



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2017

Program Title: Education – Community Service Projects
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

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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 #1: Scholarships
 Volunteer Hours 50 \$ 3,000 In Kind \$ 50

Somis Thursday Club has been providing college scholarships for close to 80 consecutive years. The dollar amounts and requirements have changed but the intent remains the same. The club encourages our local young people to attend college and get the best education that they can.

Our scholarship committee reviews up to 20 applications and makes their selections. The winners are acknowledged at their high schools during special evening assemblies with students, families and scholarship sponsors in attendance. Two or more of our club officers attend this ceremony. The Somis Scholarship students, their families and the school's guidance counselors are invited to the Somis Thursday Club May Awards and Recognition luncheon, given their checks, certificates and provided a free lunch.

Project #2: Elementary School Support

Volunteer Hours: 10 **\$** 1,000 **In Kind** \$ 25

The club established a fund to be given to the Somis School District for their use in distributing to those children in need of hearing aids, eye glasses or other medical needs not covered by insurance.

Project #3: Friends of the Library

Volunteer Hours: 100 **\$** 100 **In Kind** \$ 1,200

Many members shop at the Friends of the Library Bookstore, donate used books to the bookstore, as well as serve as volunteer workers.

Project #4: Little Free Library

Volunteer Hours: 50 **\$** 100 **In Kind** \$ 400

We are the proud sponsors of a Little Free Library. Mounted on a post in our front yard, this is an attractive structure clad in dark blue metal, with a metal roof and glass-fronted cupboard doors. The current Library is a new one purchased by ESO volunteers with help from the club, and replaces a wooden box that did not hold up to the weather. Filled with donated books for adults and children, and marked with an attractive sign, this Library is available for the community. There appears to be some activity, especially among the children literature.

Totals:
Volunteer Hours: 210 **Dollars Donated:** \$ 4,200 **In Kind:** \$ 1,675