

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2018 at Chino Hills Community Center

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

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter-Anderson, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Interim Treasurer Gail Smith, and Webmaster/ Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

Officers Absent: Secretary Judi Klecansky

The theme of the meeting was "Patriotic".

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Rick MacDonald.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes from the May General Meeting were approved, as written and posted on the website.

President's Report:

Susanne opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She informed the membership that long time Club member and former Club Treasurer, Bob Williams, passed away last month after a long battle with cancer. Some Club members were able to be present at Bob's funeral service. Susanne expressed that her thoughts, and those of the Board members, go out to Sheila Williams, former Club member and Bob's wife of many years.

Susanne reminded the members that there are still many scams in the works, and many that target the elderly, in particular. One such scam has been called to our attention by Fran Martinez, who received a fraudulent check in the mail which claimed to be from Chase Bank. Another one going around is supposedly from Publishers Clearing House. Susanne encouraged the members to be aware of these types of fraud.

Susanne went on to share some general information on the subject of Flag Day. It is and has been celebrated each year since 1923 on June 14th. She also shared the official code which is a guide for handling and displaying the Stars and Stripes. For more information on flag etiquette go to www.usflag.org/flag.etiquette.html.

Bruce Simonson added that there are specific rules and regulations about "retiring" old, used flags. He volunteered to retire Club members' old flags according to code through a ceremony with the Girl Scouts of USA. Please feel free to pass on flags which are to be retired to Bruce.

Treasurer's Report: Gail presented the report. Members were also able to see it on the video screen. The previous bank balance, as of April 30, 2018 was \$26,979.09. Deposits were \$548.42. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$188.96. The ending bank balance, as of May 31, 2018, is \$27,338.55. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$25, 044.22. The adjusted balance, as of May 31, 2018, is \$2,294.33.

Gail went on to inform the members that the Veterans Monument Fund received a \$500.00 donation from Fourth District Supervisor, Curt Hagman. The Veterans Monument Fund has also received a \$5,000.00 donation from the Chino Hills 55+ Club BINGO.

Gail also shared that there is a "coffee kitty" near the coffee pot that is open to donations.

She also reminded the members that Amazon Smile will donate 1% of purchases made to our Club when members sign up with Amazon. Amazon has donated 89 million dollars, thus far, to various charities. More information about this is on our website. Access must be from the Club website homepage.

Mixer Activity: Renée Sylvia led the activity. Members met in their new groups to get better acquainted by completing a Patriotic Trivia matching activity. We were also led in a Patriotic Sing-Along. Several members graciously joined in to help lead the singing.

Program: Self Awareness:

Eloise Coopersmith, actress and playwright, presented a mini-workshop using the Creative Brain Assessment developed by William Herrmann. The Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument is a system to measure and describe thinking preferences in people.

Vice President's Report: Jane began by welcoming new member, Gary Seggerman.

She thanked Gloria Grotefend for her continued assistance and Shirley Kondek, who is the new editor of the Club monthly newsletter, Constant Contact.

Jane reminded the members that June is Membership Renewal Month. The forms needed are out at the sign-in tables.

Jane also shared with us and informed us of the following:

Club outings are getting postponed due to the summer months and so many members going away on vacations.

Club member Melba Brown has been honored by the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department as Citizen on Patrol/Volunteer of the Quarter.

Police Chief Darren Goodman's quote, "Volunteers do not volunteer because they have time, but because they love."

The new Quilting Club will next meet on Monday, July 9th, from 9:00-12:00.

The Club Crafts Group will next meet on Tuesday, July 17th, from 9:00-12:00.

Chino Hills 50+ will host Pizza and a Movie on Tuesday, July 17th, from 11:30-2:00. The movie will be *Wonder* and the cost is \$2.00.

Chino Hills 50+ will host a Patriotic Lunch on Tuesday, July 26th, from 12:00 noon-2:00. The cost is \$5.00.

Club badges are still being worked on.

At the July meeting, we will enjoy a "Game Day". Members are encouraged to bring board games, playing cards, etc. to share. Judy MacDonald has volunteered to organize the potluck lunch for that day. Please sign up to bring something for the lunch. July is the Club's anniversary month.

Book Club:

Donna Forbes announced that the Book Club enjoyed a "free read" for the month of June, as well as a potluck lunch. For July, the book will be *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. This meeting will be hosted by Gloria Grotefend. For the month of August the book will be *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. The August meeting will be hosted by Susanne Baxter-Anderson. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join in.

Genealogy Group: The group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at The Chino Hills Library in the computer room. The next meeting will take place at the Chino Hills Branch Library on Monday, June 25th, at 10:00 a.m.

BINGO Report: Manager George DeFrank announced that the Club BINGO continues to do well. The Board agreed to donate \$5,000.00 to the Veterans Monument, which was raised by BINGO. George asked for members to come to play BINGO on Thursdays and also to consider volunteering to help, as it would only be for four hours, one Thursday per month. The pots have been raised. Four games each Thursday have \$100.00 pots. From time to time there are additional drawings and prizes. Presently there are two Powerball Games going which each have \$250.00 pots.

Veterans Group: Bruce Simonson began by thanking the Club and BINGO workers for the \$5,000.00 donation to the Monument Fund. He announced that on July 11th, the group will be going on a tour of the USS Iowa Museum at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro. All are invited to join the group. They will be carpooling and meeting at Community Center at around 9:00 a.m.

Also, there will be a fundraiser at Cannatero's Italian Restaurant in Chino on Wednesday, August 1st, all day. You will need to have a flyer to take with you to the restaurant to present to your server. Bruce is hoping to have the flyers printed and available at Community Center on the Veterans Table by the end of next week. If you have any questions, you can email Bruce at Bruce@chinohills55plusclub.org.

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.

Loretta also recognized and wished a Happy Anniversary to Pete and Virginia Thompson, celebrating 52 years of marriage. Also, Happy Anniversary wishes were sent out to Henry and Renée Sylvia, celebrating their 41st Wedding Anniversary and to Jim and Cynthia Knutson, celebrating their 38th.

Miscellaneous:

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, there will be a wine tasting fundraiser for the Veterans Monument Fund at Summit Ranch Clubhouse. This will include a silent auction.

Group meeting room times are available on the schedule. If anyone has ideas for beginning a new interest group, please let Susanne know.

These members are in our thoughts, as they are experiencing health issues: Carmen Amezcua, Bill Jones, and Candy Rendell.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Jeanette Benson, Manfred Bartsch, and Chuck Haeflinger. Each winner received \$22.00.

55+ Line Dancing: Jimmie Thies led line dancing immediately after the meeting.

Lunch: All were invited to meet, after the meeting and after line dancing, at Roscoe's Famous Deli in Chino Hills on the patio for lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Former Secretary