



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

Chairman: Barbara George		Club: Tustin Area Woman's Club	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 70		District: Orange District	Area: C
Club Position: 3 rd VP/Ways and Means			
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GFWC Advancement Plan – Fundraising and Development <hr/> Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Founded in the 1800s, Tustin, California, maintains a strong legacy of community involvement. The Tustin Area Woman's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs since 1958, is a dedicated force for community service and philanthropy. Our all-volunteer team, driven by a rich history of commitment, works passionately to improve the quality of life locally and beyond. Central to our mission is a robust scholarship program supporting local students in their pursuit of higher education and technical training. Beyond academics, we collaborate with foundations and fellow philanthropic organizations, addressing the essential needs of displaced teens, seniors, veterans, and animals. Our leadership actively cultivates connections with sister clubs, showcasing the power of collaboration in our ongoing efforts for positive community transformation.

Project Title: Match Challenge **Hours** 18 **Donated \$** 3000 **In Kind** \$0

The Tustin Area Woman's Club is fortunate to experience overwhelming generosity from its members and their families. In a particularly impactful instance, Barbara George's mother has graciously stepped forward, offering to match donations to the Tustin Area Woman's Club up to a substantial amount of \$3000. This incredible matching initiative creates a unique opportunity for the community to amplify their contributions, effectively doubling the impact of their generosity. This generous match extends until December of the year, providing a timeframe for members and supporters to make their donations count even more. Barbara George's mother's commitment exemplifies the spirit of community and collaboration within the Tustin Area Woman's Club, further fueling the club's ability to make a positive impact. Tustin Area Woman's Club raised \$3160 and with the \$3000 match challenge that netted a total of \$6160.

Project Title: Re-gift Fundraiser **Hours** 10 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind** \$250

Tustin Area Woman's Club has found a delightful way to share the joy of thoughtful gifts we receive but may not personally need or desire. In an annual tradition, the club hosts a re-gift auction during the January general meeting. Members bring in their surplus gifts, creating a unique opportunity for giving and receiving within the community. Led by Barbara and her dedicated team of five volunteers, the setup involves arranging the items, providing auction sheets, and facilitating the bidding process. At a specified time, the final bids are closed, winners are determined, and the gifts find new homes. Any item not bid upon is gracefully returned to its original owner. This engaging event, attended by around 45 members on average, not only fosters a sense of camaraderie but also ensures that these thoughtful gifts find appreciative recipients. The detailed prep work, including creating flyers, setting up tables, and delivering items, underscores the club's commitment to making the re-gift auction a seamless and enjoyable experience for all involved. Tustin Area Woman's Club raised \$402.

Project Title: Cooking with Barbara Class **Hours** 40 **Donated** \$220 **In Kind** \$0

The Tustin Area Woman's Club is privileged to have the support of the talented entrepreneur Barbara George. Serving as the 3rd Vice President and Ways and Means Chair, Barbara, also a Pampered Chef consultant, generously opens her home for interested members to attend exclusive cooking demonstrations. For a fee of \$20 per attendee, participants not only enjoy the culinary experience but also can purchase high-quality Pampered Chef products. Barbara goes above and beyond by not only donating the cost of entrance but also contributing her commission on any sales directly to the Tustin Area Woman's Club. The recent cooking class, attended by 11 members and supported by a dedicated volunteer, not only provided a delightful culinary experience but also contributed to the club's fundraising efforts, which raised \$700. Barbara's commitment and entrepreneurial spirit significantly enrich the club's initiatives and community engagement.

Project Title: Dine In/Dine Out Hours 36 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$0

The Tustin Area Woman's Club has forged valuable partnerships with local restaurants, creating a win-win scenario for our members and the community. Through these collaborations, our members enjoy a percentage of the proceeds from their dining bills. Each event features a designated flyer accepted by the restaurant, ensuring proper credit towards the diner's bill. The committee chair proactively contacts local restaurants to present this unique opportunity for members to contribute to the club's funds simply by dining out. In 2023, we successfully hosted two Dine In/Dine Out events at Black Angus, Friends Café, The Stand and Tutto Fresco in a combined total of \$243 donated to the Tustin Area Woman's Club. These initiatives not only provide financial support for the club but also encourage members to invite family and friends, fostering a sense of community engagement and support for local businesses.

