



The Desert Dames Dispatch

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Celebrating 30 years!

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Message From our President

Fellow Desert Dames,

I was very excited to see that we had almost 67 attendees including 2 guests (1 of which joined us) for the luncheon on the 26th!! I'm trying to greet one and all, but please forgive me if I forget your name; it's all a learning process. Hope you enjoyed your meal and the "purse game" we had and congratulations to the winners: one person had 14 items, and one had 12 and 3 had 11 items. They received raffle tickets for the drawings. There were some nice necklaces that Deb had found, and I hope the winners will enjoy them!!

Your board is working very hard to get bills paid and figure out financing plus cleaning up the constitution and by-laws and figuring out dues for the coming year!! I hope more of you will think about attending the luncheons (2 of which will be at Cucina's for the next 2 months). Speaker(s) from Warrior Women will be at our July luncheon, so should be quite informative. Don't forget Hump Day on the 2nd where we all seem to have loads of fun and isn't that what it's all about - fun, social interaction, games and getting away!!

See you soon,
Shelly Holmes

Message From our Vice President

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! God Bless the USA

I'm sure many of you are not enjoying the hot, hot weather and so have escaped to cooler climes! We full-timers are putting up with the heat by staying inside-much like northerners do in the winter! So, playing lots of cards and binging TV shows! It's weird to reverse what you are used to!

We are starting to work on the Fashion Show, which will be held at the Casa Blanca on November 12!

If you are interested in being on my committee, please let me know! Our first committee meeting will be on July 10!

Take care, drive safely and stay cool,

Debbie

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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, June 18, 2025, Home of Shelley Holmes

President: Shelly Holmes: Luncheon deposit was made. PO Box is now open. Passed on information from the treasurer, \$3753.17 in checking, \$1527.08 in Savings. Verified that American First will only charge per transactions. Not per check.

Vice President: Debbie Gibbs: Has started organizing fashion show attendees and vendors. Capsule wardrobe idea for fashion show. Will include a poem in place of gift cards for birthday cards.

Membership: Karin Grance: Not available. Sent update by email. Ordered magnets for plastic badges. We can charge \$1.00 for each one. More new member applications have been printed. 278 Members, 6 new and 1 moved out of the area.

Newsletter Editor: Tamera Oskierko: Has been sending eblast as reminders to sign up for luncheons and Hump Day. Has a game ready for June luncheon. Shelly suggested we give raffle tickets for prizes. All agreed this would be a good idea. 1st place 6 tickets, 2nd place 3 Tickets, 3rd place 1 Ticket.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn Simerly: Not Available. Updated account balances provided via email to Shelly Holmes President.

Luncheon/Reservations: Sandy Tudor: Having multiple conversations with Casa Blanca regarding new menu prices going up by 8 per person. Does the new menu prices include the gratuity? Bar service prices and needed clarity provided to membership. Can we post the bar prices at the bar ? Sandy will follow up with other vendors in the area to see what our options are for events. 5 members with June birthdays will be at luncheon

Social: Sharon Newell: Warrior Women will be at July luncheon to talk.

Humpday Coordinator: Joyce Dalton: Not Available. Humpday will be 2nd July.

Publicity: Margo Hood: Not Available.

Parliamentarian: Julie Stoltz: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Andrea Carter: Will be out next board meeting asked Tamera to take notes at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Constitution and Board Members position descriptions. The By-law as they were updated in 2023. With position descriptions will be giving to board members to review and give updates to Board president at next meeting. The Constitution will be edited for clarity and consistency. A revised version will be provided in the July and August Newsletters full membership review.
2. Storage Shed: Shelly cleaned out storage shed and properly disposed of old out dated documents.
3. Insurance: The insurance bill is \$798. Other options were explored and there was not a better option found. We need to add goods insurance storage for the items in the storage. ▪ Shelly will go and pay for 1 full year at a cost \$144
4. Julie S Rescinded motion from May board meeting to raise lunch fees. Second by Andrea. All Approved.
5. Debbie G made a Motion to raise new member and renewal annual dues and by \$5 effective Jan1, 2026. Second by Sharon Newell . All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Should we issue a member survey for 2025? The last one was 2022. Discussion – about the last survey results and suggestions from membership . Suggestions from the last survey were provided to Sharon for Activities/Special events. No need to issue a new survey.

Luncheon

Wednesday July 23, 2025 Luncheon Meeting At our Summer Location! *Cucina Italiana*

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

DUE BY July 16, 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: Fettuccine Pasta, Chicken Marsala, Green Salad with dressings, Garlic Bread, Desert TBD.

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 **July 2nd**, 2025 @ 4:00PM

TO BE HELD @ CUCINA ITALIANA

471 MESQUITE BLVD.

MESQUITE, NV

RSVP ON OR BEFORE: June 29th

TEXT OR EMAIL JOYCE DALTON:

801-721-7361

ddhumpdayres@gmail.com



If anyone is interested in, or has a need for any 3 ring binders please reach out to our President Shelly Holmes. The Dames Storage unit has been cleaned and organized and we have extra binders in various sizes.

