



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Susie Huber		Club: Woman's Club of Orange	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 235		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: 1 st VP/Dean			
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The Woman's Club of Orange has a rich history. Eleven women got together in 1915 and started talking about ways to contribute to the well-being of the community. Our members have been talking ever since—we do that well! Our collective efforts to support each other while raising money to give to community non-profit organizations in need, drive us forward. Our positives include owning our own Clubhouse which just celebrated its 100th Birthday in 2024. At 274 members and counting, we are the largest club in Orange District. Our challenges? The City of Orange has reduced its donations to many non-profit organizations due to budget cuts. To help these organizations, we have increased or maintained our donations to keep them viable. Our members feel strongly about being an active part of our community.

Project Title: Day Trippers

Hours: 700 Donated: 0 In-Kind: 0

Seeing the need for a club section that combined 'field trips' with lunch, Day Trippers was formed. The purpose of this section was to expose members to nearby treasures that they might not know about, as well as to spend a few hours with new and old friends walking and eating. The field trip excursion group has been extremely popular and trips are scheduled for the first Friday each month.

Our members carpool or a bus is rented so it is perfect for members who no longer drive. We have the added benefit of discovering places that are beyond normal range of activities.

Trips this year included: St. Michael's Abbey; the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton; a bird walk through land owned by the Sea & Sage Audubon Society; a walking history tour of the Los Rios Historic District followed by holiday tea at the Tea House on Los Rios, Harrah's Casino, a tour of Heritage Hill Historic Park, archives at the Leatherby Library/Chapman University, the flower fields of Carlsbad and ending with a walking tour of Old Town Orange. All field trips are followed by lunch.

This section quickly grew to the largest section in our club (over 70 members) with rave reviews for each trip. Again, the ability to make new friends and spend a few hours together, outdoors, learning about some of the hidden gems in Orange County has been a welcome addition to our club.

Project Title: Speaker Series

Hours: 165 Donated: 0 In-Kind: 0

2024 was our inaugural year of the "Conversations with Interesting Women" speaker series. We hosted two events and both were open to members and the public.

The first speaker (January) was Dr. Lynda Hall, who gave an informative and interesting presentation about the life and times of Jane Austen and her ever-popular classic novels. In March, Ms. Janet Lang, a docent with OC

Parks Dept, brought to life an influential Orange County woman of the past named Helena Modjeska by sharing her history and accomplishments. Modjeska was a Polish actress who lived locally but performed internationally. Following the Helena Modjeska talk, we were treated to a tour of the Modjeska home, located in the OC area now known as Modjeska Canyon, and later enjoyed lunch at the Silverado Diner, in neighboring Silverado Canyon.

Each speaker presented a one-hour program followed by a Q & A period. Our members and guests truly enjoyed these two very interesting events. By offering these engaging and education activities our club was able to promote our club, the philanthropies we support, and the fun activities we enjoy. We already planning for our 2nd season of "Conversations" in 2025.