

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

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Veronica Gonzalez		
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 <i>CFWC Yearbook</i>): 89	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Environment Chairman		
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ENVIRONMENT		

Rossmoor/Los Alamitos and Seal Beach communities have a combined population of 46,860 and take up about 18 miles near the Pacific Ocean coast just inside the North Orange County border. The Rossmoor

Woman's Club has been serving the Rossmoor Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Long Beach and surrounding areas since March 1958. The Club gives women of all ages a place to foster their talents and friendships while serving the community. We are a very active philanthropic organization contributing to the educational, social, business and cultural life of the community. Our President's message for this year is Giving and Growing.

Project Title: Food Finders Hours: 86 Donated: \$100 In Kind: \$50

Food recycling serves as a dual solution to food insecurity and environmental conservation, a practice that has gained momentum throughout 2024. By redistributing surplus or unused food through the Food Finders organization in Los Alamitos, we not only help those in need but also mitigate the environmental consequences associated with food production and waste. The Rossmoor Woman's Club actively participates in this initiative volunteering bi-monthly to sort and pack food at the Food Finders facility, ensuring it reaches local schools and non-profits for distribution to families in need. This year, 36 members contributed their time to support this vital project.

Project Title: Tree Regeneration Hours 10 Donated: \$50 In Kind: \$0

The significance of trees is immense as they supply oxygen, food and shelter while mitigating climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide through photosynthesis. RWC hosted a silent auction featuring seedlings such as apple, trees, tulip poplars, flower dogwoods and wildflowers to support tree growth and also to support bees and other pollinators.

Project Title: Battery Recycling Hours: 10 Donated: \$ 0 In Kind: \$ 0

Recycling batteries is essential to help conserve natural resources by recovering valuable materials such as lead, nickel and cobalt, which can be reused in new batteries. It also reduces environmental pollution by preventing hazardous substances found in batteries from contaminating soil and water. Furthermore, it contributes to energy savings, as the recycling processes require less energy compared to producing new materi-

als from raw resources. The Rossmoor Woman's Club has recycled 1404 batteries in 2024 and will continue this valuable project in 2025.

Project Title: Mitigating Junk Mail ... It Works! Hours: 10 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

In 2023, a presentation was done on how we all can lessen the amount of junk mail we receive. Three websites were given to all members whereby one can decrease the amount of junk mail. These websites were: OptOutPrescreen.com, DMAchoice.org, and catalogchoice.org. I had collected 14.5 pounds of junk mail in one month and brought it to the meeting. I decided 9 months later to see if it really worked. So I collected again for one month and it weighed in at 2.3 pounds! The result was amazing; down 12.2 pounds of junk mail. Many of our members then requested these websites again as it was proof positive that it worked.