

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter-Anderson at 10:00 a.m. at Chino Hills Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board Members Present:

President Susanne Baxter-Anderson, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Secretary Judi Klecansky, Treasurer Gail Smith and Webmaster and Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

Board Members Absent:

None

Previous Month's Minutes Approved, as written and posted.

President's Report:

Susanne started the meeting with a deep and heartfelt "Thank You" to all of our veterans, past and present. She also provided a reminder that voting is June 5, 2018 and we were all encouraged to exercise our right.

We are adding a new "In Memorium" section for our website. People are encouraged to send in any documentation to share with the club for past members. Also, members were told that there are many opportunities for volunteers. One of these opportunities was to call our members who are unable to come to meetings due to illness or personal reasons and just check into how they are doing.

Our speaker of the day was mentioned and that the subject was Organ Donation.

Susanne spoke about National Donut Day which is the first Friday of June. This was the theme of our meeting today. Susanne encouraged everyone to have the donuts provided and followed with an informative History of Donuts. Donuts were introduced by Dutch immigrants and were called "oily cakes". World War I made them famous by Salvation Army members providing to our troops to provide "a touch of hope". The first donut making machine was invented in 1920. This Levitz donut machine has now evolved into the current donut machines we enjoy today which make literally millions of donuts daily. In 1934 our famous actors started to honor donuts, and the standard pink boxes were established. All this contributed to today's vision of donuts. Thanks Susanne for your presentation!

Treasurer's Report:

Gail presented the monthly Treasure's report. The previous bank balance, as of March 31, 2018, was \$26,415.27. Deposits made were \$753.00. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$189.18. The ending bank balance, as of April 30, 2018 is \$26,979.09. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$-0-. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$23,338.52. The adjusted balance, as of April 30, 2018, is \$3,640.57.

Activity

In Renee's absence Chuck Haeflinger prepared this month's activity. A game was held which focused on "The Triple Crown, race horses and horses in General". The tables received handouts which asked specific questions. Once completed, the tables exchanged their answers and graded them. Chuck then provided the answers and the history around the questions. Table 2 won and we all learned a lot about racing and horses.

Vice President's Report:

Jane started with a heartfelt story about her mother, who was in World War II. She was very proud of her service. She thanked all Veterans, past and present for their service.

Before placing an order on Amazon you can sign up for Amazon Smile and select Chino Hills 55 + Club. Our club receives a small percentage of each order. See the bottom of our home page website to sign up.

Membership renewal season is here and all members should contact Gail Smith to update your membership. Jane also welcomed Shirley Kondek, who is taking over the task of publishing our newsletter; "Constant Contact".

Four visitors, Debbie Keller, Bob and Janice Ruiz, Megan Smith, and Sam Jammal were welcomed and introduced.

In May, an outing to Santa Anita Racetrack occurred. It was a fun trip and one of our attendees actually won over \$100.00! Our Bingo members would be wise to attend the next visit there, so they can win even more money and enjoy a day of fun.

Upcoming events

There are no scheduled outings in June, as many of our members are on vacation.

Potential outings were reviewed and interest lists were provided. Suggestions for future outings are welcomed and volunteers for participation are encouraged. If interested, please contact Jane or Gloria. Current interest lists are for the BAPS Temple in Chino

Hills, The clothing district in Los Angeles and the Nixon Museum. Also, hiker members may want to lead members in some interesting hikes. Let us know.

City/Community Report

The Steve McQueen car show is this month on June 2, 2018. Jane has a few extra tickets she is giving away for anyone interested.

A Patriotic Picnic is in the works and is currently scheduled for 26 June 2018. Tickets are available for \$5.00.

Pizza and a movie is scheduled for Tuesday July 17th.at 11:30 at the Chino Hills Community Center. The movie is "Wonder" and the story is based the heartwarming New York Times bestseller about a boy with facial differences who experiences mainstream elementary school for the first time. Tickets are \$2.00/each.

Committees and Activity Groups

Book Club

The Book club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. There is to be a special Pot Luck on June 13 from 11 to 1:00 PM at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunshine Club

Anniversaries

The 45th anniversary for Rick and Judy McDonald was celebrated. Rick and Judy met at work where they were distributing wine and beer. Rick was seeking Judy's advice on Rick's current dating relationship. Judy's sound advice brought Rick and Judy together forever. Congratulations you two! They have two children and no grandchildren to date.

Birthdays

Yolanda noted the four birthdays occurring this month. A photograph was taken.

Veterans Club

The meeting date has been postponed from July 4 to July 11, 2018 which will take place on the USS IOWA in San Pedro. (Port of Los Angeles).

The Veterans Group next restaurant fundraiser will be at Cannataro's Italian Restaurant in Chino. Proceeds from this event will bring back 50% towards the monument if ordering from their limited menu. This is currently planned for mid to late June.

There are also plans in work for a Wine Tasting during the July time frame. Further details will follow at next meeting.

Genealogy Club

The next meeting is June 25, 2018 and will be at the Chino Hills Library at 10:00 AM.

Quilting Group

The new Quilting group met on 14 May at 9:00 Am. This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month. The next meeting will be June 11 from 9:00 AM until noon. If interested, please contact Jane De Frank or Sharon Stuewe if interested.

Programs and Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker Robert Ralston from the One Legacy Group addressed the subject of Organ Donation. Robert was an actual liver transplant recipient who had an amazing story to tell. It started at the gym with a belly button injury. This developed into an infection which eventually affected his liver. He has now dedicated his life to enlightening others about Organ Donation. A handout was presented which addressed "The 10 Most Common Myths about Organ Donation". Robert addressed many stories and statistics for organ donation and was a knowledgeable and interesting speaker.

Additional organ donor data was presented by Jane. Highlights were that as of May 28, 2018 there are currently 114,978 persons on the US organ donation list and only about 5,000 registered organ donors. There is a national data base called UNOS which provides further information on this subject.

50/50 Drawing and Raffle

The 50/50 drawing was held and we had three winners who each received \$14.00 each. We collected a total of \$84.00, of which \$42.00 was given back to the club. The winners were Shirley Kondek, Debbie Keller and Manfred Bartsch. A raffle was held and the winners were Yolanda Davidson, Rick McDonald and Kathy Jackson.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM. All were invited to attend lunch afterward at Limericks in the Chino Hills Shoppes.

Our next meeting will be on 22 June 2018.at 10:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by:
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Secretary