



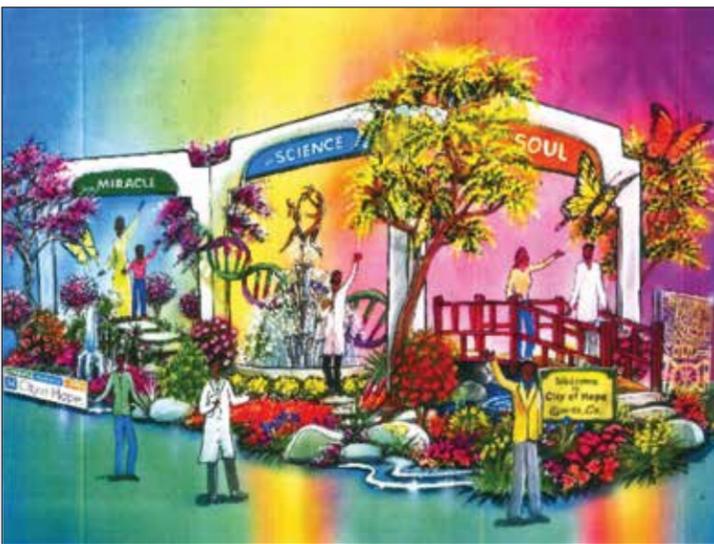
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“Duarte Day” Float Decorating Dec. 30

Together, the City of Hope and the City of Duarte have designated Friday, December 30, as “Duarte Day,” an opportunity for local volunteers to decorate the City of Hope’s 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade float.

The float decoration site is Rosemont Pavilion, 700 Seco Street, in Pasadena. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age or over to participate.

This year’s theme “Echoes of Success” showcases City of Hope’s groundbreaking research and unique patient-focused care. The physicians, nurses and patients riding the float symbolize City of Hope’s commitment to better futures for their patients everywhere.

The patients on the float, including Duarte City Manager Darrell George, a cancer survivor himself, highlights just some of the journeys made possible

when cancer, diabetes, and other life-threatening diseases are defeated.

Opportunities are available for up to 80 volunteers who may choose from two shifts of 40 persons each. The first shift will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and the second shift from 4 p.m.-11 p.m. Volunteers will be provided with a T-shirt and food. Slots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up on line by visiting eventbrite <https://cohrosefloat2017.eventbrite.com>.

A DUARTE FAVORITE CLOSING ITS DOORS

As Basil Kruger prepares to close the doors of Frontier Hardware, he knows what he will give thanks for on Thanksgiving Day. His journey has been a long and rewarding one, and he is thankful for all of his loyal customers who have come to his Duarte store over the years not only for parts and tools, but for friendly advice by the staff.

At age 17 and just out of high school, Basil loaded up his Dodge Colt and left Indiana headed for the San Gabriel Valley to stay with his brother. In 1983 he applied for work at Frontier Hardware in Pasadena and his work assignment was to help open a new store in Duarte on Huntington near Buena Vista. It was located where Big Lots and the 99cent store sit today.



The owner, Clayton Howland, was not only a good businessman but treated his employees in a fatherly manner, a mentor of sorts. Under his guidance Basil learned the hardware business. The store later moved to its present location on Huntington just east of Bradbourne.

After a brief return to Indiana, Basil came back to Duarte and took over as manager of Frontier, buying into store ownership. Sadly, his dear friend and mentor, Clay Howland, died in 1997 and Basil became primary owner of both the Duarte and Sierra Madre locations. His aim was to carry on the friendly customer service his

patrons expected. The workers, clad in overalls not only portrayed a home town look, but their “uniform” protected them in a job that could be messy at times. “We have served customers over the years that have raised their families and now we cater to their grown children,” says Basil.

Duartean Nick Montalvo is sad to see Frontier go. “Frontier Hardware is like an old friend you could go to when you were in a pinch. Having shopped there for over 25 years, I knew I could go there when I needed a specialty piece of hardware and would receive quick and competent service, unlike the big box stores.”

