

**Chino Hills 55+ Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2019  
At Chino Hills Community Center**

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

**Officers Absent:** President Susanne Baxter-Anderson.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jane De Frank, Vice President, at 10:10 a.m. This meeting was our Ugly Christmas Sweater theme.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick McDonald.

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:**

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

**Presidents Report:** As Susanne was absent for vacation, Jane De Frank presented for Susanne.

Jane started by announcing the Nominations Committee members for our February 2020 election. The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee is Shirley Kondek. Her committee will consist of Melba Aranda, and Andrea Welch.

An outline was provided of the duties involved for the Vice President and Secretary positions. After this, Jane opened the floor up for nominations. For the Vice President position, Fran Martinez nominated Francis Downs. For the Secretary position, Sharon Stuewe nominated the current incumbent Judi Klecansky.

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

Previous bank balance as of October 31, 2019:	\$13,766.95
Additions/Deposits added:	+ \$340.29
Checks cleared (deducted):	- \$ 930.92
Ending bank balance as of November 31, 2019:	\$13,176.32
Subtraction: Checks outstanding:	- \$-0-
Subtraction -Veterans Monument Fund	\$9,245.34

Adjusted club balance October 31, 2019

\$ 3,930.98

**Mixer/Activity:** Renee Sylvia started our activity by wishing all a Merry Holiday Season. The theme was the Christmas Holidays. We formed tables by assigned numbers. Once seated with our table we were to:

- Put together a puzzle to form a Christmas scene.
- Match song beginnings together with their following words on sheets of paper. The winning teams were the first to solve this correctly and received a caramel apple.
- We divided into 12 groups and each numbered table sung their assigned portion of the song "Twelve days of Christmas."

A fun time was had by all! A break was held for socialization, etc.

**Vice President's Report:** Jane started with sharing our clubs recent trip to the Festival of Lights at the Mission Inn in Riverside, Ca. She shared some photos and noted that it was so fun, that our club should make it an annual Holiday trip every year.

She welcomed three guests to our meeting and introduced her visiting two sisters and brother from Columbus, Indiana.

As our meetings theme is "Ugly Christmas Sweater Day", Jane provided a historical development for the Ugly Christmas sweater. This tradition started in the 1950's with "Jingle Bell" sweaters. These were very discrete versions and therefore not too ugly or distasteful. The next versions in the 1980's and 1990 were evolved to more creative sweaters. The turning point was in the 2001 movie "Bridget Jones Diary" when the character Mark Darcy got shamed publicly "with one of the most out-of-place designs to be seen on screen." Canada founded the tradition of the ugly sweater party which included apparel as well as cupcakes and Bundt cake creations. This party theme continues to this very day.

Our Ugly Sweater contest will start with a showing of the contestants by number and a vote later on. The sweater participants were assigned a number and were viewed for later voting activity.

Our luncheon for today will be at Roscoe's deli in Chino Hills, Ca. A head count was provided during the meeting.

Next month's theme will be our annual soup pot luck and Super Bowl. Wear your favorite team colors, jerseys, etc. Francis Downs is routing the signup sheet.

Our special entertainer today was Hunter Felde, who is a Michael Jackson tribute performer.

## **Community/Activity Groups**

**Bingo Group:** George DeFrank announced there will be no Bingo on December 26th. He noted that they were always looking for volunteers and if interested. Come on down and have fun during this holiday season!

**Veterans Group:** The Veterans Monument dedication is currently scheduled for January 18, 2020 at the CHCC. George DeFrank thanks all for their hard work and support and anticipates a good turn-out for the event. The next meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He invited the group to go view the monument site as the construction is officially started and ongoing.

George informed us that they have an outstanding check to use toward the Veteran's Monument. This check will be used to defer to adding bricks and other enhancements.

**Book Group:** Renee Sylvia announced the books for the month of January and February 2020 and invited all interested to participate.

**Genealogy Group:** There was no report for this month. There is a meeting on 12/23/2019 at the Chino Hills Library

**Sunshine Club:** Loretta and Yolanda announced our monthly anniversaries and birthdays for the month.

Our November anniversary was JoAnne and John De Monaco who were married on 31 December 1966. Congratulations to you both!

There were eight (8) December birthdays as well. Those who were present were presented a gift and a picture was taken to commemorate.

**50/50 Drawing:** Yolanda Davidson filled in for Kathy Jackson today. The Club sold tickets totaling \$97. The winners of the drawings were Mary Menkus, Rick Mac Donald and LaForest Weaver. Each winner received \$16. The Club earned \$49.

**Ugly Christmas Sweater contest winners:** There were three voting categories for our contest. The winners and the category are noted below:

- Prettiest woman's sweater: Loretta Szudy
- Ugliest woman's sweater: Sharon Montagne
- Ugliest sweater for men: JD Martinez

Photos were taken to commemorate this event!

**Special Performance:**

Hunter Felde is a Michael Jackson Tribute performer who danced his legs (and other parts) off to the tunes of “Beat It”, “Human Nature”, and “Billy Jean”. The crowd cheered for his performance!

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m.

**Next General Meeting:**

Our next General Meeting will be on Friday, January 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary