



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

Chairman: Lorena Bartlett	Club: Rossmoor Woman's Club	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 102	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Treasurer		
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WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER		

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 Women'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 "No Task is too Small to Make an Impact".

ROSSMOOR WOMEN'S CLUB

HOURS: 40

DONATED \$: 0 IN-KIND \$: 0

HISTORY PROJECT

I began my Rossmoor Women's Club History Project with the sole purpose of researching the history of our two largest fundraisers, the Garden Tour and the Holiday Home Tour. I decided the best history of these events would be found in our Redbooks (Yearbooks). I began only wanting to know when we started each tour and what were the net earnings of each. As I started going through the Redbooks, I became intrigued with the wealth of information I found: the history of members, sections, special events, etc. I had started with one goal in mind and ended with so many unexpected riches..

After completing my initial perusal of the Redbooks, I interviewed many members about their remembrances of Rossmoor Women's Club. One member, Charlotte, who is 105 years old, shared her memories and we even video recorded it. I also interviewed Barbara who had been a member for 58 years. Soon many members were contacting me wanting to share information and photographs.

I had a wealth of information but what was I going to do with it? Rossmoor Women's Club celebrated its 65-year anniversary in March 2023. So, we decided to use this information as a presentation in honor of our anniversary. I knew what our earnings were for our two fundraisers, but wait! How much had we contributed to the community since 1958? Back to each of the 65 Redbooks once again.

I was hoping for a BIG number, and I was not disappointed. On September 20th, 2023, at our General Meeting we presented "Rossmoor Women's Club Celebrating 65 years of Service." There was a power point presentation including interesting facts found in the Redbooks, our Newsletters, pictures and past president's books...a wealth of history. Charlotte's video, a song by Lina (a 48 year member) which she performed for us in 1968, a Rossmoor Women's Club pen for each

member and the presentation of Orange District Pins for members serving from 25 years to 60 years.

My project did not end there. The Club now has a file cabinet in our storage unit that is exclusively dedicated to storing Rossmoor Women's Club history. It is organized with a file for each year from 1958 through the current year. Each folder contains the Redbook for that year, a bound book of our Board meetings, newsworthy articles, Newsletters, and a copy of the Garden Tour and Holiday Home tour ticket book. Now all of our history is organized and will always be at our fingertips.

As each new member is welcomed into the club, they also receive a handout of our amazing history and accomplishments.

Below are the most recent facts of which we are proudest

GARDEN TOUR 19 YEARS (2004) \$193,286 NET INCOME

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 37 YEARS (1986) \$683,626 NET INCOME

EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY DONATIONS FROM 1958 TO PRESENT

\$1,079,804