An active businessman in Duarte, Basil joined the Rotary Club in 1989 and has served as president three times. Over the years he has been named Businessman of the Year and Frontier has been named Business of the Year by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. He has tried to hire locals and participate in city and school programs that work toward the advancement of local students. In other words, Basil has adopted the “fatherly” attitude he received from Howland not only in his treatment of staff but of local youth as well.

The property where Frontier sits is now has been sold and Basil is preparing to close the door on what has been such a big part of his life. Even when stores such as Home Depot opened nearby, his customers remained loyal and kept his business going strong. “We tightened our belts, saved when we could, and weathered our big-store rivals,” he says. “Now we are busy cleaning out and moving what we can to the Sierra Madre location at 297 Sierra Madre Blvd.” Duarte Frontier will close at the end of the year.

Nick sums up the common sentiment: “It will be a sad day when their doors close, as another significant member of our neighborhood disappears.”

– By Claudia Heller



BASIL KRUGER

Duarte Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast Wed., Nov. 23

Michael & Regina Winans to deliver joint keynote

Duarte will express its thanks to outstanding community volunteers and kick off the holiday season at the 31st annual Mayor’s Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 29th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards. The event will be held Wed., Nov. 23, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium, 1500 Duarte Rd.

Michael and Regina Winans, the husband and wife duo, believing whole-heartedly in the sanctity of oneness, will be the event’s keynote speakers.

Even in times when divorce is at an all time high, the couple continues to count their blessings, as they’ve faced many of life’s challenges, twists, and turns, but have remained steadfast as a couple and also dear friends. Michael and Regina believe that once you learn your Identity, which comes from knowing our Creator, then you understand your

Purpose, and begin to walk in your Destiny. They’ve received several recognitions/honors by various organizations for their participation and commitment through their ministry and gift of songs.

Outstanding community volunteers being honored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce in the following categories are: Civic Service, John Fasana; Service to Senior Citizens, Kathy Kirchner; Humanitarian, Lisa Magno-Marino; Service to Youth, Laura Silverman; Business Person, Basil Kruger of Frontier Hardware; and Youth, Felipe Valdez.

The event also launches the 13th annual “Holiday of Promise” project to collect food, personal items and gift donations to be distributed by the Duarte Community Service Council and Foothill Unity Center to needy families the week before Christmas. The project is sponsored by Duar-

te’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, and numerous area businesses. Gift donations can be dropped off from Nov. 21 to Dec. 12 at various community locations including Duarte City Hall.

The breakfast is co-sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries, Duarte IHOP, City of Duarte, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City of Hope, Duarte Kiwanis Club, and the Duarte Woman’s Club.

Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for children and seniors, and can be purchased at the door or in advance from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, at Duarte City Hall, or online at www.DuarteChamber.com.

A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information on the event, call Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.





Friends of Duarte Library receives \$2,000

Thanks to the help of the City of Duarte, Edison International has given \$2000 to the Friends of Duarte for purchase of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) materials to be used in the Library. Two sets of invention-based learning kits called Ozobot (upper grades) and LittleBits (lower grades) will be purchased for use in the library for up to 16 students at a time. These will engage students in problem solving, creative thinking and collaboration through invention-based learning.

The Friends of the Duarte Library have also been busy the last two months. In September volunteers participated with Joana Gee, Duarte Library Director, at the Duarte City Picnic. Many free books and prizes were given out to the participants in the prize wheel.

On October 1, the Friends hosted a Book Sale at the Duarte Library. Many children's books were available for purchase as well as young adult and adult

novels and interesting non-fiction from cooking to exploration. From 3-4 p.m. there was a Buck-a-Bag sale. Patrons got away with many books at a great price! The next Book Sale will be in April 2017. Look for the flyers at the library!

On October 8, the Friends participated in the Senior Center Parking Lot Sale. Many items were donated to us for sale, benefiting the Friends of the Duarte Library.

All of these events provide the funds for the Friends group to supplement the purchase of new books, supplies and programming events at the Duarte Library.

Donations of books are always welcome at the library. These are the mainstay for the book sales and the used book kiosk in the library. Volunteers rotate/replace the books in the kiosk periodically so every time you come to the library you will see new items for sale at great prices. Many of the donations are new books, adult and children's.

