



## CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

### CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

*Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024*

Chairman: Margie Wachter	Club: Hemet Woman's Club	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 39	District: De Anza	Area: D
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<h2><u>LEADERSHIP</u></h2>		

The Hemet Woman's Club was founded in 1906! We celebrate the women whose foresight envisioned a community library and dedicated their efforts to ensure its success. The legacy handed down from the original group of 13 women has focused on improving the quality of life in our valley through a wide variety of special projects. Through the years we have fostered the General Federation of Woman's Club's motto of "Living the Volunteer Spirit" as we continue our commitment to community service.

**Project Title:** Hostesses with the Mostest **Hours:** 204 **Dollars Spent:** \$2114 **In Kind:** \$936

Because the twelve clubs in De Anza District rotate the duty of hosting the district conferences and Hemet Woman's Club hadn't done one for five years, it was our turn to step up on Monday, September 16, 2024, and put on our hostess aprons. Basically, this is like throwing a good-sized combo ladies' brunch and lunch with entertainment. We were not able to use our usual library meeting space since the library is closed on Mondays, which necessitated us finding an alternative location. Over the summer, we searched for a meeting space and with help from two of our members, we were able to secure a beautiful room at the Lakes at Hemet West in Hemet. Of course, we had numerous items on our to-do-list such as arranging insurance, finding a caterer, getting speakers etc. But, finally on a nice warm fall day, 70 De Anza district club members arrived in Hemet to transact Federation business, and we were ready to give them a memorable day. The District President had selected the theme of the day as honoring Education and Libraries.

Our small army of a decorating team was allowed to come in the day before the conference in order to set up and decorate the room with lovely table decorations, including creative floral designed centerpieces using shredded books set in coffee mugs from some of our district clubs. When attendees checked in at the welcome desk, we had a "Guesseroo" game for them. There was a large glass apothecary jar filled with a shredded cookbook and attendees were given a chance to win the jar by guessing how many pages had been shredded. The drawing was held at the end of the day.

Of course, good hospitality means good food, so our members provided our guests with a delicious selection of homemade sweet breads, muffins, croissants, yogurt, plentiful fruit trays, along with juices, coffee, tea and water. We arranged for the local six- member West Valley High School Naval ROTC to present the colors. Our members led the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic song and an inspirational message. We also arranged for Cyndi Lemke, the director of the Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce to provide Greetings from the City of Hemet. This was followed by our club president, Deni Mazingo, who gave greetings from our club.

Later in the agenda, close to lunch, time was made for members to participate in a "Done in a Day Project" which is something new our District President has begun this year. Hemet Woman's Club came up with an idea to create 200 "Teacher Survival Kits", which was really a teacher appreciation gift. Each table was given a box containing twenty of each of 10 different items for this kit, such as a pen, notepad, small hand sanitizer, candy, etc. The members then inserted these 10 items into a 4 x 9 pouch with a colorful card with clever copy that thanked the teacher for what they do and that they are appreciated. With the members working in an assembly-line, the ten tables managed to produce the 200 gifts in about 20 minutes. The following day the completed kits were delivered and given out to teachers at three Hemet schools. This project involved a great deal of preparation on the club's part and members were excited to see it put together.

At lunchtime, we provided the table grace and then our caterer served a delicious lunch of Chicken Parmigiana, pasta with marinara sauce, Cesar salad, mixed green salad, green beans, garlic bread and carrot cake. Guests also had beverages of iced tea, coffee and water. You can believe no one left that meeting hungry! Because we did have leftovers, at the end of the day we packed the food up and delivered it to the Valley Restart shelter so the food would not go to waste.

After lunch, nine of our members joined in a hilarious skit "What Are Volunteers?" where the audience guessed the letters of a word (volunteer) and as they guessed the letter, were told a trait that began with that letter of what a volunteer was. The cast received a big round of applause. Each conference attendee was gifted a beautifully designed 4 x 5-inch card with the traits spelled out of what is a volunteer as a memento of the day.

At the end of the day, right before adjournment, Hemet Woman's Club gifted each attendee a packaged gift of 6 beautiful note cards. These cards included artwork from the Ramona Bowl production of Helen Hunt Jackson's novel *Ramona*. There were audible "ahs" heard as attendees received this generous gift that was greatly appreciated.

After the conclusion of the day's business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM and the Hemet Woman's Club, tired as everyone was, could say they proudly survived hosting a memorable September 2024 De Anza District Conference. Woo-Hoo!