



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2025

Chairman: Sherri Dahl	Club: Placentia Round Table Women's Club	
# of Club Members 116 (as recorded in 2025-26 CFWC Yearbook):	District: Orange	Area: C
Reporter's Club Position: Chair Scholarships		
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<u>Education</u> GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO		

The Placentia Round Table was founded in 1902. It is a member of Women's Club International and is in the city of Placentia, in Orange County, California. Placentia has a population of over 50,000 citizens. The club's focus is dedicated to raising money to support local and surrounding area schools, charities, our military, and citizens alike. Our membership is comprised of 116 women who live in and around Placentia, including the cities of Fullerton, Yorba Linda and Brea. The Placentia Round Table (PRT) strives to meet both the social and charitable giving aspects of membership, as well as maintenance of our beautiful clubhouse. We are one of the few remaining clubs who own and operate a physical clubhouse and grounds. We continue through social media, websites, and advertising to reach out to our community by offering our clubhouse for rent to prospective brides for weddings, mothers for baby showers and memorials for loved ones.

**Project Title: You Get A Scholarship! You Get A Scholarship! You Get A Scholarship! Hours 268
Donated \$ 62,000**

Our Scholarship program annually gives scholarships to graduating seniors from our local Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District, plus two Veteran scholarships awarded through the Veterans Resource Center at Fullerton College. Seniors attending a four-year university and the Veterans are awarded \$1000.00 each. Seniors attending community college are awarded \$1,000 each. In total, we awarded \$50,000 in 50 high school scholarships. We were very proud to have awarded more local high school students and gave out more scholarship money than any other local organization. We also awarded two \$1,000.00 scholarships to the Veterans. In addition, a separate memorial scholarship fund of \$10,000 was raised by members in the memory of long-time member and past president Tommie Kalman. Ten additional students pursuing education in the healthcare fields were chosen for \$1,000 scholarships. That brought our total awarded for the year to \$62,000!

You get a scholarship! You get a scholarship! You get a scholarship!

The committee met for an initial introduction and planning session for the year. Seven members took part, plus the committee chair, for 2.5 hours. Total time: 20 hours

Revisions and updates to the scholarship application discussed in the initial meeting were completed by the Scholarship Chair and taken to the Board of Directors for further revision and then final approval. The final version was then turned over to the webmaster for uploading to the website on launch date. The committee chair completed all of this work. Total time: 9 hours.

Two committee members reached out to all the guidance counselors in the PYLUSD. They met in person to let them know that our scholarship program was happening again this year, the date the application was going live on our website, the due date, our contact information, and provided a copy of the application to them. One member spent 4 hours on outreach and the other spent 5 hours. Total time: 9 hours.

The committee of seven plus the Chair met to review the rubric for evaluating the applications. This is a standard method of evaluation developed last year in order to ensure that each student received the exact same treatment on the same grading scale to ensure fairness and remove any potential favoritism for any reason. A method was developed by which the students were evaluated and scored in three areas: their personal essay, their community contributions or extenuating circumstances, and their letter of recommendation. Academics were considered, although we have no minimum GPA, as well as financial need. Our primary goal is to identify great kids with potential, some of whom might be overlooked by other scholarship programs, who were often the first in their family to ever go to college. Applications were evaluated and scored by three different committee members. Those three scores were then averaged to a single score. All students could then be ranked by numerical score. Issues utilizing the rubric in reviewing the applications in 2024 were discussed. Changes and updates to the rubric were made to improve and fine-tune the process. The committee chair then completed the updates by computer at home. Time spent was 3 hours for seven committee members plus the Chair, and 2 additional hours updating by computer. Total time: 26 hours.

From the time the application went live in January until the due date in April, the Scholarship Chair answered many, many email messages and phone calls from students and parents regarding questions about the program. Total Time: 37 hours.

Two days after the April application due date, two committee members and the Chair met over two days to print out the application and accompanying documents submitted by email. 95% of the applications were by email, so this was a very large task. Eight hours were spent on printing and organizing the email and mail applications in preparation for the larger committee to meet and evaluate the applications. Total time: 24 hours. The committee met over two days in April to evaluate the applications. The first day had six members for four hours. The second day had five members for four hours. Total time: 44 hours.

