CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2022


The Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated in 1974. The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a "model city" as planned by the Irvine Company. Today the City of Irvine has grown to over 309,000 residents. Irvine has been named the safest city of its size for more than 17 years. It includes the Orange County Great Park, Pretend City Children's Museum, Irvine Art Museum, 2 universities and a junior college. Most residents are college graduates, the school district is highly regarded, and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. With the city growing rapidly, one would expect the number of club members to also grow. But what has grown is the number of volunteer organizations with a single mission, such as CHOC guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward. Our club has historically had about 15 energetic members, who are now aging but who are proud to be federated and making a difference.

## Project Title: Birthday celebration_Hours_20_Donated \$__ 0 In Kind \$_100

In March we celebrated our birthday into Federation with a potluck dinner at a member's home. We invite the District President and this year had the District Dean speak to us on Membership. She gave a great presentation, particularly in light of us having one new member join that month who had not had a formal orientation, although she did have an initiation ceremony. It was a relaxing and informal and very pleasant event. Ten members attended as well as 2 District officers.

## Project Title:_Christmas celebration Hours_20_Donated \$__ O_ In Kind \$_100

We had a potluck Christmas party at the home of a member with 8 members in attendance. Besides the good food and camaraderie, there was a white elephant gift exchange, which was loads of fun for all.

## Project Title: Membership Mondays Hours_10_Donated \$_0 In Kind \$_0

We do not have a Membership Chairman this year (and did not have one last year). The Treasurer collects dues and keeps up the membership list The Publications Chairman puts out the Yearbook which includes membership information. We had some membership flyers on
hand at the beginning of the year. Because our members are aging and unable to do much of the physical labor required by some of our past projects, there was talk of the club disbanding at some time in the future unless we can get new members who are willing to do some projects. To promote that, I advocated Membership Mondays where members would wear their Ebell t-shirt or name badge on Mondays and hope someone would ask them about Ebells, to open a conversation about our club. It has only been in effect a few months and a few times I sent email reminders out on Sunday to wear their badges, as it is easy to forget. I had 2 people ask me about the club as a result, but it did not result in any new member. Other club members have thanked me for the reminder, but no one has reported if they are wearing their badges or getting any questions as a result. The one new member we got this year was due to 3 club members being at a Canasta game that she was at and we all spoke with her about the club. She in turn brought a friend to a meeting, and although she did not join, she did the financial review of our books in June.

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