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Message From our President

Happy New Year Everyone,

Wishing each and every one of you a wonderful and fun filled 2025.

We have lots of new and exciting things happening, election of new Board of Directors, new member brunch, meet and greets, a trip to Laughlin, movies on Tuesdays, nosh & wine, and much more. Don't forget that Hump Day will be on January 8th this month!

Be sure to read the monthly newsletter for updates and watch your e-blasts.

If you haven't had time to check out the new "Fat Dough Bakery" they're a good place to go when you are looking for a nice hardy lunch, they have tasty soups with fresh bread. It's a nice light lunch on these cold days.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the monthly luncheon.

Bettie Rice,
President

Message From the Parliamentarian

Get involved! Board members needed!



The Nomination Committee members for next years board are as follows:

Cheri Christensen, Shelly Holmes, Margo Hood, Margie Milner, Wendy Lauer, Tamera Oskierko, Janie Rappe, Bettie Rice, Gail Wickre, and Julie Stoltz.

If you are interested in holding any position or in chairing a committee, please let Julie Stoltz know before January 8, 2025.

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Any member who isn't yet on our Facebook page and who would like to join, please email Michele Norris, Broker@CrystalRealty.net... You'll be added to Facebook, to see more pictures and more info on our group"

DESERT DAMES

Friendship & Fun



Highlights/Minutes

DESERT DAMES BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 4th, Mesquite Baptist Church

President: Bettie

Meeting Called to Order. December Luncheon: The Bell Ringers Group will perform four to five tunes. Mr. And Mrs. Claus fly in for pictures with anyone wanting one.

Vice President: Gail

Gail suggested that someone present to those attending lunch the purpose and process for completing the nominating ballot form. Julie stated she would do that at the beginning of the luncheon.

Social/Hospitality: Anita

Anita has multiple out of town travels on the docket. Impending meet and greet outings for the DD include the Donkey Museum, Library Resource Center, or Tractor Supply business. Next new member breakfast tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2025. 28 DD signed up for bell ringing at Lee's Liquor.

Membership: Mary

Membership Renewals are still coming in. Two hundred members still need to renew membership. Checks received for renewal membership will be deposited into the DD bank account. Mary reported that we have 312 active members. Mary will bring membership flyers for distribution as needed at December luncheon.

Editor: Tamera

Out of town January 3rd-20th. Ro Jean will assist with DD E-Blast during Tamera's travels. Continue to use DD Editor email eblast submissions. Tamera will review DD jump drives she has for any DD Board Job Descriptions. This remains an open topic.

Treasurer: Jeanette

Checking Balance = \$6,908.76

Savings Balance = \$1,526.66

Luncheon/Reservations: Joyce

December DD Happy Hour - 55 signed up.

2024 Luncheon Schedule

December Luncheon will be - Steak and sides. 11th, Casa Blanca.

Publicity: Michele

Facebook has been cleaned up and new members should be able to access it. New DD members get an email Facebook join message sent to them.

Parliamentarian: Julie

Job descriptions still under review. Requested high top table for DD ballot box. Will assist incoming DD President Gail Wickre select members for DD nominating committee. The committee will be formed following December Luncheon.

Secretary: Rhonda

No agenda items.



MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Constitutional Note - Article II - The purpose of the Club shall be to acquaint residents in the City of Mesquite and the surrounding areas and promote friendship through meetings, social functions and interest groups. This Club may not become involved in, or take any position on, political or religious issues. The Club exists for the sole benefit of its members.

Article III Membership, Section 1 - The members of the Club shall be any persons over 21 years of age, regardless of race, color or creed, residing in the City of Mesquite and the surrounding areas. **Section 2** - A prospective member may attend two (2) meetings, and one (1) interest group before paying dues. Only paid members and one (1) paying guest may participate in social functions. Only paid members may vote on Club issues.

Article IV Dues, Section 2 - Any person two (2) months in arrears shall be dropped from the Club. A reinstatement fee of 5.00, plus dues, shall be paid to rejoin.

DESERT DAMES THEME SONG

We're Desert Dames from Nevada.
Mesquite to be precise.
And we love desert living,
no more snow, no more ice
We have sunshine, mountains, palm trees, but
what we love the most
Are the great folks of Mesquite.



