

Arts and Culture Community Grant Application  
Please submit to the Director of Recreation, Parks and Library at  
amancini@elsegundo.org or by mail to:  
Applicant Organization Information:

Name: El Segundo Woman's Club  
Address: 541 Standard Street, El Segundo, CA 90245  
Phone: 310-414-9839. Website: elsegndowomansclub.org  
Social media: Facebook and Instagram: elsegundowomansclub  
Non-Profit or EIN #: 23-7148174  
Individual submitting the application:

Name: Lynda Darna  
Email: Ldarna7@gmail.com Phone: 310-567-4142  
Role within the Organization: President  
Will the event organizers be seeking additional funding or donations from other entities?  
If yes, please list possible sponsors or donors:

We are not seeking other funding for the signage request that we are making to the Cultural Development Fund through the ACC. The larger renovation of the building has been a fundraising campaign. The graphic designer is donating her time to the project.

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Is this a fundraising event for the organization? Yes \_\_\_ No \_x\_

Event Information: Renovation of the historic clubhouse and signage about the history of the building and the El Segundo Woman's Club.

Event Title: Historical Information Sign

Date: Signage completed March 2026

Location: Mounted on the wall on the inside of the clubhouse.

Starting Time (including set-up) N/A

Duration (including break-down) N/A

Marketing Plan: The renovation funding campaign has been announced through social media.

Anticipated Attendance: Yearly attendance in the clubhouse for events averages 3,000-5,000

Target Audience: El Segundo and surrounding cities; all ages and backgrounds

## El Segundo Woman's Club

### Historical Information Signage

We are requesting a grant from the Arts Committee for the cost of fabricating and installing that panel.

1. Budget

Fabrication: approximately \$ 192-\$250

Design: donated

Installation: \$50-\$100

Approximately: \$350

2. EIN# 23-7148174

3. The Woman's Club is currently involved in a campaign to raise money to renovate our historic 1912 clubhouse, fixing the flooring, plumbing, bathrooms, and casement windows. These changes will both restore the building and make it more desirable as a rental venue, which is an essential source of revenue for the organization to be able to maintain the building over time. In conjunction with this renovation, we would like to create informational signage for visitors to learn about the history of the building and the woman's club, which has played an important role in the cultural life of El Segundo since its founding in 1922.

4. N/A

5. Board Roster

President – Lynda Darna

1st Vice President – Jane Burrell

2nd Vice President – Jennifer Gage

3rd Vice President – vacant

Recording Secretary – Kathy Spurrell

Treasurer – Bobby Klempin

Financial Secretary – Donna Mae Ellis

Parliamentarian – Maxine Walslebin

The Woman's Club's clubhouse was one of the first buildings built when the town of El Segundo was founded in 1911. It was originally located on Richmond, where the elementary school is today and served grades 1-8. It was the only school in El Segundo until the high school was built in 1927.

The Woman's Club was founded in 1922 by 17 women who wanted to search for knowledge and help their neighbors. Early Club members were very active in the civic life of the community. They lobbied for a high school for El Segundo and a city park and were responsible for El Segundo being added to the map of Los Angeles County. They were involved in the development of Recreation Park, they planted wild flowers along Main Street and a rose garden in Library Park, which our Club still maintains, the Club President was an Olympiad Hostess for the 1932 games, they organized a community seed exchange for people to plant victory gardens during the war, the polio vaccine was administered to children in the clubhouse in the 1950s, they served on the Sister City Committee for El Segundo in the 1960s and 1970s, the Club began giving scholarships to El Segundo high school students in the 1930s, which continues today. The Club hosted a reception for Vietnam POWs following an El Segundo homecoming parade in 1973, they donated the large pine tree that was just removed from Library Park, and they started collecting memorabilia on the history of El Segundo in 1957 – which is the basis of the collation that now resides in the history room at the library, and more. Today, the Woman's Club offers community events, hosts civic functions such as the City Council and School Board Candidate Forums, donates to local, national, and international charities, volunteers for City and Chamber events, and provides scholarships for El Segundo high school students.

The El Segundo School Board discontinued use of the 1912 schoolhouse in 1933. It was moved to the grounds of the high school where students were taught while their school, which had been damaged in the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, was repaired. Once the repairs to the high school were finished, the building was put up for sale. The Woman's Club was the successful bidder for the schoolhouse and acquired it in 1936. They moved it to its current location on lots they had purchased earlier and began renovating it for use as a clubhouse. Renowned architect, John Austin, donated his services to help renovate the building, designing a new entrance for the building facing the high school on Mariposa Avenue. Club members and the entire community pitched in to renovate the building. The building was finished in 1937 and remains as an important representation of the early history of El Segundo.

