

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
May 23, 2025
Revised

Officers Present

The Officers present were President, Paula Brog, Vice President, Debi Hernandez, Treasurer, Melba Brown, and Information Officer/Web Administrator, Sharon Stuewe.

Officers Absent: Secretary, Judy MacDonald.

Minutes

Minutes from the April 25, 2025, General Meeting were approved by the membership.

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am at the McCoy Barn. Gabe Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Our President, Paula Brog, started by providing an overview of Armed Forces Day. Paula's overview read as follows:

"Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949. The creation of a single day celebration for all five branches of the United States military made sense due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May, this year falling on May 17, 2025."

Paula then introduced three representatives whose organizations were provided with donations by Club, through Bingo funds. The representatives gave an overview of themselves and their organizations. After their presentations, George DeFrank, a member of our Veterans Group, provided checks to the organizations as follows:

- Steve Coute: Chino Valley Young Marines - \$1,000.00
- Renee Jones: American Legion Auxiliary Chino Post 299 - \$4,000.00
- Carlos Taylor, FrontSight Military Outreach - \$5,000.00*.

*This donation was made in memory of our late veteran member, Chuck Haeflinger.

City Report

In light of Armando's absence today, the City Report was not provided.

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

Information Officers Report

Sharon shared that the Bylaws Committee is reviewing the current Bylaws and will present proposed changes at the next meeting.

Sharon mentioned that members can receive discounts during their birthday months if they join the loyalty programs through restaurant apps on their cell phones.

In addition, there are significant benefits and discounts posted on the 55+ Club website. Sharon listed examples of businesses that have participated and outlined the benefits available to our members.

Vice President's Report

Debi Hernandez mentioned that we now have 245 members, with several new ones who have joined us today. She noted that there is a Singles Club and that all single members are welcome who meet the group's requirements.

Membership renewals are underway. Payments can be made via exact cash, check, or Zelle.

President's Report

Paula presented a poem about the U.S. Military and noted that our club is dedicated to serving our community.

The Boys Republic bakery will again be participating in the Farmers Market at The Shoppes. Paula mentioned that the Boy's Republic of Chino Hills is seeking volunteers, and she will provide additional information at next month's meeting.

We stood with Paula to honor our veterans.

Other Volunteer Efforts

We thanked our Hospitality Chair, Grace Kramer, for her efforts at our meetings. The USO was also thanked for their volunteer efforts and were looking for volunteers.

Sal Avila presented an overview and status for Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers are welcome to join this rewarding program for our veterans.

Sunshine Committee

Couples celebrating wedding anniversaries were:

- Annette and Paul Christensen – 42 years on May 20.
- Sylvia Nash and Loren Lillestrand – 23 years on May 25.
- Judy and Rick MacDonald – 51 years on May 4.
- Nan and Ron Paden - 54 years on May 29.

Twenty-seven members celebrated their birthdays this month. The names were called and the membership serenaded them for their birthdays.

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$206.00. The three winners, Jeff Czworniak, Anne Wang, and Susan Aldaco, each netted \$34.00.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 am in memory and appreciation for those veterans who served our country.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on June 27, 2025, at the Community Center.

Lunch

Following adjournment, members met at Papachino's Grill in Chino for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judi Klecansky, CPM (substituting for Judy MacDonald)

Minutes finalized by Judy MacDonald