**Desert Dames
January Luncheon Meeting
CasaBlanca Resort and Casino
Wednesday January 22nd 2025**

RSVP AND CHECKS FOR \$25.00 DUE BY JAN. 14, 2025
CHECKS ONLY MAKE PAYABLE TO DESERT DAMES
MAIL TO: JOYCE DALTON
1442 HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS
MESQUITE, NV 89027
OR PUT IN DROP OFF BOX AT SAME ADDRESS NEAR THE
FRONT DOOR
SIGN IN AT 11:00 AM LUNCH BEGINS AT NOON
CASH/CARD BAR AVAILABLE OPEN WHEN BARTENDER IS
READY.

MENU:

PENNE BOLOGNESE WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE SERVED
WITH TOMATO SAUCE.
CHEF'S CHOICE OF SIDE.
PRESET-CAESAR SALAD CRISP ROMAINE LETTUCE,
HOMEMADE CROUTONS, CAESAR DRESSING, AND
PARMESAN CHEESE.
PRESET-ASSORTED ROLLS, & BUTTER.
FRESHLY BREWED COFFEE, DECAF COFFEE, HOT TEA,
ICED TEA, AND WATER.
DESSERT- APPLE STRUDEL WITH CREME ANGLAISE.

**VEGETARIAN OPTION: MUST BE REQUESTED WITH
RSVP/CHECK IN ADVANCE**

PRESET-CAESAR SALAD CRISP ROMAINE LETTUCE,
HOMEMADE CROUTONS, CAESAR DRESSING, AND
PARMESAN CHEESE.
CHEF'S SELECTION OF VEGETABLE SIDES.
PRESET-ASSORTED ROLLS, & BUTTER.
FRESHLY BREWED COFFEE, DECAF COFFEE, HOT TEA,
ICED TEA, AND WATER.
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January Meet and Greet

Where: **Painted Hippo**, 312 W Mesquite Blvd #7
When: Wednesday, January 15th from 10:30 am - noon

The **Painted Hippo** is Mesquite's premier painting studio, bringing fun, art, and community together to explore, create and celebrate art!!

Please join us where you can either:

1. Select from a variety of kiln-fired ceramics with different price ranges and experience levels to paint.
2. Observe fellow Dames creating their masterpieces; or
3. Just stop by for a beverage and snack!



Hope to see you there!

Travel Club's next trip Laughlin, Nevada

Our next trip is to Laughlin, Nevada, Sunday February 16th through the 17th. Cut off for reservations is January 15th text 916-860-9879 with your name(s). If you want to carpool, meet at the Casa Blanca at 10:00 am in the parking lot to the west. I arranged 15 rooms at the Aquarius (1900 S. Casino Dr.) to be held until Feb. 1. The cost is \$164.27 (+\$50 refundable deposit) for both nights (single or double occupancy). Call 800-662-5825 to reserve a room. Give them our group name GRDAME to receive the discounted price and to pay with a credit card.

Our dinner cruise leaves the dock of the Aquarius on Sun. Feb. 16 at 5:00pm so, please be there by 4:45pm. It's a 2 1/2-hour cruise. Dress warm, it will be chilly. The cost is \$ 81 to \$88 per person depending on your food choice. The menu will be sent to you via text when I receive it. I will need a check sent to me by Jan 27th to PO Box 1086, Littlefield, AZ 86432.

On Monday breakfast is on your own. We will leave for Oatman at 10:30am. Meet me out front of the Aquarius. Lunch will be in Oatman.

Dinner will be on your own. There are 3 restaurants on site.

Things to do, shopping, movies, gambling, visit Davis Dam, river taxi, or Laughlin River Cruise at 2pm (\$21) for 90 minutes.

For Questions please contact Nikki at 916-860-9879



Activities

Hump Day Happy Hour

The first Wednesday of every month! EXCEPT IN JAN WHICH WILL BE ON JANUARY 8TH

Celebrate the middle of the week milestone at Hump Day Happy Hour. The group gathers the first Wednesday of each month, Cucina Italiana, 4 p.m. **RSVP**. Contact: Joyce Dalton, **801-721-7361**, or email: **ddamesreservations@gmail.com**

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets the third Tuesdays of each month. If you have any suggestions of movies that you would like to see let Nikki know. Text Nikki at **916-860-9879** or email **bzgirl19@gmail.com** for more information.

