



PATRIOT DAY 9★11★04

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

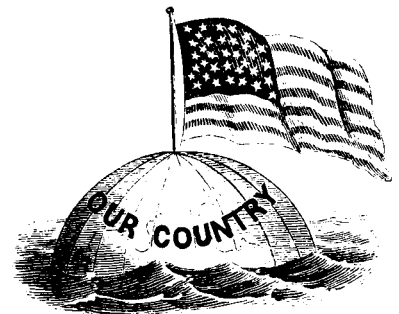
CITIZENS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY,
YOUR COUNTRY IS CALLING YOU TO SPEAK UP!



JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND THE WATSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004. Take time to sit with a few neighbors, and reconsider with them our values as a people of many cultures, and our future as a democracy. We'll take notes and compile our conversations into a permanent record of what Santa Cruz County was thinking that day about these questions:

- ★ What makes me proud to be an American, or to have made my home in the USA?
What is there about this country that I want to be sure to help maintain and protect for the future?
- ★ What disappoints, worries, frightens, or angers me about this country as it is today? In what ways do I think we Americans are failing to live up to our own best values and expectations?
- ★ What am I going to do (or keep right on doing) as a citizen, to help make some of those things better—so that our young people may come to be even prouder of their country than we are today?

Endorsed by many organizations including the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and the Watsonville and Santa Cruz City Councils.



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PATRIOT DAY CONVERSATIONS will be held throughout the County on September 10, 11 and 12, at public libraries, churches, school classrooms, union and community halls, and private homes. Be a part of it!

GET A CONVERSATION STARTED!

1 VOLUNTEER to convene and facilitate a conversation. The Friends will provide suggestions for facilitating a lively discussion, suggestions for the note-taker, and instructions for sending in the notes so that they can be pulled together by the compilers. You may want to consider inviting an elected public official, a candidate or some other prominent person to facilitate your conversation and to spend a couple of hours listening to the people. Let us know if you can't find a facilitator, we may be able to help.

2 IDENTIFY a suitable venue for the conversation, one that can accommodate twenty or thirty people, and reserve it for a two-hour time slot between Friday, September 10 and Sunday September 12. Your discussion may be an open meeting in a public place, or a smaller group of friends and neighbors invited to a private home.

3 LINE UP one or more note-takers for each discussion, who agree to record all the ideas that emerge (whether on butcher paper or a notepad), and then to write them up promptly for digital transmission to the Friends office, so they can be posted on a website and compiled along with all the others.

4 CALL BEFORE AUGUST 1, to register the time and venue for the conversation whether public or private, and the name, telephone, e-mail and mailing address of the convener.

**Call by August 1, 2004 to register
or anytime for more information!
(831) 420-5790**

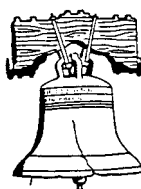


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Video Challenge

DO YOU SHOOT VIDEO? Inspiring local and national video projects are forming now for all ages. Students, teachers, videographers! Call now for more information on how to get started!



CALL FOR ARTISTS

ARTISTS are encouraged to participate in, or offer space for, art shows. There is display space available at most branch libraries, contact us as soon as possible for reservation details. Do your patriotic duty and show your patri-art!



VOTER REGISTRATION

A BASIC RIGHT and responsibility of all our citizens is to participate in government by voting. Registering to vote is now possible online and public libraries and other venues throughout the County will provide Internet access to help people register. Add to the registration efforts, call today to get involved.

Convened by the Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Inc., the Patriot Day in Santa Cruz Committee is a nonpartisan coalition of individuals and groups who share a love of our country and a concern for our future.

It is part of a national effort called The September Project (www.theseptemberproject.org) organizing Patriot Day events across the Nation.

A version of this flyer is available in Spanish.

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