

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2021
Chino Hills Community Center**

Officers Present:

President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Andrea Welch, Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe, Vice President Sally Baca, Secretary Judi Klecansky, and immediate past President Susanne Anderson.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Jane DeFrank, President, at 10:06 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fran Martinez

The previous month's minutes were approved as written and as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Andrea Welch presented the Board Member report/club financials, reviewed by the Finance Committee, for August 31, 2021

Previous bank balance as of July 30, 2021		\$25,988.57
Additions - Deposits	+	12,387.02
Subtractions - Checks cleared	-	\$5,711.00
Ending bank balance as of August 31, 2021		\$32,664.59
Subtractions - Checks outstanding	-	\$1,565.00
Subtractions - Veterans Monument Fund	-	\$29,625.53
Adjusted Account Balance as of August 31, 2021		\$1,474.06

Happy Hour Update:

Melba Aranda announced that there will be a Halloween Happy Hour on Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Luchador Brewing Company at 3:00. Halloween costumes are recommended, encouraged – “Dress to impress”. There will be lots of prizes and a raffle.

City Report:

Sean Morse, Acting City of Chino Hills Active Adult Coordinator, reported on upcoming senior events.

- Line Dance luncheon, Wednesday, September 29th, with food from The Habit
- Salute to Service for Veterans and their spouses is Wednesday, November 10th

Sean also mentioned the following events in planning:

- Active Adults Crafts and Creations will be held Friday, October 1st.
- The flag pole installation at the Veterans Monument has begun, and along with the tribute bricks, will be completed for the Salute to Service Ceremony
- Sean is open to suggestions for other events. If you have input, please call

Sean Morse at the CHCC.

- The Active Adults 50+ Newsletter is available at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC) front desk.

President's Report:

Jane DeFrank addressed the following items:

- Update on Candy Rendall status: Candy is the oldest living member of our club. She has moved to a new facility and is accepting cards, visitors, etc. Please contact Jane for her address and other information
- The club Craft Group will be starting again and the first meeting will be on Friday, October 15th at the Chino Hills Community Center. An email will follow with details for the planned crafts. The group will also be making centerpieces for the upcoming Active Adults Halloween event.
- Chino Hills Active Adults will be having a Crafts Class on October 1, at 10:00 a.m. at the CHCC. The fee is \$15 and Jane guarantees you will have a great Halloween decoration to take home. To sign up, please go to the CHCC front desk.
- Themes for this meeting: Jane had many possibilities for this month. These are some of the many things celebrated on September 24th.
 - National Native American Day
 - Gallbladder Good Health Day
 - Kiss day
 - Love Note Day
 - Lash Stylist Day
 - National Cherries Jubilee Day
 - Save Koala Day
 - Schwenkfelder Thanksgiving

Around the time of the Reformation from 1731 to 1737 the Schwenkfelder group fled to North America's Pennsylvania-Dutch region to flee religious persecution. They arrived on September 22, 1734 and celebrated two days later by holding a Thanksgiving service and sharing a meal. This was the longest-continually celebrated holiday in the US for many years.

- Hug a Vegetarian Day
- Blue Bird of Happiness Day

After much deliberation, Jane decided instead to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Day. He was 87 years old when he passed away on September 24, 1991.

Vice President's Report:

Sally Baca addressed the group regarding membership. Currently, the club has 137 registered members, and 105 paid dues.

Our October Guest speaker will be from the USO.

Information Officer Report:

Sharon Stuewe presented a helpful overview of the Club's website and highlighted areas of interest to our members such as Calendar events, photo gallery pictures of events and others.

Mixer:

Renee Sylvia hosted our mixer and it was called; "Things that go together". Members assembled at assigned tables and were provided puzzle pieces to match up one to the other. The winning tables were Table 6 (1st place) and Table 9 (2nd place) and received prizes.

Presentation – Dr. Seuss

Jane De Frank read a short biography of Dr. Seuss facts, books and efforts. Club members presented readings from his various books:

- Dr. Seuss was born in 1904 and passed away in 1991.
- In 1942 he joined the Army and served as Captain in the propaganda department making many animated training films.
- He never had children, but always said; "If you have them, I will entertain them".