Bunco

First Monday of the Month with as leader. Time: **1:30PM** at the first Baptist Church on Hafen. Please respond as soon as you can if you want to participate: **Text Sharon Newell** at **760-617-6807**

Bunco Monday

Second Monday 1:30 PM- First Baptist Church. Call Louise Willis at **702-346-1676** to sign up.

Bunco Friday

2nd Friday each month 10:00 a.m. at the Women's History & Culture Center. Contact **Rosealee Lee 952-454-1138** if you want to sign up

Desert Dames Hikers

January 10 Desert Dames Hike:
Hike destination: Valley of Fire
Leaders: Bev. Valencia and Kathy Larson
Meet at the Visitor Center by the I-15 ramp and Taco Bell at 8 AM
Lunch in Overton afterwards at Criss Angel's BLP
Drivers needed- please **RSVP**
larsonkathy77@gmail.com or
bevalencia7@gmail.com

Urban Walkers

Urban walking will be back in full force for January. We will do some of our regular routes as well as sprinkle in some new locations so we can see a bit more of Mesquite as we walk.
Looking forward to seeing everyone and starting the New Year out fresh.
You will notice two weeks in a row at the same location. This is not a typo. I am working on setting up a tour but have not heard back yet. I will update everyone as I hear more.
We meet at 7:45 each Friday and walk at 8.
Friday, January 3rd - Casa in the EV parking lot

Friday, January 10th - No walk Hike Day

Friday, January 17th - Rec Center by the fields

Friday, January 24th - Rec Center by the fields

Friday, January 31st - Mesa View Hospital, park in the back of the lot. Any questions please reach out to Lisa Nash
Nashlisa0415@gmail.com

Book Club

Book Club will be held Wednesday, January 8th, at 2:00 pm. The book picked for this month to discuss will be "Here One Moment" by Liane Moriarty.
For information, contact Sue Miller at (801) 309-9063

Diamond Art, Adult Coloring, Crafts

Diamond Art is the second and third Tuesday of every month, 1pm at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome, even seasoned Diamond Art people. We love finding out new ways of displaying our work and finding new friends to Socialize with.
See you then, Margie. **972-339-8663**.

Cooking Class

Winter Soups & Artisan Bread

After two wildly successful cooking classes in October, Chef Ayelet (pronounced "I Yell It") will welcome the Desert Dames to some delicious, private cooking classes in 2025. In January, the following recipes will be demonstrated: Chicken Tortilla Soup, French Onion Soup, Roasted Cauliflower Soup, Sweet & Sour Ramen Soup, and Sourdough bread with fresh herbs

WHEN: Tuesday, **January 14th—SOLD OUT**

Tuesday **January 21st — SOLD OUT**

Tuesday **February 18th — 6 Spaces left**

TIME: 4 pm to 6:30 pm (class may run later)

LOCATION: Chef Ayelet's home (address will be texted the week before each class).

Please mail your check and make sure your full name and cell phone is printed on your check or included with your check to enable a text confirmation of your class. Checks should be written to: Ayelet Danino for \$50 and mailed to: Diana Lee Rose, 550 West Pioneer Blvd #140, PMB 250, Mesquite, NV 89027. For questions please **text Diana Lee Rose @ (619) 507-1064 between 12 pm to 8 pm**.

All 12 spaces must be filled for the class to proceed. Please note, there are also no refunds.

E-Bike Club

The Desert Dames eBike Groups organized bike rides will go dark for the months of December 2024 & January 2025. Diana will still be riding during the warmest part of the day during both months, if any cyclists want to ride, please text Diana at **(619) 507-1064**

Activities - Continued

Singles Valentine Date Nite Cooking Class

DAMES, I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE...DO YOU KNOW ANY NICE, SINGLE MEN? If so, please let them know about the DD Valentines DATE NITE Cooking Class on Tues, February 11th and ask them to text Diana at (619) 507-1064, with the subject "DATE NITE" Chef Ayelet has planned a very special Singles Date Night Cooking Class for February 11th. The class is limited to the first 6 single Dames that send in their check. The format of the Valentines Date Nite cooking class is a sit-down dinner to encourage conversation, and the food courses will be presented after the cooking demos are complete.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 11th class - 3 days before Valentines!

