murals on the walls of Child Haven. Mike was mentioned. We called and he is coming to share with us what he does.

There will be an activity and it doesn't involve drawing, so I feel you will enjoy it. There will be student art work on display that I think you will find interesting. Some art will be from an elementary school and some art will be from the middle school down the street. Come and enjoy the afternoon!

March 11, is our meeting is a closed meeting so please do not invite a guest.

Our Rummage sale begins March 14-20. We need both food and workers during the beginning of the week, 14-17, Barbara Lacy has a sign-up sheet. Cookies, chips, bread and meat and cheese for sandwiches, a casserole or a salad sodas are always appreciated. Let Barb know what you plan to bring. Stay a few hours and help us mark and sort merchandise. Come on March 18-20 and help us direct sales. It's a fun way to meet our neighbors and to get to know the Evening Mesquite members because they really pitch in! We are so fortunate to have such active gals.

See you on
March 4 for
Fine Arts Day!



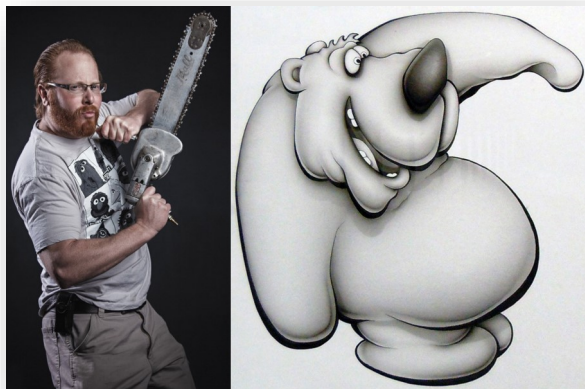
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MESQUITE CLUB?

FINE ARTS DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 - 1 PM

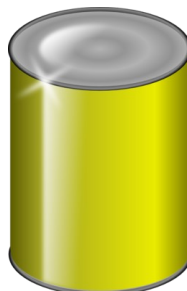
Ladies, you are in for a real treat.

We are celebrating art education, a subject near and dear to President Johanna's heart. As many of you are aware, she is a former art teacher and has arranged for Mike Ogilvie, a talented and energetic speaker, to address our group at this event. He is an Art Cultural Specialist for the Clark County. Along with the speaker, we'll have student art exhibits from Fremont Middle School and Iverson Elementary School. Please join us for a relaxed and fun afternoon.



Michael Ogilvie and his End of the Rainbow

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AND YOU CAN! COME TO THE APRIL 1 TIN CAN TEA & MYSTERY AUCTION



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Oh La La!

"April in Paris"

Community

Service

Fundraiser

\$25

Friday April 8, 2016

11 am Social - Noon Luncheon

To make your reservations, please send your check for \$25 to:

**Nancy Zangl
C/O The Mesquite Club
P.O. Box 95662
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193**

SAVE THE DATE!

**GFWC Nevada
Ways and Means
Bunco Party**



Friday April 29, 2016

2 pm till 4 pm



More details to come!

PRIVATE LUNCHEONS; RUMMAGE SALE; BIRTHDAYS



PRIVATE LUNCHEONS ARE HERE!

❖ Toast the little green Leprechaun on St. Paddies Day while eating a traditional holiday meal and enjoying the spacious view from a downtown highrise. March 17 hosted by Debra Fagan and Barbara Bolling. This will fill up fast.

❖ Ole Ole are the shouts for this authentic Mexican meal prepared by chef Ruben Garcia and hosted by Pat Garcia in the Henderson area on March 31.

❖ The dynamic duo, Lois and Nancy, are inviting us to enjoy lunch and a bit of the bubbly also in the Henderson area on May 11 at the home of Nancy Zangl.

Luncheons are all slated for 11:30 am on their respective dates. The cost is \$50, supporting Ways & Means.

**Your payment to Financial Secretary Nancy Zangl will secure your reservation:
P.O. Box 95662, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193**

Bon Appetite!



Ladies - All Hands On Deck - the big weekend is almost here. March 14 at 10 am begins our setup for the 2016 Mesquite Club Annual Rummage Sale. We need help all week between 10 am - 3 pm each day until Friday March 18, when we open our doors to our customers at 9 am. Saturday we open at 8 am and on Sunday we open at 10 am.

