



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

Chairman: Irene Iverson		Club: Ebell Club of Irvine	
Number of Members : 16		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Education Chairman			
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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES			

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 : LSEE Hours : 29 Donated:: \$ 676.50 In Kind: \$ -0-

The Laurie Schoendorfer Education Endowment provides full scholarships for continuing education to students in wheelchairs who need it most. They currently work in Uganda, Peru, and Vietnam. Scholarships are awarded based on the individual need and their desire to achieve greatness beyond what is expected of them. Many of those suffering from mobility-related disabilities have limited opportunities for employment and must rely on family and friends to get by. We had a LEFT/RIGHT/CENTER Fundraiser at a member's home. Members and friends were invited to play at the 4 tables that were set up. Members brought food and drink to snack on. People were charged \$10 each to play. Some made extra donations to the charity or donated and did not come. It was a great success.

Project Title: Back To School Hours: 21 Donated: \$150 In Kind: \$692

The Back To School program at Families Forward supports dignity and self-confidence by providing at risk children with new backpacks and required school supplies. Our club voted to spend \$150 on this project. and encouraged members to donate items on a voluntary basis. Eleven members participated filling 13 backpacks with various school supplies.

Project Title: Free Little Library Hours: 22 Donated: -0- In Kind: -0-

Free Little Library is a program which makes library access even more convenient by providing boxes of books for free to anyone who happens to pass by. The idea is to "Take a book, leave a book". The book does not need to be returned and thousands of boxes of all designs are used around the country. Our city has one in every Community Center, 13 in all, and there are many in individual housing communities.

I took my camera and traveled wherever I heard of an established box and created a Shutterfly Photo book which I plan to publish and leave with our city's Community Service Department.,

Project Title: Book Shower Hours: 12 Donated: -0- In Kind: \$600

We support Families Forward in many ways during the year – Back To School, Thanksgiving meals and Adopt-A-Family at Christmas. Many children are involved in this program and they are planning to expand it. I thought, perhaps, that they would enjoy a book shower. They were delighted. I asked our members, grandparents, to survey their book collection and donate books not needed any more. I also went to our local Friends of the Library. There the volunteer donated and loaded a bag of books for toddlers. The last week of December I delivered 120 books to Families Forward.

Project Title: Concordia Challenge Hours: 7 Donated: -0- In Kind: -0-

Concordia University in Irvine annually invites the home school speech and debate tournament. Eight western states and 400 students are invited. I volunteer every year to judge the speech and debate sessions. Usually 2 additional members also volunteer but were unable to do so this year. Usually 4 – 6 students per session compete. As judge we rank them and give them feedback on the paper ballot. It is a very rewarding experience and I'm fortunate to be able to do it.

Project Title: Book Sharing Hours: 11 . Donated: -0- In Kind: -0-

Every meeting I bring books, that I or other members have read, to the meeting to share. I belong to another Federated club and between the two club trade books that are brought to share. It's like a Big Free Little Library because no questions are asked, just pure sharing. On the average I bring 5 books and trade as many as are taken. Members individually also take their read books to the local library.

Project Title: HOBY Hours: 4 Donated: \$300 In Kind: -0-

The **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar** is held in Southern California every summer. It is a 3 day seminar for high school sophomores incorporating leadership, motivation, community service, entrepreneurship and social and environmental responsibilities. HOBY develops critical thinking, team building, goal-setting and problem-solving. Irvine did not have a candidate to attend this seminar this year so a student from the nearby town of Tustin was assigned us. This student will attend our meeting in February and share her experiences with us.

Project Title: STEM Hours: 4 Donated: \$169 In Kind: -0-

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is a teaching method that involves problem solving, creative initiative and research hand- on activities. A local middle school has a high percentage of students in poverty and created a needed Robotics class. We were happy to help them. I contacted the Irvine Unified School Districts Director of STEM who lead me to the STEM teacher who sent me his class' wish list. We selected a Field Controller Kit.

Project Title: Bark Hours: 2 Donates: \$50 In Kind: -0-

Bark, Reading To Dogs, is an all-volunteer program which encourages children to increase their reading skills and self-confidence by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. Students find it intimidating to read in front of classmates but love to read to the non- judgmental, calming dogs. When available teams visit nursing homes, senior living facilities and veteran centers. Our club donated \$50 to the program.