TIME: 4 pm to 6:30 pm (class may run slightly later)

First Course: Spinach Salad with warm Bacon Dressing, Cranberries & Goat Cheese paired with a Mushroom & Feta turnover

Main Course: Chicken Breast Stuffed with Apricot & Sweet Onions with an Apricot Lemon Sauce, Persian Rice Cake with Currants & Cranberries, Roasted Medley of Vegetables with Fresh Thyme & Garlic

Hands-On Dessert Recipe: Chocolate Mousse Heart Cake with Raspberry Compote

Your check is your RSVP

Checks should be written to: Ayelet Danino for \$50 and mailed to: Diana Lee Rose - 550 West Pioneer Blvd #140, PMB 250, Mesquite, NV 89027

Please mail your check ASAP to reserve your spot. Make sure your full name, email address & cell phone is printed on/included with your check to ensure an email confirmation and a reminder text of your class date can be sent. All 12 class spaces, 6 Dames & 6 Gentlemen must be filled for the class to proceed.

In a similar fashion as the DD Luncheons, there are no refunds if you pay and do not attend class. If you can find someone to take your place and reimburse you directly, please text Diana ASAP to advise of the change.

For questions, please text Diana Lee Rose at (619) 507-1064 between 12 pm to 8 pm.

Themed Social Tasting Potluck Winter Warm-up

The DD "Gourmand" event has updated its name to "Themed Social Tasting Potluck." This event is held quarterly.

The theme for our next Social Tasting Potluck is "Winter Warm-up." Do you make an awesome chili or soup? Do you bake a delicious flakey pie or maybe a French baguette? If yes, please sign up for our "Winter Warm-up" potluck.

Each dish should be enough to serve at least 20 tastings. To avoid duplicates, and offer a balanced tasting menu, we ask that you select from one of these categories: Soups, Chili, Breads, Pies and, (my favorite) Hot Toddies! There are 4 spots available for each category. **This event is limited to the first 20 Dames who sign up.**

When: January 31st from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Location will be emailed to each participant. Please RSVP to Anita at duncan_anita@hotmail.com. Feel free to reach out with any questions, as well.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR DAMES

P.E.O. Annual Purse Auction

Save the Date: April 6, 2025, 2:00 to 4:30pm

Mesquite Fine Art Center and Gallery

P.E.O Chapter AP-Mesquite Bi-Annual Purse Auction***

Catered by Chef Ayelet

Clean out your closet and Donate your gently used designer and upscale purses to our silent purse auction. All proceeds go to funding P.E.O. International scholarships and grants and our local scholarships for girls and women!!

For more information contact

Debbie Gibbs via text 307-389-2490!

Do you like to travel or just talk about travel?

Please join us for our first travel club meeting.






On Thursday January 9th at 1 PM at Mesquite NV Library Cafe

We will introduce ourselves and talk about our favorite travel experiences and suggest topics for future meetings.

For questions, please contact

Andrea Carter: 907-831-1140 | andrea.carter1230@gmail.com

JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025	2	3 Urban Walkers 7:45 am Casa Blanca	4
5	6 First Monday of Month Bunco 1:30PM @ First Baptist Church 	7	8 Book Club 2pm @ the Woman's History & Cultural Center Hump Day Happy Hour 4PM @ Cucina Italiana	9 Travel Club 1pm Mesquite Library	10 2nd Friday of the Month Bunco 10:00AM @ Women's History & Culture Center. DD Hiking Trip Valley of Fire: Meet at Visitors Center 8am 	11
12	13 Second Monday Bunco 1:30PM @ First Baptist Church 	14 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center Cooking Class 4pm Luncheon	15 Meet & Greet 10:30am - Noon Painted Hippo 	16	17 Urban Walkers 7:45 am Mesquite Rec Center	18
19	20	21 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center Cinema Club — Watch for email. Cooking Class 4pm	22 Desert Dames Luncheon sign in at 11am, lunch at 12pm 	23	24 Urban Walkers 7:45 am Mesquite Rec Center	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Urban Walkers 7:45 am Mesa View Hospital Winter Warm Up Potluck 11:30am	

Board Meeting

January 8, 2025 at 11:00am, Baptist Church



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<https://desertdamesmesquitenv.com/>

Desert Dames Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/83769647726358>



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