



The Desert Dames Dispatch

The Desert Dames of Mesquite

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Message From our President

Dear Dames,

You ladies continue to impress me and I'm so honored to be leading you again this year - thanks for the vote of confidence!! The White Elephant Sale we had in March was exceptional (\$512 earned) and we might have another one this fall!! There were 74 Dames present for our April luncheon and I'd be happy if we could keep these figures up even though there are snowbirds flying the coop. Big thanks to Lydia Leduc and Deb Gibbs for their presentation on PEO. Guess there was some grumbling about "promoting another organization" and not being able to hear speakers. Ladies, we're a social group and we do many things to raise money for the Dames. PEO was not asking for donations; just letting you know what they/we do for women!! Also, if you can't hear, please speak up and let them know as I could hear and apparently wasn't in right place to not hear!!

Many thanks to Brenda Montgomery of Ika Greens for setting up tables, veggie dishes with Ika homemade humus (roasted beet, roasted garlic & dill pickle) with chips for our dipping pleasure. Vegetables, etc. at their farm stand are wonderful. The folks at Baja gave us 10% off coupons and were happy to wrap & pack what we picked out! Check out these great businesses that love having us and such a fantastic addition to the merchants in Mesquite!! If you didn't attend, you missed a great get together & shopping experience; so, come to the next one!!

Mark your calendars for May 14th, 2-4pm for private event at the new store, Side Hustle; will be for Dames only!! I believe that Sharon has something special planned for the May luncheon and then we'll have our pop-up consignment sale at June luncheon. There are other activities in the works, so keep your eyes and ears open!! Even though hot weather is coming (hope the wind stops!!), we can still do fun things. Probably see many of you at Hump Day on May 6th!!

Keep having Fun!

Shelly

P.S. The DD member that sent me e-mail about selling her jewelry at our consignment sale, please get back in touch with me as I misplaced your information - I apologize!!

Message From our Vice President

May has arrived, bringing beautiful cactus blooms all over town—I always enjoy riding around town and taking them in. Sadly, it's also the time when many of our snowbirds head back home in search of cooler weather. While our days are warming up, the evenings are still pleasantly cool. What's with this wind this spring???

Be sure to check out the details I've included about our Spring Pop-Up Consignment Shop fundraiser! The shop will be open during our June 24 meeting and will take the place of our program. Sellers will be assigned a number (1-20) when they receive their price tags—seven Dames have already signed up! I'm confident this will be a fun, social way for both sellers and Desert Dames to earn a little extra cash. If it's a success, we'll plan another one in the fall, likely in October.

Our treasurer, Carolyn, has looked into the possibility of accepting debit and credit cards, but the added costs don't make it viable for now. For the time being, we can only accept cash or checks at all Dames functions.

Enjoy the May flowers!
Debbie

Highlights/Minutes

DESERT DAMES BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Home of Shelly Holmes

President: Shelly Holmes: See new and old business

Vice President: Debbie Gibbs: Has been working on fundraisers for the year. The Pop-up consignment show will be at the June 24 Luncheon. Only 10 items per person; First 20 that sign up, first come first serve, which will allow for 200 items. Debbie has racks and tags; Each person must tag the items themselves. There will be an announcement in the May meeting and the newsletter. She is looking for a committee to help set things up.

Secretary: Andrea Carter: Received email from member saying she was not getting newsletter. Forwarded her info to Editor and Membership.

Treasurer: Carolyn Simerly: Bank Balances as of 31 March: America First: \$9651.70 in Checking and \$6528.51 in Savings. Mountain America: \$1500.00 in Checking and \$500.00 in Savings. All funds will be moving to Mountain America CU per earlier board motion. Will set up meeting to get additional board member signatures on the new accounts. An Audit of financial books was performed and signed off. There were questions about late charges from previous board. She has implemented annual auto pay for the storage unit to avoid late payment fees. Recommended clean receipts for items purchased and reimbursed. Recommended that we make deposits per event to verify the source of the funds. There were no findings. She completed a yearly budget and found that the annual operating cost were between \$7000 and \$8000. A copy of the budget will be provided to board. She recommended the decorating committee purchase décor at the end of the season when items are on sale. An analysis of credit card processing options was completed. Eventbrite was the only option where the cost would not be incurred by the Desert Dames. She looked at setting up remote banking and decided it was not a viable option. As there are so few Dames interested in paying the fees she will not pursue this any further. She will update the banking and check request for forms, so they all require two signatures..

Membership: Karin Grance: Membership Counts: 284 current members, 4 new members. She will explore new badge options with the current vendor.

Editor: Joy Stricker: A few issues regarding newsletters that were resolved. She will send an email blast about the Meet and Greet on the 23rd of April at Ika Greens and Baja imports. She is hoping to get newsletter items by the 22nd of April

Luncheon/Reservations: Sandy Tudor: 69 confirmed for luncheon- more are expected. Vegetarian option for April will be veggie taco with gluten free shell. Regular menu will be fish tacos with Asian coleslaw. Will be gone for much of May. Luncheon checks will have to be mailed to Desert Dames PO Box and not to Sandy directly. Carolyn will pick up checks from Desert Dames box. May luncheon will be potato bar with broccoli cheddar soup.

