



PRESS RELEASE

Queen of Hearts Bunco Tournament

Lots of screaming, cheering, and yelling was heard this past Saturday, February 5th at the Bunco Tournament held inside the Casa Blanca Resort. With over 150 players, this tournament was deemed extremely successful and as always, a great time for everyone.

CONTACTS: Bunco or Bust, the next tournament at the Casa Blanca will be on Saturday, October 1st and will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. To register, visit www.casablancaresort.com (click Special Events □ Bunco) or call 888-711-4653 ext 14.

The doors opened at 6pm, and many people came early to check out the pre-game festivities. The bar opened early, with drink specials including the famous “Bunco Juice”, a concoction created especially for the event. There was a silent auction with prizes including golf, wine, jewelry, home décor, event tickets, and more, with bids starting as low as \$10. Cookie Lee Jewelry made a presence, displaying and selling gorgeous jewelry. Raffle tickets were being sold for \$1 (or 6 for \$5) with great prizes such as wine, golf, jewelry, dishes, backpacks, hats, CDs, and event tickets. The best thing about the raffles and auction? 100% of the proceeds went to benefit Goodie Two Shoes! Goodie Two Shoes, a non profit organization that provides shoes for children, also accepted donations of new children’s shoes during the event. Everyone who donated a pair of new shoes received a drawing ticket, and at 7pm, one person won a \$100 gift card to Zappos.

During the day on February 5th, Goodie Two Shoes brought their mobile trailer to Virgin Valley Elementary School, where over 275 children from Mesquite were fitted and received a brand new pair of shoes. Goodie Two Shoes carries sizes infant through 18—yes, almost Shaq sized shoes! Nikki Berti, head of Goodie Two Shoes, was extremely thankful and happy with the turnout.

At 7pm, the exciting game of Bunco began. Participants got loud, screaming and cheering when they got a “Bunco.” Fuzzy dice were being thrown around the room, beads were being handed out, and scores were being tallied. The passing of the dice was dizzying as skilled Bunco-ers tried their luck. Newbies and Bunco Pros alike had a great time being crazy and of course, extremely competitive. Julie Ceccarelli of Mesquite, Nevada joined the game for her second time ever. “The first time I came, I had a blast—it was incredible fun,” says Ceccarelli. “It’s easy to catch on and it’s exciting, but my favorite thing is the charity. It’s close to my heart.” Ceccarelli signed up by herself because of her love of the game, and she was teamed up with Mayor Susan Holecheck. In three words Julie sums up Bunco—“I dig it!” Bunco participants came from many surrounding areas—Myrna Tangen, a lovely lady from Canada made the long trip to play in the tournament, had a fabulous time and ended up winning \$180! A group of four young, spunky gals from Salt Lake City made the 5 hour drive to Mesquite to try their luck, and during the event their enthusiasm was felt—and heard—by all.