



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		
<i>Reporter's Address:</i> [REDACTED]		
<i>Club Position:</i> First Vice President and Conservation Chair		<i>CFWC Area:</i> C
<i>City:</i> Irvine	<i>State:</i> CA	<i>Zip:</i> [REDACTED]
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Conservation Community Service Program		

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.

Project: Recycling Containers **Hours: 155** **Donated: \$0** **In Kind: \$0**

In 2019 club members have continued to recycle both plastic and glass bottles as well as aluminum cans. Club members collect their recyclables at home and then drop them off at the Chairman's home. The chair sorted the containers and counts the items for her records. Her biggest challenge this year has been to find a convenient recycler that would give the club five, ten, or 25 cents, depending on the CRV value, for each container recycled. The money raised through recycling helps to fund a domestic violence project so it is important to use to get the biggest bang. It was easy when our nearby Ralph's provided a recycle center staffed with a person who counted all items brought in and gave the total CRV amount back. When Ralph's closed that service in February, we went to a local RePlanet location. That company would only give the full CRV amount for 50 items or less. If we took in a large bag full, they paid by weight, which meant we got less than full CRV. The chair then began to make several trips a week with 50 items in order to get the best return. In early August RePlanet closed shop! Once again, the club was challenged to find a recycler that would give us the true CRV value. Fortunately, Irvine's Waste Management Co. has a recycle center;

unfortunately, it is farther away from where the chair lives. However, we have used them for the balance of this year. They will allow 50 cans and 50 bottles to be turned in at the same visit, which is actually better than RePlanet.

Project: Santa Ana Zoo Support Hours: 3 Donated: \$39 In-Kind: \$125

This year our club members decided to support the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo's Adoptive Parent Program with a donation of \$39 for the Howler Monkey. We also approved up to \$125 for purchasing animal carrier(s), which were on their "Wish List." The zoo staff uses these carriers to move animals to school programs, the vet, or to encounters on zoo grounds. The chairman contacted the zoo to determine which size carrier(s) were most needed and then shopped on line at Chewy.com. The \$125 allowed the chair to purchase two medium carriers, which was the requested size. Once the carriers arrived at the chair's home, she delivered them to an appreciative zoo director.

Project: The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Hours: 2 Donated: \$50 In-Kind: \$ 150

Following a report at a club meeting on the work of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, club members voted to renew, for a fourth year, our participation in the Orphans' Project by fostering a baby elephant named Melia. Members were also encouraged to personally foster an orphan of their own choosing. In addition to the club donation, 2 other orphans have been fostered by club members, thereby raising another \$150 for the DSWT Orphans' Project.

Project: Penny Pines Hours: 5 Donated: \$68 In-Kind: \$0

In Southern California contributions to the U.S. Forest Service are used for reforestation. Seedlings are grown from local seeds and acorns and then replanted near the areas where the seeds were collected. 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.

Project: Animal Shelter Support Hours: 20 Donated: \$0 In-Kind: \$200

On a regular basis we donate towels and blankets to the Irvine Animal Care Center. A new Orange County shelter has opened near us this year. We also donated supplies to them. One member took in foster kittens to care for until they were old enough to live in the shelter.