



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Mickie Reed	Club: Beaumont Woman's Club	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 21	District: De Anza	Area: D
Club Position: President		
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<p style="text-align: center;">Leadership GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO</p>		

Since 1908, Beaumont Woman's Club has been nestled in the valley of the San Gorgonio Mountain Pass. The city of Beaumont is known for its mountain views and its residents for their hard-working pioneer spirit. Beaumont Woman's Club still demonstrates that pioneer spirit to this day and has always been actively involved with our community through our community service projects. Some of our projects include supporting the library, the military, and helping a local charity feed the hungry with needed donations of food. We are a diverse group with several members in their nineties to younger employed members. Each member brings with them that pioneer spirit that keeps the Beaumont's Woman's Club a vital member of the community. Our motto is "Crowned by Service".

Project: President in Training

Hours 20

Spent \$0

Like many clubs, our club has struggled with leadership. After the pandemic, our club was down to two members so two of our district officers joined the club to help the club survive. One of the district officers accepted the job of President. Over time, some of the prior members came back, but we mostly increased our membership with younger new members. This year, when the term was over, our club looked for new presidents and two new members stepped forward and volunteered to be co-presidents. Sadly, both of those elected co-presidents resigned. Another member stepped forward as President and she also resigned due to her personal life issues. The second district board member then accepted the job as President for the balance of the term. There is a newer member who has prior leadership experience in another organization and she has accepted a President-in-training position. She is shadowing the current President to learn how a federated woman's club is run so she will be ready to be our president in next term.

Project: District Training Luncheon

Hours 4

Spent \$0

Our President attended a luncheon and training hosted by the De Anza District President for the district's club presidents. At the luncheon, our President was provided a folder with a lot of valuable leadership information: the district calendar, parliamentary guides, a guide on writing an agenda, and information on General Federation of Women's Clubs programs such as the Star Membership Program and

Club Strategic Planning. It was a wonderful networking event for all of the club presidents. She came away with many new ideas, great resources, and leadership knowledge.

Project: Strategic Planning Workshop

Hours 20

Spent \$0

General Federation of Women's Clubs posted a Strategic Planning Guide and encouraged federated clubs to have a strategic planning meeting to address the areas of leadership, membership, community service projects, fundraising, and Federation commitment. At the beginning of this club year, we held a meeting so all our club members could provide input to create a written strategic plan for our club. We identified specific action items and deadlines for those actions to be completed. We have followed through on many of these items and we are still working on some of them. Having written goals spurred our actions and made our club's success possible.

Project: Securing the Use of Our Clubhouse

Hours 35

Spent \$0

Our clubhouse was built in 1917. Sadly, our club decided that it could no longer financially keep up with the maintenance of the building in 1997 so we entered a contract with our local parks and recreation district where we granted them ownership of our land and building. The contract allowed our club to use the building for the next 50 years at no cost to the club, priority for the dates we needed our clubhouse, and other miscellaneous provisions.

After the pandemic, the new manager of the parks and recreation district refused to allow us use of the building unless we signed a new use agreement that was impossible for us to comply with. Ultimately, we retained an attorney, and after many negotiations, the district removed the onerous use agreement conditions and has now complied with our original contract. Leadership of the club expended a lot of effort and worry trying to resolve this matter.

Not having a regular meeting place really affected our ability to have fundraisers, recruit new members, and conduct club business. We also lacked access to club items stored in the clubhouse that we needed. Our relief to finally have this matter resolved cannot be overstated.