

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes Friday December 18, 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 Melba Aranda.

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** Our last General meetings minutes from November 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.

**Holiday Jokes:** Our Master of Humor George Lightholder entertained the audience with some special Holiday joke. Laughter was had by all.

**President's Report:** Susanne presented our December 2020 RAK.

**Random Acts of Kindness (RAK)**

December's theme: 'CELEBRATE THE LITTLE THINGS': "The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate". Oprah Winfrey

- Celebrate the things that bring happiness to your life!
- Make someone smile by sharing a good joke
- Celebrate someone by sharing something about them that you appreciate

Special recognition was noted for the recent death of Jack Snyder who passed on 10 December 2020 of pneumonia. Sharon Stuewe will be adding his name to our website "in Memoriam" section.

Susanne concluded by saying how much she appreciates and celebrates all of our members.

It was mentioned that the Chino Valley Fire Department SOS program is still available for seniors who need help with pick-up and delivery of foods. The food

can be reimbursed to the Fire Dept. either by cash, check or credit card. The phone number is 909/315-8828.

Sugaree Cakes were given to the Chino Hills Police Department and the Chino Valley Fire Department. In appreciation of their service to the Community during this difficult year of COVID and fires. The cakes were donated by Susanne and Glen Anderson and were presented on behalf of the 55+Club membership.

**Recycling Program:** Jesse Gonzalez has taken over our club recycling program. Recycling products can be dropped off to Jesse on the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Drop off area will be by the Military Monument area. For additional information members may contact Jesse at 909-268-5707.

**Program:** Melba introduced us to our December guest Marissa Valenzuela. She is a vocalist who has graduated from Ayala High School in Chino Hills. She was the choir student director there and enjoys gardening and sharing with her community. Marissa blessed us with her Christmas song presentations. The songs she sang were much appreciated this year of 2020, they were:

- Oh Holy Night
- Merry Little Christmas
- Walking in a Winter Wonderland
- White Christmas

### **Club Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria presented the following financials for November 2020.

Note: Finance Committee Members have approved these numbers. This is done prior to Board approval.

<i>Previous Bank Statement Balance- October 31, 2020</i>	\$9,128.11
<i>Additions – Deposits</i>	\$1,347.69
<i>Subtractions – Checks Cleared</i>	- \$ 191.63
<i>Ending Bank Statement Balance – November 30, 2020</i>	\$10,284.17
<i>Subtractions – Checks Outstanding</i>	\$250.00
<i>Veterans Monument Fund</i>	\$4,867.76
<i>Adjusted balance as of November 30, 2020</i>	\$5,166.41

Maria provided our 2020 Charity donations and amounts.

- \$1,000 to the Boy's Republic in Chino Hills
- \$ 250 to the Caring for the Hills Program
- \$1,625 to the Adopt-a-Family Program \*

\*Of note is that Francis Downs, Maria Galvin-Gonzales and Melba Aranda presented the Adopt-a-Family donation to Vanessa Badosa, Coordinator of the City of Chino Hills Adopt-A-Family Program, and Chino Hills Recreation Department on 12/2/2020.

**Adopt A Family Program:** Susanne extended special thanks to Frances Downs and all of those who supported this effort.

Maria also mentioned that we have had a total income from the Amazon Smile program of \$392.24 as of the end of November 2020.

**Club Mask Fundraiser:** Our fundraiser continues, to date we have 7 orders and 2 more in work. The masks are \$15 each and can be ordered either through the club website, or by contacting Susanne at 909/260-1929. The website ordering process is as follows:

- Go to our website: <http://chinohills55plusclub.org/>
- Order your mask
- Orders are batched and then submitted to Jane DeFrank for completion.
- Susanne will collect payments and distribute the masks
- Susanne will provide accounting information to our Treasurer.

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

- Donut drive through during January 2021
- Virtual Bingo is up and running on Zoom, they had another BINGO game on December 17, 2020. The next one is scheduled for January 27, 2021.
- Craft projects are in planning stages

The club expressed interest in a dinner and dance. Sean took this under advisement.

**VP Report:** Melba started by saying that she can't wait until the year 2020 is over. She mentioned that we are awaiting the "green light" for the Community Center to open. She thanked all the members for their patience.

**Nominations Committee:** The positions of President and Treasurer are up for reelection this February. Judy MacDonald has been assigned the task of being

chairperson and is soliciting candidates for those interested in the positions. She is assisted by Pam Seggerman, Mary Menkus, and Kathy Jackson. Judy and the committee will be contacting club members by phone. So please members, remember to answer her phone calls. The position descriptions are available on the club website. This effort is to be completed by the February 2021 Board meeting.

At the January Board meeting, we will select and notify who the candidates will be. Since this is the first time for voting on line, the Board will have a trial run. Sharon Stuewe is working the details.

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

Various speakers addressed their status in the following activities:

- George De Frank – Veteran’s Group status
- Kathy Jackson – Genealogy Group
- Renee Sylvia – Book Group
- Jane DeFrank – Quilting Group
- Debbie Keller – Scrapbooking and Card Making group

### **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.

**Activity:** Renee led us in a game of “Holiday Songs Trivia”. Renee would sing part of a Christmas song and the members guessed the song name. The winners were Jane and George DeFrank, Fran and JD Martine and Joe and Judi Klecansky. The winners will receive a prize shortly. A good time was had by all!

The group did a sing along of the Twelve Days of Christmas led by Renee Sylvia.

Melba hosted a session of sharing of Holiday Memories. There was a raffle as well. Chuck Haeflinger won the raffle.

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

- There were 10 birthdays announced
- Our anniversary was for JoAnne and John De Monaco on December 31.

A Holiday photo was taken by Sharon Stuewe and will be available on our website.

**Adjournment:**

Susanne advised closing remarks to all. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**Next General Meeting:**

Our next General Meeting will be on Friday January 22, 2021 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