



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

Chairman: Mercedes Szarka/Norma Gallant	Club: Ebell Club of Fullerton	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 22	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Club Chairman		
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]		
City: [REDACTED]	State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]	
MEMBERSHIP		
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO		

The Ebell Club of Fullerton was established in 1917 and shares the community with not only other community service clubs but also with another federated club. The community is an established Community and often the service clubs are supporting the same organization.

The clubhouse was sold, and the money was invested so that each year a portion is designated as philanthropy funds. A special philanthropy committee reviews all requests for donations and submits their findings to the general membership for approval. While selling the clubhouse has financially been beneficial it has caused an identity problem as many thought we had dissolved with the sale of the clubhouse.

Project Title RECRUITMENT Hours 12 Donated \$ In Kind \$

Recruitment of members is essential. This year the Membership Chairmen has encouraged every member to bring in one new member. To assist with recruitment trifolds and business cards have been given to every member.

The club webpage has been revised. One problem we have had is that we had numerous webpages and could not remove them because they had been made while owning a clubhouse. Hopefully this problem has been resolved and in the future there will be only one webpage and it will be current. The cost for the new web page was \$1,250 plus monthly fee of \$20.

The club is working on starting an evening section. Prospective members have been contacted and a project has been selected to begin the community service project for this section. A date has been set for the first orientation meeting.

We are a small group but continue to work on membership, trying to be positive about gaining new members. Every idea that is suggested we try to follow up whether it is to start a new section, change meeting times, share more, get out in the community we are trying.

Membership

Project Title RECOGNITION Hours 20 Donated \$ In Kind \$

All new members receive a "New Member Handbook" which includes the history of the club and federation, responsibilities of being a member and protocol information. They also receive a federation pin, name badge and yearbook which includes bylaws, dates and all member information.

Members are thanked for their efforts both verbally and written thank you in the newsletter.

Each month members' birthdays are listed in the bulletin, a birthday card is sent and a small gift and singing of Happy Birthday is done at the General Meeting.

Our club regrettably recognizes the passing of members with a donation of their family's choice.

Project Title RETENTION Hours 65 Donated \$ In Kind \$

In order for the members to enjoy being a member an effort has been made to make the meetings more enjoyable by providing interested and entertaining programs. Programs have included: How to Be Organized, a Halloween Magician and the local high school choral group but we also realize we are a community service organization and have had programs from Orange County United, Pathways of Hope and Crittenton Services.

We also realized that we need to get to know each other better so have a "Tell Me Something Good" and a question of the month about ourselves which is shared. Everyone seems to enjoy this and has been fun getting to know each other better.

The Personal Interest Chairman contacts all members who have been ill or unable to attend meetings and reports at the meetings and in the newsletter. Flowers are sent to those in the hospital or ill along with Get Well Cards to show that the club is concerned about them.

Since selling the clubhouse the Ways & Means Position is now the Events Vice President and coordinates the social aspects of the club to encourage members to enjoy being together and having a good time. A trip to Roger's Gardens was planned for Halloween and the Annual Christmas Social was held in a member's home.

The club has a very active Canasta Section and any other activities the members want.