

**Chino Hills 55+ Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2019  
At Chino Hills Community Center**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter-Anderson at 10:10 a.m. The theme of the meeting was Flag Day and National Waffle Iron day. Since National Waffle Iron day is June 29, our members are enjoying waffle pot luck today.

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

There were no officers absent.

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

**Presidents Report:**

Susanne opened by addressing National Flag Day. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date.

The Pledge of Allegiance is an expression of allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Republic of the United States of America. The original Pledge was composed by Captain George Thacher Balch. Balch originally a union officer during the civil war later became a teacher of patriotism in New York City schools and an auditor for New York Board of Education. He was a proponent of teaching children, especially those of immigrants, loyalty to the United States. He wrote a book on this subject and worked with both government and private organizations to distribute flags to every classroom and school.

The Pledge of Allegiance, in its current form was devised by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister. This version was composed in August 1892 as he believed that the Balch version was inadequate to cover the purpose of affirming allegiance to our flag and country. Susanne provided a handout to each table delineating the evolution of the Pledge of Allegiance and the changes made to the Bellamy version. This process resulted in the final version we Americans use today.

In 1954 the current version added the words “under God”, after “one nation”. These final words came after George MacPherson Docherty, a Pastor at Abe Lincolns former church delivered a sermon based on the Gettysburg address entitled; “A new Birth of Freedom”. He argued that the nations’ might not lay in arms but rather in its spirit and higher purpose. The words “under God” were noted as the defining words that set the US apart from other nations.

President Eisenhower upon hearing the sermon responded enthusiastically to Docherty's words. Eisenhower acted on his suggestion the next day and on February 8, 1954 Rep. Charles Oakman (R-Mich) introduced a Bill which was passed by Congress, and signed into law by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954.

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

**Vice Presidents Report:** Jane addressed the subject of this meeting which is National Waffle Iron Day. Waffle irons originated in the low country of the Carolinas a long time ago. As well as proving to be a favorite delicious dish, the waffle irons unusual pattern inspired the tennis shoe industry to adapt as a pattern for the bottoms for modern tennis shoes.

It is membership renewal time again and Jane addressed that dues are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged that members or "would be members" to sign up today. We had three new members who signed up today. They are Marshon (Shonnie) Mullins, Nan Paden and Ronald Paden. Welcome!

Jane announced she had brought the red club t-shirts and polo shirts for anyone who needed shirts.

We will be having a Barbeque lunch at our July General Meeting on July 26. Hot dogs will be served. The price for lunch will be \$4.00 person. Our program for the July meeting is to be Michael Winn. He is a senior financial advisor at US Bank and will be addressing senior financial abuse.

We are planning to have Chino Hills Mayor, Cynthia Moran for our August general meeting.

**Club Events and Outings:** Jane provided an overview of upcoming events and outings:

July 10 (Wednesday) Visit to March Air Force Reserve Base.

July 12 (Friday) Quakes baseball game vs. San Jose at Loan Mart field in Rancho Cucamonga. 7:00 p.m. Our group rate is \$13.00. Payment required today for group rate.

July 30 (Tuesday) The movie; "A Star is Born" will be shown at the Chino Hills Community Center at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee is \$2.00.

August 21 (Wednesday) (National Seniors Day) an Ice Cream Social will be held at the CH Community center.

**City Events:** Concerts in the Park Series 2019 continues with our annual. 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on July 3. The band will be DSB which is a Journey Tribute band. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and will go through 9:00 p.m. Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy the fun at Veterans Park in Chino Hills.

Another concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center. The band is The Scotty Mac Band which is a country band.

Admission is \$10 for adults and children under 12 are free. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and have a good time.

There is a walking club forming in Chino Hills in 2019. A flyer is available at the back of the room for more information.

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

Previous Bank Statement Balance – May 1, 2019	\$8,772.86
Additions/ Deposits	+\$3,371.29
Subtractions- Checks Cleared	- \$104.74
Ending Bank Statement Balance – May 31, 2019	\$12,039.41
Subtractions- Checks Outstanding	-118.81
Veterans Monument Fund	\$8,162.51
Adjusted Balance	\$3,758.09

**Activity:** Renee headed up our activity for today. The activity was based on relative questions and answer match up for D Day and World War Two. The group was broken up by tables and the first two tables who matched up the questions with the right answers were given a prize. A great time was had by all.

**Club Activities:**

**Book Group:** The Book Club meets Thursday July 18, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:30. If interested in joining contact Donna Forbes.

**Bingo Group:** Bingo in the Barn is held every Thursday at the McCoy Equestrian Center at 12:30. George is looking for additional volunteers to work when they are available and fill in with some of our volunteers who need a much-needed break occasionally. If interested, please see George DeFrank.

George noted that our yearly vote is needed for the Champion papers, “Best of Chino Valley” and requests that the club members again vote for our Bingo games. This would be the third year if we win this award.

**Veterans Group:** Our Veterans Group would normally meet on Wednesday, July 3 at 9:30 a.m. This week’s meeting will be postponed an additional week or two due to conflicts in schedules. Chuck Haeflinger is signing up people today for the March AFB trip on July 10. If interested please see Chuck.

**Veterans Monument Update:** George advised that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out this week for construction on the monument. This work will be funded from the \$10K left in the Veterans monument budget. Further details to follow.

**Genealogy Group:** The genealogy group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Chino Hills Library. Next meeting is July 22 at the Chino Hills Library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Sunshine Group:** Loretta Szudy presented the Birthdays and Anniversaries for June 2019.

Our Anniversary this month applauds Renee and Henry Sylvia. Their anniversary was on 6/18/19. The couple has been married for 42 years. They met at a birthday party in Los Angeles. They have two children and 5 grandchildren. Congratulations!

Birthday wishes were given to the following June birthdays:

JoAnne De Monaco (6/5); Kathy Lening (6/09); Alwen Jones (6/12); Marcel Mahfauz (6/20); George DeFrank (6/24) and Andrea Welch (6/28). Happy Birthday to you all!

**50/50 Raffle:** The club sold tickets for \$131. The winners of the drawing were Kimhai Mullins, James Gallagher and Nancy Horstmeyer. Each winner received \$21 and the club received the other 50% difference.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next General meeting will be on July 26, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary