



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2017

Program Title: Advocates for Children
Name of GFWC Special Programs, Community Service Program or Advancement Area Program

Club Name Somis Thursday Club *Number of Members: 44
*as stated in current CFWC Yearbook

Chairman Karen Oliver Phone _____ AREA B

District: Tierra Adorada District E-mail _____

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Begin here with Club description including location, type of community, and club years in Federation & followed by Header and Narrative for each project.

For over 150 years the Somis Thursday Club has been an important part of the cultural life of the small rural town of Somis, maintaining a clubhouse which is a key historical landmark of the community. Built in 1895 as the first Somis school, it became the clubhouse in 1924. The club draws members from Somis and the nearby communities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Simi Valley.

Project Title: Save Our Kids Music (SOKM)

Volunteer Hours 20 \$ 200 In Kind \$ 220

It has been many years since the Ventura County and California school districts have funded full-time music teachers in the elementary schools. The Save Our Kids Music (SOKM) is the "booster club" for the Pleasant Valley School District Music Department and the Pleasant Valley School District Youth Arts Academy. Programs like SOKM provide the funding for student lessons and try to find an instrument for the child through a community donation program.

Every December, Somis Thursday Club invites one of the bands, often the Off-Beats Jazz Band, to come perform at the general luncheon meeting. The children enjoy performing and our monetary donation is the largest they receive all year. Our support is very meaningful to them, and their interest in Band and performing is very touching to us. The musical conductor directing the group has been volunteering for many years to provide leadership and guidance for the children.

There are around 30 students in the band that performs. After the show, the kids are given bottled water and snack packs.