Various club members read excerpts from his various books. Presented were the books with the following members:

- Cat in the Hat – Susanne Anderson
- Green Eggs and Ham – Rick and Judy MacDonald
- And to Think I saw it on Mulberry Street – Carolyn Robb
- If I ran the Zoo – Joe Klecansky
- Horton Hears a Who – Victor Weaver
- Horton Hatches the Egg- Jim Gallagher
- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish – Lou Ann Ryerson
- Oh The Places you will Go - Donna Forbes
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas – George De Frank

A video was shown of his classic book; "You are Only Old Once", a Book for Obsolete Children "written in 1986.

George Lightholder ended by sharing his experience of meeting Dr. Seuss in a bookstore in San Marino. This was the perfect wrap-up for our Dr. Seuss presentation.

Club Committees and Activity Groups Reports

Veterans Group:

The Veteran's monument flag pole and flag should be complete by November 10, 2021. There will be a "Salute to Service" event and a breakfast for veterans and their spouses only.

Rick MacDonald reported on an upcoming trip to San Diego to tour the U.S.S. Midway Aircraft Carrier. He cautioned that the tour will require a lot of walking. Rick gave details:

- The date of the trip is Wednesday, October 13 (meet at 8; tour open 10 – 4); lunch after.
- The tour is \$18 for veterans, \$22 for seniors.
- Carpool drivers are needed
- A sign-up sheet is available.

Jesse Gonzales reported that Recycling is now being taken to Diamond Bar. Members should call Jesse for recycling donations.

Bingo:

George DeFrank reported that for this coming Thursday, September 30th, and because it is the 5th Thursday of the month, payouts will be increased by \$50 for all games. Bingo is every Thursday at 11:30 at the McCoy Equestrian Center.

Book Club:

The October meeting hostess will be Carolyn Robb. The book is "The Aviator's wife" by Melanie Benjamin. The Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. The November book will be "The Book Lady of Troublesome Creek"; hosted by Renee Sylvia.

Scrapbooking and Card Making Group:

Kathy Jackson announced the next meeting will be Monday, October 18, at 9 a.m. at CHCC.

Quilting Group:

Jane DeFrank announced that the group will meet twice per month on the second and fourth Mondays of month

Genealogy Group:

Kathy Jackson announced that the group will meet Monday, September 27, at 10 a.m. -12 noon at the Chino Hills Library. Use of Ancestry.com is free. The Family History Center (FHC) in Covina will be opening soon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy announced the seven birthdays for Sept. She called those with

birthdays in attendance to the front of the room where they received a gift. Club members sang "Happy Birthday," and a photo was taken for the website. There were no anniversaries this month.

Hospitality Groups:

Frances Downs reported on the Adopt a Family Program:

- The Adopt-a-Family project has started for this year. Frances will match the single, highest donation given each month, up to \$100, until total donations are delivered in December.
- On \$1 to \$24 donations she will round up to \$25. Please make checks payable to "Chino Hills 55 plus club" annotating in the comments the "Adopt a Family program".
- We will be doing our annual food drive for "Caring for the Hills. Debi Hernandez has volunteered to supply the containers and deliver them. She will have them at the October and November meetings for the members to drop off their donations.

50/50 Drawing:

The club sold tickets totaling \$142.00

The winners of the drawings were Robert Wilson, Debi Hernandez and Sally Baca; each received \$23. The club earned \$73.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. Members were invited to attend the Yard House for lunch afterwards.

Next General Meeting:

Friday October 22, 2021, at 10:00 am at CHCC. Jane De Frank reminded everyone the meeting is on the fourth Friday of the month. October has five Fridays so remember the meeting is the fourth and not the last Friday. October meeting will be our annual Halloween meeting and we will be having a costume contest.

Members who wish to still attend via Zoom rather than in person should contact Sharon Stuewe.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, C.P.M.
Secretary