The signage will touch on the history of the building and the contribution of the Woman's Club to the history of El Segundo.

We have a preliminary estimate from Vital Signs for a 4x5 panel of \$192, but they want to wait until they see the design to decide how to fabricate it, which could alter the estimate. We will also need to have it professionally installed. There may also be some fees for copyrighted photographs as well. We are asking for up to \$350 with the payment based on submitted receipts. We will, of course, acknowledge the Cultural Development Fund on the sign.



# WYETH-TOOTLE MANSION 1878

*An Architectural Treasure and An Anchor for the City of St. Joseph*

## Keeping History Alive

Restoration efforts have taken place inside and outside of the building.

Photos of the home from the 1900s were used to restore some rooms to how they looked when the Tootle family lived in the Mansion.

The second and third floors remain museum exhibit space.



Ivy covered North Wall, c. 1900.



Northwest corner, front entrance, c. 1900.



Southwest corner, front entrance, c. 1900.



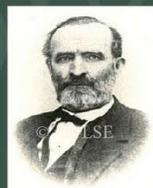
South Side Porch



Carriage house, West Wall, 1964.



Carriage House, East Wall, c. 1900.



Milton Tootle I, 1875.



Insurance Map, 1897.



Milton II and sons, 1924.



Lillian and sons, 1910.

## Wyeth Family

William and Eliza Wyeth commissioned architect E.J. Eckel to design their home in 1878. Eckel built them an Italianate home with Gothic influences, much like castles the family admired in Germany. Construction on this forty-three room Mansion was completed in just twelve months. Over one million bricks were used in the project.

William Wyeth was owner of Wyeth Hardware and Manufacturing Co. and the Wyeth Saddle Factory. The family spent less than ten years in this mansion, before deciding to move.

Another home once sat in the southwest corner. You can see it here (left) in the 1897 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. It reduced in size in the 1911 map, and was purchased and removed from the lot in 1966 by the city for outdoor recreation space.

## Tootle Family

In 1887, Katherine "Kate" Tootle and her three children made the Mansion their new home. Her husband, Milton Tootle, Sr. passed away a few months before the family moved into the Mansion. Mr. Tootle founded numerous dry goods stores and constructed an opera house in Saint Joseph.

Katherine extensively redecorated the Mansion and added a conservatory and large porch onto the south side section of the home. The conservatory was transformed into a family dining room in 1905.

Their son, Milton Tootle, Jr. lived in the home from the age of thirteen until his death in 1946. He and his wife, Lillian, raised their three sons in the Mansion.



William and Eliza Wyeth, 1860.



Museum c. 1960.

## Mansion to Museum

After Mr. Tootle's death in 1946, the Museum Board President, William Goetz, along with the M. K. Goetz Brewing Co., donated funds to purchase the Mansion.

Matching funds were raised from the community to renovate the home into a city museum. This protected the original architecture, of which much has been restored and is visible today.

The City of St. Joseph owns the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, and the St. Joseph Museums, Inc. continues to operate it as an interpretive and special event site.

The Wyeth-Tootle Mansion is an architectural treasure and an anchor for the Museum Hill Historic Neighborhood.

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RICHMOND STREET SCHOOL—Now Woman's Club Clubhouse—opened in September with 62 pupils enrolled.



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**FORMER EL SEGUNDO  
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**MRS. HELEN K. BROCK**

Another signal honor has just been given to Mrs. Helen K. Brock, the first president of the El Segundo Woman's club when it was organized in 1922 and for several years secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. She has just been installed as secretary of the West Los Angeles Woman's club in an impressive service witnessed by Mrs. Robert Haines and Mrs. Victor D. McCarthy on June 14.

Mrs. Brock is still engaged in Chamber of Commerce work, being secretary of the District Branch Chamber of Commerce of West Los Angeles, formerly known as Sawtelle. A tireless worker whose enthusiasm never flags, Mrs. Brock has been unusually successful in her chosen work.

ing of her group, but reading of plays and the tion of entertainments club would comprise the work of her department.

Mrs. Rita Kellar, chair the music section, invited play any instrument to orchestra. The first mee be at her home at 52 typtus Drive at 2 o'clock September 16.

Mrs. Mary Shaffer, chair the home economics section those interested in the her section to meet at on Main street Wednesday tember 18 at 2 o'clock.

**Praise Local Theater**

Mrs. Grace Schlimm man of the better film commended the management the State theatre for its programs. She asked women to patronize the in order that it might its high standards. She at the next meeting she be able to announce comm so that the ladies would tend those same shows where.