The Scholarship Chair had post-evaluation organization of the applications including adding of the scores, ranking the students, creation of a spreadsheet, and other club requirements. Total time: 3 hours. The Scholarship Chair prepared lists of students being awarded for each high school so they could notify the students to attend Senior Award Nights and print their names in programs. Two committee members relayed the lists to the schools. Chair purchased award certificate stock and certificate folders for certificates to be presented at the ceremonies. Chair printed all award certificates. Chair also created and printed a letter for each student with detailed instructions on how to claim their check once they registered for their Fall semester. Total time: 19 hours.

Scholarship Chair and committee members attended five Senior Awards Night ceremonies at local high schools to present certificates to students on stage on behalf of the Club. At each ceremony we were beyond pleased to award the greatest number of students and give out the most amount of money of any local group present. Total time: 24 hours.

Scholarship Chair answered follow-up questions by email and phone call from students regarding claiming their checks. As students registered for the Fall semester or quarter, they sent proof of full-time enrollment. Chair responded to the email, then completed a Bill Pay request form for the Treasurer to issue the check, printed a letter and envelope addressed to the recipient to go with it and turned it in for processing. This was repeated for each student. Multiple problems came up including lost checks, change of address mid-mailing, and more. Total time: 36 hours.

Scholarship Chair attended nine monthly Board of Director's meetings to report on committee progress and obtain approvals as needed. Total time: 9 hours.

Scholarship Chair worked with the Coordinator of the Fullerton College Veterans Resource Center to coordinate the scholarships for the two Veterans. Numerous phone calls, email, and an in-person meeting with the Coordinator and the two Veterans. An award ceremony was held at the Club where the Scholarship Chair presented the Veterans with their certificates and checks. Total time: 8 hours. **Total time: 268**

Project Title: SCHOOL OUTREACH **Hours** 11 **Donated \$** 808.31 **In Kind** 0

School Outreach operates as part of Education. It started as a Jackets and Shoes program where schools would call if a child needed clothing or glasses and the family was in need. Since the pandemic, things have changed and we haven't been getting those calls anymore. We have started working with school nurses and more directly with several schools that have the neediest populations.

For the year 2024-2025 these donations were made from the School Outreach budget:

- \$100 to Melrose Elementary School for Holiday activities.
- \$205 to purchase special shoes and socks for a student
- \$400 donation to El Dorado High School Orchestra
- \$103.31 for 6 27- gallon storage bins for Melrose Elementary School Outdoor Ed

Project Title: SCHOOL OUTREACH **Hours** 4 **Donated \$** 4,000 **In Kind** 0

Under the more general Education Category, 2 donations were made:

- \$1,000 to the Valencia High School Robotics Team.
- We have also donated \$3,000 to the REACH Foundation in the last few years. REACH Foundation works with The Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District to provide a wide variety of programs for students both classes in school and athletic programs.

Project Title: HOBY **Hours** 40 **Donated \$** 2,500 **In Kind**

As **HOBY** (Hugh O'Brian Youth) Chairperson, I encourage the Executive Board of the Placentia Round Table to sponsor the Seminar attendance of students selected as **HOBY** participants. Working with Placentia \ high school counselors, I coordinate the recruitment of high school sophomores who are interested in attending the Seminar.

In 2025, the Placentia Round Table sponsored four outstanding high school sophomores, to attend the **HOBY** Leadership Seminar in June. The Seminar was held at the University of San Diego. Two students were selected from El Dorado High School and two from Valencia High School. Counselors from each school directed the selection process.

HOBY develops critical thinking, team building, goal setting, and problem-solving skills. **HOBY** builds student confidence, inspires collaboration, and promotes community service. All the sponsored students attended the Placentia Round Table general meeting on October 2nd, 2025. To the delight of the members, the students impressively shared their HOBY experiences and how they were influenced by them. The PRT members welcomed their leadership skills into our community and wished them the best in their future endeavors.