

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
January 24, 2025
REVISED

Officers Present

The Officers present were Vice President, Debi Hernandez, Treasurer, Andrea Welch, Information Officer/Web Administrator, Sharon Stuewe, and Secretary, Judy MacDonald.

President, Jane DeFrank, was absent. Vice President, Debi Hernandez conducted the meeting.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Debi Hernandez at 10:06 am. Military veteran, Victor Weaver, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Minutes from the December 20, 2024 General Meeting were approved by the membership.

City Report

Armando offered the following:

- A “Viva Las Vegas Dance Party” will be held on February 19, 2025, from 6:00 to 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 went on sale Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and are \$15.00 per person.
- The City is offering free tax aide through AARP at the CHCC on February 26, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

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.

Information Officer’s Report

Club member Paul Christensen received a “Vietnam War Commendation” from Congresswoman Norma Torres. A photo of the award was displayed, and the membership acknowledged his service with applause.

A thank-you letter from Adam Barker, Chairperson of Make-A-Child-Smile, was shared by Sharon. In the letter, he thanked all of the 55+ Club volunteers for their help this past Christmas.

Thank you letters and Christmas cards from Adopt-A-Family recipients were displayed on the back table.

Information Officer's Report continued

Sharon is creating a directory on our website to promote members' businesses. Those interested should contact Sharon.

Elections

Sharon Kaye and her team concluded contacting members for nominations. The resulting nominees are:

- Paula Brog – President
- Jesse Gonzales – Treasurer
- Ray Marquez – Treasurer (*As Ray Marquez is currently on the City Council, he is ineligible to run for this position. His name has been removed from nomination.*)

Debbie requested additional nominations, but there were no responses.

The elections are scheduled to take place during the February meeting. Nominees will present brief speeches outlining their qualifications.

Travel Time

Debi and Gabriel Hernandez gave a presentation about their recent trip to Tahiti which included several photos. Members were delighted.

Chuck Haeflinger

Susanne Anderson shared information about Chuck's health and mentioned that he has been moved to Pilgrim's Place in Claremont for further care. Susanne asked that those wishing to visit or communicate with Chuck should first contact George DeFrank.

Mixer

Participants shared their New Year's resolutions for 2025, and the table leaders composed a narrative based on those responses.

Vice President's Report

Debi reminded everyone that next month is our Soup-er Bowl Potluck. Members were reminded to sign up at the tables and bring and label all necessary serving ware with their dishes.

The Club's membership count has reached 229, following the addition of five new members today. We also had seven visitors.

Debi discussed the ongoing need for additional volunteers, especially for Bingo.

Members are urged to bring in more recyclables. Clean aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles (excluding milk bottles) are accepted. Jesse Gonzales suggested using cardboard boxes for bottle collection to prevent cuts. Proceeds will support our bus fund.

Singles Group

Melba Aranda gave a short speech about the Singles Group and what activities they enjoy. There are approximately fifty members who meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the CHCC.

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee called out the following members who are celebrating January birthdays: Rey Gaglio, Alberta Ramirez, Annette Christensen, Judy MacDonald, Peter Sohns, Renee Sylvia, Ron Paden, Ana Mack, Mary Menkus, Susan Gaitan, Sandra Partida, Fran Walsh, Yvonne Lawson, Irene Melendez, Fran Martinez, Jeanette Benson, Rick MacDonald and Diane Adams.

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries are:

- Jane and George DeFrank – 1985
- Jesse and Maria Gonzales - 2019

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$241.00 and the Club netted \$118.25. The winners were: Carol McCormick, Ana Mack, and Chris Bond, each of whom won \$39.25.

Next General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at CHCC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary