



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

Chairman: Barbara Reynolds	Club: Ebell Club of Irvine	
Number of Members: 16	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: First Vice President		
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Fundraising		

The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a “model city” as planned by the Irvine Company. Three years later in 1974, the Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service in the following areas: Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health & Wellness.

In the last 52 years, the City of Irvine has grown to over 309,000 residents and 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 graduate; the Irvine Unified School District is highly regarded; and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. As the population of the city has grown, the number of volunteer organizations has also multiplied. Many of these have with a single mission, such as CHOC guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward.

Our club offers volunteers a diverse approach to volunteering and has held steady over the years averaging about 15 energetic members who are proud to be federated and making a difference in the Irvine community.

Project: Tustin Tiller Days Hours 0 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

Usually, we begin this report with our big fundraiser of the year – a hot dog booth at Tustin Tiller Days, an annual 3-day festival put on by the City of Tustin Parks and Recreation Department. A typical weekend has generated about \$3,000 for our club. However, for the first time in over 30 years, we were not able to participate. Sadly, our membership has aged out of being able to build and staff the booth for 3 days. Of our 16 members, one lives in Michigan, one is legally blind, and 8 are not physically able to walk from where they could park their car to the booth’s location and then work 3 three-hour shifts. Therefore, with heavy heart, the club members decided we had to bow out and look for other ways to support our operation and philanthropic expenses.

Project: Garage Sales Hours 40 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 950

This year two garage sales, one in Spring and one in Fall, were held in coordination with a realtor’s community garage sales so there were no advertising expenses. Members were asked to clean out their closets and bring items to be sold to our Garage Sales Chair’s home by the night before the sale. Those donating items were asked to put a price on each item before dropping it off. The mornings of each sale, three members set up the goods and worked the first shift. About 10 a.m. there was a shift change. At 1 p.m. the sale ended, and those who worked the closing got unsold items ready to be picked up by the Salvation Army. \$679 was the combined amount raised.

Project: Amazon Smile Program Hours 1 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

Since many of the club's members shop online using Amazon, we participated in their rewards program for charities. All members were encouraged to select our club as their charity and encourage friends and family to do the same. Unfortunately, Amazon discontinued this program in March 2023. \$47 was raised

Project: Laurie's Scholars Hours 40 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$336

Laurie's Scholars provides scholarships for higher education or vocational schools to aspiring students from developing nations who face mobility challenges. One club member organized a Murder Mystery Dinner in her home, and club members donated the food and drinks for those attending. Each of the 8 participants donated \$25 to attend. The additional \$27 came from tips for the bartender. \$227 was raised.

Project: Jeffrey Open Space Trail Hours 3 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

The Jeffrey Open Space Trail is a 3-mile-long park/trail which is beautifully planted with grasses, shrubs, border plantings, and trees. Over the last 16 years the Ebell Club of Irvine has worked with the City of Irvine's JOST landscape manager to identify plants for signage and then collect funds to purchase and install the signs. Each sign identifies the plant's common name, botanical name, and sponsor. In 2023 we found sponsors and collected funds for 8 new signs. \$480 was raised

Project: Recycling Containers for CRV Hours: 130 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

In 2023 club members have continued to recycle both plastic and glass bottles as well as aluminum cans. Club members collect their recyclables at home and from friends and family members. Once they have a couple of large trash bags full, they drop the recyclables off at the Chairman's home. The chair sorts the containers and bags them for the trip to the recycler. The light-weight bottles are separated from the heavier plastic containers and counted out into bags of 50 to get a nickel back per bottle. Since the heavies bring in more than a nickel when recycled by weight, they go into a large bag filled to the max. Cans are also all counted into sets of 50 to net 5 cents a can. Since most recyclers will only allow 1 bag of counted bottles and 1 bag of aluminum cans per visit, the chair hits the recycling centers multiple times a month to maximize our income from this "planet helping" fundraiser. \$292 was raised.

Project: Dining for Dollars Hours: 4 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

A member organized 4 Dine-out Days at Rodrigo's Mexican Restaurant and Chili's Southwest Grill, this year. Our member set up the dates and printed flyers for our members and their guests to use. This is another painless, enjoyable way to socialize and raise funds for our club's projects. \$225 was raised.

Project: Support for St. Teresa's Orphanage Hours: 4 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

The Chairman for the club's annual Angel Tree for St. Teresa's Orphanage and School collected cash donations to be given to the school to help support the ten orphaned girls living there. The money was delivered in December when a group of 9 volunteers drove the 152 gifts collected by the Angel Tree Project to St. Teresa's in Ensenada, Mexico. \$1,888 was raised.

Project: Donations for Philanthropy Hours: 1 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

Five members and friends of the club donated cash to be used for whatever philanthropy project the club members decided. \$235 was raised.

Project: Cuddle Quilts for Human Options Hour 1 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

When the club decided to purchase "Made with Love by the Ebell Club of Irvine" labels to sew onto the cuddle quilts we made for Human Options, 2 members donated the funds since the Quilt account was out of funds. \$90 was raised.

Project: Kroger Community Rewards Program Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

Six members have registered with Ralph's grocery store of the Kroger Family of Stores Community Contributions Program. Through this program our club receives quarterly checks that equal 1% of the items purchased during the quarter. There are specific items that are not included: milk products, alcohol, tobacco products, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery, CRV, and sales tax. This program is a painless way to earn money for the club since we all shop and need groceries. All members were encouraged to participate, but some have chosen to register with other charities, such as their church or grandchild's school. Others choose to shop at other grocery stores. We are trying to increase participation in this fundraiser by asking friends and family who shop at Ralph's to register and designate The Ebell Club of Irvine as their organization. \$105 was raised.

Project: National Day of Service Food Insecurity Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

Several members of the club would not be available to purchase grocery items for this one-day event when we collected food for our two identified organizations, Families Forward and Todd Anglin Home. Instead they donated a total of \$80 to the club for designated club member to use while shopping for her food items. \$80 was raised.

Project: Penny Pines Fund Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

Penny Pines is a project done in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service. Each \$68 donation goes for planting an acre of seedlings in a national forest. At each general meeting, donations are collected by the Penny Pines Chair, counted, and turned in to the Treasurer. Once a year we send a \$68 check to the Forest Service for seedlings for the Cleveland Forest. This year \$51 was raised at club meetings. \$51 was raised.

Project: Families Forward Back to School Program Hours 5 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

In addition to the \$100 budgeted by the club for this project, another \$65 was donated by members to purchased school supplies for the children of Families Forward clients. Families Forward is an Irvine based non-profit which provides temporary housing for its clients and counseling services to help the families become financially independent again. \$65 was raised.

Project: Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Hours 5 Donated \$ 0 In Kind 0

In addition to the \$100 budgeted by the club for this project, another \$210 was donated by members to purchase gifts and gift cards for the parents and two children. \$210 was raised.