

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
General Meeting Minutes  
Chino Hills Community Center  
June 23, 2023

**Officers Present**

The Officers present were President, Jane DeFrank; Vice President, Debi Hernandez; Information Officer/Web Administrator, Sharon Stuewe; and Treasurer, Andrea Welch.

**Absent:** Secretary, Judy MacDonald.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane DeFrank at 10:08 am. Rick MacDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance. The General Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2023 were posted on the website and approved.

**City Report**

Berlin shared the following news.

- Active Adult hours in the Willow Room are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those ages 50+ can enjoy billiards, board games, cards, mahjong, puzzles, scrabble and more.
- Concerts in the Park continues each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Park. This Wednesday, June 28, will be The Who Generation, which is The Who tribute band.
- Movies in the Park continues every Thursday evening through August 3.
- Monday, July 3 starting at 5:00 p.m. at Veterans Park is a huge Independence Celebration featuring DSB Journey tribute band performing at 6:45 p.m.
- City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the holiday.

Additional information for these and other events is available at <https://www.chinohills.org>.

**Treasurer's Report**

Andrea compiled the June Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of May 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023. We received \$52.97 from Amazon Smiles program, even though the program ended in February 2023. Our grant for the bus to Reagan Library in Simi Valley was \$1,000 but our actual bus cost was \$1,478.38, so the Club picked up the balance.

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| Previous Bank Statement Balance – April 30, 2023 | \$10,737.93 |
| Additions – Deposits                             | \$483.95    |
| Subtractions – Checks Cleared                    | -\$319.85   |

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| Ending Bank Statement Balance – May 31, 2023 | \$10,902.03    |
| <b>Subtractions – Checks Outstanding</b>     | <b>\$15.50</b> |
| Subtractions – 10 Year Anniversary Fund      | \$4,919.00     |
| Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund        | \$3,774.75     |
| Adjusted Account Balance                     | \$2,192.78     |

**Vice President’s Report**

Debi shared that our Club currently has 180 members. We had three (3) new members who have joined.

Membership renewals, which are due by July 1, are being accepted today at the table in the back, but only until the end of break time. Renewal forms are available on the website. Current dues are \$15.00 per year, and badges have increased to \$9.00 each.

A photo with those who attended the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum was shown. The trip on Tuesday, June 20, was successful and the bus ride was fun too. The Auschwitz exhibit was very impressive.

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 105 members and guests have paid to attend the July 14 dinner party. Final arrangements are being made for an exciting celebration.

**Information Officer’s Report**

Sharon Stuewe reported that there will be a Downtown Art Gallery open house/reception on Wednesday, June 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. located at The Shoppes, next door to Brighton. There are beautiful paintings, photographs, quilts, wood items and jewelry created by our local Chino Hills residents, including some art work on display by our members! Please plan on stopping by.

The State of the City video is available on the City of Chino Hills website and is exciting to watch. Mayor Peter Rogers summarized important things happening in our city, including a new remote-controlled mower that can maneuver steep slopes to cut hard to reach weeds on our hills. Check out the State of the City video here: [State of the City 2023 | Chino Hills, CA - Official Website](#)

**President’s Report**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Independence Day Concert in the Park. Let’s all sit together as a 55+ Club group – please look for us.

A trip to the “Pageant of the Masters” in Laguna Beach is being planned for Tuesday, August 22. Please see the sign-up list in the back of the room, if you’re interested. Tickets are \$65 and carpool drivers will be needed.

Summer Solstice – Jane shared that the significance of the summer solstice has varied among cultures, but most recognize the event in some way with holidays, festivals, and rituals around that time with themes of fertility. Today we are going to celebrate by making wreaths to wear on our heads. For the ladies the wreath will have flowers and for the gentlemen it will be more simple of just twigs and leaves. In Shakespeare’s play, *Mid-Summer Nights Dream*, all the characters wear wreaths.

### **Activity**

We all had the opportunity to create a Summer Solstice head wreath. Silk flowers, greenery and ribbons were distributed for each table to de-stress and enjoy the therapy of being creative. After reviewing the beautiful creations table by table, it was determined that EVERYONE was a winner and we ALL received lottery tickets!

### **Guest Speaker**

For our “Let It Go” theme, Sandy Keays, a local licensed family therapist, discussed ideas on our theme to “Let It Go”. She encouraged us to stop wasting our energy on negative feelings from the past and instead, focus on building a positive future. Learn to overlook the little things by saying “so what” to yourself and *think* instead of *react*. People who have a hard time letting go may be suffering from anxiety and depression. They need to feel safe. We’re reminded of the ‘Serenity Prayer’ to grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, have the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

### **Sunshine Committee**

In Loretta Szudy’s absence, Susan Gaitain announced the following members who are celebrating June birthdays: Deborah Buttner, Bob Chapa, Cynthia Formulak, JoAnne DeMonaco, Mary Faulhaber, Alwen Jones, George DeFrank, Marianne Reich and Andrea Welch.

Those celebrating June wedding anniversaries are Kathy and Jim Gallagher, and Renee and Henry Sylvia.

### **50/50**

The Club sold tickets totaling \$168.00 and the Club netted \$87.00. The winners were: Debbie McKeon, Donna Hilding, and Shonnie Mullens, each of whom won \$27.00. A special drawing was held to distribute extra lottery tickets. The winners were Dee Dee Douglas, Steven Strumar and Barbara Warner.

### **Next General Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 28 at the CHCC.

**Lunch**

Following the closing of the meeting, we will meet at Urban Tacos in the Shoppes.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Stuewe, filling in for  
Judy MacDonald, Secretary