



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

Chairman: Jan Rodgers		Club: Ebell Club of Irvine	
Number of Members 16		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: President			
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Environment			

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: Recycling Hours: 75 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 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 counts the items for her records. 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 one bag of aluminum cans per visit, the chair hits the recycling centers multiple times a month. The money raised through recycling goes into fund raising for the club's philanthropic projects, such as purchasing fabric, thread, and batting to make "cuddle quilts" for a domestic violence shelter. In 2022, we earned \$192 by helping our planet!

Project Title: Botanical signs Hours: 10 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 584

In 2006, the Ebell Club of Irvine began working with the Irvine Company and the City of Irvine to provide botanical signs along the newly opened Jeffrey Open Space Trail, a one-mile-long stretch of park running along side Jeffrey Road. The park had a wide cemented path for walking

and riding bicycles, as well as a natural foot path meandering throughout the length of the park. This park/trail is now 3 miles long and is beautifully planted with grasses, shrubs, border plantings, and trees. Over the years the Ebell Club of Irvine has worked with the park landscape manager to identify plants for signage and then collected funds for those additional signs. This year we added 7 new signs, one of which was sponsored by a city's council member. Altogether we have installed 64 botanical signs.

Project Title: Animal Shelters Hours: 1000+ Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 43

In 2022, the Ebell Club of Irvine has supported both the Irvine Animal Care Center and the Orange County Animal Shelter. Members collect used towels, small washable rugs, and blankets to be given a new purpose at the City of Irvine shelter where they are repurposed for the animals awaiting a forever home. One member also fosters kittens that are too young to stay in the OC shelter until they are old enough to be adopted out to a loving home. She spends her money for their food and spends hours ensuring they are properly cared for and socialized to live with dogs as well as people so each will become a good pet for a new family. Many times, she is the one who also finds the good home for her charges.

Project Title: Newsletter Articles Hours: 8 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0

Caring for our environment has many components. It is so easy to just continue as we always have which may mean wasting our resource or harming our planet. In order to better educate our members about the importance of conserving water, about not putting animal and plant waste into trash going to a landfill, and about conserving electricity, one member wrote a series of short educational articles for our monthly newsletter. She challenged each of us to do our best to protect the environment.

Project Title: Penny Pines Hours: 12 Donated \$ 68 In Kind \$ 0

Penny Pines is a CFWC project that focuses on the need to support reforestation efforts in our national parks. Each club year our chair creates a container to pass around at every club general meeting. Members donate their loose change or more in an effort to collect at least \$68 over the course of the year. In January we send a check for \$68 to the U.S. Forestry Service to plant an acre of seedlings to help the reforestation of the Cleveland National Forest. This project has become even more vital with the increase in forest fires.

Project Title: Santa Ana Zoo Hours: 6 Donated \$ 39 In Kind \$ 0

For years the Ebell Club of Irvine has looked for ways to support our local Santa Ana Zoo. We receive their newsletters and look for ways we can help. In March we once again became a Zoo Parent by "adopting" an anteater. We select a different animal each year. One member, who maintains a zoo membership, visits the zoo several times a year to see what might be any appropriate project for us. This year we did not find any hands-on way to contribute. But we will be on the lookout again in 2023.