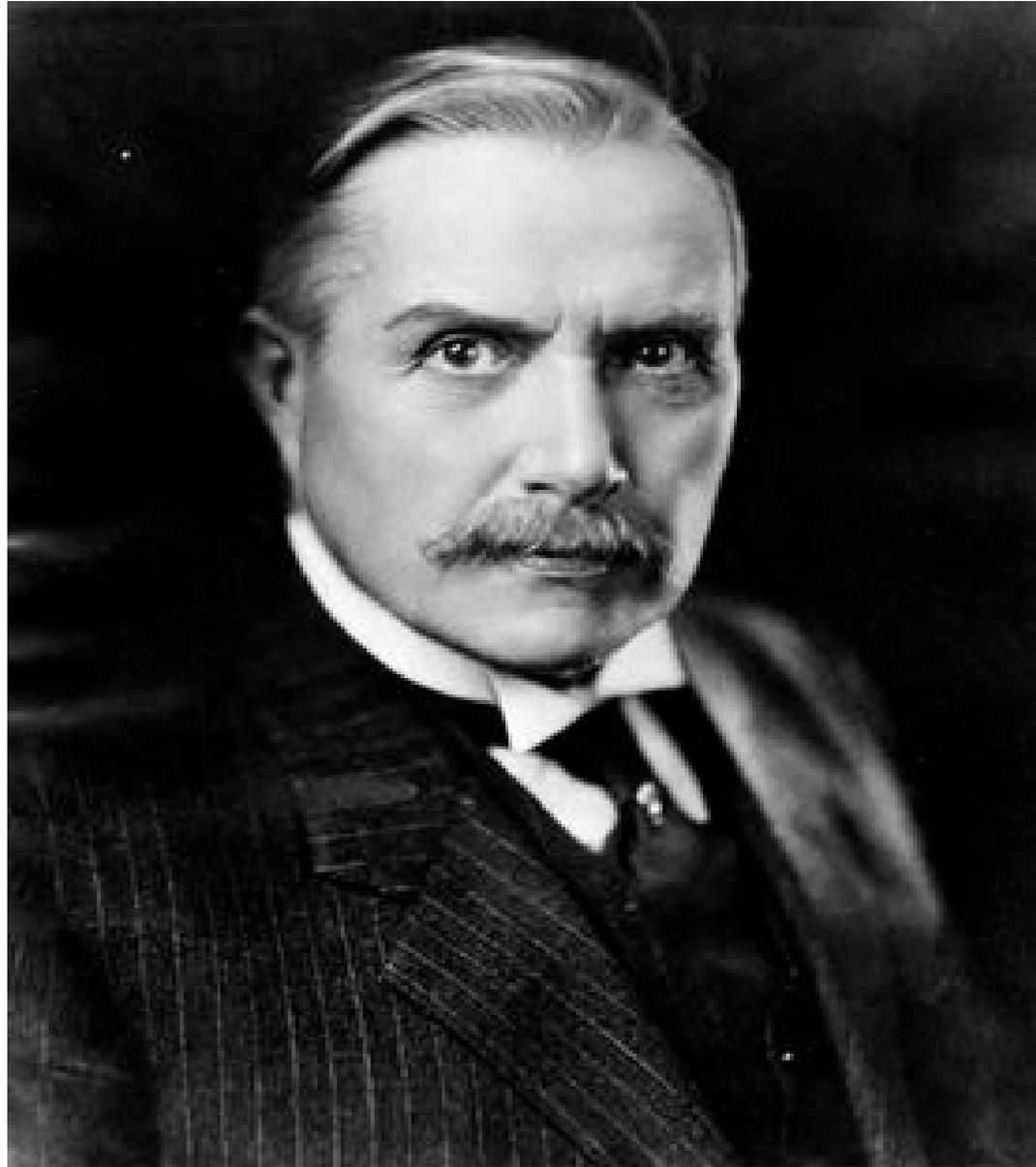
A business meeting held. The first meeting presidents' council of district will be held September at 10 o'clock at the Theatre in Venice.

Mrs. Stella Ipswitch, of publications, who is in her work by Mrs. Ed and Mrs. Jean Tarbo members to take the News and thus keep in federation work.



MRS. JAMES E. HUNT - BUILDING CHAIRMAN  
WITH A MODEL OF THIS CLUBHOUSE







—WHERE THE WOMEN DO THE BUILDING

Misses C. R. Jamiesson, left, A. A. Pinney and H. W. Cartland, busy centers of El Segundo Women's Club, assisted in remodeling of the schoolhouse which the club has just transformed into a clubhouse.

It is considered by many leaders one of the most attractive of its kind in Southern California. The achievement is the result of the two-year regime of Mrs. H. S. Tilton who is just retiring.

