



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
**CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET**  
**Annual Reporting January 1 - December 31, 2020**

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Number of Members: 19	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Co-1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Dean – Irene Iverson is the Education Chair		
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**Education**

Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO

The Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated in 1974. Ebell active membership consists of 19 active members. We also have 2 Honorary members that have a long history of service with Ebell and philanthropy. Three members are also active members of Tustin Area Woman's Club. Our president, Dianne Lundquist, currently serves on the Orange District Board. Two other members have served on the Orange District Board.

We are an aging but active and committed group of people who would most benefit from other club's affiliate activities. Good examples of affiliate success include our partnering with the Tustin Exchange Club for support of our Cuddle Quilt projects and the local catholic church to support the St. Theresa's Orphanage project. Partnering with other groups looks to be a recipe for success for future projects for our small club.

Please Note: As our club is small, we often have multiple 'project' leaders within the categories and no category chair assigned, as such. As I have taken the responsibility for the Narrative Reports, my name is listed as preparer, however I have endeavored to put a project leader's name in the appropriate section to ensure that their work is correctly acknowledged.

**Project Title: Laurie Shoendorfer Endowment for Education; Hours:1; Donated: \$250; In-Kind \$\_**

Dianne Lundquist has long supported the Shoendorfer family in their pursuit of bringing improvement to disabled peoples across the globe. Laurie Shoendorfer Endowment for Education is a non-profit educational endowment that provides scholarships for impoverished students with mobility-related disabilities in Peru, Vietnam & Uganda. The scholars rise above challenging circumstances with the drive to achieve career training and education to be providers for themselves and families. Ebell members voted to donate \$50 and 2 members each donated an additional \$100, making the total donated \$250.

**Project Title: Families Forward Support; Hours: 32; Donated: \$111; In-Kind \$372**

Every summer Families Forward provides backpacks and school supplies to children in need so that they might be better prepared when school begins. This year our club voted to approve the

purchase of 14 backpacks at a cost of \$111.00. These good quality backpacks were valued at \$20 for each for an over all value of \$280. In addition, eleven members donated a total of school supplies valued at \$372. The total value of this project was \$652. The members took great advantage of school supply sales at the local stores. This project has been one of Ebell members favorites, particularly as we feel strongly that access to good education facilitates personal growth. Diane Kennedy is the point on this project, collecting and delivering the supplies.

**Project Title: Blind Children's Learning Center; Hours: 4; Donated: \$220; In-Kind \$**

Blind Children's Learning Center prepares children with visual impairments for a life of independence. As of July 1, 2020, Blind Children's Learning Center has been awarded Charity Navigator's coveted 4-star rating for a third consecutive year for demonstrating financial health and commitment to accountability. The Ebell membership has long been impressed with this innovation teaching facility and we support them yearly by providing an item or two from their wish list. This year we voted to purchase giant foam building blocks for the pre-school program. It is always gratifying to hear of the joy the children experience with their new learning tools. Diane Kennedy is the driving force behind this project.

**Project Title: Concordia College Speech and Debate; Hours:10 ; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$**

Concordia College holds a Speech and Debate Tournament for home-schooled middle and high school students from across the country each year. Many states participate. Ebell Club of Irvine has been asked to participate as community judges. Two of our members, Irene Iverson and Barbara Reynolds were able to participate in this worthwhile event this year. The judging is difficult, as the students are impressive as they work against the clock to make their debate points.

**Project Title: Irvine School Support; Hours:127; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$**

Ebell membership is a strong proponent of helping the schools and further education, to that end many tasks are undertaken, including the saving of the education supported box tops. The process has changed somewhat given that it has gone digital. So now you scan your receipt for the item that has the box top and credit is given. This year marks the transition to that process, so in the meantime, box top collection was still a viable way to provide to the schools. Irene has been very diligent in getting those box tops collected. Irene Iverson is very committed to the Irvine School district and responsible for engaging with them to offer Ebell assistance.

**Project Title: Postal History Foundation; Hours:15 ; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$**

Previously, Ebell members have collected canceled stamps for another use. That project was stopped, so the search began to find another home for the canceled stamps. It was discovered that the Postal History Foundation is a gold mine of information and uses the canceled stamps as a teaching tool in many schools across the nation. They provide teachers with lesson plans together with all the stamps needed to complete each lesson.

**Project Title: St. Jude's Ranch; Hours:371 ; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$**

St. Jude's Ranch for Children is a transitional living program that assists youth (male and female) between the ages of 5-21 to develop the living skills necessary to be successful as young adults living and working independently. Ebell membership provides card fronts to be repurposed and sold in the St. Jude's store to Irene Iverson, who then packages them up and sends them to St. Jude's Ranch. This helps the teens gain life and work skills. They do not accept cards/card fronts from Hallmark, American Greetings and Disney, due to copy-right laws. They also do not accept cards that promote other charitable organizations.