



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
**CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET**  
*Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024*

Chairman: Barbara Reynolds	Club: Ebell Club of Irvine	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 16	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: First Vice President		
Reporter's Address:		
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 <b><u>2024 Ebell Club of Irvine: Fundraising</u></b> GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO  		

The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a "model city" as planned by the Irvine Company. Three years later in 1974, the Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service.

In the last 53 years, the City of Irvine has grown to over 314,000 residents and has been named the safest city of its size for more than 18 years. It includes the Orange County Great Park, several museums, 2 universities, and a junior college. Most residents are college graduates; the Irvine Unified School District is highly regarded; and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. As the population of the city has grown, the number of volunteer organizations has also multiplied. Unlike many single focus non-profits, our club offers members a diverse approach to volunteering and has held steady over the years averaging about 16 energetic members who are proud to be federated and making a difference in the Irvine community.

**Project Title: Garage Sales      Hours 130      Donated \$ 0      In Kind \$ 0**

This year two garage sales, one in Spring and one in Fall, were held in coordination with a realtor's community garage sales so there were no advertising expenses. Members were asked to clean out their closets and bring items to be sold to our Garage Sales Chair's home by the night before the sale. Those donating items were asked to put a price on each item before dropping it off. At 6 a.m. on the mornings of each sale, three members set up the goods, priced untagged items, and worked the first shift. Sales began at 7 a.m. At 9 a.m. 3 more members arrived. At 11 a.m., a fresh crew arrived to staff the sale and close-up at 1 p.m. Those who worked the closing got all unsold items boxed to be picked up by the Salvation Army. \$905 was the combined amount raised.

**Project Title: Mary's Path Fundraiser      Hours 30      Donated \$0      In Kind \$0**

Mary's Path is a nationally accredited short-term residency therapeutic program facility serving pregnant and parenting teen mothers under age 21. One member hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner for 17 raise money for Mary's Path, charging "suspects" \$ to attend. An additional \$5 was earned from tips collected at the hosted bar so \$405 was raised.

**Project Title: Jeffrey Open Space Trail Hours 3 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

The Jeffrey Open Space Trail is a 3-mile-long park/trail which is beautifully planted with grasses, shrubs, border plantings, and trees. Over the last 16 years the Ebell Club of Irvine has worked with the City of Irvine's JOST landscape manager to identify plants for signage and then collect funds to purchase and install the signs. Each sign identifies the plant's common name, botanical name, and sponsor. In 2024 we raised \$296 from sponsors to add to the funds collected at the end of 2023. This year the club "planted" 8 new signs.

**Project Title: Recycling Containers for CRV Hours 120 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0**

In 2024 club members have continued to recycle both plastic and glass bottles as well as aluminum cans. Club members collect their recyclables at home and from friends and family members. Once they have a couple of large trash bags full, they drop the recyclables off at the Chairman's home. The chair sorts the containers and bags them for the trip to the recycler. The light-weight bottles are separated from the heavier plastic containers and counted out into bags of 50 to get a nickel back per bottle. Since the heavies bring in more than a nickel when recycled by weight, they go into large bags filled to the max. Cans are also all counted into sets of 50 to net 5 cents a can. Since most recyclers will only allow 1 bag of counted bottles and 1 bag of aluminum cans per visit, the chair hits the recycling centers multiple times a month to maximize our income from this "planet helping" fundraiser. \$373 was raised.

**Project Title: Dining for Dollars Hours 45 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

A member organized 4 Dine-out Days this year at 4 Irvine restaurants that donate 20% back to the non-profit. Our member set up the dates and printed flyers for our members and their guests to use. Each event averaged about 12 members/guests. This is another painless, enjoyable way to socialize and raise funds for our club's projects. \$569 was raised.

**Project Title: Support for St. Teresa's Orphanage Hours 4 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

The Chairman for the club's annual Angel Tree for St. Teresa's Orphanage and School collected cash donations to be given to the school to help support the ten orphaned girls living there. The money was delivered in December when a group of 10 volunteers drove the 157 gifts collected by the Angel Tree Project to St. Teresa's in Ensenada, Mexico. \$2373 was raised.

**Project Title Donations for Philanthropy Hours 1 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

Three members of the club donated cash to be used for whatever philanthropy project the club members decided. \$458 was raised.

**Project Title: Cuddle Quilts for Human Options Hour 1 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

This year the Tustin Exchange Club donated \$1000 to help us continue to create cuddle quilts for Human Options, a non-profit providing temporary housing and support for victims of domestic abuse. We also received four others donations from community members who value our project. The funds are used to purchase the supplies. Altogether \$1268 was raised and a former sewer donated fabric worth \$50.

**Project Title: Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Hours 5 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

In addition to the \$100 budgeted by the club for this project, another \$125 was raised from members to purchase gifts and gift cards for the parents and two children.

**Project Title: Kroger Community Rewards Program Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

Six members have registered with Ralph's grocery store of the Kroger Family of Stores Community Contributions Program. Through this program our club receives quarterly checks that equal 1% of the items purchased during the quarter. There are specific items that are not included: milk products, alcohol, tobacco products, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery, CRV, and sales tax. This program is a painless way to earn money for the club since we all shop and need groceries. All members were encouraged to participate, but some have chosen to earn money for other charities, such as their church or grandchild's school. We are trying to increase participation in this fundraiser by asking friends and family who shop at Ralph's to register and designate The Ebell Club of Irvine as their organization. \$102 was raised.

**Project Title: Penny Pines Fund Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

Penny Pines is a project done in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service. Each \$68 donation goes for planting an acre of seedlings in a national forest. At each general meeting, donations are collected by the Penny Pines Chair, counted, and turned in to the Treasurer. Once a year we send a \$68 check to the Forest Service for seedlings for the Cleveland Forest. This year \$85 was raised at club meetings.