



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB'S  
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET**

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2020

Sue Fardette		Club: Woman's Club of Cypress	
Number of Members: 82		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Education Chairman			
Reporter's Address:			
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<b>EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES</b>			

**Project Title** ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS **Hours** 25 **Donated \$** 00 **In Kind**  
**\$** 00

Chairman: Sue Fardette

Due to the pandemic, the Woman's Club of Cypress did not award any high school or college scholarships in 2020. However, this year donations totaling \$2,285.00 were received from friends and club members at the request of a family whose mother and club member had passed away. These donations were specifically allocated for scholarships. Monies were also awarded from two endowment funds for Cypress college students - one for nursing and the other in performing arts. In this next year, we will endeavor to give both high school seniors and several college students scholarships so that they can pursue their college careers. Our student interviews will be conducted in Zoom if we cannot meet them in person.

**Project Title** BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION **Hours** 5 **Donated \$** 00 **In Kind** \$24.50

Chairman: Mary Martinez

\$600 million has been given to schools through this earnings loyalty program of box tops for education since it was started in 1996. The box top coupons are found on household products like baking, cereal, fresh produce, dairy snacks, and paper products. We received 10 cents for each box top that was collected and gave the money to King Elementary School in Cypress. The principal uses the money for various school supplies for the students. This year \$24.50 was presented to the principal, Jacki Tesehke, in January of 2020.

**Project Title DR, SUESS BOOKS Hours 14 Donated \$ 527.80 In Kind \$ 00**

Chairman: Sue Fardette

March 5, 2020 was our day to read to transitional kindergarten and kindergarten classes at King Elementary School in Cypress. Since we were celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, we donated 100 of his books to the students. Each student received a book with labels in them that had the student's name and our club name as donors. Even after the two-year Grand Initiative project is over, we plan to continue this reading program as our members love doing it, and the students seem to really enjoy having someone new and different as their guest reader.

**Project Title: ESO READING GROUP Hours: 10,950 reading Books read: 755**

Volunteer hours: 79 In Kind donation: \$337.00

Chairman: Maria Sterk

We enjoy reading a variety of books in our club but not all members of our reading group are advancing. All are pledges but only 4 have met the Membership requirement. Not because they are not reading but because they don't follow through and list their books or make a report. Four members have advanced to Star, one to Torch and another met her 4<sup>th</sup> Century. One past club member still likes to participate and as an ESO Star continues to read and share what she reads whenever possible. We have only had two meetings in the earlier part of the year. This chairman continues to encourage reading during the pandemic, via emails and sending suggestions to the members. Members reported having read 10,950+ hours and donating 363 books to the local library "Friends". At the beginning of the year, the ladies decided to embark on a special project. As readers, we know how important reading is and that it should be started early; even as early as during pregnancy. We wanted to encourage new moms or expectant moms to read to their babies. We called the project the, "Reading to baby gift bags," and it would benefit the moms at Precious Life Shelter (a local Crisis Pregnancy Center). These tote bags were made by our members. During the year many people donated blankets and books, so we could donate 10 filled bags, each valued at \$37.00. The contents included five baby books, two receiving blankets, a large crib blanket, burp cloths, a knit hat and a flashlight. This project was well received at the Center and ESO members were happy to have been able to accomplish something from home in order to help others.

**Project Title: Library Support Hours 22 Donated \$0. In Kind \$1,034.**

Chairman: Maria Sterk

The members of the club make donations periodically to the local library. One member collects used books and takes them to the "Friends" group for sale. Although the services of the local library like all libraries in the county and country have closed for over three months, the Woman's Club of Cypress continues to support the library by making donations. Some 1,034 books magazines CDs and DVDs were donated to the Friend's group. The books were stored and on a warm November Saturday the "Friends" held a sidewalk sale. One club member worked four hours selling books to overjoyed Cypress citizens. This raised a total of \$334 for the Friend's treasury.

**Project Title: R.O.P Awards Hours: 1 Donated: In Kind:**

Chairman: Sue Fardette

Cypress High School has an extensive Regional Occupation Program for their students. Since our club supports this program, we endeavor to give several \$250.00 awards to outstanding students who are seniors, will graduate and have finished their R.O.P. program. This year, because of the pandemic, we did not name any winners. For 2001 we intend to re-instate this awards program and hopefully help high school students pursue their goals for the future.

**Project Title: School on Wheels Virtual Backpack Drive Hours:19 Donated: \$ 555.80 In-Kind:0**

Chairman: Maria Sterk

It was September, and we had been under the pandemic restrictions, and unable to meet as a club. We felt that we should still be able to do something from our homes to help the community. We wanted to collect school supplies for needy children and contacted the School on Wheels organization we had supported in previous years. Due to the pandemic, the staff was not picking up any donations. However, they still had a wish list that was getting longer each day so the need for donations was there. School on Wheels joined an organization that helped them do fund-raising. This group was doing virtual collections for various organizations. This chairman then made a motion at a Zoom club meeting to collect cash donations from members of the club to purchase “backpacks” filled with school supplies to donate to “School on Wheels.” This is how we joined with “Roonga” in the School on Wheels Virtual Backpack Drive. Their site showed a variety of backpacks filled with school supplies for each grade level costing various amounts. As members sent in their donations a backpack was selected that equaled their donation. A total of 25 backpacks were donated with a value of \$555.80.

**Project Title: Sunburst Youth Academy Hours 22 Donated In Kind \$ 2500.00**

Chairman: Sue Fardette

This program is a five month residential, voluntary, intensive program for 16-18 year old at-risk high school students. The Sunburst Youth Academy’s mission is to intervene in and reclaim lives leading to producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens. The youth academy is located in Los Alamitos on the grounds of the Los Alamitos National Guard Joint Forces Training Base. This year the Woman’s Club of Cypress again donated book marks and books to the student library. Over 200 books were given to the Academy’s library by the children of a member who passed away. Another club member, who was a flood victim, donated over 300 books to this worthwhile cause. We were also fortunate to receive books from Orange County authors. One of the books given to us was by Benny Wasserman who wrote, “Presidents were Teenagers Too.” He is an actor and producer who is known for T.V. and movies. As a club we are very pleased to be able to assist in the education of students through good reading books and book marks in order to foster a love of learning.

