



The Desert Dames Dispatch

The Desert Dames of Mesquite
Celebrating 30 years!

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Hello Dames,

Well, I made it through my first official Dames luncheon without messing up too badly!! I was happy to see approximately 63 ladies enjoying each other's company, having drinks if they desired, enjoying a yummy lunch and overall having fun!! If I haven't greeted you yet, come up and say hi as I would like to get to know more of our membership. We were short, about \$6 on the bar, and not sure if we'll be charged for that and the raffle even made a little over which is always nice when we have a win and not a loss!! The gifts were very nice, thanks for a great job Deb (rats I didn't win), I wish everyone better luck at our next luncheon on May 28!! If anyone has any issues, suggestions or kudos, please feel free to get in touch with any board members and they will be brought up at our Board meeting on the 21st!! I'm so enjoying trying some of the activities that are offered to us and even though some of those groups don't meet for a few months due to the heat, please go out and try some of the other groups and you may find a niche you didn't know you needed!! Again, my motto for this year is "To Have Fun"!! Please note, the BBQ hosted by Nikki Hildebrand and her husband on May 23rd at their home, details later in this Dispatch.

Happy Mother's Day to you mothers out there and may all of you have a splendid May and we'll see you soon!!

Shelly Holmes

Message From our Vice President

Spring is here and with the warmer weather we are saying so long to our snow-bird Dames. We will miss you!

For those of us who live here year-round the Desert Dames leadership is making plans for a fun filled summer! Our first Wednesday of the month Hump Day is always a great way to start the new month. May 7 we will all get together at Cucina for conversation and cocktails! Our first summer soiree' will be May 16th! Our Hostess will be Sharon Koos, whose address is 1167 Dry Falls Bend! As always, the number of Dames that will be able to attend is limited so be sure and pay attention to the information in this issue of the Desert Dames Dispatch! We will also have several Wine and Nosh events so watch your email for email blasts on when and where! Most of our breakout clubs will continue through the summer as well!

Enjoy our first summer holiday, Memorial Day, on May 26th! It's a weekend to remember those we loved that are no longer with us! I hope to see many of you at our May 28th Luncheon! Our main course is one of my very favorite dishes, Chicken Piccata, I love the capers!

Stay cool,

Debbie

Any member who isn't yet on our Facebook page and who would like to join, please email Margo Hood, margolhood@yahoo.com...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, April 9, 2025, Home of Shelley Holmes

President: Shelly - Opened meeting and welcomed the new board members.

Vice President: Debbie - How much can be spent on raffle tickets and cash draws at luncheon. \$300 is the approved amount. Should we plan an outside luncheon? Discussion was Sep, or October would be appropriate for an outdoor luncheon. Some discussion of using alternate locations for future luncheons- the Barn Location at the new Holiday Inn was suggested.

Social/Hospitality: Sharon - Question was raised as to how many meets and greets and Wine and Nosh events per quarter. They should both be once per quarter. Next two "Meet and Greets" suggested locations are Holiday Inn and a new rug shop. Should the small group leaders have a check-in with the social board member. Sharon will reach out and touch base. The suggestion was made to start a card playing game group. It will be set up by Debbie Gibbs 1:30pm on 2nd Sunday of the month. Add to the newsletter, is anyone interested in painting night? Should we keep the hand painted birthday cards? - all agreed.

Sharon Made a motion Desert Dames will no longer provide funds for Wine and Nosh. Second by Debbie G. All approved

Membership: Karin -Roster was updated. PDF and Excel were sent to the board members. 55 non-renewal members dropped. As of April, 258 current members, 4 new members , and 1 renewal of previous dropped member. The new Board will need new name tags with positions. Suggested magnet tags Karin will get a price sheet. Andrea made a motion drop non-renewal members by 1 Feb of each year. Second by Karin 6 for 2 opposed Motion passes.

