



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2019

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<i>Number of Members in Club according to the CFWC Yearbook:</i> 20			
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Education Community Service Program			

The Ebell Club of Irvine, located in southern California, Orange County, was founded and federated in 1974. The city has a population of over 280,000. It is an affluent community with most residents college graduates, a highly regarded school district, and a population of a diverse mixture of cultures. With 20 members, 3 are employed and the rest retired. We are a group proud to be members of the Federation and all we accomplish in each community service department every year despite our small group.

Project: Schools Support **Hours:** 72 **Donated:** -0- **In Kind:** -0-

Due to increasing cutbacks in funding for education, our club chose to support schools in our district in several different ways. We collected General Mills Box Tops For Education for an elementary school. The 118 box tops that were collected were used by the principal to get books to give to students who are sent to the office for exceptional good behavior. We donated Dr. Seuss books to an Irvine school in need of books. This is further explained in this report. Five members helped a local school stuffing 600 packets for their annual Jog-A-Thon. We also took part in the READ ACROSS AMERICA project. Several members read to children on the designated day. We spent 50 hours on these last 2 projects.

Project: Public Library Support **Hours:** 166 **Donated:** -0- **In Kind:** -0-

Our members support the Irvine public libraries by donating books to the Friends of the Library Guilds that operate the used book stores. Members used to bring their hardback and paperback books to our meetings when they have finished reading them. Due to this project, one of our members is a member of Friends of the Heritage Library volunteering weekly at the store.

Project: Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership **Hours:** 6 **Donated:** \$225 **In Kind:** -0-

The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership organization is dedicated to inspiring youth to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. We supported them in the past and wanted to do so again. The chairman contacted 6 people from GF to District. No one returned her call or knew anything. Then one day our president received a letter requesting a donation. Schools select a sophomore and there is no cost to the student. We donated part of the registration fee. The seminar will be held in our County in June.

Project: Dr. Seuss Books **Hours: 7** **Donated: -0-** **In Kind: \$206.22**

One of GF's Grant Initiatives is to promote literacy by nationally donating 1,000 new Dr. Seuss books. We donated 3 books to our District which will go to CHOC. Also, one member searched the Web to find the best available for the money budgeted. We bought 28 hardcover books. We labeled each book, indicating the books were donated by our club. In March, Dr. Seuss' birthday, we donated them to a local school with the smallest library in the Irvine School District. A sixth grader video interviewed our president and chairman for the school website and FACEBOOK.

Project: Book Clubs **Hours: 80** **Donated: -0-** **In Kind: -0-**

Book clubs are a way of continuing to expand our literacy and see things through the eyes of others. Eight members belong to several community book clubs that meet monthly to discuss plots, character development and writing styles. Each book club member takes a turn at selecting the next book and leading the discussion when hosting the meeting. Everyone's perspective is broadened by reading a variety of books she herself would perhaps never select.

Project: Youth Music Education Program **Hours: 28** **Donated: \$200** **In Kind: -0-**

Each year the Philharmonic Society works with local interior designers to transform a home into a showcase home. Tickets to view the house are then sold to raise funds for their youth music education programs. Yearly these programs reach nearly 150,000 students from kindergarten through high school. These presentations are offered at no charge by professional musicians and trained docents to public and private schools. Five members and a husband purchased tickets at \$40 each and toured the house in support of music education in our school.

Project: Concordia Challenge **Hours: 18** **Donated: -0-** **In Kind: -0-**

A four-day speech and debate tournament was held for home-schooled middle and high school students at Concordia University. They invited our club members to participate as community judges. In the past, three members participated but this year only one member was able to do so. The experience was so positive that we encouraged other members to plan to support this event this coming year. This year there were over 400 students who participated from 9 different states.

Project: Literacy **Hours: 96** **Donated: \$100** **In Kind: -0-**

One member is a volunteer for the South Coast Literacy Council. She spends 8 hours a month as a Center Director for 2 locations. The council was formed in 1970 offering free ESL (English As A Second Language) classes. Students and tutors meet in small classes or on a one-on-one basis. Their mission is to help adults acquire the English language skills they need for daily living. We donated \$100 to them.

Project: Little Free Library **Hours: 5** **Donated: -0-** **In Kind: -0-**

The Little Free Library was begun in 2009 by a Wisconsin man as a tribute to his mother, a former teacher, who loved reading. He designed and built a replica of a one-room school house, filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard with a sign "Free Books." The idea is to "take a book, leave a book." We brought this idea to a local Boy Scout troop as an Eagle Scout project. He built a Little Free Library on the grounds of a local pre-school. More than 40,000 are located in 50 states already.