

Chino Hills 55+ Club

General Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2017 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:07 a.m.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Treasurer Brett Benson, Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder, Secretary Renée Sylvia, and Webmaster and Interim Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

Officers Absent: Vice President Jane DeFrank

The theme of the meeting was "Friendship".

Quote: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Ghandhi

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Ron Sinsabaugh.

President's Report:

Friendship Day-

Susanne opened the meeting thanking all who were in attendance. She gave some criteria for what defines friends and friendship. Susanne also gave a brief overview of the history of Friendship Day which was celebrated in the United States on Sunday, August 6th. Celebration of Friendship Day was begun by Hallmark in 1919. On April 27, 2011, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared July 30th as International Friendship Day. Most countries now celebrate it on the first Sunday of August.

Judy Rogers and Caring for the Hills-

Susanne informed the membership that Judy Rogers, founder and director of Caring for the Hills, passed away on August 3rd. A memorial service for her will take place tomorrow at Chino Hills Community Center from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. The family of Mrs. Rogers announced that they will continue operating Caring for the Hills, in service to our community. Our Club donation to the charity will continue. Ron and Donna Forbes will again do the collecting, storing, and shopping for our Club's donation. The Club annually donates \$250.00. Members were reminded to donate additional canned and non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and household items, if possible. A list of suggested items can be found on the Club website. We will be collecting starting today and continuing through our general meeting in October.

Club Members Who Are Ill-

Susanne announced that Club member Angela Garcia has suffered a stroke and is currently in a coma.

Fran Martinez has been ill and hospitalized for some months now. She will have surgery on Tuesday.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes from the July general meeting were approved, as written and posted on the website. Susanne reminded the members that if they do not have a chance to review the monthly minutes by going to the website, the previous month's minutes are also available on the 55+ Information Bulletin Board each meeting day at the rear of the meeting room. Unfortunately, the board was not available at this particular meeting.

Toastmaster Club: George Lightholder announced that he is in the process of beginning a toastmaster group for our Club sometime in the near future. He asked that anyone who is interested in learning more about the skills involved in public speaking see him to sign up.

City Announcements: Yasenia Baltierra, Recreation Specialist, announced the following events from Chino Hills Active Adults 50+ Programming...

On Wednesday, August 30th, from 12:00-2:00p.m., there will be the free workshop, Home Instead Senior Care. It will address senior home injury and accident risk factors and some possible solutions. Registration is available through today. Lunch will be provided.

On Friday, September 15th, from 11:30-1:30 p.m., there will be a Line Dance Luncheon. The fee is \$8.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are available now through September 8th.

On Tuesday, September 26th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., there will be Autumn Mason Jars Decorating. The fee is \$10.00. Registration is available now through September 20th.

On Thursday, November 9th, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., there will be a Veterans Day Pie Social. This event is free.

All of the above will take place at Chino Hills Community Center.

Additional Announcements: Susanne announced...

On Wednesday, August 30th, from 11:00-2:00 p.m., the Chino Hills Sheriff Station will hold a fundraiser for Reserve Deputy Steven Rondina and employee Yolanda Harris-Tetteh. Both have cancer. There will be a \$6.00 taco lunch. It will take place at the Chino Hills Station.

chARTS is sponsoring a free outdoor concert featuring R&B vocalist Derek Bordeaux. This will take place on Saturday, September 16th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Chino Hills Community Center.

Chino Hills Day at the Fair will be on Friday, September 22nd. Jane has 25 tickets and 12 parking passes for any Club members who are interested in attending and in being part of the parade. Participants must wear a Club shirt. The Club has a truck to use that day.

Please note: Because of Chino Hills Day at the Fair, the September general meeting day will be on Friday, September 29th, instead of on Friday, September 22nd.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. The members worked in teams to match cards creating "famous friends" pairs. Following this activity Renée led a "sing along". The songs which were sung had a friendship theme.

Treasurer's Report: Brett announced that the Club is "solvent".

The current amount for the Veterans Monument is \$17,000.00. Brett asked that if any Club member knows any person or corporation that is willing to donate to or sponsor the Monument, to please let the Vets Group know. The Group is still selling the tribute bricks, but corporate sponsorships are also needed. There is also a GOFUNDME account through which people may donate. Bruce Simonson has been going around to various corporations trying to find more investment in the Monument.

Brett also invited any member in good standing, who would like to see "the books" in terms of the Club's finances, to feel free to join him at a Finance Committee meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

BINGO: In regards to BINGO, Brett reported that it is doing really well. He reported that some of the older BINGO equipment has been replaced and the operation is running smoothly. More volunteers are always needed. Club members were invited to come on Thursday to “BINGO at the Barn” to play.

Jeanette Benson was thanked by Susanne for taking over the Canteen. Susanne also invited members to provide a snack for the players any Thursday. There are usually between 50 and 55 players to provide for. Please just let Jeanette know a day or two before Thursday, so she can plan accordingly.

Book Club: Donna Forbes announced that the book chosen for this month is titled *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett. The book for October will be *The Reading Group* by Elizabeth Noble. All are invited to join the group every third Thursday at 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Occasionally the group meets for lunch and a movie, as well. This month the group went to see *The Glass Castle* and in November they will see *Wonder*.

Genealogy Group: Kathy Jackson announced that all are invited to join her group. They meet and research at the Chino Hills Library on the fourth Monday of each month.

Ways and Means: Tessie announced that she is focusing on trips, some local and some international. She is thinking of organizing a casino trip soon.

Sunshine Committee: Loretta Szudy announced the names of Club members celebrating a birthday this month. The Club birthday gift was presented to those members who were present. “Happy Birthday to You” was sung by the membership to those celebrating birthdays.

There were also wedding anniversaries announced. Those couples celebrating were:

Manfred and Julia Bartsch, Bill and Anita Bochman, and Stein and Nam Holme.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Yolanda Davidson, Yolanda Davidson, and Candy Rendall. Each winner received \$24.

Miscellaneous:

Susanne discussed The EuroMillions Scam and gave tips on how to not become a victim.

Susanne announced that the Club will soon enjoy a day outing to the BAPS temple in Chino Hills, followed by lunch. This will take place in October. More details will be forthcoming.

Susanne welcomed four new members: Mandi and Felix Herrera, Rhonda Gelfand, and Peter Perry.

Lunch: Pizza, salad, and dessert were served by the **Hospitality Committee**.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Next General Meeting: Friday, September 29th, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary