

Granite breaks ground



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About 60 people turned out for the groundbreaking celebration of the Richard C. Solari building, the home of Granite Construction Company corporate headquarters. Standing with shovels are Granite Construction President and Chief Executive Officer David H. Watts (from left), James Rosewall of James Rosewall Construction, Santa Cruz County Supervisor Ray Belgard, Watsonville City Councilman Tony Campos, architect Russ Haisley of AIA, Mary Solari, Richard C. Solari, project manager Bill Waggy, Watsonville Vice Mayor Oscar Rios and Jeanette Crosetti representing Assemblyman Peter Frusetta.

Site for corporate headquarters now under construction

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WATSONVILLE — Granite Construction broke ground for the construction of its new corporate headquarters Wednesday, a 46,000-square-foot building expected for completion in Fall 1999.

The new offices, which will be constructed adjacent to the com-

pany's existing offices at 585 West Beach St., will be named after Richard C. Solari, former president and current chairman of the board for Granite.

"Standing here gives me cause to reminisce," said Solari, who began working for Granite in 1945. He was joined by his wife, Mary, to celebrate the event.

Solari began work in a stucco

building that was Granite's headquarters at the time and had since worked under four leaders. "This groundbreaking will be added to those fine memories I have," he said.

More than 60 people attended the event, including Granite corporate officers and employees, and city and county officials. Albert Berger, representing Senator Bruce

McPherson, presented the company with a certificate from the Senate commemorating the event.

Approximately 15 officials donned hardhats and orange vests to break the ground of the construction project with green and gold shovels, Granite's signature colors.

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