

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Julie Molitor		Club: Barber City	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 31	District: Orange		Area: C
Club Position: 1st Vice president			
Reporter's Address [REDACTED]			
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip [REDACTED]	
Email [REDACTED]		Phone [REDACTED]	
<u>Arts & Culture</u>			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Barber City Women's Club

Founded in 1927, Barber City Women's Club (BCWC) was named after the independent community from which it came, 'Barber City', located in the northwest Westminster, California (pop 89,397; 2022) and incorporated into Westminster in 1957. BCWC, originally formed for the improvement of local roads. In the 97 years since, BCWC has expanded into an organization of talented, educated, community focused people dedicated to the advancement and support of education, philanthropic and charitable activities for the local community, as well as internationally.

BCWC is the oldest continuously operating non-profit agency in Westminster, CA. Our 31 (thirty one) members utilize their talents and knowledge in event planning and organizing; creating and selling artistic crafts, baked goods, decor, jewelry, and sewn items; and hosting a multitude of fun, fundraising events-all to ensure success of the agencies we support throughout the year.

Proceeds from our activities go to:

- Interval House (multi service domestic violence program),
- Safety, health, understanding and education (SHUE) program at Westminster Senior center,
- Meals on Wheels at Westminster Senior center,
- Mental Health Association (multi-service center, Santa Ana),
- School in Malawi via Direct Connections to Africa (DCTA), and
- Food Pantry donations, We Care
- Pet Supply donations, Long Beach Animal Care Services
- Cash scholarships (\$500 x3, \$800 x1) awarded to Female residents of Westminster who are pursuing higher education and/or training at a local college, university, or vocational school.

Semi-annual Craft Fair, Luncheon and Bake sale
Hours 2,500 Donated \$0 In kind \$5,000

BCWC semi-annual Craft Fair, Bake sale and luncheon generates funding for our general, as well as our scholarship funds. The Spring and Fall BCWC Craft Fair includes many of our artistic crafters who participate each year, as well as some fabulous new artists with new crafts and ideas. The fair provides a wide variety of crafts including crocheting, sewn items, plants, ceramics, woodworking, homemade jams, original photography, handmade cards, jewelry, and gourd art, are some of the items sold by our vendors. A delicious lunch is available for our vendors and shoppers which increases the sense of community. We utilized advertising through posters/flyers, social media, and a local realtor handed out flyers, greatly increasing the number of shoppers during the fall event. For decades, our craft fair has brought people together to share their ideas, art, crafts, and food; helping foster local culture and community.

Rodrigo's Night Out.
Hours 20 Donated 0 In kind \$15

Planned a fund raising event to have dinner at a local restaurant who donated 15 % of every meal from members with coupon presentation. Rodrigo's sent us a check for \$76 a short time after the event. This night

out allows for members and the friends and family to come together as a community, as we support local workers and businesses.

SHUE, Westminster Senior Center, children's educational and interpersonal support
hours 200 donated \$500 in kind. \$400

Safety, Health, Understanding, Education (SHUE), is a program coordinated within the Westminster Senior Center. SHUE provides after school program within the senior center; senior center members provide tutoring to about 20 local at-risk first and second grade students who have been identified as at-risk by their teachers early in the fall semester. Their initial testing usually shows they are below grade level in reading and math. The follow up testing at the end of the school year, shows they have made remarkable progress and most are testing at or above grade level.

This year, BCWC provided school supplies and organizing boxes, as well as fun extracurricular activities- during spring 2023, Barber City Women's Club received dozens of beautiful live plants from a private garden. We gave these to the kids at SHUE to assist with their gardening program, as well as live sunflower seedlings for graduation presents. At the end of the year, students also received a squishmallow stuffed toy for their holiday. This program allows for community members to come together to help one another and build sense of culture, learning and growing.