



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2017

Program Title: Home Life – 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: Somis Food Pantry
 Volunteer Hours: 60 Dollars Donated: \$ 475 In Kind: \$ 500

Somis Thursday Club donates time, financial support and non-perishable food to the Somis Food Pantry on a regular basis. We keep Somis Pantry donation boxes for food near the front door, and place decorated Somis Food Pantry collection jars on the tables at our luncheons so our members will make monetary donations. The need in the Somis community for foods of all types is great, and the collection boxes and jars are mentioned at every club meeting, to help fill that need. Even our building renters bring in food and the empty egg cartons the Pantry needs to give donated eggs to the families.

One of our members delivers the food and egg cartons to the Pantry before the day of the month the food is distributed, and often stays to help with filling up the bags with food. About 75 low-income families are helped each month.

Project #2: Camarillo Hospice

Volunteer Hours: 10 **Dollars Donated:** \$ 100 **In Kind:** \$ 0

The Camarillo Hospice Tree of Life, located in Constitution Park every Christmas season, reflects the warmth and spirit of the community. For many years, Somis Thursday Club has brightened the Tree of Life by sponsoring lights for each club member who passed away in the past year. We donated to the Hospice this year but fortunately lost no members so did not purchase any lights.

Project #3: Coalition for Family Harmony and RAIN

Volunteer Hours: 10 **Dollars Donated:** \$ 500 **In Kind:** \$ 200

The club is a loyal supporter of these two agencies doing good work for families in our area. Although we don't volunteer at the agencies, we do donate through the club as well as donate our unused luncheon food on a regular basis.

Totals:

Volunteer Hours: 80 **Dollars Donated:** \$ 1,075 **In Kind:** \$ 700