

Chino Hills 55+ Club

General Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2017 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:05 a.m.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder, Secretary Renée Sylvia, and Webmaster and Interim Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

Officers Absent: Treasurer Brett Benson

The theme of the meeting was “Taco Tango”.

Quote: “Live life as if everything is rigged in your favor.” – Rumi

This quote was submitted by Renée. Susanne invited the members to submit a quote to be used at the monthly meetings.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Bruce Simonson

President’s Report:

Susanne reminded the membership that we were meeting on Friday, September 29th, as opposed to the usual fourth Friday of the month, because of Chino Hills Day at the Fair. She thanked everyone for their participation.

She also explained that the speaker who had been scheduled to speak at this morning’s meeting on automotive scams cancelled on Monday, September 25th. That speaker will come instead to the December general meeting to present on that topic. The date for that general meeting will be Friday, December 22nd.

Susanne explained that today is National Coffee Day. International Coffee Day is celebrated on October 1st. She explained some health benefits of drinking coffee and that more than half of Americans drink at least one cup per day. The coffee plant was first discovered and made into a drink in Ethiopia in the 11th century.

She recommended *The Vietnam War*, a ten-part, 18-hour PBS documentary film series directed by Ken Burns.

She also urged all members to get a flu shot, preferably administered by a registered nurse.

Also, Susanne made the following announcements....

We are still collecting food items for Caring for the Hills. Next month will be the last month for the donations.

Make a Child Smile will take place on Wednesday, December 6th. Volunteers from 55+Club help to bag up the gifts which the children select. Please let Susanne know if you would like to volunteer to help. It will be on the same day/time as the Veterans Group meeting. The group will also assist at the event.

Club member Angela Garcia has passed away. Members are invited to attend a memorial for her at the St. Paul the Apostle Chapel on Thursday, October 5th, at 11:00 a.m.

Treasurer, Brett Benson, was not able to be present to make the Financial Report. However, the Club's finances are "solvent".

The city has a new director, Alexis, who is taking over for Yasenia. Alexis was not able to announce upcoming events today.

There is a free Veterans Day Pie Social coming up on Thursday, November 9th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Veterans Group:

Bruce Simonson made the following announcements...

There will be a second fundraiser for the Vets Monument Project at Tahoe Joe's in Chino. The date is set tentatively for Thursday, November 2nd. Bruce asked that members let him know if Thursday is not a good day for them. He is still waiting to hear officially from the restaurant about the date. He asked that the members ask family and friends to participate. The cost will be \$20 per person. Carryout will be available.

The group will continue to advertise the Vets Monument and ask for donations at the Farmers Market at The Shoppes on Wednesdays. The funds raised, so far, total \$17,000. Much more is needed and the hope is that the Monument will be built and dedicated on Veterans Day 2018.

The Vets Group is in the process of planning an outing to the Heroes Hall in Costa Mesa.

All vets are invited to join the Club's Veterans Group which meets on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Community Center.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes from the August 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.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members met at their secondary tables and got better acquainted by rolling a die which then indicated their topic to verbally share and explain. It was basically about their "favorites", in terms of food, books, songs, etc. Members also joined in to sing some well-known advertising jingles.

Vice President's Report:

Jane made the following announcements...

The Club has applied for a tour of the BAPS Hindu Temple on Wednesday, October 18th, at 11:00 a.m. An alternate date is Wednesday, October 25th. She is waiting to hear from the BAPS Temple. The tour will be one half hour to forty-five minutes long. The tour will be followed by lunch on the site. Please sign up with Jane if you would like to join the group.

Other outings being planned will be at The Workman and Temple Homestead Museum in the City of Industry. On October 7th and 8th will be the Ticket to the Twenties Festival. On Sunday, October 29th, will be Beyond the Grave Tours. More details will be forthcoming.

The Chino Hills Holiday Home Tour will take place on Sunday, December 3rd. Three homes will be toured. The tours will be from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and from 6:00 – 8:00 there will be a reception. The cost is \$40 per person.

The Chino Hills Wine Walk will take place on Saturday, October 14th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. They are still in need of more volunteers to pour the wine. If you are interested, please let Jane know. Volunteers will need to be there by 3:15. The Wine Walk and the Home Tour are both sponsored by the Chino Hills Community Foundation.

For the October general meeting, the theme will be “Octoberfest”. Dressing in costumes for Halloween is optional.

The Crafts Group will meet on Tuesday, October 17th, at 9:00 a.m. to make centerpieces for the October general meeting.

November General Meeting Holiday Potluck:

Carolyn Robb announced that she is circulating a sign-up sheet/poster for members to choose an item to bring for the November meeting luncheon. She asked that members bring a large family size portion of whatever food/dish which they sign up to bring.

A presentation was given by Officer Dulce Stone of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department. Officer Stone shared information on senior scams and home burglaries and gave the members many tips on how to avoid becoming a victim. She also shared her email address: dstone@sbcasd.org, as well as a 24 hour dispatch line (909) 465-6837.

Lou Alfonso shared information about the We Tip Program.

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.

Miscellaneous:

Susanne welcomed three new members: Virginia Madrigal, Bill Verstynen, and Sanaa Abdelgawad.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Alwen Jones, Alan Benson, and Alwen Jones. Each winner received \$16.

Lunch: Taco bar lunch was served by the **Hospitality Committee.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Next General Meeting: Friday, October 27th, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary