

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

**October 27, 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, Treasurer Brett Benson, Secretary Renée Sylvia, and Webmaster and Interim Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

**Officers Absent:** Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder

**The theme of the meeting was "Octoberfest".**

**Quote: "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Bruce Simonson.

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** The minutes from the September 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 playing a game titled "Left, Right, Eat".

**President's Report:**

Susanne made the following announcements...

Club member Angela Garcia passed away last month. The board has decided to add an "In Memoriam" page to our Club website. Webmaster Sharon Stuewe will be constructing it.

The Club sponsored an outing to the BAPS Hindu temple in Chino Hills on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Some members received a blessing from one of the Hindu priests on site. Many members also enjoyed lunch together at the on-site café. Unfortunately, our visit fell on the day before their New Year's Day celebration, so the Visitor's Center was closed.

The Club BINGO continues to function well and some profits are accumulating. We will soon be in a position to make a charitable contribution to a needy 501c3 in our community. The board will be looking at some possible organizations to which we may donate.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brett made the announcement that he is resigning from the Club's Treasurer position. He made a plea for a member to step up to fill this position in his place. He pointed out that he has served as Treasurer for much of the time that the Club has been in existence. He will provide assistance to anyone who is able to take over. He pointed out that the Club will be spreading good fortune to the community with profits from BINGO. Caring for the Hills has also benefitted from the Club through our annual monetary and food donations. Brett also shared that he and his wife, Jeanette, have recently become first-time grandparents to a baby boy.

### **Veterans Group:**

Bruce Simonson made the following announcements...

The second Tahoe Joe's fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Bruce asked that members purchase tickets from him today. You may also contact him later, if necessary, to buy more tickets. Bruce can also deliver tickets. The cost is \$20 per person. The meal choices will be a 6 oz. Joe's steak, bar-b-cue chicken, or Sierra Mountain ribs. Carryout will be available. The hours will be from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Bruce also announced that the Veterans Monument Fund is now at a total of \$16,700. The Veterans Group is hoping to raise a total of \$35,000. At that point, the total funds raised will be turned over to the City of Chino Hills. The City will then get the project completed. It is the hope of the Vets Group that the Monument will be completed by and dedicated on November 11, 2018, Veterans Day.

**Book Club:** Donna Forbes announced that the book for the month is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. It will be discussed at the next meeting which will be on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The group will also get together at Harkins Chino Hills this month to see the movie *Wonder* on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come and join the group which meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. We are having a special meeting/Christmas celebration on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, instead of the usual meeting on the third Thursday, for the month of December.

**Genealogy Group:** Kathy Jackson announced that the group is progressing well. Soon they will be going to the Family History Center in Chino Hills. They meet on the last Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Chino Hills Library. All are welcome to join.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Jane made the following announcements...

Carmen Amezcua was welcomed as she has returned to the Club after having been absent for some months due to illness.

The Club's annual potluck lunch will take place at the general meeting on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn Robb is in the process of organizing it. There is a sign-up sheet.

The City of Chino Hills Active Adults 50+ will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Chino Valley Fire District. Tickets will be available for purchase on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This event is for Chino Hills residents only and proof of residency will be required when purchasing tickets. Ticket price is \$5.00.

The Veterans Day Pie Social will take place on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. This event is free. Jane encouraged members to come for pie and stay to play BINGO.

The Chino Hills Wine Walk took place on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. A couple of members of the Club volunteered to assist with the pouring. The event raised \$61,000 and it will be donated by The Chino Hills Community Foundation to buy new playground equipment for Los Serranos Park.

The Chino Hills Holiday Home Tour will take place on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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. This event is also sponsored by the Chino Hills Community Foundation.

Cyn in the City Gals Night Out will take place on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at Los Serranos Country Club. It will be a Sip 'n Shop event.

**Jane made a presentation titled Ready! Set! Go!**

Jane outlined the six P's of being prepared in the event of a mandatory evacuation. (People and Pets, Papers, Prescriptions, Pictures, Personal computers, and Plastic and cash.) She stressed the importance of getting prepared by making a personal evacuation plan, making a list of items to take with you, and having a fire and waterproof box for important documents.

**Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bill Taylor led an Information and Input Session.**

Members completed surveys and shared ideas about what new activities, events, facilities, etc. we would like to see implemented in the City of Chino Hills. Commissioner Taylor will bring the ideas and input back to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

He announced that the Boat Parade, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will take place on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

Members celebrating wedding anniversaries were David Elston and Mary Menkus, Bill and Alwen Jones, and Sal and Sylvia Avila.

**50/50 Drawing:** The winners were Yolanda Davidson, Brett Benson, and Virginia Madrigal. Each winner received \$17.

**Lunch:** Oktoberfest lunch was served by the **Hospitality Committee.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary