



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

Chairman: Cathy Aiken		Club: Yorba Linda Woman's Club	
Number of Members: 97		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Environment Chairperson			
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]			
City: [REDACTED]		State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
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<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Yorba Linda has a small-town feel and is known as the Land of Gracious Living. In 1912, the Yorba Linda Woman's Club was founded by a group of motivated women, whose inspiration was boundless and was matched only by their faith in their ability to accomplish good things for their community. To this day, they follow their Mission Statement: *We are a diverse organization working to promote civic, philanthropic, cultural, and educational interests within our community through the spirit of volunteerism.*

Project Title: Canine Companions **Hours:** 118 **Donated:** \$643.41 **In Kind:** \$165.00

Yorba Linda Woman's Club (YLWC) is going to the dogs....Canine Companions that is! Canine Companions (CC) is a General Federation of Women's Clubs International (GFWC) affiliate charity. In the United States, 1 out of 4 people have a disability. CC has helped over 70,000 people by giving them trained dogs. The dogs have temperament testing, basic training and then some specific skill training. The dogs are then matched with the personalities of the individual. The dogs assist people with auditory or physical disabilities, as well as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This year, the call went out from the GFWC to make dog beds for these valuable canines. Our Sew Kind sewing group prepared all of the fleece beds so the club members could tie them at our club meeting. In October, YLWC made 10 beds and additionally, our generous club members collected 22 indestructible dog toys for them. In addition, the club donated \$200.00 to their *Dogfest*, which went to two graduating dog teams consisting of 4 dogs each. Finally, a call went out asking for help sponsoring a puppy for a year. We chose Scarlett, a yellow Labrador, and CC will send us a monthly email keeping us updated on her progress.

Project Title: Orange County Waste and Recycling **Hours:** 55 **Donated:** \$0 **In Kind:** \$0

With the new state law, SB1383, there was a lot of confusion. The state wants to reduce all organic material disposed of by 75% by the year 2025. The chairperson asked the Orange County Waste and Recycling to come speak with our club members about this matter and how we, as individuals, can implement it. The speaker was very informative and interesting.

Project: Orange County Animal Care Center **Hours:** 16 **Donated:** \$0 **In Kind:** \$356.00

Our winter was bitterly cold. Our Orange County Animal Care Center needed some bedding for their housed cats and dogs. A call went out to our big-hearted club members and we collected a SUV full of blankets and towels.

Project: Hummingbirds in our Town **Hours:** 26 **Donated:** \$0 **In Kind:** \$0

A local writer of nature books for children was asked to speak to YLWC about the care of hummingbirds in our backyards. She lectured about their needs and showed us photographs of the hummingbird family in her yard. In addition, she told us what trees and plants to landscape our yards to welcome these tiny birds to them. Hummingbirds are important to our environment because they are pollinators to specific plants just like bees and other pollinators.

Project: Kind News **Hours:** 3 **Donated** \$90.00 **In Kind:** \$0

The eight page magazine, Kind News, has been sent to a grade level consisting of 3 classrooms of second graders, at a Title I school in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District this year. Kind News was started by the Humane Society of the United States but is currently published by Red Rover. Their purpose remains the same. The purpose of this magazine is to help students understand and respect animals, encourage empathy as well as critical thinking, and to motivate children to take action for animals. And maybe we'll raise some conservationists in our future?

Project: Penny Pines **Hours:** 2 **Donated:** \$340.00 **In Kind:** \$0

Penny Pines is the chairperson's favorite non-profit charity. In looking at YLWC's history, we have been donating annually for many, many years. The Penny Pines reforests our National Forests by planting an acre of pine tree seedlings for every \$68.00. This year the YLWC donated 5 acres. Every year, we lose pine trees to bark beetles, drought, fire, and old age. Pine trees are an important part of our environment, as they provide homes for animals and insects, soil retention, shade, and oxygen.

Project: Recycle Batteries **Hours:** 12 **Donated:** \$0 **In Kind:** 25 pounds of dead batteries

While this may not be a glamorous project, it is very necessary. Dead batteries contain heavy metals which leach into our ground water. By collecting them and handing them over to our North Orange County Hazardous Materials Depot, they are disposed of safely.

Project: Ronald McDonald House of Orange County **Hours:** 6 **Donated:** \$100.00 **In Kind:** \$0

Our Ronald McDonald House is still undergoing remodeling but they continue to provide family housing for \$10.00 a day at nearby motels, as well as food and emotional support. No family is ever turned away while their child is receiving treatment at our Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

Project: Pacific Marine Mammal Care Center **Hours:** 6 **Donated:** \$100 **In Kind:** \$0

El Nino is coming again this year and with it brings danger to the sea lions. Their food source, small fish and plankton go deeper in the ocean as the water heats up, and the sea lions can't swim to that depth and begin to starve. The Pacific Marine Mammal Care Center (PMMCC) provides health care to these sick sea lions and, when they are well again, returns them to the Pacific Ocean. PMMCC will use our donation for food, medicines, and doctors to get these marine mammals back to good health.