



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Darlene Wharton		Club: Elsinore Woman's Club	
103 of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook):		District: De Anza	Area: D
Club Position: First Vice President			
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On February 7, 1906, 12 ladies of Elsinore and vicinity met and organized the Elsinore Woman's Club. This year we celebrated 118 years of service to the community through our various philanthropic activities, scholarships, fundraising, cultural events to continue improving the district. Our clubhouse is in the Historic District of Lake Elsinore whose population is 72,472. We have 103 members working side-by-side ranging in age from 28 to 99 years of age.

Project Title: LONGEVITY OF THE ELSINORE WOMAN'S CLUB Hours: 160 Donated: \$ 0 In Kind: \$250

The Elsinore Woman's Club has a remarkable legacy, one that highlights both the club's longevity and its contributions to Woman's history. Founded in **1906**, the Elsinore Woman's Club has been an important social, cultural, and philanthropic institution in Lake Elsinore, California. Its history reflects the larger movement of women organizing for civic engagement, mutual support, and social change, especially during a time when Woman's rights were evolving, and communities were shaping their local identities.

The two EWC members, each with 50 years of dedication, were honored for their remarkable service. Both have served as club president and held the roles of 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice president. To celebrate their long-standing achievements, the club presented them with flowers and a plaque. These members remain highly active and continue to support the club in all areas. During the December meeting, Ms. Corral, a 50-year EWC member, shared a historical account of the Clogston twin brothers from Lake Elsinore, who were active in WWII and tragically lost their lives during the war. Ms. Corral frequently speaks about Lake Elsinore's history at club meetings. Both members have been invaluable assets to the club and the community. The EWC boasts 28 members with active service ranging from 10 to 50 years, highlighting the resilience and leadership of women who have worked to create spaces for mutual support, advocacy, and cultural enrichment. The members' age ranges from 28 to 99 years old. This also reflects how EWC Woman's Clubs have empowered women by fostering connection, providing opportunities, and inspiring personal growth. A shining example is our oldest member, who turns 99 years young and has devoted 23 years to EWC. Her milestone birthday on September 29th was celebrated with flowers, treasured visits, and heartfelt phone calls throughout the week, leaving her deeply moved by the love and attention from everyone. For over a century, the Elsinore Woman's Club has adapted to changing times while preserving its core mission: promoting community betterment, providing educational opportunities, and empowering women. Its members have consistently participated in important social causes, from Woman's suffrage to education, civic improvement, and support for the arts. Through the decades, as local and national issues shifted, the club's activities have reflected the interests and concerns of its members. The clubhouse's building, located in the heart of Lake Elsinore, also serves as a testament to its enduring presence. Over time, the organization has become a pillar of support for local causes, hosting events, fundraisers, and providing a space for community members to gather and collaborate. This has been shown by sharing the club building with other non-profit organizations in the community.

Project Title: 50 YEARS OF WISDOM AND SERVICE Hours: 45 Donated: \$ 0 In Kind: \$ 0

This year, one of our History Chairwoman celebrated 50 years of membership, bringing unparalleled knowledge and passion to the role. Together with her co-chair, they infused their work with dedication and excitement, sharing monthly insights into the club's rich history. From the suffragist era to the modern age of selfies, they highlighted the evolution of our mission, showcasing how adaptability has been key to our success. They explored how fundraising methods, community engagement, and societal contributions have transformed over time, reminding us that while change can be uncomfortable, it is essential for growth. Our 50-year member, a vital part of both the Elsinore Woman's Club and the local Historical Society, serves as a bridge between two powerful organizations. By merging her knowledge and fostering collaboration between these nonprofits, she has inspired a unique exchange of ideas, blending tradition with innovation. Her work underscores the importance of understanding where we came from to shape where we're going, ensuring our legacy thrives for generations to come.

Project Title: EMPOWERED WOMEN MAKE HISTORY Hours: 20 Donated: \$ 0 In Kind: \$ 0

This election year, our History Chair delivered a powerful and inspiring message about the importance of voting, tying it to the rich legacy of Woman's history. At one of our meetings, she captivated us with fascinating historical insights, recounting the struggles and triumphs of the women who fought tirelessly to secure the right to vote. Her message transcended politics—it wasn't about supporting a specific candidate or legislation but about understanding the significance of our role as women in shaping history. She reminded us that voting is not just a right but a responsibility to honor the past and ensure our voices continue to shape the future. Through her dedication, she reignited our appreciation for the strength of Woman's voices and the enduring impact of our participation.

Project Title: CLUBHOUSE MAKEOVER Hours: 350 Donated: \$900 In Kind: \$50

In February of 2024, the Elsinore Woman's Club (EWC) achieved a significant milestone when the clubhouse was officially dedicated as a California Historical Point of Interest. With this recognition came the responsibility of preserving the authentic architectural features that make the building so special. To begin the restoration process, club members focused on remodeling the primary ladies' lounge and bathroom, making it both historically accurate and functional for today's needs. Eight dedicated members, along with their husbands and friends, worked together on this project, carefully referencing old photographs of the club and researching design elements from the 1920s to maintain the building's original character. The restoration efforts included replacing the toilet and sink, installing beadboard and moldings, repainting the walls, and thoroughly cleaning and updating the space. These thoughtful updates ensured the room was both practical and in keeping with the historical integrity of the building. The members of the Elsinore Woman's Club are committed to preserving the clubhouse's historical significance, working one space at a time to ensure that the building remains a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for years to come. Each restoration project continues to reflect the club's dedication to honoring its history while meeting the needs of current and future members and guests.