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Name Dropping: Lifespan raises more than \$5,400

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Lifespan raised more than \$5,400 for the Santa Cruz Memory Walk held Sept. 26 at Seascape Resort. Team leaders Alicia Cortez-Moreno and Dixie Mitchell-Clow accepted the traveling trophy awarded to the first-place team in the Community Resource category from Kathleen McBurney, Memory Walk manager. The traveling trophy will be proudly displayed at the Lifespan office for one year and then will be up for grabs at next year's Memory Walk.

Kids to Kids

Laurel Tanza was recently awarded a grant from Kids to Kids, a youth-focused initiative of Infante Sano, to support her volunteer work in the Dominican Republic. The grant will fund a library project in the town of Santiago that will serve as a resource for community members and local teachers. Money for Kids to Kids grants is raised by kids throughout the U.S. who want to make a difference in the lives of children in developing countries.

Project Pajamas

With the help of employees and the general public, Santa Cruz County Bank collected 141 pairs of pajamas to donate to Project Pajamas. Bank coordinators Mary Anne Carson and Rebecca Rocha organized the collection of pajamas for all seven Santa Cruz County Bank offices, which also served as public drop-off sites for Project Pajamas. Project Pajamas is dedicated to providing a brand-new pair of pajamas to any child or youth who goes into a homeless shelter or other out-of-home setting. "We thank everyone who participated in this community project. It

feels great knowing that so many kids will receive a pair of pajamas of their own to wear," stated David Heald, president and CEO of Santa Cruz County Bank.

UCSC Quilt Club

The UCSC Women's Club has many smaller groups with special interests who work with the larger organization in fundraising efforts to provide scholarships to returning students. SewNSews, a smaller auxiliary group of the UCSC Women's Club, also decided to make a lap quilt for an American veteran at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. These quilts, distributed by the Pajaro Valley Quilting Association, are greatly appreciated by veterans.

Memoirs of a Jackass

Laura Taylor, who has lived in Santa Cruz for 12 years, recently published her first book, "Memoirs of a Jackass." The book tells the

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story of two women and their life struggles in a rural Ohio town, in essence a coming-of-age story. It was published by Publish America based in Frederick, Md., and may be purchased via the publisher's Web site.

Explorer's Club

The Marina Technology Cluster announced at their Oct. 30 meeting that Marina resident and client entrepreneur, research diver and biologist Dida Kutz will be inducted into the Explorers Club, an international society of explorers whose members have included North Pole explorers Robert Peary, South Pole trekker Roald Amundsen, Mount Everest conquerors Sir Edmund Hillary and moon walkers Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. "This is a profound honor," said Kutz, who started and maintains BluePlanetDivers.org, a Web site for research divers of all levels to connect to what is going on within research diving. She also serves on the boards of the Point Lobos Association and the Monterey Bay

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