Social: Sharon: She received a message about doing a private evening Meet and Greet at the new business "Side Hustle". She will talk to her about timing and dates. She has a different idea for May luncheon instead of speaker. Perhaps making plant pot and seed packet for a spring/Mothers Day then we can have a Star Nursery Meet and Greet at the end of May.

Humpday Coordinator: Joyce Dalton: She has décor ready for April luncheon. Next hump day, the 6th of May, she has the Cinco de Mayo décor. She is deciding on June decor and will coordinate with Sharon.

Publicity: Margo Hood: Is working on editing the DD Facebook account and will explore options for updating the permissions for editing.

Parliamentarian: Julie Stoltz: Nothing

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: New member brunch; 21 new members since January 1, 2026. She is hoping to have new member brunch quarterly. She hopes to have brunch in May. Email will be sent to the new members. Sharon and Karin will coordinate to get this scheduled and on the calendar. There is a person in town who does pod-casts for non-profits, perhaps we schedule this for September. Shelly will invite her to a luncheon.

Luncheon

Wednesday May 27, 2026

Luncheon Meeting

Holiday Inn

333 N Sandhill Blvd

RSVP AND CHECKS FOR \$30.00

DUE BY May 20, 2026

Checks only, make payable to Desert Dames

THIS MONTH ONLY:

Mail **\$30.00** To: **Sandy Tudor: PO Box 613, MESQUITE, NV 89027**. Or put in drop box at 291 VINEYARD LN, MESQUITE, NV 89027 near the front door.

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

Lunch to include .

- Baked Potato Bar
- Broccoli and Cheddar Soup



For further lunch information please reach out to Sandy Tudor at

desertdamesreservations@gmail.com



HUMP DAY HAPPY HOUR

WEDNESDAY May 6, 2026 @ 4:00PM

TO BE HELD @ CUCINA ITALIANA

471 MESQUITE BLVD.

MESQUITE, NV

RSVP ON OR BEFORE: May 1st

TEXT OR EMAIL JOYCE DALTON:

801-721-7361

ddhumpdayres@gmail.com



*Please let Joyce know in advance if you need to cancel your RSVP

Meet and Greet

Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ 2:00 PM please join in the fun

“Side Hustle, Vintage, Thrift & New”

660 Hardy Way.

Private Shopping experience for Desert Dames. White wine, snacks, conversations with friends and shopping!



Let's enjoy SPRING

Mark your calendar to join in on the fun! Hope to see you there!

June 24th Pop Up Consignment Shop

Shopping will be our June program at our monthly luncheon.

20 Dames can each bring 10 pieces of clothing to sell! I have 7 ladies signed up so far ; If you are interested, please text Debbie at 307-389-8430 by **Thursday, April 30th**.

Criteria for clothing

- Tops, capris, pants, jeans, light weight jackets, dresses, golf apparel and shoes all accepted.
- All items must be in good condition; Spring and Summer weight material.
- Bring items on a hanger, pressed and clean.

Note: No jewelry at this sale, but if successful we'll do another popup consignment shop in the fall when snowbirds return (October). Jewelry and other accessories may be sold at that time.

Seller will price the clothing they want to sell—rule of thumb for pricing is price at 30% of new retail value. Price in \$5 increments (\$5, \$10, \$15...). Desert Dames will provide sellers with price tags, string and small safety pins. Dames who are selling may be needed to help set up and take down the popup store. Or help buyers find their sizes, etc.

Sellers will receive 60% and the Desert Dames will receive 40% of the final sale price.

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 one (1) month in arrears shall be dropped from the Club. A reinstatement fee shall be determined yearly by Board of Directors. The reinstatement fee plus dues will need to be paid to re-join.

Activities

Hump Day Happy Hour: The first Wednesday of every month! May 6, 2026. 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**

Fourth Monday Bunco: Fourth Monday of the Month with Sharon Newell as leader. Time: 1:00PM at the Women's History & Cultural Center Room #23. 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, please reach out to the **Phyllis Margolis** at **702-344-4037**

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

Urban Walkers: The Urban walkers had another successful season. Met many new friends toured a couple places and had lots of laughs.

The Urban Walkers will be going radio silent for the summer. See you all in November - Lisa Nash

Book Club: Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 13th at 3 pm in the Women's History & Cultural Center.

Our book pick for this month is "The Unraveling of Julia" by Lisa Scottoline. I'd like to wish all those snowbirds a great summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Beginning in June, Book Club will "go dark" until September when we pick selections for the following several months. **Sue Miller (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.**

Desert Dames Ceramics: Please join us at the Painted Hippo for a ceramic class on the first Tuesday of each month from 10:00 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 Contact is **Sharon Newell @ 760-617-5807.**

E-Bike Club: Rides: After a wonderful season of riding together, we'll be taking a summer pause. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing summer!

