

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
November 22, 2024

Officers Present

The Officers present were President, Jane DeFrank, Vice President, Debi Hernandez, Treasurer, Andrea Welch, and Secretary, Judy MacDonald.

Information Officer/Web Administrator, Sharon Stuewe, was absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane DeFrank at 10:07 am. Military veteran, Ray Gaglio, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Minutes from the October 25, 2024, General Meeting were approved.

City Report

Armando offered the following news and upcoming activities.

- Holiday Luncheon tickets for the December 3 event are sold out.
- The City of Chino Hills Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 7, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, at City Hall. The tree lighting will begin at 6:15 and there will be visits from Santa from 6:15 – 8:00 pm.
- A “Viva Las Vegas Dance Party” will be held on February 19, 2025, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm, at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC). Music by a live DJ, dancing, dinner, casino-inspired games and prizes will be provided. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and are \$15.00 per person.
- A free Senior Tax Aide seminar is being provided to anyone 50 years of age and older, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the CHCC. No registration is required.

Additional information for these and other recreation events is available at <https://www.chinohills.org> or by contacting the Recreation Office at (909) 364-2700.

Donations

Jane informed the Club of the following recipients of \$1,000.00 each for this year.

- Priceless Pets
- Red Bucket
- Rebel Ranch staff were on hand to accept their donation in person. An announcement was made that a Santa’s village would be free and open to all from 5:00 – 8:30 pm tonight.

Donations continued

Several much-needed items were purchased and donated to the Art Gallery at The Shoppes. Glen Anderson was in attendance, and Jane informed him that the Club had purchased forty chairs, a Bissell sweeper/washer, and a hand-held vacuum for the venue.

Adopt-A-Family

Andrea Welch informed the Club that \$6,200.00 has been raised to purchase gift cards for the Adopt-A-Family program. Today will be the last day to make additional donations. Andrea reminded everyone that cash, checks, and Zelle are accepted.

Last year, thirty-two families received gift cards. Forty plus families are expected to receive gift cards this year.

Club Holiday Luncheon

Woodranch Grill will be catering a holiday lunch of tri tip, grilled chicken, and several side dishes at our December General Meeting.

Jane mentioned that each member is required to pay \$10.00 each for the lunch. Bingo volunteers will dine free.

Mission Inn

Jane informed those taking the bus to the Mission Inn that they should arrive at the CHHC parking lot, near the Veterans Monument, by 4:45 pm. The bus will depart at 5:00 pm and leave the Inn at approximately 9:00 pm.

Vice President's Report

Debi shared that the Club had 214 active members at the beginning of the meeting. Four visitors attended, and six new members joined the Club. The membership rose to 220.

Debi reiterated that Sharon Kaye is the chair for the Election Committee this year. Those interested in assisting her should speak with Sharon. The positions of President and Treasurer will be open for election.

Another "Make-A-Child-Smile" event will take place at the Chino Walmart on Wednesday, December 11. Breakfast will be served and those volunteering should arrive by 8:00 am.

Soda can tabs are being collected by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion in Chino.

President's Report

Jane took a few moments to remind the membership that she will not be running for Club President in 2025. She stressed the importance of needing "new blood" in the Club and asked everyone to consider running.

Jane offered details of the activities at the recent Veterans Day event at the CHCC. A solemn remembrance took place at the Memorial, followed by a breakfast which was open to all. Phoebe Frankeberger read a thoughtful veteran-inspired poem for the occasion.

January Soup Potluck

A vote by the membership resulted in a decision to have our traditional soup potluck in January. Members are encouraged to wear their favorite team apparel.

Grace Kramer will circulate a sign-up sheet at the December meeting.

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee called out the following members who are celebrating November birthdays: Jesse Gonzales, Mila Grafilo, Victor Weaver, Sal Avila, Donna Forbes, Jerry Formulak, Mike Havlik, Loren Lillestrand, Diane Stone, Jane Almanza, Tammy Roehl, Janice Ruiz, Miryam White, Judy Klencansky, Rosa Gutierrez, and Debbie McKeon.

Debi and Gabriel Hernandez are celebrating a wedding anniversary in November:

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$287.00 and the Club netted \$143.00. The winners were: Shonnie Mullins, Tammy Roehl and Patti Zaragoza, each of whom won \$47.00.

Lunch Potluck

Following the adjournment of the meeting, members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving potluck buffet.

Next General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, December 20. A lunch, primarily funded by Bingo and catered by Woodranch, will be served.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary