

**Welcome Judi** (sp. 16)

Roz (sp. 55) wonders if you ever met someone and instantly knew you'd become great friends? "I did, back in 1968 when I met Judi, our new member on sp. 16. We were in our 20s then and used to say we'd still be friends when we became little old ladies rocking on the front porch. Time passed - 50 yrs! - and we've stayed friends through it all. Last month Judi sold her home and moved into our park with little dog Petey. She even has a front porch, and rumor has it that she's shopping for rocking chairs!"

**Travels**

Sharon (sp. 75) visited 3 Hawaiian islands in October, on foot and by boat. It was terrific but no, she didn't hula. She saw 51 new species of birds and reached the magic number 700 of bird species seen in the American Birding Association area (North America & Hawaii – includes Canada but not Mexico.) She ended the trip with a count of 726. The tiny colorful native forest endemics were the most exciting as they occur nowhere else in the world and many of them are endangered. It was a group of 10 people with 2 good guides, and they saw Na Pali Cliffs by boat. Aloha!

**Dressing Up!**

Judi (sp. 25) makes dresses. She's made almost 1000 since 2015, but not for herself. The dresses are made for a charity that sends them all over the world to girls who are impoverished. Quarterly "sewfests" bring local people together to do the work and meet each other. What a lovely concept. Judi could use what you might not need: thread, cotton and colorful fabric, trims, elastic, 1-gal. plastic bags and suitcases for shipping. Contact her for more information, donations of materials, or if you like to sew and want to help.

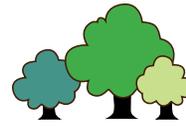
**Basketball!**

"If you follow your heart, you never know where it takes you", says Mathilde (sp. 71) who joined Osher Lifelong Learner Institute (OLLI) at UCSC and met a woman starting an over-55 basketball group. Ten women joined the weekly practice. Mathilde became coach as she knew drills (mostly from the internet!). "Olli Hoops" players learn basketball, team play, and relish the camaraderie! Some never played sports in school. The Hoops caught the eye of the UCSC women's basketball team and a friendship grew between them. Traditionally the UCSC coach invites a community member to be honorary assistant coach and on November 9 it was Mathilde's turn. OLLI women came to cheer the UCSC team and see her sit on the bench, an honor. Contact Mathilde for more information.



**Nature in our park**

Lee (sp. 47) reports that with a fake owl on her roof, the crows don't visit her any more. That's a good thing. Sandy (sp. 11) reports that raccoons are back, tossing water lettuce from her pond and washing muddy feet in the birds' water dish. That's a bad thing!



### Monarchs are visiting

Sharon (sp. 75) photographed a female Monarch butterfly in Oct. in her garden, with an underwing tag. "The tag led me to Dr. David James, leader of a Monarch migration tracking project at Washington State University. He emailed that "my" butterfly was tagged in Santa Cruz about 0.9 miles west, from Lisa Lane! He said we're doing a great job propagating milkweeds for Monarchs, and that they rear and tag Monarchs in the PNW, many found in Santa Cruz at overwintering sites. The female was attracted to nectar plants and milkweed in my garden. If you're growing milkweed, you might spot one that's part of the WSU project. Keep an eye open for more tagged visitors!" The Monarchs will be here until March.



### Save the Date

Our Holiday dinner will be on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. You'll receive a flyer with details.

### Two More Long Timers

Len (sp. 76) lived in Sorrento Oaks before the park purchase in 1995, moved, came back, is still here, thankfully. He has been on the board and treasurer for numerous years, is a current member of the Finance Committee, AC/MC, reserve study team, our expert on property tax and has been an emergency contact. Whew! Thanks, Len.

Sandy (sp. 11) has been here since 1993 and helped with the purchase of the park by the residents. She's been on the board for 11+ years, been all officers, on all committees, brought us ukulele lessons, lived on 2 different spaces, and thinks this is a great place to live! She likes catching up with our residents for NOOZ articles and wants to hear newsletter suggestions from you.

### Recycling

Many items can go in our Greenwaste recycle bins; some can't. Put in paper (not register receipts), newspaper, egg cartons (or give to Jon, sp. 2), flattened cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and aluminum foil (flat and not scrunched up), plastic bottles, jugs, jars and tubs, bagged clean and dry plastic bags, styrofoam #6. Make sure that items are residue-free. Leave out soiled containers.

From Santa Cruz Sentinel, June 29, 2018.

What's on the rooftop: click, click, click.  
Is it Santa? Yes, that's it.  
NO, it isn't, as most of us know.  
It's either a squirrel or a big, black crow!  
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

**Monthly Park Fees:** Due on the 5th business day of the month.

**Board Meetings:** 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm, clubhouse

**Finance Committee:** 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00pm, clubhouse

**AC/MC Meeting:** 1st Monday of the month, 5:00pm, clubhouse

**Garden Committee:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:30pm, clubhouse

**Handmade:** 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the clubhouse

**Bookmobile:** Every other Tuesday 2:30-3:00pm, outside Clubhouse

**Emergency Assistance:** Requiring Police, Sheriff, Fire Dept, Ambulance : **911**

**Any other urgent assistance:** Call Joyce (sp. 9) or Ray (sp. 3)