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Education

Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO

In 1980, a small group of energetic, community, and service-orientated women met and founded the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. With a membership of ten the TVWC was chartered as a CFWC/GFWC that same year and incorporated in 1981.

Within the club, the Education Committee focuses on "promoting learning through literacy" and explores new ideas to impact our community. However, life as we know it came to a grinding halt due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our committee had to buckle up and prepare for an unforeseen ride or be left behind. I'm proud to say we opened our hearts and minds to change! So I asked another chair to experiment with me to learn to navigate ZOOM. We couldn't let the fear of unknown technology stop us. We got online together and figured out how to create a meeting and link an invitation. What an accomplishment for us, WE DID IT, and soon shared our knowledge with the other committee chairs. The Education Committee embraced ZOOM, trying to keep in contact with one another through reading and encouraging our members to continue to learn and grow during these uncertain times.

Project Title: High School Scholarships Hours: 89 Donated: \$26,000 In Kind: \$0

Since 1984 The Temecula Valley Woman's Club Scholarship Committee has celebrated the students in our community by supporting their goals for higher education. In 2020, despite the pandemic, twenty-six scholarships were awarded to Murrieta and Temecula students assisting with their college/university goals.

This year, 2020, seven TVWC members devoted 89 hours. Time spent by school district staff reviewing applications from graduating high school students and choosing scholarship applications from the six Murrieta and Temecula Public High schools is not included in the 89 hours. The criteria for choosing recipients was at least a 3.5 GPA, 60 community service hours and a personal essay. The 60 hours of community service was not held to standard due to the restrictions and quarantine measures dictated by COVID-19. Three applicants from each of the six high schools were selected. In addition, one recipient from each school

district was selected based on need. Each student received a \$1,300.00 scholarship. There were no ceremonies for TVWC or scholarship recipients this year due to the Covid-19. However, the TVWC committee made a congratulatory short video and sent it to the scholarship recipients via email along with a letter.

Project Title: Career Pathways Hours: 14 Donated: \$2500.00 In Kind: \$0

This project presents an alternative educational scholarship program for motivated individuals of any age requiring financial assistance to reach their goals in a trade or technical field. For this committee most of the work is done over the phone and on the computer, so Covid-19 did not impact what we do as much. However, it did reduce the number of applicants that are normally screened. This 2020 year, we had a small number of requests to work with. Our continuing Career Pathway students had finished their courses last fall and this spring. Working with four candidates, only two were funded. A committee of three, were able to reach out to four students, review their needs and select two candidates to fund for Career Pathways. One was a continuing student and the other was a new student. A total of \$2500.00 was funded.

Project Title: San Jacinto Scholarship Hours:28 Donated: \$1,000 In Kind: \$0

Covid-19 did not affect the work done for the MSJC screening committee either, because the reviews of applications are done online as well. The three members of this committee had the important task of reviewing online applications to select a student to receive the 2020-2021 Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) Continuing Education Scholarship. After reviewing 94 scholarship applications in just two weeks, the committee chose one student to receive the \$1500 award, a combined contribution of \$1,000 from TVWC and \$500 from MSJCs' Foundation. This committee met conferred over the phone and screened applications online. Scholarships are a wise investment in our future and TVWCs' scholarship committees look forward to next year's students and the opportunity to encourage, support and give to our communities by investing in education.

Project Title: HOBY Hours: 20 Donated: \$900.00 In Kind: \$0

HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) California offers high school sophomores the opportunity to participate in challenging leadership training seminars with the purpose of having a life dedicated to innovation and service to their schools and community. In the Fall, Guidance Counselors from the six public high schools in the Temecula/Murrieta area are contacted to select one outstanding student from their school. This 2020 school year we were only able to make this opportunity available to four sophomores. Our four California seminars combined to hold one giant virtual seminar. It may have been the largest HOBY seminar ever! We had 498 students, 161 volunteers, 49 small groups, and some board visitors and that brought us to 639 people on ZOOM at the same time! Amazingly, we had only 7 students drop off over the two full days.

Project Title: The Education Grant Fund Hours: 5 Donated: \$1,000 In-Kind: \$0

The Temecula Valley Woman's Club donated \$1,000 in Education Grant Funds to the Murrieta Library which allowed them to purchase Storytime Kits which contained books and

activities with popular high-interest themes such as dogs, the zoo, and the farm which focus on a child's use of imagination through learning. The library also requested STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Discovery Backpacks which are designed for K-5th grade students. These valuable resources could be checked out by families to continue learning at home. Both the Storytime Kits and the STEM Discovery Backpacks are intended to promote and enhance early learning, as well as parental/family interaction.

