



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

Chairman: <b>Barbara Reynolds</b>		Club: <b>Ebell Club of Irvine</b>	
Number of Members <b>16</b>		District: <b>Orange</b>	Area: <b>C</b>
Club Position: <b>Third Vice President</b>			
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<b>Fundraising</b>			

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.

**Tustin Tiller Days Hot Dog Booth Hours: 300 Raised: \$4,357.70 Spent: 1,393.18**

Our club's major fundraiser for 2022 was operating a food booth at the annual Tustin Tiller Days Festival, a three-day event held the first weekend in October at Columbus Tustin Sports Field. Two members co-chaired this fundraiser, and the event required 100% club support over the three days for set-up and take down of the booth, staffing the booth, and delivery of supplies.

Although we have done this fundraiser for over twenty years, we had a new challenge this year. The Orange County Health Department now requires all the food and drink items to be sold to be purchased Friday morning unless the items were being stored at a licensed commercial kitchen, and we had to provide the store receipts to prove the purchase date when the health inspector checked our booth prior to opening on Friday. This new requirement prevented our Purchasing Chair from being able to take advantage of low-price sales on soda, water, bags of chips, cans of chili, and cans of nacho cheese. We knew this new requirement would reduce our profit, and it created more last-minute shopping for our chair in charge of buying the booth's supplies: hot dogs, buns, snack size bags of chips, chili for the chili dogs and bowls of chili, grated cheese, chopped onions, condiments, sodas, and bottles of water. Fortunately, she was able to buy the non-food/drink supplies in advance: deli wrap papers, napkins, bowls for the chili, boats for the chili dogs, and plastic utensils.

The second Chair was responsible for the pre-event paperwork: completing the Tustin Tiller Days vendor application, applying for an Orange County Health Department Permit, and

applying for a temporary Sales Permit from the State of California. She also handled all the chores related to the physical booth set up. Although the Tustin Tiller Days Committee supplies the tent with flooring, the club has to supply the other components for a working booth: tables, tablecloths, chairs, 2 crock pots for the chili and nacho cheese, a steamer for the hot dogs, eight coolers for the sodas, water, and refrigerating the hot dogs, a hand washing station, and signage for the booth.

Second Chair also set up a schedule of shifts to staff the booth for the three-day event: Friday from 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each day needed a supervisor who would be on-site all day to handle any problem that might arise. Each chair took a day, and a third member volunteered for Sunday. Staffing all the work slots became the biggest challenge. We have 14 active members who live in the area; however, only 7 were physically capable of getting to the booth to work. Some family members were recruited, but three days before the festival we still had several empty slots at crucial meal times. Fortunately, the City of Irvine has a Youth Action Team that was able to recruit the teens we needed to complete the schedule and have adequate coverage.

It takes lots of sales to make up the cost of booth rental at \$435.00 and all the goods to be sold. At the close of the festival, all monies from sales were turned in to the treasurer. Additional funds came from members unable to work the event, a donation from a supporter, and post-event sales of the unsold products to our members. After all the income was tallied our gross proceeds totaled \$5,417.18. The supplies for the booth totaled \$1,116.18, and we owed \$277 in sales tax to the State of California. We netted \$2,964.52, and were thrilled since our goal had been to clear \$1500!

Sadly, we have come to the decision not to do this fundraiser in future years. Our members are no longer physically able to meet the demands. It has been a good run.

**St. Teresa's Orphanage and School    Hours: 15    Raised: \$5,592.75    Spent: \$ 0**

St. Teresa's Orphanage and School is located in a poor neighborhood of Ensenada, Mexico. Our club has had a supportive relationship that goes back to the 1980's when we began sponsoring an Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts for the 10 orphans and other children attending the school operated by the nuns. When the COVID pandemic hit in March 2020, the nuns had to close the school and find families to foster the 10 orphans. This left the nuns without an income to support themselves and pay their utility bills. Oddly, the Catholic Church did not provide any financial support for the nuns. In lieu of organizing an Angel Tree in 2020 and 2021, the club began a fundraising campaign to send money to the nuns to help support their needs until the orphanage and school could reopen in the spring of 2022. This year we raised \$5,592.75. "Thank You" letters were mailed to donors for their tax records; the chairman absorbed this cost. And we were able to once again host a successful Angel Tree for 159 children!