Wear Name Tags and Aprons. We need workers each day and refreshments each day for the workers. This is a really fun time at the Clubhouse.



Please tell all your neighbors and friends. We also need your donations - so it is Spring Cleaning time for those closets and cupboards. Many hands make for light work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bianca Dominguez 03/09

Rita Isom 03/09

Dianne Steel 03/15

Erma Roberts 03/16

Cheryl Kelley 03/25

Henri Hale 03/25

Kaye Baxter 03/31



GFWC EVENTS



GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS NEVADA

Call to the GFWC Nevada 19th Annual Convention

- ♦ The 19th Annual Convention of GFWC Nevada.
- ♦ Please make every effort to attend.
- ♦ We value your input and support.

DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2016

PLACE: Mesquite Club, Inc.

702 East Saint Louis—Las Vegas, NV 89104

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2016

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 Includes convention registration, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Make checks payable to GFWC NEVADA Send
Registration form, credential (*forms are attached*)
and check to:

Ilene Baker

5200 Desert Star Drive - Las Vegas, NV 89134

Questions: 702-395-0180



We need volunteer hostesses for
out of town attendees to the
Convention.

If you are willing to help, please contact
Ilene Baker @ 702-395-0180

GFWC RAFFLE!

In 1983 when GFWC was preparing to celebrated its' 100th Birthday, the Goebel Company of Germany was commissioned to create a series of four figurines depicting the women of the past 100 years.



- ❖ The first figurine depicting 1890 – 1914 was offered for sale during the administration of Juanita Martin Bryant, 1982 – 1984. At the end of her term the mold was broken.
- ❖ The second figurine represents circa 1915 – 1939 and was offered during the administration of Jeri J. Winger, 1984 – 1986. Again the mold was broken.
- ❖ The third figurine represents circa 1940 – 1964 and was offered during the administration of Phyllis Vreeland Roberts, 1986 – 1988. Again the mold was broken.
- ❖ The fourth and final figurine depicting 1965 – 1990 was offered during the administration of Alice Clark Donahue, 1988 – 1990. The final mold was broken so that no more could be produced.

Today two sets reside in National Headquarters, one in the office of the president and the other in the 1728 third floor hallway cabinet.

Through the generosity of one of our members we are offering a full set of the beautiful figurines as a raffle prize.

**The raffle will be closed at our
April 16, 2016 GFWC Nevada State Convention.**

Tickets are \$10 each. It is not necessary to be present to win. Included with the figurines are two pages of the 125th Anniversary Postage Stamps issued by GFWC and the commemorative pin made available at the 125th Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. This is a value of approximately \$745.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT; PRESIDENTS DAY PHOTOS



Mesquite Club Oral History Project; in association with the Oral History Research Center at UNLV Libraries

In an effort to document the accomplishments and passion of our members, we are looking for member that are willing to be video taped speaking about their experiences with the club. This is a very important project, to record the accomplishments of the

Mesquite Club.

We will need about two hours of your time. We will most likely tape at the clubhouse. If necessary, we may be able to come to you, in special circumstances. Please consider helping us to document the wonderful history of our club.

If you know any ladies that are no longer members that might wish to be included, please let us know.



For more information, and to schedule an appointment, contact:
Cherie Lee Williams @ (310) 710-9792 or email: CherieLeeWilliams@earthlink.net.

Red, White and Blue Celebration!



EVENING: CHAIR LETTER; EVENING EVENTS



Hello,

It's beginning to look a lot like spring! Flowers are blooming, temperatures are warming up and daylight is lasting longer.

For Evening Mesquite members, another sure sign of spring is Connie Macauley, Nominations Chair and her committee is searching for candidates for next year's slate. This is a time for us to reflect on how we can use our skill sets to help the club fulfill our vital goals for 2016-17. Remember the entire membership is willing to jump in and assist in any way. As we have seen with our events so far this club year, we have a high member participation level. So offer to fill the position you know you can do to continue the excellence of Evening Mesquite. Nominations will be at the March 1 meeting. Remember: *"Things get solved when you get involved."*

What a great meeting we had February 2, Joan Powell, GFWC Nevada President, spoke about the organization and how Mesquite Club fits in on the state and national levels. We also had a surprise visit from Mesquite Club's President-elect, Cherie Williams.

