

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 22, 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 10:10 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sal Avila.

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 September 30, 2021

Previous bank balance as of August 31, 2021		\$32,664.59
Additions - Deposits	+	1,452.50
Subtractions - Checks cleared	-	1,550.00
Ending bank balance as of September 30, 2021		\$32,567.09
Subtractions - Checks outstanding	-	\$65.00
Subtractions - Veterans Monument Fund	-	\$28,125.53
Subtractions: Adopt A Family		-\$1,172.00
Adjusted Account Balance as of September 30, 2021		\$3,204.56

Andrea mentioned that the club is looking for an independent auditor for our books. Anyone who is interested and qualified, please contact Andrea Welch or Jane De Frank.

City Report:

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

- Halloween Get Together on October 27th.
- Ceremony for our new Flagpole on Wednesday, November 10th.
- Breakfast and Salute to Service for Veterans and their spouses is Wednesday, November 10th.

Sean also mentioned the following events in planning:

- Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the Fire District on Wednesday, December 8th. Tickets will be available on November 9, 2021. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

President's Report:

Jane DeFrank addressed the following items:

- Our Thanksgiving general meeting will be pot luck. There is a sign-up sheet at the back table. We are looking for three helpers for Francis Downs, so if interested, please contact her.
- The Craft Group made the table ghosts for this meeting. Our next group meeting will be on November 12, 2021. If interested, please contact Jane.

As fitting for a Halloween meeting, Jane presented several local ghost stories. She started with one from a farm house where the family had a ghost the children called "mother" as they felt that she would always care for them. The legend went that the previous occupant (ghost) had murdered her two children and then herself.

Other stories mentioned were:

- The "Green Mist" at our closed Aerojet facility.
- Phantom of the Police Car.
- The "Headless Horseman" of Sleepy Hollow in Carbon Canyon.

Jane brought up the costumed members for the Costume Party today. There were categories for best entries and prizes.

Vice President's Report:

Sally Baca addressed the group regarding membership. Currently, the club has 114 paid members. Three guests also joined us for the meeting.

Our Council woman, Cynthia Moran has just joined the club as well.

Information Officer Report:

Sharon Stuewe questioned the group as to who was not receiving our monthly "e-blast" and invited them to see her for instructions or help.

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was KC Ollila, who is an Operations and Program Manager for the Bob Hope USO. Her organization, located in the Inland Empire helps many veterans; both past and current find a successful transition back to civilian life.

She showed a video of the organizations 2021 80th birthday.

The USO has 250 locations through the Central California area. This area covers from San Luis Obispo to San Diego and currently has around 750 volunteers available for consultations. While closed briefly for the COVID-19 pandemic, they primarily focused on social unrest and National Guard. They are fully re-opened now. The local location is at the old terminal at the Ontario Airport. (Used to be a Pizza Hut). The hours open are from 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. most days. Donations may be accepted there.

Upcoming Events noted were the Spirit of Hope Gala on December 3, 20021 at the Aqua Caliente Resort in Rancho Mirage.

Ways to Support the USO include:

- Volunteering at the USO.org. (Register BobHopeuso.org/events)
- For volunteers you can work 2-4 hours shift. To get involved go to: www.volunteers.uso.org.
- Get your company involved and spread the word
- To sponsor or donate for cause, go to website: uso.org/donate/bobhope.

The club thanks KC for her informational and enjoyable presentation!

Club Committees and Activity Groups Reports

Veterans Group:

George De Frank shared with us pictures taken from their recent field trip to the Midway Aircraft Carrier in San Diego.

We are currently polling members for donation suggestions and will be seeking a consensus for Veterans club charitable donations.

The group is looking for volunteers to help inventory and place bricks on the Veterans Memorial prior to the flagpole dedication on November 10. The group quarterly meeting will meet on December 1st at 9:30 a.m. New faces are always welcome, if interested contact George De Frank.

Bingo:

The group is planning to sponsor our December General Meeting luncheon during the holiday season, further details to follow. Bingo is every Thursday at 11:30 at the McCoy Equestrian Center.

Happy Hour:

Melba Aranda reminded members that our Halloween Happy hour is planned at Luchador's next Friday October 29th. At 3:00 p.m.

Book Club:

The Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. The November book will be "The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek"; hosted by Renee Sylvia.

Scrapbooking and Card Making Group:

Kathy Jackson announced the next meeting will be Monday, November 15, at 9 a.m. at the CHCC.

Quilting Group:

Jane DeFrank announced that the group will meet twice per month on the second and fourth Mondays of month at 9:00 a.m. at the CHCC.

Genealogy Group:

Kathy Jackson announced that the group will meet Monday, October 25, at 10 a.m. -12 noon at the Chino Hills Library.

Hospitality and Adopt a Family program:

Frances is leading up next month's Thanksgiving Pot Luck. She needs help in the kitchen. A signup sheet is available at the back table. If bringing dishes or utensils, please mark them as yours.

She noted that there is still time to donate to the "Adopt a Family" program.

If interested, please contact her.

- 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".

Recycling:

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy announced the nine birthdays for October. 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. Mary Menkus and David Elston celebrated their 23rd anniversary. Sylvia and Sal Avila also had their 40th anniversary.

Costume contest winners:

The winners were:

- Debi Hernandez for the **Scariest**
- Andrea Welch for the **Funniest**
- Sharon Montagne for the **Prettiest**
- Frances Downs for **Ugliest**
- Sharon and Pat Montagne for **Best Couple**
- Chuck Haeflinger for the most **Original**

Pictures were taken to commemorate.

50/50 Drawing:

The club sold tickets totaling \$139. The winners of the drawings were Joe Klecansky, Kimhai Mullins and Maria Gonzales. Each winner received \$21.25. The club earned \$75.25.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Members were invited to attend lunch at the Luna Grill afterwards.

Next General Meeting:

Friday November 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at CHCC.

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Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, C.P.M.
Secretary