



**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 CFWC Yearbook):		District: De Anza	Area: D
Club Position: First Vice President			
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<b><u>LEADERSHIP</u></b>			
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 72,472. We have 103 members working side-by-side ranging in age from 28 to 99 years of age.

**Project Title:** **IGNITING LEADERSHIP**      **Hours:** **10,405**      **Dollars Spent:** **0**

The Elsinore Woman's Club beams with pride as one of our own ascends to the pinnacle of leadership, serving as the President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). This remarkable achievement reflects the determination, dedication, and unwavering commitment that defined her leadership journey. Her theme, "Ignite," is more than a guiding principle—it's a testament to her ability to spark inspiration and positive change across California and beyond. In 2024, she balanced dual roles, first as CFWC First Vice President and later as CFWC President. Her tireless efforts included extensive travel to represent the Federation at conventions, Area Conferences, and Board of Directors meetings, all while connecting with members and clubs across the state. Whether attending the GFWC Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C., the GFWC Western States Conference in Seattle, or meeting with District Presidents, she dedicated over 1,000 hours to furthering the mission of women's clubs. She worked tirelessly to support clubs, present Certificates of Appreciation, and guide those navigating challenging decisions—all while ensuring the Federation thrives. Her accomplishments not only shine a spotlight on her leadership but also elevate the Elsinore Woman's Club to new heights of recognition and pride. This historic milestone reminds us that even from a small town, one can reach the top through passion and perseverance. We are inspired by her ability to lead with grace, represent us with excellence, and ignite the spirit of service across our Federation. It is truly an honor to have her as a member of EWC, and we are endlessly grateful for her dedication and the example she sets for women everywhere.

**Project Title:** **CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE**      **Hours:** **12,400**      **Dollars Spent:** **0**

Empowering women to lead and inspire change lies at the heart of the Elsinore Woman's Club's mission. Our legacy of public service shines through the exceptional leadership of our members, whose dedication transforms our community. One remarkable past president has devoted 12 years to serving as a City Councilwoman, championing local initiatives and actively participating in subcommittees aimed at community improvement. Another extraordinary past president has committed 14 years to the Elsinore Unified School Board, currently serving as its dynamic Board President.

Our influence extends beyond traditional roles, with members demonstrating leadership in diverse fields. We are proud to count among us an elementary school principal whose dedication shapes the minds of future generations and a business owner who exemplifies entrepreneurial excellence. Additionally, one of our members serves as a varsity coach for boys and girls water polo teams at the high school level, teaching invaluable lessons in teamwork, resilience, and leadership to young athletes. But our reach doesn't stop there. From the Riverside Opera Guild to the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC), Rotary International Outreach, the Educational Citizen's Oversight Committee, and the Southwest California Legislative Council, our members extend their leadership across countless platforms. Many also serve as pillars of their neighborhoods, city committees, and churches, amplifying our collective impact. The Elsinore Woman's Club isn't just home to leaders—it's a powerhouse of advocates, visionaries, and catalysts for lasting, positive transformation in every corner of our community.

**Project Title:** MRS. PRESIDENT      **Hours:** 674      **Dollars Spent:** \$775

The leadership of our current president has truly elevated the Elsinore Woman's Club to new heights. For the first time in our history, every committee now has two co-chairs, fostering collaboration and ensuring all members can lead and contribute. Her inspiring theme, **TIME**, encourages us to take time to nurture friendships, give back to our community, and dedicate ourselves to the growth of our club. Her vision seamlessly aligns with the State President's theme, **Ignite**, which she has expanded into TIGER: "Together Ignite Getting Everyone Reading." This creative initiative is more than just a slogan—it's a call to action. With the help of a fun and engaging tiger costume, our club will visit schools and communities to spark a love for reading in children and people of all ages. Her innovative approach reminds us that literacy and learning are for everyone, bridging generations and strengthening bonds within our community. Perhaps her most remarkable contribution is her unwavering positivity and ability to make every member feel valued and included. Under her leadership, the Elsinore Woman's Club isn't just a group—it's a family, ignited by purpose, united by friendship, and driven by a shared commitment to making a difference.

