

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes Friday November 20, 2020**  
**Held Virtually on ZOOM**

**Socialization:** We all tried to get on early for socialization. This was started 9:30 and ended 10:00 a.m.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Anderson at 10:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The group followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Victor Weaver

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** Our last General meetings minutes from October 2020 were approved as written and as posted on the website.

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

**Program:** Melba announced our guest speaker Massiel De Guevara of the Chino Valley Fire District. Massiel was presenting a new computer application (AP) called "Community Connect". This new AP, put out by the Chino Valley Fire District is a tool in which residents can share household information on line with the Fire Dept and other essential workers in order to facilitate prompt resolution of dangerous issues. A presentation was provided of the AP and its use. This AP is completely confidential and limited to only those first responders with a need to know. This AP can be utilized either by phone or computer. Users are able to enter specific household information such as family members, access points, emergency numbers, etc which could enable preventive measures for community members facing emergency issues. This AP is available on [www.communityconnect.io/info/ca-chino](http://www.communityconnect.io/info/ca-chino) on the Chino City and Chino Hills City websites. This is a free service to residents.

Community Connect utilizes a dashboard in which participants can create their profile; create an account and incorporate any pertinent information about their household they are comfortable sharing. This data will then be shared with first responders in the event of an emergency. We were encouraged to sign up. The Security level is to the level of on-line banking and is very secure.

A series of Question and Answers followed. One of the members asked Massiel if the Fire Department is offering services associated with fire alarms in the

home. Upon request from seniors, an assessment can be requested and fire extinguishers may be replaced at no cost as necessary.

Massiel provided her contact information in case of questions. This information will be posted on the club website. Thanks so much Massiel for this helpful information!

**President’s Report:** Susanne presented our November 2020 **Random Acts of Kindness (RAK)**

November’s theme: Be Thankful, Focus on gratitude. “Gratitude is the healthiest of all Human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for”. – Zig Ziegler

- Make a list of five simple pleasures for which you are grateful.
- Make a list of ways you’ve impressed yourself lately.
- Say “thank you” to someone who has a difficult job

December’s Theme: Celebrate the Little Things. Focus: Celebration

**Nominations Committee:** The positions of President and Treasurer are up for reelection this February. Susanne announced that she is not planning to run for reelection for President. New nominations committee will need to be formed soon. Positions are available for those interested. We are hoping to bring about a fresh committee and Board Members for our new year of 2021. If interested, please contact Melba Aranda.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Membership Committee

Melba announced that the club is now up to about 100 members. She thanked all of us for “hanging in there” during this difficult year and noted that things will be getting even better soon! She is looking into some fun and zany things in the coming months.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Maria presented the following financials for October, 2020.

Note: Finance Committee Members are now on board and reviewing financial documents. This is done prior to Board approval.

<i>Previous Bank Statement Balance- September 30, 2020</i>	<i>\$8,540.56</i>
<i>Additions – Deposits</i>	<i>\$ 691.48</i>
<i>Subtractions – Checks Cleared</i>	<i>\$103.93</i>

<i>Ending Bank Statement Balance – October 31, 2020</i>	\$9,128.11
<i>Subtractions – Checks Outstanding</i>	\$ -0-
<i>Veterans Monument Fund</i>	\$4,430.44
<i>Adjusted balance as of September 30, 2020</i>	\$4,697.67

**Adopt a Family:** Susanne provided updated information for the Adopt-a-Family Program. The program, sponsored by Chino Hills and lead by Frances Downs ends on November 27, 2020. The program has been a great success in 2020 and thanks were provided to those who participated.

**City/Community Report:** Sean Morse from the CHCC gave us an update on current happenings for Chino Hills. Events scheduled or pending are:

- Christmas luncheon. A drive through Christmas luncheon will be held at the McCoy Equestrian center on Thursday December 10, 2020 between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. Cost for Chino Hill residents is \$10. The City is partnering with the Fire Dept and will have food and prizes. Tickets are available at the Chino Hills website or in person at the Chino Hills Recreation Center at CH City Hall
- Virtual Bingo registration is available starting 1 December, 2020. Dates are TBD
- A new chat box is available on the website to update on COVID status and other city clarifications.
- Ideas are in work for various craft projects. If you have an idea or are interested, please contact Sean Morse at CHCC.

**Committees and Activity Reports: Committees/Activity Groups:**

Various speakers addressed their status in the following activities:

- Frances Downs – Adopt-a-Family Program
- George De Frank – Veteran’s Group status \*\*
- Kathy Jackson – Genealogy Group
- Debbie Keller – Card Making Group
- Susanne Baxter-Anderson – Book Club

Meeting times are noted on the 55+ club website as well as contact information.

\*Chuck Haeflinger is stepping down from the Recycling program. Those interested in serving on this program can contact either George DeFrank or Susanne.

On Veterans Day (November 11, 2020), the City of Chino Hills presented a wonderful video presentation: "Salute to Service" featuring veterans from the city. The link to view this video is on our website. The next Veterans Group meeting is on December 2, 2020 at 9:30 on Zoom.

**Activity:** Susanne led us in a game of "Emoji Bingo". Cards were sent out prior to the meeting. These cards contained various Emoji pictures which were matched as called. The winners will receive a prize shortly. A good time was had by all!

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Loretta Szudy presented the November birthdays and Anniversaries

- There were 15 birthdays announced
- There were no anniversaries

The members all sang "Happy Birthday" to the presented birthdays. Loretta also noted that the Sunshine Club can help by sending cards, etc to those in need. Please contact Loretta for more information.

Our November flower of the month is the chrysanthemum.

A new "Featured Member" exchange ensured. At the end of the meeting, we addressed members with sharing with us; "Five things you never knew about me". Several members shared with us and it was a nice social event. We will be continuing this tradition in the monthly General Meetings.

**Adjournment:**

Susanne advised closing remarks to all. The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

**Next General Meeting:**

Our next General Meeting will be on Friday December 18, at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM. Information to log in will be provided prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, CPM

Secretary