Project: June In Kind Hours:10 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$900.00

The Temecula Valley Woman's Club collected 185 new Dr. Seuss books for the Head Start Programs in Temecula and Murrieta. Working with the lead contact teacher, there are approximately 135 students in the program and due to COVID-19 the students are remote learning and have a live session on Wednesdays. This year Head Start partnered with Temecula Valley People Helping People (TVPHP), a nonprofit charity group that services Riverside County. They have helped Head Start families with furniture, clothes, and even a car. These Dr. Seuss books were going to be a part of the family's Christmas gift packages. Nothing compares to family reading time with a good book and a cozy blanket!

Project Title: Books for Lunch Hours: 200 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

On October 1, 2020, the Books for Lunch group was thrilled to get on ZOOM to meet with T. Jefferson Parker, the author of *The Last Good Guy*. The author of 27 books, Jeff related how his background as a reporter and a number of unrelated writing jobs helped him survive until he became an established writer. He uses some of those experiences in his books. This book was very well received by our group. Everyone loved the mystery and the author's description of characters and references to southern California locations we all could relate to.

Books for Lunch has a yearly schedule of ten meetings, all held at a committee members home. We all enjoy discussing the book, author and writing style and getting to know each other on a personal level. Discussions are facilitated by co-chairs with members sharing experiences and opinions relating to the book. What's shared in Books for Lunch stays in Books for Lunch! Luncheon is provided by the home hostess with co-hostesses sharing the cost. We decide on a member chosen list of books for the year and email monthly reminders. We also put out a sign up sheet at our TVWC monthly meeting.

Project: Book Exchange Table Hours: 3 Donated: 25 books In Kind: \$0

Encouraging the reading habits of TVWC members, we provide a Book Exchange Table at our GM. All members can donate books and take home any book of their choice. The exchange table is managed by one volunteer who is responsible for delivery to Friends of the Library after each General Meeting, any books not picked up from the table that day. This program is very well received by the members and the number of books brought in varies from 10 or 12 books but has numbered as many as 25 books available to the membership from which to choose.

Project Title: ESO

Hours: 21

Donated: \$0

In Kind: \$0

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is a national honorary educational society, providing a structured reading program that stimulates self-improvement for our club members. The chair collects the required written book reviews (50 words or less) submitted by our members on books they have read and in turn submits their names to CFWC/GFWC for recognition. At certain intervals of total books read, the ESO member is awarded a certificate of achievement and she is recognized by the TVWC Board each year at one of the General Meetings. This year was so different than in the past due to COVID, but several of our members submitted reports to “graduate” to the next level, including Susan Elliott who has just completed Century 9. Quite an accomplishment. Jeri McLees became the new chair early in the year, and spent much of her time trying to resolve a controversy of an interpretation of the various levels. This was finally clarified by the CFWC Education Chair in early December. With this information, 2021 will be spent recruiting new members and urging existing members to keep reading.

We have 18 members, two of whom are new. Of those, there are 2 pledges, 3 who have reached Membership level, 2 finishing Start level, 2 finishing Torch level, and the remainder have worked on various levels of their Century awards.

In 2020, our members reported on 182 books, although several were holding their reports until the “classification” issue was resolved.

*This does not include hours spent reading or preparing reports of individual members.

Project: Murrieta Library

Hours: 420

Donated: \$0

In Kind: \$0

Library volunteers are greatly needed in the library, the Friends of the Murrieta Library(FML) bookstores, the library's toddler story hours, teen events, and special needs adult days all of which many TVWC members assisted regularly before they were closed down in March. Also several of our TVWC members serve on the Library Advisory Commission, and are on the Friends of the Murrieta Library Board of Directors.

Note: The Temecula Valley Woman’s Club played a strategic role through fundraising efforts to help complete the construction of the Murrieta Library in 2007.

Project: Temecula Libraries

Hours: 270

Donated: \$1,500.00

In Kind: \$0

The Friends of the Temecula Libraries (FOTL) host a Summer Reading Program of which TVWC was a proud \$1,000 sponsor to support this highly successful program. Summer reading programs encourage reading to become a lifelong habit, helps reluctant readers to be drawn in by the activities, and can generate interest in the library and books. The two Temecula Libraries participated in a virtual Summer Reading Program (SRP) this year because the libraries were closed due to COVID-19. Express Holds Pickup was available outside the Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library (RHRTPL). The SRP was online

from June 15-August 7. Participation was low throughout the county, but RHRTPL had the highest participation with 54 pre-readers, 136 children readers, 29 teens and 62 adults (compared to 3,392 participants in 2019). Three virtual programs were available to all online, including a Magical Mysteries Tour, Dino Encounters and Pacific Animal Productions.

Also several TVWC members volunteered in the two FOTL Bookstores before they were closed in March. Their jobs included processing, pricing and shelving books, as well as assisting customers.

Two of our TVWC members serve as President and Vice President of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries (FOTL) and participate in monthly meetings via ZOOM.

The TVWC was excited to donate \$500 to FOTL for Strategic Games. Strategic games stimulate children's cognitive capacity and improve their attention and concentration. These games also develop our intelligence and mental ability as well as amuse and entertain us!