

# Edie Nelson is named BPWC Woman of the Year for 1983

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Santa Cruz Business and Professional Women's Club named Edie Nelson as their Woman of the Year for 1983 during a dinner meeting at the BPW Clubhouse.

Nelson, who is executive director of the Santa Cruz Stroke Center, has been with it since its inception in 1975 when it began in a room at Green Acres School, Capitola.

She has guided it through its move to DeLaveaga Park and its current program which includes a variety of classes for the physically disabled.

The Stroke center has gained national and international attention and Nelson has been called to Mexico in a consulting capacity as well as to other areas in California. The local center has served as a pilot program nationally and serves not only stroke patients, but persons with head

trauma, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, emphysema and Parkinson's disease, she told the group.

Initiated as new members of the club were Christine Gutsch, Carol Johnson and Sue Skinner, with second vice president Renetta Parris officiating.

Speaker for the evening was Noreen Woodfin, president of Peninsula District, California Federation of Business and Professional Women. She gave a brief history of BPW and spoke on membership. Accompanying her from Pacific Grove was Shirley Silva, district corresponding secretary of the Salinas BPW.

Ann Pimentel was chairman for the evening. President Neva Blackburn conducted the meeting. Others taking part included Amey Weiser and Margaret Koch.