Editor: Tamera - Not available

Treasurer Report: Jeanette - Checking Balance = \$5,911.73, Savings Balance = \$1,526.90. Jeanette will have to resign her position as Treasurer for personal reasons. Will ask the Editor to send an email blast to the membership looking for volunteers for the new Treasurer. A new treasurer should know Excel.

Luncheon/Reservations: Joyce (Sandy unavailable) - April luncheon will be Chef Salad, soup of the day with a selection of rolls and carrot cake. 2025 Luncheons General discussion on possible meal options and preferences for May luncheon. To be confirmed with vendor by Sandy and or Joyce. Hump Day will be 7th May, reservations to Joyce.

Publicity: Margo - Looking for people to send a few pictures from small group activities, asks that a note be added to the newsletter.

Parliamentarian: Julie - Create a list of all motions made to give to Julie by end of year. Find the motion that approved of the new board -give to Shelly to update for the new Treasurer.

Secretary: Andrea - A Thank You card was received from WHCC.

Old Business - The board requested Debbie get a committee together to review the Fashion Show and come up with ideas about models, vendors etc. Question raised if we keep centerpieces for luncheons. Do we continue for April? Julie suggests all of them need to be the same across all tables. Sharon made a motion to keep center pieces with a limit of \$50 per event Second by Karin. Approved by all

Should we continue to schedule Mr. and Mrs. Clause for the December Luncheon? All agreed.

Would it be best to have the future board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, excluding September, November and December when an alternate date may need to be chosen, to avoid scheduling conflicts with one of the board members? It was agreed the 3rd week of the month would work for most.

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.



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.

Luncheon

Wednesday May 28th, 2025
Luncheon Meeting
CasaBlanca Resort and Casino

RSVP AND CHECKS FOR \$25.00 **SEE NEW ADDRESS BELOW!**

DUE BY May 21st, 2025

Checks only make payable to Desert Dames

Mail To: Sandy Tudor: 291 VINEYARD LN MESQUITE, NV 89027. Or put in drop box at same address near front door.

Sign in at 11:00 AM, Lunch begins at Noon. CASH/CARD BAR AVAILABLE OPEN WHEN BARTENDER IS READY. BAR AVAILABLE OPEN WHEN BARTENDER IS READY.

LUNCH TO INCLUDE:

Chicken Piccata, plated salad, cheesecake for dessert

Vegetarian option must be requested with check payment.

For further lunch information please reach out to Sandy Tudor at desertdamesreservations@gmail.com

PLEASE USE THE NEW EMAIL BELOW WHEN YOU RSVP!



HUMP DAY HAPPY HOUR

WEDNESDAY **May 7th,** 2025 @ 4:00PM

TO BE HELD @ CUCINA ITALIANA

471 MESQUITE BLVD.

MESQUITE, NV

RSVP ON OR BEFORE: May 2nd

TEXT OR EMAIL JOYCE DALTON:

801-721-7361

ddhumpdayres@gmail.com



Travel Club—Local Event!



LET'S PARTY!! Due to unpredictable weather north and possible hot temps south I decided a Potluck Barbeque at my house in Scenic would be fun. The cost is \$ 5 per person for meat and buns. I will need RESERVATIONS to get a count. Call me at **916-860-9879** and we can decide what you should bring. Bring your own drinks and partner/friend. We will have live music & games, there is a spa, and whatever else I can come up with. The date is May 23rd (Friday) from 4:00 pm to whenever. My address is 3598 S Lake Mead Dr, Scenic, AZ 86432. Look for the balloons! - Nikki



Life
is
Better
With
Friends
♥♥♥♥♥

Activities

Hump Day Happy Hour

The first Wednesday of every month! - May 7th

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: ddhumpdayres@gmail.com

Bunco

First Monday of the Month with Sharon Newell 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 at **760-617-5807**

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

Toni will lead the hiking group in a kayaking event on May 9th. We will meet at the Rec center at 7:45 and leave at 8am. Email Toni augustangel0810@aol.com if you want to attend. Please reserve your kayak before May 9th with Dig Paddlesports, you can register online or call 435-467-9988. The cost is \$25 for a single kayak for 2 hours or a tandem for \$40 for 2 hours. Please bring water and money to help pay the driver for the gas and the park entrance. We will bring a bag lunch and eat on the beach after we kayak.