Desert Dames Hikers: The Desert Dames hiking group will observe their annual summer break, pausing regular activities over the summer months. The group's next outing is scheduled for September, when activities will resume.

Organizational Leadership Transition

The current organizers—Toni Swaney, Carolyn Rogalla, and Kathy Larson—will be stepping down from their roles. Leadership responsibilities will be handed over to Jennifer Petersen and Patty DeDen, who will serve as the new organizers moving forward.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this fall!








Wine & Nosh: "Wine & Nosh"--The Dames are holding a "Wine & Nosh" social event this month! Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026. Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Place: Home of Sharon Koos (1167 Dry Falls Bend in Sun City). Items to bring: a bottle of your favorite wine, your favorite wine glass for tasting, your Dames name tag, *AND* a plate of snacks to share on the nosh table. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP via email to Debbie Kinahan at dzebbie@hotmail.com. This event is limited to 30 Dames so, once this limit is reached, we will start a waitlist. Cheers!

Debbie Kinahan at **702-346-0798** or dzebbie@hotmail.com.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 4:00pm—First Friday @ Fine Arts Center RSVP for Hump Day	2 Ms Senior Mesquite Pageant 4pm @ Mesquite Community Theatre 
3	4	5 Ceramics 10:00am to Noon Painted Hippo	6 Hump Day Happy Hour 4pm @ Cucina Italiana 	7	8 2nd Friday of the Month Bunco 10:00am @ Women's History & Culture Center 	9
10	11 Second Monday of Month Bunco 1:00pm @ First Baptist Church 	12 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Senior Center	13 Book Club  3pm—Womens History & Cultural Center	14 Meet and Greet 2pm @ Side Hustle	15	16
17	18	19 Diamond Art 1pm @ the Sen- ior Center	20 Desert Dames Board Meeting 9:30am @ Shelly Holmes home Desert Dames Luncheon RSVP's Due	21 Wine and Nosh 2pm— 	22	23
24 31	25 Fourth Monday Bunco 1:00pm @Womans Center 	26	27 Desert Dames Luncheon 11am HOLIDAY INN	28	29 RSVP for Hump Day	30 

Board Meeting



Wednesday, May 20, 2026
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



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The March 2026 Revision to the Constitution is to clean up some grammatical errors, and to clarify Membership and Term Limits for Officers.

MARCH 2026 CONSTITUTION REVISION SYNOPSIS

TITLE: Updated to show latest revision date

ARTICLE IV – DUES: Section 2. Add last paragraph to clarify when a member can be reinstated, and when they will be a new member.

Section 2 Any person one (1) month in arrears shall be dropped from the Club. 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. **Any person who has not been a member during the prior year will be considered a new member.**

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS: Section 1 is corrected from “held” to “held on”. Section 3 is corrected to remove “the Social/Hospitality/Special Interest Chairperson and”. The Chairperson is a member of the Board and so this is redundant.

Section 1 The regular meetings of this Club shall be **held on** the fourth (4th) Wednesday of every month, unless changed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Meetings for new and prospective members shall be held as determined by ~~the Social/Hospitality/Special Interest Chairperson and~~ the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ELECTED OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS: Section 4 is updated to clarify term limits and conditions for serving on the Board. Section 5 updates how term limits will be tracked.

Section 4 A board member must commit to serve **a term of** one (1) year in an elected position. ~~Position continuance shall be evaluated annually at the direction of the Board. No Board Member will serve more than two (2) terms, without a one (1) year hiatus from the Board. If the President serves two (2) terms she may serve as Parliamentarian at the end of the second (2nd) term for one (1) additional term only.~~

Section 5 **Tracking Board Member Term Limits shall be the responsibility of the Membership Chair.**

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Section 5 was added to clarify if a board position is not filled.

Section 5 **If a Board position is not filled at the annual meeting due to a lack of nominees, the current Board Member may continue to serve until a successor is duly elected or appointed by the Board.**

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS: Section 1 correct to correct Sections and when required. Section 3 update to reflect who will be responsible for tracking term limits. Section 4 add “presented and” to update grammar.

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 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 Vice President. ~~Sections II & II apply only if a Nominating Committee is elected. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Article VIII are only required if there are Board positions to fill.~~

Section 3 The Nominating Committee shall be announced in the January newsletter. ~~The proposed slate of Board members shall be presented in the February newsletter. The Membership Chair shall provide the Nominating Committee with the list of Term Limits for the Current Board. The Nominating Committee must ensure the Board Nominees meet the minimum requirements for each Board position.~~

Section 4 The proposed slate of Board members shall be **presented and** voted on at the February regular meeting, after a call for additional nominations from the floor. Officers shall be elected by the majority vote evidenced by the show of hands from attending members. The newly elected Board members shall be installed at the March regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCES: Section 3 updated to clarify when deposits can be provided to the Treasurer.

Section 3 All monies should be given to the Treasurer at ~~the~~ regular meetings, ~~or~~ Board meetings, **or as coordinated with the Treasurer** for immediate deposit.