Call or Text Shelly at 307-751-4459

July Luncheon Speaker:

Dawn Pecoraro, President and Co-Founder of the Warrior Women of Mesquite Nevada will speak at the Desert Dames July Luncheon. The Warrior Women of Mesquite Nevada is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation established in June of 2024. Their mission statement is: Supporting those in the local area affected by cancer. They look forward to sharing more information about their non-profit at our luncheon!

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.

Activities

Hump Day Happy Hour

The first Wednesday of every month! - July 2nd

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

First Monday 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**

Second Monday Bunco

Second Monday of the month, 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Hafen Lane. If interested, call Louise Willis at **702-346-1676**.

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

The Hiking group has gone dark for the summer heat, stay tuned for more hikes next fall.

Urban Walkers

The Urban Walkers group has gone dark for the summer heat, stay tuned for more hikes next fall.

Book Club

Book Club has gone dark for the summer months but will return in September for our book selection. Have a wonderful summer! Sue Miller.

Wine & Nosh

Wine & Nosh has become a highly-anticipated Dames' gathering, but we need hostesses to keep it going. If you're interested in hosting this event in July, August or September, please contact Debbie Kinahan at 702-346-0798 or dzebbie@hotmail.com.

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**.

Travel Club

No travel plans for the summer, keep watching for Nikki to add an exciting trip for the Dames.

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

Card Club **NEW CLUB!!!**

The Desert Dames Card Club will hold its first card games on Tuesday, July 8th at 1:00pm. We will play Hand, Knee, and Foot. Please RSVP to Debbie Gibbs via text at 307-389-2490 if you want to join in.

On Sunday, July 20th at 1:00pm we will play our second card games! This time the game will be Samba. Again, let Debbie know if you want to join, text her at 307-389-2490!

Both days for card games will be held at the home of Debbie Gibbs, 1332 Huntington Heights. Watch next month's newsletter for updated dates and places played.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Please review the last page of the newsletter for proposed changes to our constitution. Changes will be in **red**.

Per our Constitution, Article X, Section 1:

The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment (s) has (have) been presented in two (2) newsletters.

We will vote on these changes at our September luncheon meeting.





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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Ceramics 10:30am to Noon Painted Hippo	2 Hump Day Happy Hour 4PM @ Cucina Italiana	3	4  HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5
6	7 First Monday of Month Bunco 1:30PM @ First Baptist Church 	8 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center Card Club 1:00pm home of Debbie Gibbs	9	10	11 2nd Friday of the Month Bunco 10:00AM @ Women's History & Culture Center. 	12
13	14 Second Monday Bunco 1:00PM @ First Baptist Church 	15 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center	16 Desert Dames Luncheon RSVP's Due Board Meeting 9:30am @ Shelly Holmes home	17	18	19
20 Card Club 1:00pm home of Debbie Gibbs	21	22	23 Desert Dames Luncheon. Summer Location at Cucina Italiana	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 August Hump Day Reservations Due		

Board Meeting



July 16, 2025 at 9:30am
Shelly Holmes
1099 Carrara Ct.

Desert Dames Website:
<https://desertdamesmesquitenv.com/>

Desert Dames Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/83769647726358>

Desert Dames Mailing Address:
PO Box 613, Mesquite, NV 89024



**Happy 90th
Pauline!**

Find More Pictures On Our Facebook Page!



Proposed Changes to the Desert Dames Constitution:

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Section 2

Any person ~~two (2)~~ one (1) months in arrears shall be dropped from the Club. ~~A reinstatement fee of \$5.00, plus dues, shall be paid to rejoin.~~ A reinstatement fee shall be determined yearly by the Board of Directors. The reinstatement fee plus dues will need to be paid to re-join.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ELECTED OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS

Section 1

The elected officers and elected chairpersons shall comprise the Board of Directors of this Club. The elected officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President/~~President Elect~~, Secretary, and Treasurer. The elected Chairpersons may be: Social/Hospitality/Special Interests ~~Chairperson~~, Luncheon ~~Chairperson~~ Reservations ~~Chairperson~~, Membership ~~Chairperson~~, Newsletter Editor, and Publicity ~~Chairperson~~.

ARTICLE VIII

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1

The Nominating Committee shall consist of nine (9) members as follows: seven (7) shall be elected by the general membership from a list of the general members' names; and the remaining two (2) members shall be the President and ~~President Elect Vice President~~. The Parliamentarian shall be a member of the committee in an advisory state and does not vote. The member receiving the most votes shall be the Committee Chairperson. Members may only serve two (2) consecutive terms on this Committee unless they are the current President or ~~President Elect Vice President~~. Sections II & II apply only if a Nominating Committee is elected.

Section 5

It is the responsibility of each outgoing Board member to meet with the incoming successor ~~prior to the Crossover Luncheon~~.