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Number of Members: 111	District: ORANGE	Area: C
Club Position: ENVIRONMENT CHAIR		
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ENVIRONMENT

Yorba Linda Woman's Club was founded in 1912 by a group of progressive women seeking to better themselves and following in the footsteps of Jane Cunningham Croly, our founder. They focused upon furthering their education and being more involved in the community. Aided by these forward-thinking women, Yorba Linda became the beautiful, well-respected city it is today – "*The Land of Gracious Living*". Our club Mission Statement is: *We are a diverse organization working to promote civic, philanthropic, cultural, and educational interests within our community through the spirit of volunteerism.* Today, Yorba Linda still has a small-town feel with over 100 miles of trails used by dog walkers, hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Our club supports the City of Yorba Linda as it continues to improve and embrace the many recent changes in our city: low-income housing, infrastructure, including our new Cultural Arts and Public Library campus and Town Center, and technology including our city's interactive website and government transparency.

Project Title: Ronald McDonald House Pull Tabs

Hours: 30 Donated: \$ In-kind: \$0

Yorba Linda Woman's Club did great in collecting 25 pounds of Pull Tabs. The pull tabs were taken down to the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County where they will be recycled. The donation is used to pay for maintaining the house for parents of hospitalized children. The House allows them to stay close to their child for only \$10.00 a night. This is an ongoing project.

Project title: Legacy Rose Garden

Hours: 20 Donations: \$752 In-kind: \$0

In 1913, a small room in the Yorba Linda Grammar School on School Street, was proposed as the first library in town. At that time, the Yorba Linda Woman's Club was one-year-old. The club members donated books and hosted teas to raise funds for the library. Since that time, the library grew from that tiny, 300 square foot room to almost 30,000 square feet and its location changed several times to accommodate the expansions. In 1959, the idea of planting a rose garden was presented by the club members and, after approval, was created.

When another relocation of the Yorba Linda Public Library was announced in 2018, a long-time club member reminded us of the legacy of the rose garden. The Library Director was approached, and a meeting was held with the Library Project Construction Manager and five club members. Several renderings were provided to give us an idea of where the roses would be placed and how the garden would be constructed to maximize its use.

The new Yorba Linda Public Library opened in November 2020. Because it was deemed that the original rosebushes would not survive a transplant, club members "adopted" new rosebushes. A local landscaper was consulted and donated his time for planting the rosebushes. Once again, the Yorba Linda Woman's Club has secured the legacy of the rose garden and the memory of the club members who created it.

Project Title: Penny Pines Program

Hours: 2 Donations: \$68 In-Kind: \$0

The Penny Pines Program was initiated in California in 1941 and is unique to California. This is a cooperative planting program and maintains the National Forests in California. A sign at each plantation lists the organization(s) which have donated to that particular site. Our donation, sent to San Bernardino National Forest, will purchase a plantation which consists of approximately 350 trees on a little less than one acre. The seedlings which are being planted are replacement trees native to California and consist of cedar, fir, redwood, oak and, of course, various pine varieties.