



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2019

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Number of Members in Club according to the CFWC Yearbook: 20		
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Fundraising		

The Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated in 1974. At that time, the City of Irvine had existed for only two years evolving from a working ranch to a "model city" as planned by the Irvine Company. Today the City of Irvine has grown to over 280,000 residents and is the 3rd largest city in Orange County. Our city is viewed as affluent since 68% of the residents are college graduates, the school district is highly regarded, and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. The median household income as of 2012 was \$92,000, and the median house value was \$870,000. According to the 2018 U.S. Census ACS 5-year survey, 48% of the population was white and 42% Asian.

Our club has historically had 18 to 20 members. Most of us are retired, but we keep busy with our varied community service projects. With the city continuing to prosper, one would expect the number of club members to also grow. However, what has grown is the number of organizations with a single mission, such as CHOC Guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward; unfortunately, we are all competing for same new volunteers. We are always hopeful that some of our many friends who enjoy supporting club activities will decide to become members, and we have expanded our on-line presence to enable potential volunteers to find us. However, we remain a small club of aging but energetic members who are proud to be federated.

Tustin Tiller Days Hot Dog Booth Hours: 287 Raised \$3,803 Spent: \$1,458

Our club's major fundraiser for 2019 was operating a food booth at the annual Tustin Tiller Days carnival, a three-day event Held the first weekend in October at Columbus Tustin Sports Field. The event required 100% club support over the three days for set-up and take down of the booth, manning the booth, and delivery of supplies. One member did most of the buying as she had the time and the savvy to spend wisely. She spent time investigating the cost of everything in order to get the best buys as the food booths are competitive. This year she purchased hot dogs, hot dog buns, snack size bags of chips, chili for the chili dogs and bowls of chili, grated cheese, chopped onions, condiments, sodas, water, and ice; then, there were the paper goods: deli wrap papers, napkins, bowls for the chili, boats for the chili dogs, and plastic utensils.

Two other members were responsible for the pre-event paperwork and the staffing of the booth. This year the paperwork turned into a much larger task than in previous years. A California State Temporary Sellers Permit and an Orange County Health Care Agency Permit were required: these were new criteria

for participating in this event. We were unsure of how this would impact our costs of doing business. Meeting all of the new requirements for the Health Department like a mesh enclosed booth with pass through windows and an approved floor made it wonder if this labor-intensive event would be worth the expense. Fortunately, the City of Tustin Tiller Days Committee stepped up to provide the necessary screening and flooring for our booth. We did have some additional expenses for sanitizing equipment and having cooking thermometers to make sure the food being served remained safe, but that was manageable.

It takes lots of sales to make up the cost of booth rental at \$435.00 and all the goods to be sold. At the close of the festival, all monies from sales were turned in to the treasurer. Additional funds came from members unable to work the event, a donation from a supporter, and post-event sales of the unsold products to our members. The total deposited was \$3803 and expenses were \$1213. We were elated since our goal had been to clear \$1500! We were sad to part with the \$245 in sales tax – that bill arrived in November and boosted our expenses. But next year, if we do this again, we will know ahead of time and be prepared.

Ralphs/Kroger Rewards **Hours: 3** **Raised: \$124** **Spent: 0**

Six members have registered with Ralphs grocery store of the Kroger Family of Stores Community Contributions Program. Through this program our club receives quarterly checks that equal 1% of the items purchased during the quarter. There are specific items that are not included: milk products, alcohol, tobacco products, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery, CRV, and sales tax. This program is a painless way to earn money for the club since we all shop and need groceries. Each September participants must re-enroll, and all members were encouraged to participate, but some have chosen to register with other charities, such as their church or grandchild's school. Others choose to shop at other grocery stores. We are trying to increase participation in this fundraiser by asking friends and family who shop at Ralph's to register and designate The Ebell Club of Irvine as their organization.

Murder Mystery Dinners **Hours: 38** **Raised: \$476** **Spent: 0**

This year a member hosted two entertaining Murder Mystery events. In addition to holding the event in her lovely home, she sponsored the event by providing appetizers, a delicious dinner, and drinks. The guests who participated were actors in the mystery, and everyone was involved in solving the crime. Each guest donated \$25 for a ticket to the dinner for a total of \$400. Additional donations during the evening raised the amount to \$476

Garage Sales **Hours: 35** **Raised: \$220** **Spent: 0**

This year a garage sale was held in coordination with a realtor's community garage sale so there was no advertising expense. Members were asked to clean out their closets and bring items to be sold to a member's home the night before the sale. Those donating items to be sold were asked to put a price on each item before dropping it off. The morning of the sale, three members set up the goods and worked the first shift. About 10 a.m. there was a shift change. At 1 p.m. the sale ended, and those who worked the closing got unsold items ready to be taken to the Salvation Army.

Dine-out Nights Hours: 10 Raised: \$238 Spent: 0

A member organized 3 Dine-out Days this year. We earned \$50 at Chili's, and \$188 from two days at Rodrigo's Mexican Restaurant. Our member set up the dates and printed flyers for our members and their guests to use. This is a painless, enjoyable way to socialize and raise funds for our club's projects.

Recycling Containers for CRV Hours: 155 Raised: \$169 Spent: 0

Members and some of their friends save all their recyclable aluminum cans and plastic and glass bottles and deliver them to our project chairmen. Once our bottle chairman gets a trunk full, she drives to a nearby machine and hand feeds the bottles in to get the \$0.05 per bottle return; 2,961 bottles were recycled this way this year. Another member receives the aluminum cans to be recycled and takes them to a scrap metal yard; \$52.00 was raised.

Angel Tree for St. Teresa's Hours: 10 Raised: \$2800 Spent: \$20

Annually the club sponsors an Angel Tree for St. Teresa's Orphanage and School in Ensenada, Mexico. Members set up an Angel Tree booth (\$20) at several locations to solicit gifts from the community at large for the children and cash and in-kind donations such as flour and rice for the orphanage. The gifts for the 165 children and donated goods were taken to the orphanage the second weekend of December. At that time, the cash (\$2800), which had been deposited in a designated club account and withdrawn prior to the trip to the orphanage, was given to the nuns who operate the orphanage/school to buy needed items for their community.

Penny Pines Hours: 5 Raised: \$63 Spent: \$0

At general meetings, our Penny Pines chairman passes around a container to collect loose change or bills from members, tallies the funds, rolls the coin, and deposits the money with the club treasurer. This year \$63 was collected at meetings. Members approved a donation of \$68 to fund an acre of seedlings in the Cleveland National Forest.

Cup of Joe for a Joe Hours: 6 Raised: \$61 Spent: \$3.20

This year we also supported active military personnel through the Cup of Joe for a Joe Program operated by Green Beans Coffee. Soldiers serving on bases where there is a Green Beans Coffee Shop can sign up for the program and, when selected, receive a free cup of "joe." Upon learning about the program, members decorated coffee cans (\$3.20) that were placed in Irvine business locations to raise funds; \$61 was raised.