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Dear C-SPAN:

I hope you will interview this lady. She is fantastic and a very active woman. She was interviewed on our local station and was so interesting. She certainly has many interesting stories about Herbert Hoover.

Our family has enjoyed the President series - I have watched many of the programs over & over. Also enjoy the many varied speakers on the Press series. Can't say I like the ultra conservatives but I do try to listen to them!

Thanks

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A hike for Hulda



Dan Coyro/Sentinel

Hulda Hoover McLean, second from right, celebrates her 93rd birthday Thursday with a hike through Harvey West park in Santa Cruz alongside fellow members of the XY Hiking Club.

Activist marks 93rd birthday with a walk

Sentinel staff report

SANTA CRUZ — Hulda McLean celebrated her 93rd birthday the way she has spent most Thursdays for about 31 years — walking.

This week's hike was to Evergreen Cemetery at Harvey West Park, followed by birthday cake, lemonade and, of course, sack lunches.

McLean, a well-known naturalist, longtime civic activist and niece of President Herbert Hoover, has been part of the XY

Walking Group since 1968. Back when it started, it was the YWCA walking group.

When the "W" was taken out, the group moved down the alphabet to "XY" and kept on truckin' throughout the county, she said.

Their hikes include McLean's childhood home on Waddell Creek, which in 1976 McLean and her sister Mindy Willis turned over to the state to become Rancho del Oso.

A decade later, McLean gave her ranch home to be used as the

state park Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center.

Once a year, McLean treats the XY hikers — "recycled girl scouts," she calls them — to an overnight campout at the ranch.

McLean, a Santa Cruz resident, still attends the weekly walks, although she admits that these days, "I sort of cheat on the hikes."

As for the secret of a long and healthy life, McLean said: "I'm sure I don't know. I just sort of stuck around."

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