



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

Chairman: Veronica Gonzalez	Club: Rossmoor Women's Club	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 102	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Legislation Chairman		
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LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY		

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 "No Task is too Small to Make an Impact"

GFWC LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER HOURS: 10 DONATED \$: 0 IN-KIND \$: 0

It is important to recognize the GFWC Legislative Action Center that has been central to our support of the legislation covering the rights of women, children, food insecurities, and climate change for the past year. It provides a centralized hub for members of the GFWC clubs to stay informed about relevant legislative issues and take action on them. It allows members to easily access information about pending legislation, contact their elected officials, and advocate for causes that are important to the organization. By using the center, GFWC members can have a direct impact on the legislative process and work towards creating positive change in their communities and beyond.

We now have more than 40 Rossmoor Woman's club members who are receiving legislative alerts for GFWC to support these issues.

LEGISLATION IS KEY TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

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Climate change is an existential crisis that demands immediate action from us all. As we have all experienced in this past year, the dire consequences of rising temperatures and extreme weather patterns are becoming ever more apparent. It is crucial for us as individuals to join forces and engender change at various levels. The importance of writing to representatives, implementing lobbying and activist efforts focused on corporations is now paramount in our effort to mitigate these extreme weather patterns.

H.R. 957- PROTECTING MOMS AND BABIES AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE ACT

HOURS: 10

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This bill establishes grants and directs other activities to address health risks associated with climate change, particularly for members of racial and ethnic minority groups pregnant or postpartum individuals, and children younger than age three. Specifically, the Department of Health and Welfare and Human Services (HHS) must establish a program to award grants to partnerships of community-based organizations and other entities to identify and address climate-change-related risks to these individuals at a county level.

H.R. 6552 RE-AUTHORIZATION OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

HOURS: 10

DONATED \$: 0

IN-KIND \$: 0

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 is a crucial piece of legislation aimed at combating human trafficking and assisting its victims. The re-authorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 aims to continue and strengthen efforts to combat human trafficking, provide support and protections for survivors, enhance prevention efforts, and increase prosecution of traffickers.

All of this information was presented and discussed during our 2023 club year. I wrote articles for our monthly newsletter and spoke at our monthly meetings encouraging members to call and write their local and state representatives. I gave them the names and phone numbers to all of these elected officials. Then I would have a contest for those members who “took action”. Their name would go into a drawing and a winner was picked, affording them a nice gift. The contests increased their knowledge and energy and made a sometimes boring subject fun.