**Recycling Containers for CRV    Hours: 75    Raised: \$172.08    Spent: \$ 0**

In 2022 club members have continued to recycle both plastic and glass bottles as well as aluminum cans. Club members collect their recyclables at home and from friends and family members. Once they have a couple of large trash bags full, they drop the recyclables off at the Chairman's home. The chair sorts the containers and bags them for the trip to the recycler. The light-weight bottles are separated from the heavier plastic containers and counted out into bags of 50 (the most that can be redeemed in one visit) in order to get a nickel back per bottle. Since the heavies bring in more than a nickel when recycled by weight, they go into a large bag filled to the max. Cans are also all counted into sets of 50 in order to net 5 cents a can. Since most recyclers will only allow 1 bag of counted bottles and 1 bag of aluminum cans per visit, the chair hits the recycling centers multiple times a month to maximize our income from this "planet helping" fundraiser.

**Garage Sales                      Hours: 35                      Raised: \$697.60                      Spent: \$ 0**

This year two garage sales, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, were held in coordination with a realtor's community garage sales so there were no advertising expenses. Members were asked to clean out their closets and bring items to be sold to our Garage Sales Chair's home by the night before the sale. Those donating items were asked to put a price on each item before dropping it off. The mornings of each sale, three members set up the goods and worked the first shift. About 10 a.m. there was a shift change. At 1 p.m. the sale ended, and those who worked the closing got unsold items ready to be taken to the Salvation Army.

**Ralphs/Kroger Rewards                      Hours: 3                      Raised: \$135.60                      Spent: \$ 0**

Six members have registered with Ralphs grocery store of the Kroger Family of Stores Community Contributions Program. Through this program our club receives quarterly checks that equal 1% of the items purchased during the quarter. There are specific items that are not included: milk products, alcohol, tobacco products, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery, CRV, and sales tax. This program is a painless way to earn money for the club since we all shop and need groceries. Each September participants must re-enroll, and all members were encouraged to participate, but some have chosen to register with other charities, such as their church or grandchild's school. Others choose to shop at other grocery stores. We are trying to increase participation in this fundraiser by asking friends and family who shop at Ralph's to register and designate The Ebell Club of Irvine as their organization.

**Dine-out Days                                      Hours: 5                      Raised: \$111.73                      Spent: \$ 0**

A member organized 2 Dine-out Days at Rodrigo's Mexican Restaurant this year. Our member set up the two dates and printed flyers for our members and their guests to use. This is another painless, enjoyable way to socialize and raise funds for our club's projects.

**Laurie Schoendorfer Endowment for Education Hours: 20 Raised: \$697.60 Spent: \$ 0**

In 2022 we planned a social, inviting members to bring friends to a Left, Center, Right game party. We decided to combine this federation/membership event with an opportunity to raise funds for the Laurie Schoendorfer Endowment for Education by asking for a \$10 donation from each attendee. Members donated the refreshments for the afternoon. A good time was had by all. When some of the attendees learned more about the endowment fund, additional money was donated.

**Amazon Smile Program                      Hours: 1                      Raised: \$56.31                      Spent: \$ 0**

Since many of the club's members shop online using Amazon, we decided to participate in their rewards program for charities. Our Ways and Means Chair got us registered, and all members were encouraged to select our club as their charity. Some who are less techie have not figured out how to register yet. Others say they don't use it much. Whatever the reason, this has been a big disappointment as a fundraiser. Perhaps a large club would have more success.

**Penny Pines                                      Hours: 1                      Raised: \$41.15                      Spent: \$ 0**

Penny Pines is a project done in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service. Each \$68 donation goes for planting an acre of seedlings in a national forest. At each general meeting donations are collected by the Penny Pines Chair, counted, and turned in to the Treasurer. Once a year we send a \$68 check to the Forest Service for seedlings for the Cleveland Forest.