

**Chino Hills 55+ Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2019  
At Chino Hills Community Center**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jane De Frank, at 10:15 a.m. The theme of the meeting was the celebration of Babe Ruth Day and National Pretzel Day.

**Officers Present:** Vice President Jane DeFrank, Secretary Judi Klecansky, Treasurer Maria Galvan-Gonzales, and Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

President Susanne Baxter–Anderson was absent. (Personal)

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Victor Weaver.

**Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report:** Maria presented the Board Member for March 2019 report/club financials.

Previous Bank Statement Balance – March 01, 2019	\$50,788.62
Additions/ Deposits	+ 1,160.00
Subtractions- Checks Cleared	- 414.43
Ending Bank Statement Balance – March 31,2018	\$51,534.19
Subtractions- Checks Outstanding	-236.20
Veterans Monument Fund	\$47,996.48
Adjusted Balance	\$3,301.51

**Babe Ruth Day:**

Jane presented an overview of Babe Ruth and his interesting career. Babe was from German roots. Before his baseball career, he had a talent for shirt making. For his baseball career, he started in the minor league for the Baltimore Orioles. Even though he passed at a relatively young age, he had a successful and great life and will be remembered by all.

## **National Pretzel Day:**

To commemorate National Pretzel Day, all tables had pretzels to share. The concept of pretzels started in 610 AD. The Pennsylvania Dutch (Quakers) introduced pretzels in 1923.

## **Veterans Monument Update:**

George DeFrank provided the big check for \$43,000 for the members to view. This check was provided to Chino Hills last Tuesday at the City Council meeting. An additional \$3,000 is set aside for the bricks and construction related expenses.

George mentioned special thanks for the folks listed below and their efforts in making this fundraiser a success and this monument happen.

- Brett Benson who kicked off the fundraising effort.
- The Bingo Team for their support
- Jane DeFrank for the wine tasting fund raiser
- Veterans Group and their wives for their efforts to sell bricks and administer the effort
- Chino Hills Community Foundation for their \$3,000 donation and the Chino Hills Shoppes Wine Walk.
- Chuck Haeflinger for his special efforts
- Sal Avila for his handling of the brick program
- County Supervisor Curt Hagman for his generous \$6,500 donation

Jane De Frank mentioned that Melissa, our Chino Hills associate has started lining up the contractors and the work is starting shortly. The plan is to have the monument completed by the end of this year.

## **Bingo update:**

Jane also mentioned that this is the third anniversary for the Bingo group and that there have been additional donations to Red Bucket Equestrian and Priceless Pets. The club provided a cake in the back of the room and invited all to celebrate with them.

## **Mixer/Activity:**

Renee Sylvia assisted by Donna Forbes coordinated the monthly mixer with a baseball question and answer trivia game. There were eight tables set up where members grouped together to match a total of 31 items with

the correct answer. A great time was held by all and prizes were given to the first two tables to complete correctly.

### **Vice Presidents Report:**

Jane announced that we have two new members today. They were Caroline Thomson and Joan Ashlock. She also expressed her deep appreciation for all of our volunteers. She announced that a new group has formed for meeting clean-up before and after our General Meeting. This group will be led by Francis Downs. If interested, please contact her.

Since the Greased Lightning Senior Prom Dance was cancelled last month. Jane is seeking advice from the group about a reschedule dance. She passed out several options and the group selected a Friday either on 10/4/19 or 10/18/19. Jane will pass on to the Chino Hills Community Center to schedule. Further details will follow.

Our lunch after this meeting is at Bruxie in the Chino Hills Shoppes. Luncheon is planned for Smashburger at the Chino Hills Shoppes after the May 24 meeting. Our June meeting will be pot luck. Please see Francis Downs for dishes coordination.

### **City/Community Report:**

#### **Events:**

Our local theatre talent, The Bravo Company is having a presentation of "Bedlam at the Ballpark". This melodrama will be on 5/10 and 5/11 at the Chino Hills Community Center. Tickets are \$10.

Derek Bordeaux is our next Jazz entertainer. He will be at the Chino Hills Community Center lawn on 5/18. Tickets are \$10.00.

There will be a Patriotic Pie Social on 5/23 at 11:30 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center.

There will be a line dancing social on Tuesday 6/18. Tickets go on sale on 5/8/19 and tickets will be \$5.00.

### **Committees/Activities and Groups:**

#### **Outings:**

The group took a trip on 4/24/19 to the Columbia Space Museum. Jane showed a picture of the fun and noted that they all had a great time.

Outings have been planned and sign-up sheets provided at the back tables. Questions should be addressed to Jane or Susanne.

- May 22, Wednesday a trip to the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles is planned. Admission is \$13 for 65 and older and \$15 for those under 65. The attendees will take the train to the museum.
- June 19, the group is planning a trip to the LA Garment District. The group will take the train to LA. More details to follow as date nears.
- Quakes game ideas were solicited for the June, July and August 2019 time frame. A sign- up sheet will be available within the next couple of weeks.

### **Club/ Committee and Activity Group Reports:**

**Book Club:** Donna Forbes presented an overview on the club and the fun they have. She says they have the best members and the best books. Who can argue with that? If interested, see Donna Forbes.

**Veterans:** Members were encouraged to buy bricks for the Veterans Monument. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month.

**Genealogy Group:** The genealogy group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Chino Hills Library.

**Program:** Jane introduced this month's speaker George Lightholder for a Science presentation. George holds a Science Masters Degree. It took George six wonderful years to achieve this degree and he met many interesting scientists during this time. His degree program was the same as the Harvard post graduate program. George does presentations for schools and other groups in his spare time.

George addressed and demonstrated detailing the chemistry between water and air by showing us how to make silly putty, to demonstrate how to make objects float in bottles of water, gyroscopic flying tubes, and how to make flight worthy airplanes out of Styrofoam dinner plates. All of these added up to safe and affordable toys for children inside the home. A great time was had by all and we thank George for his efforts!

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries: Sunshine Committee:**

### **Birthdays:**

There were 14 April birthdays announced at the meeting. Those members who were present received a gift and a picture was taken to commemorate.

### **Anniversaries:**

There were three anniversaries for April 2019. Those honored were:

- Carolyn and Duncan Robb - 4/8/1966
- Carmen and Ron Sinsabaugh - 4/17/1976
- Kathryn and Bob Walter - 4/25/1970

### **50/50:**

The club sold tickets totaling \$91.00. The winners of the drawing were James Gallagher, Shirley Kondek and Donna Forbes. Each winner received \$15 and the club received the other 50% difference.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m. Lunch followed at Bruxie.

### **Next General Meeting:**

Friday, May 24, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary