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## EAST PALO ALTO

# SENIOR DAISY POLLARD RETIRES AS CASHIER AT EAST PALO ALTO SENIOR CENTER

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Daisy Pollard

work of art which included quilts in the design of the Texas Star. Pollard taught other seniors her dying art techniques as well. The center was happy to see her honored on her special day and sad to see her retire. "She's an inspiration for many seniors who visit the center in the course

after person came by her table to shake her hand and wish her well.

Among the people wishing her farewell were the Rev. Henry L. Mosley, who gave the invocation before Pollard and guests had lunch. Mr. Ed Becks, director of the East Palo Alto Senior Center, also shared a few words about Pollard before turning the floor over to Mother Onedia Branch, president of the Women's Dept. of Bay Area District Baptist Association. Each speaker reflected on what Pollard has meant to them, the future of the center and the city of East Palo Alto.



East Palo Alto Mayor Warnell Coats

John Squire spoke on how Pollard has used her wisdom to get people to come together for a common cause for seniors, and paid tribute to her for her strength, encouragement, and foresight to see the center come together as something for East Palo Alto to be proud of.

Supervisor Tom Nolan, who presented Pollard with a plaque for her service to the community and the center, thanked Pollard as well for her many contributions. He also stated he would look into the possibility of getting the center a public address system.

Also giving thanks was Mayor of

East Palo Alto Warnell Coats who addressed to the audience what Pollard has meant to him and how he would like to accomplish some of the things she has done in her 90 years. "I'm proud of the center and very proud of all the people who work here. The center is the heart of East Palo Alto." He also said, "There will be a resolution presented to name May 29th Miss Daisy Pollard Day in East Palo Alto."

Seniors members and guests sang the inspirational songs "Amazing Grace" and the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" to conclude the event. If you are in search of your roots and culture, visit the East Palo Alto Senior Center and talk to some of the "Old Folks." There are several kind hearted seniors still around.

**N**inety-year-old Daisy Pollard, who has been a cashier at the East Palo Alto Senior Club and Senior Center since 1982, has called it quits. Many people said "The center will never be the same without Miss Pollard."

Pollard, who was honored for all her hard work at the center and in the community, looks much younger than her years. Her strong hand shake showed great strength and integrity. The back wall of the center displayed her handy

of a day," one senior member said. Children and seniors alike were there to say good-by to a very special lady. Person

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