

A letter to his community

Who is he? He is many things to many people. You may have been on his first Little League team in Capitola in 1975 or on one of the Scotts Valley teams (baseball or softball) he coached in the 80's or 90's. Perhaps you were on a team with one of his five children (or on an opposing team). Steve has followed you as you grew up and cared about each one of you. Maybe you played with him on an adult league softball or basketball team.....or in the 1979 Bacon Bowl.

Many of you met him when he moved to Santa Cruz in 1972 to attend UCSC. Were you one of his classmates who worked on the McGovern campaign with him? Maybe you are a UCSC student who, like he, never wants to leave this place.

Your paths may have crossed in the Santa Cruz County Courts where he has worked for the last 34 years. If so, know how passionate he is about justice and how fair he is. If you were one of his clients you know much he cares for people.

If you know him through the Harbor High Booster Club you know how dedicated he is to the public school system. His five children have gone through the public school system in Santa Cruz County. He believes in our schools and most importantly wants every child to have the opportunity to have an education. Education is a key to keeping kids out of the court system.

Perhaps you are one of the young people that he has mentored and become a father figure to over the years or are on the other end of the spectrum and know how much he cares about the older members of our community. Maybe you were a young attorney in town that he helped find their way. Maybe you were one of the many who were in big trouble and he helped you turn your life around.

There are many other ways people may know this man. He is a true friend and maybe you have met him through someone else, just by striking up a conversation with him, or maybe through Church. No matter how you met him you can be assured that he cares about those he meets.

There are five important people in his life. His children. You can ask anyone of them and they will confirm that he is the best. He has encouraged them and supported them in anything they have ever done. Three are out of college and two are still in college. They are outstanding citizens and love Santa Cruz where they were all born and raised.

The man I am talking about is Steve Wright and he is running for Superior Court Judge in Santa Cruz County in the June 2008 election. You may say that I am partial to this candidate but when you get to know him you will be too. I have been married to him for 37 years and I can honestly say that you will not find a better person or better candidate for this position. He is honest, ethical and compassionate.

If you don't know him, ask around. You will surely know someone who does who can attest to his character and encourage you to support him in the upcoming June election.