



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET**

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2022

Chairman: Patricia Moore and Susan Denley		Club: Rossmoor Woman's Club	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk): 96		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Student Liaison			
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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES PROJECTS			

Rossmoor/Los Alamitos and Seal beach communities have a combined population of 45,860 and take up about 18 miles near the Pacific Ocean coast and just inside the North Orange County border. The Rossmoor Woman's Club has been serving the Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Long Beach and surrounding areas since March 1958. We are a very active philanthropic organization contributing to the educational, social, business and cultural life of the community.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Hours: 50 Donation \$: \$6,000 In Kind\$: 0
 The Rossmoor Women's Club awards scholarships each month during the school year to senior students attending Los Alamitos High School. There are 10 recipients awarded \$600 each. The students are recommended by their counselors and teachers and then selected by a committee at the high school. A counselor/teacher is then in contact with the Rossmoor Woman's Club liaison and informs her of the student selected and any pertinent information about that student. The student is then invited to our monthly luncheon, along with any of their family members, and she or he gives a small speech about themselves and accepts a certificate, a letter of congratulations and the check. We put a short biography of the student, with their picture, in our monthly newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS
LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL Hours: 24 Donated \$: \$12,000 In Kind \$: 0
 The Rossmoor Woman's Club awards scholarships to graduating seniors at Los Alamitos High School. The Rossmoor Woman's scholarship committee meets in October in order to determine the criteria and edit any changes to the scholarship application forms. The forms are then sent to the counseling office at the high school, along with a completion deadline. The scholarship committee meets in January to review the applications and select the winners. The school is notified of our choices. The Rossmoor Woman's Club president and another member from the committee attends the year end awards ceremony and presents a certificate and check to the graduating senior. This year we awarded 6 checks at \$2,000 each.

THE YOUTH CENTER Hours: 20 Donated \$: \$1,000 In Kind \$: 0
 The Youth Center is a local award winning children's charity serving kids ages 5 to 18 since 1952. This year, for the first time, we chose to fund two scholarships. The kids were nominated based on their volunteer hours they contributed to the community. Our member was on the selection committee. At the presentation night, she was able to award a \$500 scholarship to an elementary student and a \$500 scholarship to a high school student.

HOBY Hours: 10 Donated \$: \$1,700 In Kind \$: 0
 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Organization, HOBY, is dedicated to "training and nurturing the young leaders of tomorrow." The HOBY World Leadership Congress has been inspiring and empowering young people to become the next generation of global leaders. The workshop enhances their leadership and teamwork skills. The Rossmoor Woman's Club sponsored 4 students this year for a total of \$1,700. The workshop is held in June. The students are selected by their high school in order to participate. The Rossmoor Woman's Club awards each student a check to cover attendance fees, a certificate, a congratulatory letter and an official HOBY honor chord to wear at their graduation ceremony. It is always very satisfying when we invite them to attend our monthly meeting in September to share their workshop experiences.

AAUW TECH TREK CAMP

Hours: 10 Donated \$: \$950

In Kind \$: 0

Each year the American Association of University Women hosts a camp for high school girls that focuses on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Our contribution of \$950 allowed one student to participate. Depending on the interest of the student, she will be matched with a college offering her subject matter and be able to stay in the dorms while attending classes.

BOOK LOVERS

Hours: 1,152 Donated \$: \$150

In Kind \$: 0

The Rossmoor Woman's Club Book Lovers section meets every month to discuss a book, which can be fiction or non-fiction. We take turns hosting and leading the discussion, which typically takes around two hours. About 20 members regularly participate in this section. Through Book Lovers, we gain a great appreciation of contemporary and historical literature, philosophy and events. In 2022, we spent about 1,152 hours reading and discussing books. We also raised \$150 from dues, which was donated to a local non-profit, The Youth Center. In 2022, we read an English translation of a French novel ("Fresh Water for Flowers"); historical fiction about female Enigma Code breakers during World War II ("The Rose Code"); a history of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago ("The Devil in the White City"); a quirky murder mystery ("The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie"); a modern novel by Pulitzer winner Elizabeth Strout ("Oh William!") and a memoir by a Nobel Prize winning physicist ("Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!"). Several of our members attended an American Association of University Women's Author's Luncheon where we met "The Rose Code's" author, Kate Quinn, and local mystery writer T. Jefferson Parker. This deepened our understanding of the writing process, from idea-generation through writing, editing, publishing and promoting the final product.