

County Board Of Supervisors Honors Six Area Women

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Six outstanding Santa Cruz area women won double commendation recently with recognition coming from the county board of supervisors and the local arm of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Awards from the NWPC were given Pat Stanton in the field of legislation, Ann Travis for her work for women, Lynn Thomas in the field of sports, Anne Leonard for youth work, Elena Baskin in aide to the elderly and Gwendolyn C. Warren for her achievements in the field of employment.

Supervisor Dan Forbus made the pres-

entations on behalf of the county, stating, "All of these women have made substantial contributions to the citizens of Santa Cruz County."

The women's caucus is nine years old nationally, and a young three years old in this county. Its express aim of encouraging and helping women to get into the political mainstream, to win and hold local, state and national offices.

Local NWPC Chairwoman Sheila Corcoran said that in achieving the women's proportionate share of high legislative and judicial offices, the organization also works to recognize women who have won success in other fields.

The group's legislative achievement

award went to Stanton, a woman who early in life got into politics as a young Democrat and a worker in the Helen Douglas Gahagan Douglas campaign, the woman who Nixon branded as "the Pink Lady."

Stanton was a charter member and organizer of the ACLU at UCLA and later was active in CORE and the NAACP in San Jose during the 1960s.

She wrote the legal brief in Stanton vs. Dumke which won a state Supreme Court decision that gave teachers protection against arbitrary dismissal.

Currently she is the program manager for a special three year demonstration program by the county to prevent premature institutionalization of the elderly.

Ann Travis was commended for her years of work in foster care, juvenile delinquency and her nine years of operating a large family home, whose populations are mainly women.

Travis was honored for her work in developing a professional organization in her field of work, the California Association of Residential Care Homes.

CARCH and Travis's work has been to upgrade the level of care and the professional status of operators throughout the state.

Lynn Thomas drive and ability at sports has won her top professional and amateur

spots in surfing and karate.

She's taken second place for the past three years in the Women's International Surfing Association in this state's pro circuit and in 1977 and 1979 Thomas was the Santa Cruz champion.

She organized the Santa Cruz Surfing Championship for Women and is the Northern California chapter president of the Women's International Surfing Association.

Thomas is a black-belt karate champion, winning firsts the past two years in the Japanese Karate Invitational.

Anne Leonard added the recent awards from the women's caucus and the board of supervisors to a long list of commendations for her work in helping troubled youth.

Leonard founded Halloran Hall here which grew into Group Home Society. That, in turn, also produced Independence Hall, a haven for girls and young women who had been through the juvenile justice system.

She is also administrator for the DeWitt-Anderson School, a small on-grounds program for both homes to provide day school education for youth who come to its door by referrals of the probation department.

In her award, the women's caucus noted, "She is presently a leading force on

the Santa Cruz City Planning Commission and plays a critical role on the Mid-Coast Health Systems Agency which is responsible for health and planning in a four-county area."

Elena Baskin was lauded as "the driving force behind the establishment of the Live Oak Senior Center" and for her years of work with the elderly.

She is now heading the effort to provide an annex facility at the center to increase and upgrade care for the frail elderly.

Baskin has served on the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission since 1976 and has been a member of the Family Service Association Board of Directors since that time.

She has been president of the board the past two years. The program includes a senior lay counseling service that trains seniors to counsel their peers.

Gwendolyn C. Warren is a young woman who graduated magna cum laude from Michigan State University and came out of Detroit to run this county's CETA program.

She has done it successfully against most of the odds that are stacked up against the federally-paid work program.

Her academic work is astounding, taking her BA in two years and two masters degrees, in education and psychology, also in two years time.

Here, Warren basically changed the Comprehensive Employment and Training Program from subsidizing the educated to training and education program for the first-time workers and heretofore unemployable.

She defines her administration, "We're trying to develop employment opportunities for people here who have experienced oppressive barriers to joining the mainstream of the American work force — we want to fit jobs and people together so that poor people can afford to live in this community."

Warren has won the respect of the county board, and it is made up of a wide spectrum of philosophies about government spending and the CETA program, itself.

At 23, Warren was a principal of an alternate high school in Detroit and later was director of the manpower programs in the City of Pittsburg, Calif.

She came to Santa Cruz in January of 1978 as an administrative analyst in CETA and 11 months later became director of the program.

Meetings of the NWPC are the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Eureka Federal Savings and Loan in Deer Park Shopping Center. Interested persons are asked to attend and to join the women's political movement.

Gann To Speak

Paul Gann, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate and co-author of Proposition 13, will be the guest speaker Wednesday before the Cabrillo Republican Women Federated at Aptos Seascape. The social hour begins at noon, with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Gann will speak at 1 p.m. In June, Gann defeated six other challengers to gain the Republican nomination for the

