



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

Chairman: Maria E Sterk		Club: GFWC Women's Club Cypress	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 107		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position:			
Reporter's Address:			
City: Cypress		State: CA	Zip: 90630
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ESO- Epsilon Sigma Omicron GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO			

The GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress has proudly served the community for 58 years, dedicating time, talent, and resources to making a meaningful impact. Situated in the northwest corner of Orange County, the club offers service and philanthropic opportunities to its diverse membership, with a shared goal of being both a voice and a helping hand in the community and the communities around us.

Our membership includes long-standing members with over 50 years of involvement, along with numerous past presidents, and new members joining annually. Members, ranging in age from 35 to 94, bring a wealth of experience and energy to the club. While many are retired and actively engaged, seasoned members mentor newer or working members, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to contribute meaningfully.

Beyond financial contributions, members volunteer hundreds of hours annually, supporting vital projects that benefit local, national, and global communities. Together, we work toward lasting change, continually upholding our mission of service, empowerment, and fostering a stronger, more connected community.

The ESO Reading Group celebrates the timeless art of reading, bringing members together in a shared love for books in a world increasingly dominated by video and digital media. By turning back to the pages of a good book, we reconnect with stories, ideas, and each other, fostering a sense of community and intellectual curiosity. Our gatherings not only keep the joy of reading alive but also create a space where members can share their insights and experiences, proving that the power of a book is as vibrant as ever.

Project Title: Reading Group Discussion Sessions Hours 220 Donated \$150 In Kind \$225

For the past seventeen years the ESO club section has seen one chairman, and a continuing membership of 14. True, due to death and members moving away, we have lost some members, but each year a few new members join and many claim it is one of the most relaxing things they do. They love to read and even if they do not wish to follow all ESO proposed levels reading, they still want to join. This chairman encourages reading in any form, be it following ESO format or not. They love to read and even if they do not wish to follow all ESO proposed levels reading, they still want to join. This chairman encourages reading in any form, be it following ESO format or not. Once a month the meetings held bring the members together to share what they have read. They donate the books read and in order to expand reading interest in our club this ESO chairman takes those books to the general club meeting and offers them free of charge to anyone interested. The one or two books left after the meeting ends are then donated to the local library to sell in their book nook. Other club members added to our library donation and a total of 98 hard bound books, 109 paperbacks and 55 children's books and 10 books on CD were donated to the local library.

This fall we learned of the veteran's hospital women's reading group. They all read the same book each month. The hospital provides the books and were looking for sponsors to help them buy books for some of the members who could not buy them. The ESO members requested \$150 from the club budget to donate to this worthy cause.

This year each member read an average of 18 books per month or about 2,808 books for the year for the 14 members. Most members reported reading one to two hours daily totaling some 10,220 hours per year for the entire reading group.