I knew Evening Mesquite members had lots of talents, but who knew we had so many budding artists in our group? At our social gathering on February 16, Mariann Walker and Stephani Zimmerman arranged for an art instructor to come to the clubhouse and teach us how to paint on canvas with acrylic paints. We all painted a wine bottle pouring wine into a wine glass. Look at the pictures and see what you think! Karen Ziegler and Hospitality arranged for the wine, Hors D'oeuvres, and chocolate! Thank you everyone for a great time. (See photos on page 7.)

Our largest club wide Ways and Means event of the year is right around the corner. Please remember to gather all of your items for the upcoming Rummage Sale slated for March 18-20. Evening Co-Chair Pam Ivey passed out sign-up sheets for work times at our last meeting. If you didn't sign up please do so at our next meeting. Our March 15 meeting will be set up for this annual event. Bring your donations to the clubhouse at any meeting or function.

Looking ahead—April 5, will be our election of officers and chairs. Also, a hands-on community service project is scheduled. April 19, 2016 at 6 PM, Ways and Means Co-Chairs, Judy Stebbins and Ruth Larson have planned a *"SPRING INTO SPRING BUNCO."* See the ad below.

Arlene McCroy, Scholarship Committee is looking for members to help read through the scholarship applications. This is done on line. Please email her if you would like to help.

It's hard to believe the club year is half over. I am proud I had a part in all the outstanding things that Las Vegas' greatest group of women accomplished so far. I look forward to the rest of the year with great anticipation. **Let's keep the momentum going,**

Annette Dorman
Chair of Evening Mesquite Club
Home: 702-685-0952; Cell: 909-438-7676,
Email: adorman4@msn.com

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April 19, 2016 6 🕒 PM

"SPRING INTO SPRING BUNCO"

Good food plus lots of fun and surprises

Donation Admission \$20

Evening Mesquite Ways and Means

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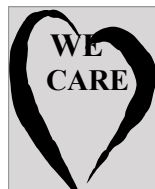
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Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members and their loved ones in difficult times. We also congratulate member's very special occasions.

Update on the condition of Joan Powell: I have two blood clots one in each lung plus two blood clots in my groin. I went to the ER on Sunday, February 14, at my doctors instruction.. After testing they began a Heparin infusion that continued until I came home Wednesday, February 17. I am on oxygen 24/7 and Eliquis twice a day. I have a doctor's appointment Tuesday February 23, at 11:15, to talk about further treatment. She has mentioned Physical Therapy to learn my limitations so the groin clots don't break free also a Blood Specialist to be sure we are doing all we can to avoid more clots. We will do periodic sonograms of the legs to check on the status of the clots. The body has to absorb the clots. They cannot be broken up. Thank you for your healing thoughts. Joan Powell



Our
creative
Evening
Members!



We need help with the
rummage sale!



We need help with setup
March 14, 15, 16, 17
from 10 am till 3 pm.

We need food for our
volunteers for those days and
the days of the sale.

We need workers for the actual sale.

RUMMAGE SALE HOURS

MAR 18-20: Rummage Sale

Friday-9 am to 4 pm Saturday-8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 10 am to 2 pm

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BOARD BRIEFS, CLUB FINANCIALS, MEMORIAL FUND, AMAZON SMILE

BOARD BRIEFS



The meeting of the Mesquite Club Executive Board was called to order by President Johanna Kennedy at 10 am.

President: Johanna Kennedy -

Johanna apologized for not attending Marilyn Essex memorial she had a previous engagement. Cards were sent and a donation to the memorial fund was made.

President Elect: Cherie Williams - Certificate sample was presented. Donation information and lifetime giving information was shared. These types of donations have helped us in the past, for example the Peggy Casey fund helped with building repairs. This information will be included periodically in the Mesquiter. A motion to create a video history of our long time members was made. Motion Carried. Claytee White, of UNLV, has information that we created previously. Norm Clarke has requested to come speak to us. We will utilize him next year.

First Vice President: Barbara Bolling - The Christmas Luncheon venue was discussed. The luncheon this past year was disappointing. After discussion, a motion was made to return to the LV Country Club for the Christmas Luncheon. Motion carried the preferred date is December 16.

Second Vice President: Elsa Torgerson - February 19 is new member orientation.

