

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'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	District: De Anza	Area: D					
CFWC Yearbook):							
Club Position: First Vice President							
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EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO) GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO							

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 <u>72,472</u>. We have 103 members working side-by-side ranging in age from 28 to 99 years of age.

Project Title: <u>ESO IN THE BEGINNING</u> Hours of Reading: <u>1000</u> # Books Read <u>100</u>

The Elsinore Woman's Club, established to serve the community through volunteerism, social initiatives, and educational programs, shares common values with ESO. The goal for our EWC members is to encourage and support continued education, to encourage personal growth and to encourage the establishment of a home library. The book club began their meetings at EWC clubhouse on the second Tuesday of each month. There were 5 members in attendance. Each member brings a book of their choice to share. The Chairman brought extra books to share, take home or give away. The members read approximately 2 hours a day. Each member discussed their 2 books at meetings. The Chairman explain the program. ESO handouts were as follows:

- ESO Cover Sheet
- ESO Category Report Form
- Pamphlet on 25 ESO categories reading list, such as, American History, Drama, Education, Fiction, Reading to Children, etc.
- ESO Reading Requirements
- ESO Levels are:
 - Pledge Application
 - Membership 16 books in four categories
 - Star 40 books in 10 categories
 - Torch 64 books in 4 books from 16 different categories
 - o Century Level 100 books No reports are required
 - Diamond 1,000 books

ESO has convinced EWC members to crack open a book or two. Those who were once doubtful about joining the ESO group are now eagerly marking their calendars for 2025 – because apparently, reading isn't just for bookworms anymore!

Project Title	e:E	SO NOW	Hours of	Reading: 600	0 # Books Read	310
The ESO wa	s formed not jus	t for the joy of re	ading togethe	er, but also to d	ive deep into the gre	eat literary
debates of "I	s this book really	y as bad as it se	ems?" and "C	an we please n	ot read that one aga	ain?"

The club recently moved its meetings from the EWC clubhouse to the Chairman's home; if she's unable, someone else steps in to host. What started with just three brave souls on the second Tuesday of every month has now blossomed into a lively group of about 20 book lovers. Each member brings a book to share, a drink to sip, an appetizer to nibble on, and the unspoken rule of trading or borrowing books, because who doesn't want even more to read? At the end of each meeting a picture is taken for the bulletin. As of now, 8 members have met the Member requirement of reading 16 books. Three have soared past the Star requirement of 40 books and have achieved the Torch level by plowing through 64 books—proving that there really is no such thing as too much reading. EWC has members who are eager to join in 2025. Many women reported reading 200 to 400 hours a month. The book club has astonished EWC members with the success it has achieved.

literacy but is also inspiring a diverse group of women to enrich their lives through literature, regardless of the

format in which it is consumed.