

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2019 at
Chino Hills Community Center**

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

Officers Absent: President Susanne Baxter-Anderson. (On vacation)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jane De Frank, Vice President, at 10:06 a.m.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Salvador Avila.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written and as posted on the website.

Vice President's Report: Jane started the meeting stating the subject of our meeting today will be Oktoberfest. She also announced that our speaker today will be our Mayor Cynthia Moran. Other upcoming events were mentioned such as the "Make a Child Smile" program. Jane noted that Susanne will have more information on this at next month's meeting. The Fireman's luncheon is on Wednesday December 4th, 2019. There is a food drive for the Caring for the Hills foundation coming up as well and your donations are appreciated. Interest was solicited for an outing to the Mission Inn in Riverside during the holiday season.— If interested see Jane.

Oktoberfest: The history of Oktoberfest began as a wedding celebration more than 200 years ago when Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on October 12, 1810. The wedding was celebrated with multiple days of drinking, feasting and horse races. The wedding took place in Munich. Oktoberfest always starts in September because its final day has a fixed spot on the calendar. The last day of the festival is always on the first Sunday of October

Jane posed the question: "Is German Beer really better". She stated that her feeling was that people only think it's good because they misunderstand history. People think it is better because of the country's 500 year-old beer impurity laws, called the Reinheitsgebot. All the law stated was that beer must be made of water, barley, and hops.

Jane presented 11 facts about the German liquor Jagermeister. This is a favorite après drink:

1. One Wilhelm Masted founded a wine vinegar business in his home town of Wolfenbittel, Lower Saxony in 1878. It wasn't until 1934 that his son Curt took the business in a different direction, creating Jagermeister as we know it today.
2. It's made up on 56 natural herbs and spices, including ginger, cardamom and star anise (as well as 35% alcohol. Jagermeister was sometimes consumed as a digestif.
3. Jagermeister means "hunt master" or "master of the hunt". This was a line of work that has existed in Germany for centuries.
4. It has been rumored that deer blood was a key ingredient. This is untrue and there are no unicorn tears either.
5. Upon the edge of the label a German poem reads: "it is the hunter's honour that he protects and preserves his game, hunts sportsmanlike, honours the creator in his creatures". We quite agree.
6. The St. Hubertus Stag on the label is a mythological beast that once appeared before a hunter, complete with the shining cross between its antlers, and converted him to Christianity. This was the same hunter who later became the patron saint of all hunters – Saint Hubertus.
7. Jagermeister has long been popular in ski resort bars, but in the UK it has mainly caught on as a shot or "Jaegerbom" which is chased by Red Bull energy drink. Jagermeister would like to change the aforementioned image into branding itself as the world's first super-premium herbal Liquor, Jagermeister Manifest.
8. Jagermeister was only launched in the UK in 2005- but by 2007 it's now the second most popular spirits brand and most consumed spirit among 18-to 24-year-olds. Yes, you can drink alcohol in the UK at 18 years old.
9. Originally nicknamed Goring-Schnapps in Germany after Hitler's No. two, Hermann Goring. He became the Reichsjagermeister (Imperial Hunts master) in 1934.
10. As well as being popular with skiers and snowboarders, the drink also has a strong association with heavy metal music. Jagermeister is a tour sponsor of numerous bands in this genre.
11. To protect the unique taste, Curt Mast wanted a receptacle that could be knocked around a bit. To test, he dropped test bottles from a great height onto an oak floor. Today's Jaegermeister bottle is the only one that survived the fall.

Veteran Monument Update: George DeFrank presented a current status on the Veterans Monument. The contract has been awarded and the Plan is in

work. It is estimated that the plan will take until the end of October 2019. George presented a sample of the granite selected and noted that the engraving will be highlighted in black. Brick orders are currently frozen until we have enough to meet a new minimum Purchase Order.

An upcoming Veteran's Breakfast on Friday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m. will be held at the Chino Hills Community Center. This event is free but registration before the day of the event is required since space is limited. The Veterans Monument Dedication will follow the breakfast at 10 a.m. As this is the result of years of club fundraising and participation, please plan to attend for our Club and our City.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Galvan-Gonzalez presented the Board Member report/club financials for August 2019:

Previous bank balance as of July 31, 2019:		\$18,049.55
Additions/Deposits added:	+	\$2,295.63
Checks cleared (deducted):	-	\$5,124.92
Ending bank balance as of August 30, 2019:		\$15,220.26
Checks outstanding (deducted):	-	\$-0-
Subtraction -Veterans Monument checks outstanding		\$11,335.65
Adjusted club balance August 30, 2019:		\$3,884.61

Mixer/Activity: Renée Sylvia started with sharing her experiences on her recent vacation. She and her husband visited a lot of historic sites across the US and had a great time.