Ways & Means: Barbara Lacy - January fundraiser's included – soup du jour, 50/50 and deal of the month. February will bring a new deal of the month. April 1 will be “**Mystery in a Can**” live auction. We have had no sign ups for the Private Luncheons.

Ways and Means: Ilene Baker - April 16 is GFWC NV Conference here at the Mesquite Club. Cost of \$50 will be Breakfast, Lunch and dinner at Fellini's is included.

Business: Daytime Mesquite has been asked to provide a basket for GFWC NV convention in April. Value of the basket should be \$25. Any suggestion? Evening ladies will also prepare a basket. Sally will donate IG Wine and others will bring items to be included in the basket. Cathi will be assembling the basket.

Garden Tea has been planned at the home of Kim Keller. Chairs, tables and dishes will need to be transported to the venue. Tony will do this at a cost of \$25 per hour. Linda is inquiring as to how much we should charge for this event. A motion was made to charge \$25 for the Garden Tea. Discussion regarding insurance costs and valet costs, hauling of table, dishes etc. It was suggested that dishes be rented or provided by caterer. Not enough information was presented to make a decision. Motion was withdrawn.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:14 am
Sally Achord, Recording Secretary

\$ MESQUITE CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT \$

Treasurer: Lynda Schultz

Balance as of January 31

Savings \$51845.29

Checking \$33630.11 which includes

Designated Funds of \$10815.90

Choir \$692.84

Community Service Day \$2329.64

Community Service Evening \$647.20

Crafts \$4334.51

Landscaping \$825.00

Memorial Fund \$1481.16

We Care \$505.55

January Profit and Loss Statement reflects a loss of \$6793.72

\$ MEMORIAL FUND REPORT \$

According to the Standing Rules of the Mesquite Club, the Memorial Fund is used for the purpose of major improvement or repair and maintenance of Mesquite Club property.

The Memorial Fund welcomes donations for birthdays, anniversaries, congratulations, family members as well as sympathy. Make checks payable to Mesquite Club Memorial Fund and mail to:

Mesquite Club

P.O. Box 95662 - Las Vegas, NV 89193-5662

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In memory of Rose Irwin: Cathi Poer; Beverly Sawinsky

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MEMBER PROFILES



LUCRECIA SPARKS

Lucrecia Sparks, born and raised in Guatemala, came to the United States in 1964 to *"enlarge my life and broaden my mind"* she said.

She came to Las Vegas in the 70's knowing very little English. She had attended an English-American school in Guatemala. She studied accounting which always provided a steady and well-paid job. In the 80's she became involved in real estate ventures in Las Vegas which were very successful.

Lucrecia has one daughter who was trained in business administration. Lucrecia is a supporter of Nevada Opera Theater because she heard opera at a very early age from her grandmother singing at home. She also was an early patron of the Las Vegas Symphony Orchestra.

Supported by her foundation, Lucrecia built schools in her country for underprivileged children. She has been honored there for helping children. She is proud of the children who now after ten years are graduating from college.

Lucrecia's proudest possessions are two certificates. One is a civic award from Guatemala for being an *"Ambassador For Peace In The World."* The other one is signed by Senator Harry Reid for service to Nevada.

Lucrecia says that she is very grateful to this country for allowing her to humbly accomplish her personal American dream.

NEW EVENING MEMBERS

ANITA CAROUTHERS

Anita is a retired Illinois State Court judge. She moved to Las Vegas in July 2015 and was sponsored by Ruth Larson. She is a member of the Philharmonic Guild and the Smith Center. She enjoys performing arts and shopping. She lives in Turnberry Place. Anita has one daughter and two grandchildren.

SUSAN S. PALERMO

Susan is a retired accountant from the San Francisco Bay area. She moved here in December 2010. Susan's sisters live in Las Vegas and she enjoys being with her siblings. She likes traveling, playing cards, attending movies and shopping. Susan has two daughters who live in California. She has a fourth great grandchild on the way. Saroj Dhodapkar is her sponsor.

WE WELCOME ALL THESE NEW MEMBERS TO MESQUITE CLUB

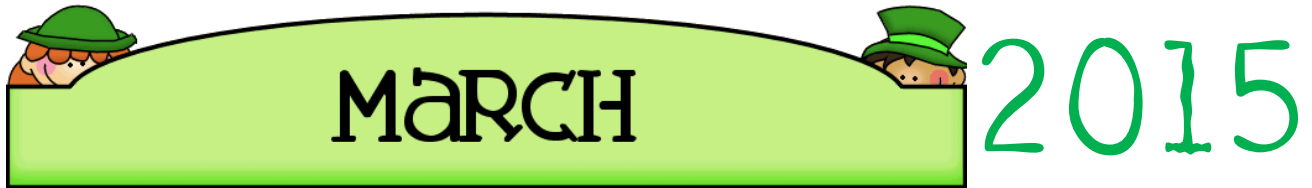


Lois Evora has been a member of Mesquite Club since 2000. She has served as Chairperson of Ways and Means, Chairperson of Community Service for two years. As Community Service Chairperson, she vigorously led our drive to support the Doris French Elementary School, an *"at risk"* school in the Las Vegas Valley..







As chairperson of this committee she gathered together Mesquite Club members and other volunteers to participate for National Reading Week during the past three years. In addition, through fundraising efforts has enabled the Mesquite Club to purchase computers, learning aids for grades 1-5, school supplies, books, clothing, and Holiday gifts for students in need, and helped those students who otherwise would not be able to afford the extra school events held off campus. The school also established a library area for its students due to the participation of the Mesquite Club members. Through a festive gala supported by Mesquite members and other community organizations, and other fundraising events during the last three years well over \$30,000 in cash and in kind support has been realized.

Lois grew up in Waltham, Massachusetts. She played Basketball during Jr. and Senior High School. After graduating high School, she went on to Mt. Ida College graduating with a medical secretarial associate's certification; and off she went to Washington, DC to work for the CIA. Fred Evora, her husband for 43 years, came into her life in 1957. After his proposal of marriage in Washington, D. C., Lois went back to the Boston area where they were married in 1958. Because both Lois and Fred wanted to travel, they left for Hawaii where he continued a medical residency in psychiatry in Honolulu, where their 3 children were born. He eventually became Director of Mental Health on the island of Kauai. The urge to travel persisted and Lois and Fred relocated to Bedford, Massachusetts, then to the Canal Zone in Panama. Another job offer brought them back to Long Island, New York. After 7 years in Long Island, Hawaii called again. So, in 1976 it was back to Hawaii. In 1992, Lois and Fred relocated to Henderson, Nevada. Lois has always been a lover of travel, having visited every continent. She still continues to travel, but says "on a limited scale now". Although, a cruise to the Caribbean is still on her confirmed list to go,

While in Hawaii Lois served in many community service organizations. Lois describes her treasured membership in the Mesquite Club as an opportunity to have made wonderful friendships with lots of very talented women. She says, "The Mesquite Club has given me the chance to give to this community, and to elevate the recognition of the Mesquite Club in the Las Vegas Valley".



MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board Meeting 10 am Evening Business Meeting 6 pm	2	3	4 Fine Arts Day 1 pm	5
6	7	8  International Women's Day	9	10	11 Closed Business Meeting 1 pm	12
13  Time to Spring Ahead	14	15 Evening Rummage Sale Set-up 6 pm	16	17  Happy St Patrick's Day!	18 Rummage Sale 9 am—4 pm	19 Rummage Sale 8 am—4 pm
20  Rummage Sale 10 am— 2 pm	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday 	26
27  Happy Easter!	28	29	30	31		



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb. At the Mesquite Club, our momentum never dies. March is the month for our Historic Annual Rummage Sale!



Remember to check with friends and family that are doing Spring cleaning to donate as well as to attend. We need lots of help in all directions.

I am starting a new project to record memories from members for an oral/video history. What better way to keep the memories alive as well as passing on the history from the ladies that have made the history. Please consider participating. If you know ladies that are no longer members, but are willing to give a few hours of their time, please let me know.

After March, we have only two months until our summer break. It seems like it just got started. We have a lot of exciting events coming up. Plan to attend and please bring a friend. You don't want to miss a single fun event. For those that were not at Presidents Day, you missed a wonderful performance that some of our members planned for us. Flags were waving and we were all singing. Such a great time. *(See photos page on page 5.)*

So, I expect to see you at our next event!
Be there, or be square!



PLEASE NOTE!

THE NEXT DEADLINE IS MARCH 15
FOR THE APRIL ISSUE
DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT'S TOO LATE!

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