CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Maria Sterk	Club: GFWC Women's Club of Cypress	
Number of Members (*per CFWC Yearbook*): 117	District: ORANGE	Area: C
Club Position: TREASURER		
Reporter's Address [redacted]		
City: [redacted]	State [redacted]	Zip [redacted]
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EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO

The GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress has contributed time, talent, and funds to help the community for 57 years. Located in the northwest corner of Orange County, the club provides service and philanthropic opportunities for our membership, including dozens of members who mark either 50, or more than 25 years of membership, multiple past-presidents, and new members each year. Members range in age from 35 to 94 years. The majority are retired and able to be actively involved, with the experienced members mentoring those who are newer or working, helping them to get involved however possible. In addition to financial donations, members volunteer hundreds of hours working on vital projects that impact our local, national, and global communities. Our members are motivated, compassionate, creative, civic minded, infinitely generous, and grateful to give back to others.

Project Title: Reading Discussion Meetings Hours 224 Donated $ 0 In Kind $40

Although the club was "dark" for the summer months, the reading group had a special meeting at one of our reading club members' gardens at a local community garden where she plants and cares for her own vegetables. We made it a picnic, bringing our own bag lunch along with the books we had read. The month before, readers were asked to read a book that discussed gardening, or plants or cooking with plants etc. When we arrived, we first toured the garden and picked tomatoes, cucumbers, onions etc. Our hostess explained that there were different vegetables in the summer than those that grew in the fall or the spring, and she showed us how to control pests in the garden using no chemicals. After our tour, we sat down to lunch and our hostess shared some of the fresh vegetable dishes that she makes. While we ate our "very healthy" lunch, we talked about our books. We were then treated to a reading. Our hostess is also a writer and she shared one of her short stories inspired by her garden; she titled it "Adopt a Garden as Your Child". It was a fun outing filled with wonder and new books to read.