



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 |
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Civic Engagement

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: Families Forward Support; Hours:38 ; Donated: \$425; In-Kind \$70

Families Forward is a nonprofit organization is based in Irvine and aids families in crises throughout Orange County. This year our club provided a food basket to a deserving family listed with Families Forward for Thanksgiving. Thirteen Ebell members donated \$224.45 for the food basket. It took 18 hours to collect, shop, and deliver food to the Families Forward parking lot while meeting the guidelines by the CDC re: COVID.

Families Forward identifies a family in need to adopt for Christmas. This was a single mother with 2 children. Every year it is a joy to provide for a family in need, so that they can have a good holiday experience. Eleven Ebell members spent 20 hours and donated a total of \$265, to obtain the perfect outfit for each of the children and a toy as well as a gift card of \$100 for the mother. Irene Iverson drives this project.

Project Title: Catarina's Club; Hours:2 ; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$50

In honor of Martin Luther King's Day of Giving, Ebell members voted to donate \$50 for the purchase of pasta sauce and pasta to Catarina's Club, an organization that provides daily meals of pasta to hungry children. President Dianne Lundquist delivered the donation in person to the White House, Anaheim on the exact Day of Giving.

Project Title: Fischer House; Hours:1 ; Donated: \$50; In-Kind \$

Ebell members voted to donate \$50 to Fischer House in Long Beach, CA. Fischer house houses family members of Veterans who are hospitalized. Jan Rogers can always be found supporting our vets.

Project Title: Adopt an Elder Native American; Hours:10; Donated: \$250; In-Kind \$75

Elsie Mae Begay is our adopted Native American Elder. The conditions with which these Native American elders live in is sparse, to say the least. We provide a nominal amount to help her with food over the year and with the donated money, she is given credits to buy other items, such as wool yarn with which to weave blankets and rugs to sell for additional money. Our Ebell member in charge of this project, Jan Rogers, really goes the extra mile to keep in touch with and to promote the needs of Elsie.

Project Title: Free Wheel Chair Mission; Hours:2 ; Donated: \$80; In-Kind \$

Free Wheelchair Mission is a humanitarian, faith-based nonprofit organization that designs and manufactures cost-efficient wheelchairs for individuals living with a disability in developing nations. Ebell members voted to donate \$80, that will provide 2 wheelchairs. Before COVID, Ebell members spent hours supporting their work by volunteering at their fundraising events. This project is the baby of Dianne Lundquist.

Project Title: Sleeping Mats for the Homeless; Hours:231 ; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$

President Dianne Lundquist drives this project doing the lion's share of the work. The mats are made of plastic bags that are cut into strips and then crocheted into a sleeping mat. The mats provide a barrier from moisture for the homeless person when sleeping on the ground. Ebell members join in to collect the plastic bags and cut the strips. The mats are then provided to Mary's Kitchen for distribution to the homeless.

Project Title: Materials at Voting Centers; Hours:4 ; Donated: \$; In-Kind \$

In the spirit of democracy, Barbara Reynolds volunteered to assist at the voting center in November.

Project Title: American Legion; Hours:1 ; Donated: \$100; In-Kind \$

As a way to help veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities across the country are turning to a different

form of rehabilitative treatment — creative arts. Each year, veterans enrolled at VA health care facilities showcase their talents in local creative arts competitions. Ebell members, sensitive to the needs of veterans, support the project that may bring some relief to the disabled veteran by voting to donate \$100.

Project Title: Pocket Flag Project; Hours:5; Donated: \$41; In-Kind \$

To bring a bit of home to a deploying soldier and let them know that they are thought of and appreciated is the goal of the pocket flag project. Ebell partnered with a local Boy Scout Troop to fold and provide them with the flags to distribute to deploying soldiers. We purchased 12 dozen kits and planned to connect with the boys to complete the project until COVID criteria delayed our execution of this project. We are still engaging with the Boy Scouts to complete as soon as possible. Jan Rogers is the driving force behind this project along with Irene Iverson.