



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> Public Issues Chair | | <i>CFWC Area:</i> Area C |
| <i>City:</i> Irvine | <i>State:</i> CA | <i>Zip:</i> [REDACTED] |
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| Public Issues 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: Support for Active Military & Veterans Hours: 35 Donated: \$377.50
In-Kind: \$59.02

Members of our club appreciate and support our United States military personnel and their families. Many of our members have relatives who are in active service or are veterans. We always start our meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City of Irvine always honors Memorial Day and Veterans Day with a celebration. Club members attend the services. In recognition of Memorial Day, we made a \$100.00 donation to the Bob Hope USO at the John Wayne airport. Active servicemen are welcome to visit and enjoy snacks and get any needed traveling supplies. Our Veterans Day donation for \$100.00 was given to Fisher House in Long Beach. It provides a home away from home for families of service personnel receiving medical care at the Veterans Medical Center.

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; \$65 was raised. The club then voted to add \$2.50 per year of being federated to the fund; that increased the amount collected to \$177.50. We have received 27 thank you notes from soldiers overseas. One member and her husband, who is a veteran, also made a \$100 donation.

An ongoing project for our members is to save cancelled postage stamps. The stamps are trimmed and mailed to the Veterans National Stamp Club in Arizona. These stamps are used by veteran volunteers to help outpatient disabled veterans in therapy and rehabilitation. We mailed 5 pounds of stamps with postage costing \$6.00.

In April, we held a neighborhood garage sale to support our federation activities and philanthropies. Once the sale closed, members gathered together unsold items to deliver to Vietnam Veterans of America to support their local thrift shop. (\$50 estimated value)

Project: Adopt a Native American Elder Hours: 20 Donated: \$250 In-Kind: \$100

Twelve years ago, our club began participating in the Adopt-A-Native Elder program. A donation of \$200 funds the elder for two food runs a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. An additional \$50 provides the elder with two gift certificates to purchase other goods one might need or want.

Sadly, our long time elder, Tom White, passed away mid-year. We requested a new elder to sponsor and now have Elsie Mae who is eighty-nine years old. She lives in a trailer on the Navajo reservation in Arizona. The unused funds from our sponsorship of Mr. White were transferred to Elsie Mae. We have sent her a card introducing ourselves as her new sponsor and will periodically mail her packages with extra supplies as we did for Tom.