

**Chino Hills 55+ Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2018  
At Chino Hills Community Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter Anderson, President, at 10:00 a.m. The theme of the meeting was National Coffee Day and the State of the Club.

**Officers Present:** President Susanne Baxter Anderson, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Gail Smith, Secretary Judi Klecansky and Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

**Officers Absent:** None

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written and as posted on the website.

The guest speaker this month is Mitch McAlpine who will be presenting Clear Captions phones for the hearing impaired.

**President's Report:** Susanne started with a heartfelt overview of the State of the Club. The club was established in July 2013 and maintains the mission statement: "to support the health, well-being and social needs of active adults and seniors first and foremost in our decisions." The club provides opportunities for participation in community service, charitable projects; providing entertainment, recreational and travel opportunities in a mutually supportive atmosphere of social exchange.

The club combines a social program with educational goals on a monthly basis. The monthly meetings include various subjects and activities. Lunch time is generally meeting at a local restaurant, or having a potluck at the Chino Hills Community Center. Line dancing sometimes follows the meeting.

Various clubs/groups have sprouted from the general meetings, including the Veterans Group, Craft Group, Quilting group, Book Club, Sunshine committee, and the Genealogy group. Our Bingo meetings were given the honor of "Best Bingo in Chino Valley" for three years in a row.

Susanne provided an overview of fiscal year 2017 which focused on programming, socialization, community, charitable projects, Bingo and changes experienced. Highlights are listed below:

Programming events:

- Chino Hills Police presentation on health and safety by Officer Dulce Stone
- Taking back our communities by Brian Johsz
- The history of pajamas
- Rethinking organ donation
- Self Awareness testing by Eloise Coopersmith

Socialization: The club tries to balance socialization with fun and health information. Member Renee Sylvia is our activity coordinator. It is an easy way to meet others and sit with them at different tables. This activity has been met with great enthusiasm.

Other events such as Beach Blanket Bingo Day, Game Day, Dog Days, and various holiday luncheon events add to the fun.

Community and Charitable Projects: We have continued, with the support of Donna and Ron Forbes to donate to Caring for the Hills. Collections will be starting in October. We also participate in December to the "Make a Child Smile" activity which is put on by the Chino Hills Fire Department and other community volunteers.

Bingo in the Barn, hosted through the 55 + Club, has made several contributions both to the Chino Hills Veterans Memorial as well as to Red Bucket Equestrian. This year the club has contributed a total of \$8,000.00 consisting of \$1,500.00 to the Red Bucket Equestrian Group, and the balance of \$6,500.00 to the Veterans Monument Fund.

An overview of the Veterans Club Memorial was provided which summarized our Wine Tasting fundraiser and the current balance.

Susanne expressed her special thanks to George DeFrank who runs the program and to Jeanette Benson for her special treats at the canteen.

### **Changes:**

Brett Benson has had to step down from his Treasurer position for health reasons. Gail Smith was elected our new Treasurer.

Tessie Lightholder has also had to step down from her Ways and Means role. This position is currently unfilled.

Renee Sylvia has now retired from the Secretary position, and Judi Klecansky has been elected.

We now have a monthly handout called Constant Contact that lists upcoming club events. Shirley Kondek is our editor. Gloria Grotefend has taken the task of ensuring that our meetings and special events are listed in the Chino Champion.

The Genealogy group and the Quilting group are new additions this year.

We have added an "In Memoriam" page to our website to remember those who can no longer be with us.

In summary, Susanne noted a hearty "Thanks to all" for their participation and requested your cooperation in making this a better club. Susanne stressed the high importance of volunteers and that our members should take time to consider volunteer opportunities. The club is built on participation and we need it to survive and thrive! If you have comments or are not getting what you need, please communicate.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Jane welcomed new visitor Velma Sotomayor as well as five new members.

Jane addressed her relationship with Brett Benson and how Brett and Jeanette asked Jane to assume the role of Vice President. She and Brett enjoy a solid friendship and his participation is fondly remembered.

Volunteers are still needed for the Chino Hills Wine Walk which takes place October 13, 2018 at the Shoppes of Chino Hills. There will be beer tents along with the Wine Stops at the Walk.

Six of our members enjoyed day visiting the Nixon Library. The Library is very interesting and we all enjoyed the day.

The theme for the October meeting is Halloween. For this meeting, costumes are optional.

There is a Veterans Claim Event on November 8, 2018 at the Chino Hills City Center which is hosted by our County Supervisor Curt Hagman's District Office. Veterans and their families are invited. Veterans are asked to provide their DD Form 214. Services provided will be focused on answering questions about existing claims, benefits assessment and other claims matters. Also they will issue San Bernardino County Veterans ID

cards. All services will be free of charge. For further information contact Sally Gibson at 909/382-3280 or via email at [SGibson@VA.SBCounty.gov](mailto:SGibson@VA.SBCounty.gov).

There will be a craft and hobby day at the November meeting. Members will have an opportunity to share their hobbies and interests with the club. There will be a pickle ball demonstration at the November meeting, as well as a potluck lunch.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail reported the previous bank balance, as of August 01, 2018 was \$33,703.60. Deposits added were \$564.66. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$787.52. The ending bank balance as of August 31, 2018 was \$35,650.13. Subtractions of the Veterans Memorial fund balance of \$30,451.22 and outstanding checks for \$67.61 provided an adjusted club balance of \$2,961.91.

The gross sales were \$7,057.29. Expenses were \$1,858.38. The net profit was \$5,198.91. This added to the previous balance of \$30,136.22 amounted to a revised total of \$35,355.13.

**Mixer Activity:** Renee Sylvia led the activity. Members worked on the theme of National Coffee Day and matched provided attributes to the team members for a coffee cup prize.

**City/Community Events:** Adopt a Family, and Make a Child Smile. Further information available on City of Chino Hills website.

### **Upcoming Club Events:**

**October 29, 2018:** We are planning a trip to Oak Glen, Riley's Farm for Apple picking and pumpkins. Signup sheet available in the back of the room.

### **Committees and Activity Groups:**

**Book Club:** Meets Thursday October 18, 2018 from 10:00 to 12:00. Donna Forbes hosts the club.

**Genealogy Group:** Meets Monday October 22, 2018 at the Chino Hills Library from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please bring your library card. Kathy Jackson hosts this club.

**Sunshine Committee:** We named the nine Club members celebrating a birthday this month. Birthday folks were Alan Benson, Desrine Sinclair, Manny Padilla, Richard Burman, Grace Kramer, Nancy Horstmeyer, Judy Hallenbeck, Atsuko Craig and Ray Marquez.

Mandy and Felix Herrera were acknowledged for celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**50/50 Drawing:** The winners were Kathy Jackson, Rick McDonald, and Casey Cecala. Each received \$17.00.

**Program:** Our presenter was Mitch McAlpine of ClearCaptions (CC). Mitch addressed a new free government program that provides those with hearing disabilities with a telephone/answering system in which your callers words are displayed on a large colored screen. This program covers the supply of the phone, free installation, technical support, and a lifetime warranty. This program is funded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If you would benefit from this program please contact Mitch at 909/294-9474 or via email: [mitch.mcalpine@clearcaptions.com](mailto:mitch.mcalpine@clearcaptions.com).

**Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.**

**Lunch:** The members were invited to meet at Lucille's Barbeque in Chino Hills for lunch.

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, October 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. We will be celebrating the fall season.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary