



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 9, 2025 :: 4:00 PM :: Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse

Attendees

Members Carol Munro, Larry Johnson, Mike Faulkner, Tony Vardaro, Michele Johnson, Curtis Anderson, Anne Anquetil, Gills Anquetil, Victoria Balthazor, Bob Bogart, Eric Chiel, Casey Cornwell, Tim Neiman, Heidi Creighton, David Emery, Steven Feinberg, Claudie Wise, Barbara Gay, Andy Rohrer, Roger Gendron, Peter Hill, Jennifer Hixon, Robert Webster, Terry Johnson, Freddie March, Camille Misrobian, Laura Miller, Paul Rafail, Ginger Semple, Noel Sheldon, Doug Thornberg, David Udell, Lei Udell, Cheryl Vardaro, Connie Wassien, Rob Wassein

Guests Sven Kirsten, Peter Moruzzi

Welcome

Carol Munro welcomed everyone to our annual social event. She thanked the Ocotillo Lodge for hosting us again.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Munro at 4:21 PM. She welcomed everyone, especially all the new people who are joining us for the first time.

Approval of Minutes (emailed in advance)

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2024 General Membership Social Meeting. **The minutes were approved.**

Introductions

Carol asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2025 Twin Palms Modernism Week Tour

Carol reported on our upcoming Modernism Week Home Tour on Monday February 17, 2025. Tickets are selling out very well and it looks likely we will sell out again this year. There will be 6 homes on the tour. Registration will be at the Ocotillo Lodge, where the William Krisel Twin Palms Exhibit will be on display. We still could use a few more volunteers. So we asked those in attendance let us know today if they are interested in volunteering.

Voluntary 2025 Membership Dues

Voluntary membership dues of \$25 are now be accepted for 2025. The membership form is available today on each table and is also on our TPNO website TwinPalmPS.org.

Our Social Media Venues

Members were encouraged to check out our social media venues including website and our Instagram account.

General Membership Spring Meeting

Carol said that the date of our annual Spring general membership meeting will be announced shortly.

Presentation, Keynote Speakers

Before introducing our speakers, Tony Vardaro spoke about the Modernism Week event at the Ocotillo Lodge on February 16, 2025, and said tickets are still available.

Tony then introduced our speakers Sven Kirsten and his co-author of the book "Palm Springs Tiki" Peter Moruzzi.

Sven began by outlining his friendship with Peter. He then discussed the history of tiki and Polynesian culture in the Coachella Valley which was at its peak in the 1950's and 1960's. He particularly focused on the Lahaina Room, which was in the Ocotillo Lodge from 1968 to 1972. His Power Point presentation included dozens of pictures from the book, and a few special pictures that were not included in the book. There was a Q and A session after the presentation.

Tony then introduced David Udal and his family members with him today. David has lived in Twin Palms since the late 1950's. He grew up riding his bike around the neighborhood and watching many of the homes being built. His parents owned and operated the Tiki Spa hotel that welcomed guests for several decades. Michael's House Rehab Center is now operating in the renovated hotel buildings on Camino Real. David shared a number of pictures and the original architectural plans for the hotel. His presentation was followed by a Q and A session.

Adjournment

Carol Munro thanked everyone for attending today. She encouraged everyone to stay and finish the refreshments and take the opportunity to interact with their neighbors. She reminded everyone that our speakers will be autographing their book for anyone who buys or brought a book today.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.