For the mixer, we were grouped into tables and provided three dice per table, four nickels per person, a plastic cup and a set of instructions. Per the instructions, each person was to throw the dice and to place them into the appropriate instruction per numbers on the dice. The instructions included passing to the left, right and middle per the numbers thrown by each person. The game was ended when all but one person had lost all of their nickels. That one person was the winner. Lots of laughs were had.

Vice President's Report: Jane returned after our break for several announcements. She noted we had three visitors, Karol & Karen Anderson and Gil Duran. We welcome these identical twins and Gil to the club!

Jane also announced that one of Board Members: Sharon Stuewe had been given an award for one of Chino Hills "Unsung Heroes". Sharon is very involved in the city as well as this club and it is definitely a pleasure to have her in our community. A really nice video was also presented about what we like about Chino Hills.

Club Committees and Activity Groups Reports:

Book Club:

Donna Forbes was on vacation so there were no new announcements. The next book club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at CHCC.

Veterans Group:

George DeFrank reported that the group took a trip to the Chino Airport recently to see the B-29 Aircraft. It was a good and informative trip. The veterans group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at CHCC.

Bingo:

George DeFrank reported he is still looking for one more volunteer. A signup sheet is available in the back of the room. The club has now raised their payouts to \$1,100 total per day. Check it out! Bingo is every Thursday at 12:30 at the McCoy Equestrian Center.

Genealogy Group:

Kathy Jackson announced that the group will meet at the Chino Hills Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 10 a.m.

Sunshine Committee:

Yolanda presented the information for the Sunshine Club. There were no anniversaries noted, but a total of sixteen (16) birthdays were recognized. The attending birthday participants were provided a rousing Happy Birthday song, a gift and a picture was taken by Sharon Stuewe.

Program: Mayor Cynthia Moran

Jane introduced our speaker of the day, Mrs. Cynthia Moran, our current Mayor. Cynthia started by addressing the celebration of Chino Hills which was held last Saturday at the CHCC. The city wants to reach the "average Joe" and get them educated and involved with our fair city.

Cynthia presented a background of her political career which started when she joined the Chino Hills High School PTA. She has been married for 20 years and is part of a blended family here.

Accolades were provided to our club for our community partnership and our donations and fundraising for the Veterans Monument.

She provided information for the Chino Hills City website, the “Notify Me” sites and noted that the City also has a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Cynthia provided the phone number to provide anonymous tips for Code Enforcement violations and noted that she is receptive to receiving issues personally from concerned CH citizen as she sees herself as an Advocate for the City.

Chino Hills has Citizens on Patrol program and volunteers are appreciated. There are both outside and inside jobs available. There is also an “Adopt a Family” Program who are looking for interested supporters.

Recent events cited were the Veterans Breakfast we previously discussed. Other events included:

1. The Wine Walk at the Chino Hills Shoppes on October 12, 2019.
2. There is an upcoming dedication for the new park at Los Serranos on Saturday November 16.
3. Chino Hills annual Holiday Home Tour on December 8, 2019
4. The Chino Hills Boat Parade on December 13, 2019

Cynthia noted that special thanks for Brian Johsz and Peter Rogers are due for their great support on legislative issues. Thanks to you, Cynthia Moran for this presentation!

After the presentation, Jane De Frank provided a few announcements: The subject for our October General Meeting will be “Frankenstein Friday”. There will be a costume party with prizes for those who wish to participate. For our November meeting, there will be pot luck and a signup sheet is available in the back.

Jane also noted that we will have our Michael Jackson tribute show at our December General meeting.

50/50 Drawing:

The Club sold tickets totaling \$108. The winners of the drawings were Judi Klecansky, Yolanda Davidson, and Judi Klecansky again. Each winner received \$18. The Club earned \$55.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. Line dancing was available afterwards and the luncheon venue was at Chile's in Chino Hills, CA.

Next General Meeting:

Friday, October 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary