



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

Chairman: Teri Lippert	Club: Riverside Woman's Club	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 81	District: De Anza	Area: D
Club Position: ESO Chair		
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<u>Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO</u> GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO		

The Riverside Woman's Club (RWC) was established in 1896 when eleven visionary women gathered in the home of Dr. Sarah Maloy, a local physician, to form the Woman's Club of Riverside. Our club's name was later changed to the Riverside Woman's Club, making us the oldest community service organization in Riverside. Some of our early accomplishments include the establishment of the Riverside American Red Cross Society, with one of our founders, Mrs. Hewitt, serving as its first president; securing funding for Riverside's inaugural public library; and launching the Riverside Community Players, whose productions were initiated by a club member. In 2024, we proudly celebrated the 128th anniversary of service and the 102nd anniversary of our historic clubhouse. As a diverse assembly of women, we are actively engaged in projects that aim to improve the lives of individuals within our community and beyond. Our initiatives include providing scholarships, giving Christmas gifts to developmentally disabled adults, donating to local food banks, serving dinner to our local firefighters, and delivering meals to women veterans experiencing PTSD, among many other efforts. Through these endeavors, the Riverside Woman's Club continues to honor its enduring "Legacy of Service," celebrating a proud history while forging a brighter future in the lives of others.

Project Title: ESO Author Luncheon **Hours 70** **\$ Donated 0** **\$ In Kind 0**

The Riverside Woman's Club had the pleasure of hosting a local author for a delightful luncheon at their clubhouse, marking an exciting expansion of the ESO Program. This ongoing initiative aims to provide members and the community with opportunities to engage with authors whose works can be included in the program's recommended readings. The featured author shared the fascinating backstories behind three of her books, including her acclaimed memoir, *In the Country of Women*. She graciously answered audience questions, signed copies of her books, and offered insights into her creative process, which inspired many attendees to purchase her works. The event fostered meaningful connections as the author stayed to engage in further conversation, making the experience even more enriching. Guests also enjoyed a delicious meal, adding to the success of the Club's first author's luncheon. As a token of appreciation, the Club presented the author with a thoughtful gift, including a box of candy, a Club pen, and other goodies. Buoyed by this success, the Club looks forward to inviting more authors to speak and build upon this new tradition. The author herself expressed enthusiasm for returning next year when her sequel is released, promising even more literary inspiration for members and guests.

Project Title: ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) **Hours: 10** **\$ Donated 0** **\$ In Kind 0**

ESO is a self-paced reading program designed to encourage people to read a broad and diverse array of books. This program encourages a desire for self-improvement and expand areas of interest. There

are 33 categories to choose from in which to read books. Club members read their books and write brief reports (50 words or less) as to what they learned from their reading. The books that they choose could be ones that they have already read or they can read new books that fall into the categories. The Riverside Woman's Club has 18 members who have pledged to participate in the ESO program. The first level you reach is the Member Level. To obtain this level you need to read 16 books in four different categories. As of this reporting date, three members have achieved the Member Level. They will be recognized at a monthly Business Meeting by awarding them with an ESO Pin.