Project Title: Jewelry Auction Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$100

The Tustin Area Woman's Club embraced a unique and personal approach to recycling by combining it with an auction for our members. In a creative endeavor, members sifted through their jewelry boxes to unearth treasures they no longer desired, generously donating them to the auction. This thoughtful initiative allowed members to declutter their collections and provided these pieces with a chance for a new life with someone who would appreciate them. Ten generous contributors participated in this jewelry recycling process, and the auction took place during the club's regular meeting in February 2023. This event not only showcased the spirit of giving within our community but also added a touch of excitement to our regular gatherings, creating a memorable and meaningful experience for all involved. Tustin Area Woman's Club raised \$250.

Project Title: Baskets of Fun Hours 8 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$110

The Tustin Area Woman's Club is always on the lookout for enjoyable ways to raise extra funds during meetings, where a large number of members are likely to be present. A creative approach involves donated baskets filled with items carefully chosen by participants. The process is simple yet engaging, tickets are sold, and each basket on display has a designated bag. Members purchase tickets and place them in the bags of the baskets that captivate their interest. As the meeting concludes, tickets are drawn from the bags, revealing the lucky winners of the coveted baskets. This interactive and lively fundraising method not only adds a fun element to the meetings but also generates additional financial support for the club's initiatives. It's a win-win, combining the excitement of chance with the satisfaction of contributing to the club's goals. Tustin Area Woman's Club raised \$285.

Project Title: Section Bunco Hours 20 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$0

The Tustin Area Woman's Club has initiated a section that doubles as a small fundraiser. The members are invited to play the game at someone's home, paying for entrance to offset the winnings and provide a donation to support the club. There were 3 bunco events in 2023. On average 11 members attend each event. Each person pays \$15 to participate. After the winnings are divided, Tustin Area Woman's Club and benefited by \$374.

Project Title: Quartermania Hours 26 Donated \$0 In Kind Donation \$80

Tustin Area Woman's Club has found a popular and engaging fundraising activity with the Quartermanias! The excitement of bidding for prizes using quarters creates a lively atmosphere. Holding two Quartermanias in 2023 shows enthusiasm and support from the members. Once a venue is secured, the partner vendor handles the details with the restaurant. Flyers are created, and a signup sheet is available at the meetings with the details of the event, including ticket cost. Ticket costs don't include lunch, allowing members the flexibility to purchase lunch at local restaurants where the events are typically held. This approach not only supports the local community but also adds to the overall experience of the Quartermanias. It is a fun way to combine fundraising with a fun social event. Tustin Area Woman's Club raised \$1595.

Project Title: Friendship Tea Hours 200 Donated \$0 In Kind Donation \$150

The Tustin Area Woman's Club initially aimed to foster connections and encourage participation among members through informational speeches by the serving board during the annual Tea. Over time, this event has transformed into a successful fundraiser and membership drive. Today, members eagerly sign up to host tables, showcasing their creativity by decorating them with themes of their choice. Inviting friends and other members to join, the Tea has become a fantastic way to broaden the club's reach in a personal and inviting manner.

The Tea Committee plays a pivotal role, handling everything from creating invitations and finding the venue to arranging food, providing entertainment, and coordinating a teen volunteer group for service. The planning process begins a year in advance, with early venue selection and regular meetings to review activities and budget. Led by the club's 3rd VP/Ways and Means and co-chaired by an experienced member, the approximately 10 committee members contribute to the event's success.

In addition to the delightful atmosphere, a silent auction is incorporated into the day's events. Donations for the auction come from members, and the proceeds contribute to the Scholarship fund. This transformation of Tea showcases the club's adaptability and its commitment to not only fostering connections among members but also making a positive impact in the community through fundraising efforts. \$5601 was raised.

Project Title: FunDrive with Saver's Thrift Store Hours 150 Donated \$0 In Kind \$ 600

Tustin Area Woman's Club collaborated with Saver's Thrift Store in a unique project to collect clean clothing, textiles, and small household goods for resale. The initiative aimed to declutter members' homes, promote recycling, and support small businesses in less affluent countries. While 30% of our members participated, logistical challenges were overcome as items were picked up, packaged, and delivered as directed by Saver's Thrift Store. Although not highly lucrative, the fundraiser served as a meaningful exercise in environmental conservation and fostering success for small businesses. Tustin Area Woman's Club raised \$320.

Project Title: See's Candy Fundraiser Hours 6 Donated \$0 In Kind \$0

Tustin Area Woman's Club initiated a See's Candy Fundraiser in December, strategically aligning with the gift-giving season. Utilizing an online storefront provided by See's Candy, members were invited to effortlessly purchase candy and gift cards. While the process is predominantly passive for the club, the focus is on effectively communicating and encouraging members to utilize the convenient online store. \$140 was raised.