

## SCRL Welcoming Committee Created



*From left: Audrey Gold, Susan Thomas, Maxie Mark filling welcome bags for newcomers to SCRL.*

You've bought a house or condo on campus, survived the stress of moving, and are looking forward to meeting your neighbors. Audrey Gold, a relative newcomer, knows the feeling, and so makes a special effort to introduce herself to the people she meets at the parks where she takes her children.

Wishing to extend the hand of friendship to all newcomers to the area, Gold met recently with SCRL Executive Director Lowell Price to discuss the creation of a grassroots volunteer welcoming team. The result of this collaboration is the "SCRL Welcoming Committee," comprised of Gold, Maxie Mark, Ellen McLennan, Macke Raymond, Mary Sullivan and Susan Thomas.

The group met initially in July at Gold's house to exchange ideas and select specific tasks, and shortly afterwards reconnoitered at Maxie's to assemble a welcome package. The kit includes, among other things, a letter decorated by a photo of Mariposa House, a copy of the SCRL Directory and Emergency Plan, a Household Emergency Data form, a copy of "Unofficial Guide to Stanford," and other items generously donated by campus retail establishments and various university facilities.

Each volunteer came away from the meeting with cloth bags (courtesy of the Stanford University bookstore) bulging with goodies and destined for residents in homes that were recently purchased.

Beginning in September, the committee will receive each month from the University Housing Office a list of newcomers and will divide up the deliveries on a rotating basis.

Says Gold, "We have a wonderful campus community and want to ensure that everyone feels welcome, whether they moved from across the country or locally. We're also glad to have the opportunity to personally highlight crucial safety information."

Kudos to this new committee, a most "welcome" addition to SCRL's services.