

Project Title: Woman of the Year**Hours: 4****Donation: 50**

Are you friendly, positive and welcoming to new and current members? Do you go the extra mile to help others and participate in our club projects? Do you donate your time, talent and treasure to help our club sections, fundraising and events? If so, you could be a candidate for our Woman of the Year. In 2023 we selected Suzanne Vaugine for this award. She has been Director of Catering, Financial Secretary, 1st VP/Dean and has served as President twice. In addition, she participates in several sections and organizes the Flower Show Opportunity division. Congratulations to our Woman of the Year, Suzanne, for an award well deserved!

Project Title: Easter Parade**Hours: 45****Donation: \$30.**

It's time to break out your favorite spring hat, (remember the 50's and 60's) or create a new spring themed hat for our Easter Parade at the April meeting. Three winners are chosen for cash prizes.

Project Title: Halloween Costume**Hours: 45****Donation: \$30.**

It's time for your ingenuity. What will be your Halloween Costume? Our winners this year was a belly dancing witch, an "old lady" and a 20's flapper. There were so many creative costumes that it was hard to pick.

Project Title: (Ugly) Christmas Sweater**Hours: 45****Donation: \$30.**

Don't throw away that Christmas sweater, wear it and compete in our December parade with 3 prizes to win. One of our winners this year was decorated as a Christmas tree. It is fun to see their ingenious ideas.

Project Title: Welcome Ambassadors**Hours: 176**

If you are a new member or a shy person, it can be intimidating to walk into a clubhouse with over 100 people in attendance. My gut reaction is to turn around and walk out. Our solution is to have 3-5 members near the front door to greet the ladies they don't know or who might have that "deer in the headlights" look. Our Ambassador introduces themselves, walks them through the registration process, finds a table for them to sit and introduces them to members in the sections they find interesting. We have reserved seating cards for the Ambassador to save an extra seat at their own table to accompany the new member as they get acclimated.

Project Title: Buddy Program**Hours: 110**

We are struggling to get a Mentor/Buddy program to help the new members. We ask that a "seasoned" member be a buddy to a new member for a few months, by answering their questions, inviting them to sections, and reminding them of events to attend. We have grown by over 35 members this year and it is hard to find enough women to be the Mentor. **Do you have any ideas?**

Project Title: Community resources

Hours: 110

In our Orange Leaf newsletter we include information so our membership is aware of what assistance is available or of important civic contacts. One of the ideas was to connect our members with “**Go Orange Transportation Program**” that provides van transportation to City of Orange residents that are over 60 and are self-sufficient or who have an aide to assist them. A ride voucher book can be purchased for \$5.00 and includes 6 one-way ride tickets. The actual value is \$83.

Project Title: Entry Bulletin Board

Hours: 12 Donation: \$53

In our covered porch entry, we have a bulletin board on one wall. It is a great resource for what is happening in our club and is updated monthly by a very devoted member.

Project Title: Yearbook pictures

Hours: 20

We are fortunate to have the largest membership in California, ending the year with 240 members. However it makes it especially hard for new members to learn names. Starting in 2022 we added pictures of members to the yearbook. It makes it so much easier to recognize and connect a face to a name.