

Hello,

 $\mathsf{W}\mathsf{elcome}$ to Stitch n' Chicks! If you just signed into our site, or are writing for a first time inquiry or just want to know what to expect at one of our crafting meetings, read on. We are more of a club, and here's how the agenda goes.

Generally, it is at *Peris' Restaurant* in their back room or we may be "shakin" it up a bit and trying out a new venue or if it's during the summer months we venture to new venues. When it is at Peris' Restaurant I will try to show up early to get our tables ready. You will see us in the room and a few members may be there with their crafting or yarn out on the table chatting away. Around 5:30pm, all

members start to join us. You're welcome to show up any time around 5:30 pm. We generally knit/crochet/craft until about 8:30 or 9pm.

You can bring any project you're working on, or if you don't have one yet or don't know how to craft, knit, or crochet, just bring some supplies; to Crochet: a "G or H" hook and a skein of 4ply yarn; to Knit: #10 needles and a skein of 4ply yarn. Someone in the club will help you get started. Debb, Diana, Patricia or Carole can help you with your crocheting needs and Maria, Carole or Denise can help you with knitting needs. We also have a cross stitching gal and Denise is our guilter and Pam

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Usually we sit around the table, [always changing seats "Mix it Up" chit-chatting and helping each other while sharing our new project ideas or progress on our old ones. We also share stories of our "frustrating" moments and our glorious victories. I will have an agenda and may hand out flyers for upcoming activities and discuss old and new business. You must order food plus a drink. [It is the agreement we have with our venues, We have *Show n' Tell* time where everyone shares their finished projects, photos are taken, we talk about past and future field trips, and we have a raffle where you can purchase tickets for 25 cents each [items are donated by members] [please do try and donate each meeting to the raffle, even if you are not going to participate, as the \$%\$ from the raffle are used to purchase our "goodie" bags at our parties] We discuss everything from crafting, quilting, knitting, crocheting, or any other crafting projects our members may be working on. We all love to socialize, so chatting is always going on at our meetings. Our age and expertize varies and everyone is welcome. We're all working on individual projects and sometimes we have a few club projects that we work on or our charity projects. We encourage members to participate in making something for one or both of our local charities. We have 2 set Charities that we do each year; *Shoreline Healthcare* on E Anaheim St in Long Beach & the "Snuggles Project," which is for the no-kill *ForeverHome Pet Rescue* for the cats & dogs on Redondo Street, in Long Beach. It's a fun evening with lots of crafting bonding happening.

**We look forward to you joining us at our next meeting!

**Shared idea from the South Bay Knitting group and thoug