



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
DISTRICT AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
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| Number of Members: 81 | | District: De Anza | Area: D |
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| Education and Libraries Committee | | | |

In 1980, a small group of energetic, community, and service-oriented women met and founded the Temecula Valley Women'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 and Libraries Committee focuses on "promoting learning through literacy" and explores new ideas to impact our community. However, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to go online. Engaging our members on ZOOM, by using it for meetings, kept our meetings inclusive while keeping in contact with one another through reading during these uncertain times. The following projects below reflect our mission.

Project Title: High School Scholarships Hours: 82 Donated: \$18,000 In Kind: \$0

Since 1984 the Temecula Valley Women's Club Scholarship Committee has celebrated the students in our community by supporting their goals for higher education. In 2021, despite the continued pandemic, eighteen scholarships were awarded to the Murrieta and Temecula Valley School Districts high school students, assisting with their college/university goals. The criteria for choosing recipients were their GPA, community service hours, and a personal essay. We had over 900 applications which were reviewed by School District volunteers and a Temecula Valley Women's Club volunteer. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarships impact these students by helping them fill the gap between the cost of college and a student's financial aid. By supporting scholarships we're providing a lifeline to talented students who just need a chance to succeed!

Project Title: Scholarship Video Hours: 2 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

Communications and Public Relations created a scholarship video which introduced the Temecula Valley Women's Club to our 2021 recipients, each with a \$1,000 scholarship. To see all these brilliant students on screen just makes the club proud of all their hard work to help make all these students' dreams come true!

Project Title: Murrieta High School Video Hours: 3 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

The Murrieta High School District sponsors an evening ceremony to announce high school scholarships given from all over the community. Due to COVID-19 we couldn't attend in person, so the Temecula Valley Women's Club

is most effective at reducing the spread of the virus. Evidence indicates that mask wearing reduces transmissibility per contact along with social distancing.

Project Title: Murrieta Library Hours: 683 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

The Friends of the Murrieta Library (FOML) volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization, raising funds, and advocating for the library's life-enriching programs and services. During this year with COVID-19, volunteers helped parents find books for children, hand out toys and pencils, movies/tv shows, stock shelves, and work at the desk. Additionally, they make recommendations to older adults on books, movies/tv shows. Our club volunteers were able to keep the doors open with shorter hours and fewer days following strict California safety guidelines. The appreciation of our shoppers kept us going. A few of our members are on the Murrieta Library Board of Directors and have continued to attend board meetings and general meetings via Zoom. It was a challenging and successful year that the volunteers are proud of.

Project Title: Temecula Libraries Hours: 204 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

The Temecula Friends of the Libraries are a group of volunteers who join to support literacy in our community, improve, and promote libraries. Several Temecula Valley Women's Club volunteers had tasks that include processing, pricing, and shelving books, as well as assisting customers. They also help fundraise to support both of the library's programs. Two of our Temecula Valley Women's Club members serve as President and Vice President of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries and participate in monthly meetings via Zoom.

Project Title: Books for Lunch Hours: 364 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

Books for Lunch has a yearly schedule of ten meetings held at member's homes. We decide on a member-chosen list of books for the year. Our book club promotes a love of literature in a positive, nurturing environment. Books for Lunch encourages critical thinking and deeper engagement with stories. Prior to COVID-19, lunch was provided by the home hostess with co-hostesses sharing the cost. Currently the committee has encouraged hybrid meetings. Hybrid meetings combine the benefits of face-to-face attendees connecting virtually with other meeting attendees. It's a winning combination of live and virtual interaction between presenters and attendees! Even trying to get back to normal during the pandemic, some members still prefer to meet remotely even as restrictions are lifted. Hybrid meetings have become an inevitable component of our "new normal."

Project Title: ESO Hours: 2,221 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 fourteen club members. The club's purpose is to promote and reward continual learning by members of women's clubs. By pledging members make a commitment to participate and are recognized for their achievements. This reading program expands the horizons of its members by requiring them to explore other categories of reading that we normally wouldn't read!

This year ESO had a "very good year" in 2021 with six of our members moving up at least one reading level. Our shining star was a member who achieved her 10th Century status-meaning she has read and reported on 1,000 books since becoming a member of ESO. Our members spent over 2,000 hours reading and read over 200 books while making short reports on why we liked or did not like a book. We also added several new categories which can be included in our reading studies-giving us more options.

Project Title: Casino Night Fundraiser Baskets Hours: 30 Donated: In Kind: \$300

Our committee's inspiration for our gift baskets for Casino Night came from *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Several of our members have traveled to China and Thailand, and were amazed by the beauty and fascinated by the tea culture. This was a creative collaboration to help raise funds for scholarships.