**Project Title:** FIRST VICE PRESIDENT      **Hours:** 463      **Dollars Spent:** \$ 375

Our First Vice President has brought fresh energy and innovation to her role, introducing a new and engaging way for members to log their volunteer hours. Her creative approach has made the process exciting, with members eagerly filling out the forms and appreciating the options to receive their logs back for personal tax purposes. She has truly elevated the 1st Vice President position, setting a high standard for reporting and demonstrating exceptional leadership. With her enthusiasm, dedication, and forward-thinking mindset, she is on a clear path to becoming an outstanding president in the near future.

**Project Title:** SECOND VICE PRESIDENT      **Hours:** 497      **Dollars Spent:** \$301

Our Second Vice President is doing an outstanding job, bringing enthusiasm and dedication to recruiting new members. Her excitement is contagious as she actively engages with the community, building connections and encouraging others to join the Elsinore Woman's Club. She's gone above and beyond, participating in events like Winterfest, where she handed out cards and bookmarks to promote reading, camaraderie, and awareness of the club's mission. Her outreach efforts are making a real impact, inspiring new members to get involved and strengthening our community ties. Her commitment and energy are helping our club grow.

**Project Title:** THIRD VICE PRESIDENT      **Hours:** 500      **Dollars Spent:** \$375

This year, our Third Vice President has been a true cornerstone of our club, serving as the reliable 'go-to' leader. She has excelled in connecting members with programs, ensuring smooth operations, and representing us at district meetings alongside our president. Her proactive approach, including addressing legal matters, highlights her dedication to the club's success. Her contributions have significantly strengthened the unity and impact of our organization.

**Project Title: FINANCIAL TEAM**

**Hours: 421**

**Dollars Spent: \$375**

The financial strength of our club is upheld by the outstanding teamwork of our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Beyond handling budgets, audits, and reports, they ensure fiscal stability by managing deposits, paying bills, and providing detailed monthly updates. The Treasurer has streamlined processes with auto-payments and labeled envelopes for charity collections, while an assistant helps manage funds during meetings. Their dedication and efficiency are key to supporting the growth and success of the Elsinore Woman's Club.

**Project Title: DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**Hours: 231**

**Dollars Spent: 0**

As a Federated Club since 1906, the Elsinore Woman's Club has maintained its commitment to fostering a spirit of making a positive impact. Actively engaged in supporting The De Anza District, our club boasts two members serving as officers on the Executive Board, with an additional two members holding positions of Chairperson for the District. These dedicated women invest countless hours in preparing agendas, minutes, and programs for the district, fulfilling our duty and taking pleasure in serving our remarkable district.

**Project Title: CLUBHOUSE CHAIRMAN**

**Hours: 232**

**Dollars Spent: 0**

The Elsinore Woman's Club clubhouse has been a fixture in the community since 1924. It is the heart of the community and serves as a location for many events like: Chamber mixers, piano recitals, baby showers, blood drives, and political and informational meetings. Keeping track of the rental calendar and monitoring the maintenance of a 100-year-old property is a full-time job. The club is so fortunate to have a wonderful House Committee who share the work and keep the property in tip-top condition. Our Clubhouse Chairmen play a vital role in the heartbeat of the Elsinore Woman's Club. These dedicated volunteers serve as the backbone, ensuring the smooth functioning and upkeep of our cherished clubhouse. From organizing events to maintaining the aesthetics of our home base, they contribute their time, skills, and passion to create a welcoming space for our members. Without these committed individuals, the essence of the Elsinore Woman's Club would not be the same. Their invaluable efforts echo our collective commitment to community, camaraderie, and the betterment of the Elsinore experience.