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WHO WE ARE By Ada Hollie **CASEY FORGY**

Ardis (Casey) Forgy has been a student at Emeritus College over 25 years and has a strong belief in its mission. Her advocacy for students to have a voice in the affairs of the College led to the formation of the Advisory Committee, a predecessor to the current Emeritus College Executive Council (ECEC). She was on the Advisory Committee for 15 years. She helped start the EC Newsletter, and also served on the Finance Committee. Casey always believed that Emeritus classes were essential for her mind and body. She continues to take creative writing classes, and has taken literature and finance classes.

Casey was born in Papeete, Tahiti, where her father was a temporary missionary, and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. She attended junior college for two years, then transferred to the University of Colorado where she majored in sociology with a minor in English.

After college, Casey worked in San Francisco at the UC Medical Center where she helped organize post-graduate courses for doctors who came from all over the world. She wanted to travel and explore the world, so she applied for a job with the State Department. She was the first person hired by the State Department to work in Berlin, Germany after WWII. She was shocked by the bombed out buildings and the devastation left by the war. Later she became a liaison officer between Frankfurt and Bonn.

When Casey left her assignment with the State Department she returned to San Francisco. She was hired as a secretary and became an editor on economic projects for Stanford Research Institute. While working at SRI, she met her husband, Ed, through a mutual friend. Ed is a Stanford graduate and was working on his Ph.D. at Oregon University. They lived in Oregon and she continued to do editing for SRI. They later moved to Los Angeles where they raised their children. They have two grandchildren. When the children were in college, Casey worked for the Employment Development Department.

Casey loves the outdoors, especially the mountains. She loves reading and interacting with others. Her commitment to life-long learning and her pioneering spirit is an inspiration.