

Chino Hills 55+ Club

General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
March 28, 2025

Officers Present - The Officers present were President Paula Brog, Vice President Debi Hernandez, Treasurer Melba Brown, and Information Officer/Web Administrator Sharon Stuewe. Secretary Judy MacDonald was absent.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by President Paula Brog.
Mayor Art Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes - Minutes from the February 28, 2025, General Meeting were approved by the membership.

City Report - Armando offered the following:

- IEHP (Inland Empire Health Plan) will be offering Healthy Heart Management Spring Sessions. They will be one-hour sessions from 11:00 – 12:00 noon on April 4, April 11, and April 18, 2025. The sessions will be held at Chino Hills Community Center in the Cypress Conference Room.
- Summer is fast approaching. He will announce the City Summer Program at the April General Meeting

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.

Special Presentation - Past President Jane DeFrank recognized past Sunshine Committee Chairperson, Loretta Szudy, for her eleven years of service to the Club. Jane stated that Loretta will be missed as Chairperson and she presented Loretta with an Amazon Gift Card.

Treasurers Report - Newly elected Treasurer Melba Brown prepared the March Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025.

Beginning Bank Statement Balance - February 1, 2025	\$9,740.05
Additions - Deposits	\$0.03
Subtractions - Checks Cleared	-\$509.17
Ending Bank Statement Balance - February 28, 2025	\$9,230.91
Subtractions - Checks/Fees Outstanding	-\$604.89
Subtractions - Transportation Fund	-\$3,113.69
Subtractions - Veterans Fund	-\$486.95
Subtractions - Insurance Fund	-\$1,000.00
Subtractions - Website Fund	-\$929.01
Subtractions - Singles Fund	-\$311.96
Subtractions - Adopt A Family Fund	\$0.00
Adjusted Account Balance	\$2,784.41

Recycling Report - Jesse Gonzalez announced that the most recent recycling efforts yielded \$55.

Information Officer's Report - Sharon Stuewe shared highlights of the most recent City Council Meeting.

- County Supervisor Curt Hagman will be sponsoring a free Document Shredding event on March 29th, from 9:00 until noon. Each resident is allowed three boxes of documents

maximum.

- There will be a Free Mulch event to take place on April 5th.
- There will also be a free Waste Management Bulky Item Drop-Off event on April 12th, from 8:00 until noon.
- Sharon suggested that if anyone is interested in these events, it would be beneficial to arrive early, as they sometimes reach limits. These events will take place at The Shoppes Overflow Parking Lot.
- Sharon made an offer to small business owners. If any Club members who are small business owners would like to submit their business card to Sharon, she will add it to our Club website. This may be helpful exposure for those business owners.

Sharon demonstrated how to navigate our Club website where much information can be obtained, such as upcoming meeting information, past meeting minutes, contact info, etc.

Vice President's Report - Debi Hernandez stated that we now have 239 members.

Membership renewals will begin in April at \$15.00 for the year. Renewals will take place at the General Meetings, before the meetings begin and at break time, in April, May, June, and July only. After the July meeting, renewals will only be accepted by mail.

Membership renewals will be accepted via checks in the exact amount or through Zelle. Cash will be accepted ONLY if the exact amount is presented. Debi cannot make change.

Name badges are now \$12.00.

Next month we will celebrate Easter with another Easter Egg Hunt. Each member will be invited to "hunt" for a five-egg maximum. Prizes will include lottery tickets, polo shirts, Bingo coupons.

President's Report - President Paula highlighted that the Club has many diverse committees for members to enjoy and become involved with. The chairpersons of each of the activity groups came forward to introduce themselves.

