



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

Chairman: Irene Iverson		Club: Ebell Club of Irvine	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 16		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Education Chair			
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<b><u>2024 Ebell Club of Irvine; Education and Libraries</u></b> GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO			

The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a "model city" as planned by the Irvine Company. Three years later in 1974, the Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service.

In the last 53 years, the City of Irvine has grown to over 314,000 residents and has been named the safest city of its size for more than 18 years. It includes the Orange County Great Park, several museums, 2 universities, and a junior college. Most residents are college graduates; the Irvine Unified School District is highly regarded; and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. As the population of the city has grown, the number of volunteer organizations has also multiplied. Unlike many single focus non-profits, our club offers members a diverse approach to volunteering and has held steady over the years averaging about 16 energetic members who are proud to be federated and making a difference in the Irvine community.

**Project Title: Children's Library Hours 3 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 72**

Families Forward in an Irvine based non-profit organization which provides temporary housing and counseling for its clients. They recently expanded their program to another city increasing the number of families they serve. One member who frequently chairs our other projects for Families Forward asked if they would be interested in increasing their children's library. We gave them 120 books last year. They came back with a very positive response. This year 5 members collected an additional 25 books from families and friends for our member to deliver to their office.

**Project Title: Book Exchange Hours 20 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

To increase and encourage the love of reading, our Book Exchange Chair, who also belongs Tustin Area Woman's Club, initiated a book exchange program. The members of both clubs bring books they have enjoyed to their respective general meetings to be shared first with their own members and then passed on to the sister club. In this manner each club gets a fresh supply of good books monthly. Once a book has been read by all interested, it is next donated to a Friends of the Library book store.

**Project Title: Donate Used Books Hours 15 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 106**

In addition to the Book Exchange books going to the Friends of the Library at Heritage Park Library, our members have also taken books they have finished reading to be resold for the benefit of our local library. In 2024 we have given the Friends of the Library 53 books.

**Project Title: Children's Water Education Hours 20 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

The Orange County Children's Water Education Festival is the largest water festival of its kind in the United States. It educates 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students about local water issues and the environment, helping the students understand how they can protect Earth's water supplies. Each classroom of students is led by their teacher to 5 different stations, following a schedule included in the Check-in Packet. This year four members staffed the check-in table for registered schools. We gave each teacher their class's booth rotation schedule, a map of the festival grounds, and a large sack containing everything the children would need that day to navigate to the booths on the UCI campus.