



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

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Susan Ritschel		Club: San Clemente Woman's Club	
Number of Members (per CFWC Yearbook): 53		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Dean/First Vice President			
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EDUCATION & LIBRARIES			

The San Clemente Woman's Club is a non-profit organization established in 1931 by a group of San Clemente women who wanted to support a local soup kitchen during the depression and has evolved into a registered service club as part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. As one of the oldest communities within South Orange County, San Clemente has a rich history and diverse population with some unique characteristics. Bordering the Camp Pendleton Marine Base to the South, the Pacific Ocean to the West, and the Cleveland National Forest to the East, San Clemente's population and character have been shaped by these surroundings. San Clemente is a coastal/surf community with a vibrant Hispanic populace; proud of its historical significance and preservation; and equally proud of its relationship with the adjacent military community of Camp Pendleton.

Our purpose is to work constructively and harmoniously for the promotion of philanthropic, civic, cultural and education interests, as well as the general advancement of the San Clemente community. With now over 50 members and growing the SCWC is continuing to make meaningful and recognized contributions throughout all areas of the local community and beyond.

Project Title: San Clemente High School Scholarships Hours 60 Donated \$9,000 In Kind _____

Members of the SCWC Scholarship Committee oversee the scholarship application and selection process. Applicants must complete our Scholarship Award Application and include an unofficial high school transcript and two letter of recommendation. Each application is reviewed and scored by three committee members. The scores are then calculated, and the finalists selected. In 2023, the SCWC received a total of 25 applications, and awarded a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to the following six San Clemente High School seniors to support their pursuit of higher education. The SCWC scholarship committee members attended and participated in the scholarship award night on May 18, 2023:

- Kimberly Gomez Diaz

- Carolina Heredia
- Karla Muniz
- Josue Rosas Garcia
- Ashley Salgado
- Sienna Seefeldt

**Project Title: San Clemente Educational Foundation Donation__ Hours 150__ Donated \$7,800
In Kind**

The SCWC membership voted early in 2023 to plan and host a fundraising event to benefit the San Clemente Educational Foundation and donate all proceeds to its After School Tutoring Program at San Clemente High School. The San Clemente Educational Foundation was established in 1997 by a group of parents, teachers, alumni, and community members who recognized a need to provide supplemental funding in support of academic programs at San Clemente High School. The Educational Foundation provides after school tutoring in all major academic subjects to any student in need. Each year, over 10,000 hours of tutorial are provided at no cost to the students. This service is in line with the goals of the SCWC to foster and support excellent education within San Clemente. In order to raise the required funds, the SCWC hosted its first ever “It’s In The Bag” fundraiser on May 7, 2023, held at El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano, with over 75 individuals in attendance. Through event sponsorships and ticket sales, together with opportunities to bid on donated upscale handbags, nearly \$8,000 in net proceeds were raised for this worthy cause. The Board of the San Clemente Educational Foundation were in attendance and were extremely thankful for the work of the SCWC membership for its dedication and effort to ensure the event was a success.

**Project Title: San Clemente Woman’s Club Book Club and Book Donations__ Hours _____ Donated
In Kind: \$300 (in books donated)**

The SCWC has an active book club that meets monthly throughout the year, reading selections made at the end of the prior year by members. Last year’s choices included historical fiction, classic literature, a biography, and a sci-fi offering. Not only does this encourage the reading of selections “outside the box” of what individual members might otherwise choose to read on their own, but it also provides an opportunity to engage in dialogue and hear a variety of points of view on various subjects. This is how we learn from each other. Members are also encouraged to bring a book to donate to the local Friends of the Library Bookstore to each meeting.