Urban Walkers

Urban Walkers had their last walks in April and will be taking a break from the heat over the summer. Stay tuned for information when they resume in the fall.

Book Club

Our last book club meeting until fall will be held Wednesday, May 14th, @2 pm. We will be meeting in room 23 (note the change for those of you who were not present in April) in Women's History & Cultural Center. The book to be discussed is "James: A Novel" by Percival Everett. If you liked Huckelberry Finn, I'm sure you will like this book.

Please let **Sue Miller** know if you have any questions (**801 309-9063**). Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Wine & Nosh

The April Wine & Nosh was another success. Stay tuned for information for next quarters Wine & Nosh Event!

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**.

Desert Dames Ceramics

Please join us at the Painted Hippo for a ceramic class on the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am until noon. This is a Desert Dames event only as the store is closed until noon. Come and start a new ceramic piece or finish one. For more information call **Teresa Larson** at **714-743-9487**.

Social Tasting

"Summer Soiree" Social Tasting Potluck

Our quarterly tasting potluck is scheduled on **Friday, May 16th** from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and will be held at Sharon Koos home in Sun City.

Each participant will bring a dish (20 tastings) from one of the categories below. Please submit your selection or questions to Anita Duncan via **text or call** at 949.232.9463.

Please Select from the Categories Below:

Snack/Appetizer (need 4)

Salads:

*Green/Mixed (need 2)

*Vegetable (need 2)

*Pasta or Grain (need 2)

*Fruit (need 2)

Sweets (need 4)

Sangria or Spritzer (need 4)

This event is limited to 20 Dames and a waitlist will be added once spots are filled.

E-Bike Club

No official e-bike rides are planned for the summer, but the wheels are still turning! A small group of riders meet up for casual in-town rides each week. If you'd like to join the fun, call or text Darlene Johnson at 801.860.1025. Let's keep on rollin'!

Darlene Johnson 801-860-1025 or Darsdomain@gmail.com

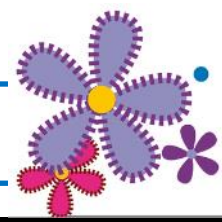
Cooking Classes

There will be no more private Desert Dames Cooking Classes unless someone wants to coordinate them. If you are interested in continuing these wonderful events, please contact Diana Lee Rose at (619) 507-1064 before the end of August.

If you are interested in Chef Ayelet's (pronounced, I YELL IT) public cooking classes, please send her a text at (847) 366-4657 and mention, "Cooking Class Schedule". She will send you emails with her cooking class schedule throughout the year.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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4	5 Cinco de Mayo First Monday of Month Bunco 1:30PM @ First Baptist Church 	6 Ceramics 10:30am to Noon Painted Hippo	7 Hump Day Happy Hour 4PM @ Cucina Italiana	8	9 DD Hiking Kayak Trip 2nd Friday of the Month Bunco 10:00AM @ Women's History & Culture Center. 	10
11 Mothers Day	12 Second Monday Bunco 1:30PM @ First Baptist Church 	13 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center	14 Book Club 2pm @ the Woman's History & Cultural Center	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16 Social Tasting 11:30am	17
18	19	20 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center	21 Desert Dames Luncheon RSVP's Due –Deliver to new address!	22	23 Travel Club BBQ at Nikki's 4pm	24
25	26 Memorial Day 	27	28 Desert Dames Luncheon sign in at 11am, lunch at 12pm	29	30	31

Board Meeting



May 21, 2025 at 9:30am
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