Susan Gaitan: Walking Group and Sunshine Committee, Donna Hilding: Book Club, Kathy Jackson: Genealogy Group and 50/50 Drawing, Joan Ashlock and Melba Aranda: Singles Group, Ron Kunzi: Veterans Group, George DeFrank: Bingo, Grace Kramer: Hospitality, Jesse Gonzalez: Recycling, Mary Menkus: Membership, Jane DeFrank and Sharon Stuewe: Quilting Group (now run by the city), and Debbie Keller: Scrapbooking (now also run by the city). Debi added that the Crafts Group is not currently meeting as the crafts costs were running high, but she urged members to let her know if any are interested in a restart, as it may be brought back.

Paula reiterated, as from previous meetings, that volunteers are much needed to help run Bingo.

Meeting days and times of each group can be found on the Club website and on the Monthly Activity Sheet provided on each table.

City Council Meeting Proclamation - Veterans Group Chairperson, Ron Kunzi, reported to the membership highlights of the recognition the group received at the March 25th City Council Meeting. Members Ron Kunzi, Paul Christensen, Dennis Frankeberger, George DeFrank, and Art Bennett were seen in a video, from that meeting, being recognized for their service in the Vietnam War. Ron accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the group. It was stated that, as always, "We honor those who returned and always remember those who did not."

Mixer - Jane DeFrank led the mixer in honor of "National Let's Laugh Day". Members moved to different tables to "mix" with other members and share a list of jokes assigned to each table. Each group decided which was their favorite of that list of jokes. One member from each table then shared that favorite joke aloud with the entire membership.

Guest Speaker - Mayor Art Bennett was our guest speaker. He has served Chino Hills for 31 years. He served on the Planning Commission for 14 years. He served one and a half years on the General Planning Advisory Committee and is in his 17th year serving on the Chino Hills City Council.

Art gave the membership a mini "State of the City" report.

He included a city demographic overview, information about residential and commercial developments, fiscal year 2024-25 budget highlights, information on major ongoing projects, information about the emergency preparedness and wildfire meeting held in February, and information on the SaveStation Tower.

He also reminded us of the following upcoming events, (some previously mentioned)

Free Mulch Giveaway at The Shoppes on April 5th.

Free Bulky Item Drop-off event at The Shoppes on April 12th.

Save the Date- State of the City will be held on June 5th. Ticket information will be available in mid-April

National Night Out-August 5th.

National Day of Prayer-May 1st, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the Chino Hills Community Center gazebo.

Members can get more information on these topics by contacting Mayor Bennett at:

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Sunshine Committee - The Sunshine Committee Chairperson Susan Gaitan announced the names of the following members who were celebrating March birthdays and who were present to receive a gift. They were Donna Hilding, Loretta Szudy, LaForest Weaver, Sanaa Abdelgawad, and Susanne Anderson. The membership recognized these members and sang the "Happy Birthday Song" to them.

Those celebrating February wedding anniversaries were:

- Sandra and Richard Kuhn - Anniversary on March 14th.
- Susanne and Glen Anderson - Seventh Anniversary on March 17th.

Susan informed everyone that the Sunshine Committee contacts members for illnesses, losses, injuries, and sends electronic cards for birthdays. She informed us that March's flower is the daffodil which symbolizes rebirth, new beginnings, and the promise of happiness and joy.

Walking Group - Susan Gaitan announced that the Walking Group has begun! They will meet at the community center on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8:30 a.m.

Members may contact Susan at Susan@chinohills55plusclub.org, to get on her email list and to join in.

50/50 - The 50/50 for the month yielded the Club \$101.00. The three winners each won \$33.00.

Those winners were Alwen Jones, Annette Christensen, and Art Bennett. Art announced that he would like to donate his winnings to the Club "coffee fund".

The "running total" from all of the 50/50's for the year, thus far, is \$343.45, being collected for Club trips transportation.

Next General Meeting - The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Chino Hills Community Center.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m., by President Paula who added that the meeting was adjourned in appreciation of all those who served and are serving our country in the military branches.

Members were all invited to meet at Yard House for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Renee Sylvia, Assisting

Judy MacDonald, Secretary