

Marcie Waldron



Ok, campers. Pop quiz time: Is an alcaldesa (a) a statue found in the Louvre, (b) a shaggy Nepalese hunting dog or (c) an extraordinary Diamond A neighbor whose joy comes from helping people? If you guessed (c), you guessed right. The current alcaldesa—the honorary mayor of Sonoma—is Marcie Waldron, 63, a resident of Deer Park Drive which most of us pass on the way up the hill.

Being alcaldesa is an honor that comes without any rights or responsibilities—an honor that includes a seat in a convertible in the 4th of July parade. She was selected because of her many contributions to the community during the past 15 years. During that time Marcie has been a member or chairman of many non-profit boards, including Sonoma Community Center, Vintage House, Willmar, Kiwanis and Sierra Donor Services.

Marcie lives in a lovely shingled home with her husband Dave and two cats. When they married 15 years ago after each had been divorced, they didn't have to check on any references—Dave was a longtime friend of Marcie's brother. She had graduated from San Diego State with a degree in recreation administration and got her MA there in art

therapy. That education gave her a chance to be in beautiful winter and summer resort environments for quite a few years before settling down.

Marcie is using her alcaldesa position to draw attention to her passion—organ donation. She would like everyone to get a pink donor dot by signing up with donateLIFEcalifornia.org. Her goal is 1000 new pink dot donors in Sonoma during her reign.

We caught up with Marcie and asked her a bunch of questions, which are set forth below with her answers:

What do you like about Sonoma: *How nice the people are and the beautiful scenery. (Ed. Note: I think she means the phenomenal view from her house.)*

Favorite Sonoma Events: *Community Center's 4th of July, La Luz Noche and Red and White Ball.*

Beatles or Stones: *Beatles.*

Winter or Summer: *Summer*

Role Models You've admired: *Julia Morgan— she made a difference in the world.*

Guilty Pleasures: *Cheese and wine.*

Pet Peeve: *Packaging that is hard to open.*

Biggest Disappointment: *Not able to drive any more.*

Giants or Warriors: *Giants.*

Safeway, Sonoma Market or Whole Foods: *Sonoma Market*

Favorite Service Vendor: *Waldron Landscaping (Ed. Note: No surprise there).*

Happiest Decade: *After college, getting to live in such beautiful places.*

Happiest Time: *After her life saving kidney transplant.*

Most Meaningful Mentor: *Her father, who helped her learn sincerity and kindness*