Arcadia Association of Realtors® wins top award from National Association

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) recognized the local Arcadia Association of REALTORS® (AAR) with a top National award at the 2016 REALTORS® Conference & Expo in Orlando, Florida on November 11.

The AAR received the Platinum Achievement Award—which is the highest award given for Global Business Council achievement.

The Global award is given for having demonstrated exceptional commitment to building members' awareness of the global and multicultural business opportunities in their local markets.

This is the 3rd year in a row the AAR has won this prestigious award.

"The San Gabriel Valley, especially Arcadia, has long been a top choice among foreign buyers.

"For our Realtors® to stay competitive in both residential and commercial markets, they need to be familiar with international real estate issues and practices.

"The AAR seeks to provide our members tools they can use to be successful when dealing with clients here and abroad," said 2016 AAR Global Committee Chair Val Wong of Coldwell Banker George Realty in Arcadia.

Also during this year's conference, which was held in Orlando, Florida November 2-6, more than 25,000 attendees from across the country and all over the world engaged industry leaders and federal officials about legislative priorities, and the obstacles and opportunities facing consumers, the real estate market and the economy.

"As REALTORS® from

across the globe come together, we are optimistic about the future of home ownership, commercial enterprise and the real estate industry.

"We are committed to ensuring that housing markets continue their forward momentum," said 2016 AAR President Roy Blume of Century 21 Village Realty in Sierra Madre.

Representing local REALTORS® in the San Gabriel Valley for 91 years, the ARCADIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (www.TheAAR.com) is one of the oldest trade organizations in California.

The AAR is dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate and is an advocate for private property rights and is headquartered in Arcadia.



AAR 2017 President Sylvia Ramos (left) with current 2016 President, Roy Blume, accepting the Platinum Achievement Award on behalf of the Arcadia Association of REALTORS®.

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DWC attends Veteran's Day event



DUARTE WOMAN'S CLUB members attending Duarte's Veteran's Day program are (L-R) Luz Porlier, Karleen Daugherty, Cynthia Abbas, Ruby Shiroma, Jean Glass, and Ann Valleroy. Photo by Nashita Abbas

Members of the Duarte Woman's Club gathered at the City of Duarte annual Veteran's Day ceremony at Thorson Park on November 11.

"We wanted to show our appreciation for our veterans and the sacrifices they made for us," says Karleen Daugherty, a DWC member since 2014.

The club donated 21 dozen homemade cookies and muffins.

DWC is open to women over the age of 18.

For more information about the Duarte Woman's Club, call Luz Porlier at (626) 357-0954.

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Principal for a Day at Duarte Unified

Sixteen members of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce got an up-close and personal look at education in the Duarte Unified School District as Principals for a Day on Nov. 3.

In a partnership between the Chamber and Duarte USD, leaders of the local business community spent several hours in the morning shadowing principals at the eight school sites, as well as getting a chance to tour campuses and ask questions of the principals.

Dr. Michael Chavez, director of educational services for Duarte USD, and Diana Burckhard, director of marketing for the chamber, matched up business members and school site principals in advance of the event.

"We feel great about the chance to make connections between our members and the school district," said Burckhard. "This puts them in a position to learn if there are ways they can help the schools, be it monetary or mentoring, or programs."

Burckhard noted that one chamber member, who has a silk-screening business, made some connections at Duarte High that should prove beneficial for

him and the school going forward.

"This partnership is part of our strategic plan, our Competitive Advantage Plan, and it helps let people in the chamber learn about what is happening in our district," said Chavez. "We're proud of what we are doing and this is a chance to show off some of the great things that are happening in Duarte."

Before the participants headed off to visit the school sites, School Board President Ken Bell talked about the varied responsibilities school administrators carry out on a daily basis.

Burckhard was one of three "Principals" at Valley View Elementary, and she particularly cherished the moment, because her now adult daughter had attended that school when a time capsule was buried on the campus.

"I loved the camaraderie that the principal (Margaret Rasmussen) has with the teachers, and the great energy that you see on a school campus," she said. "I spent time in the classrooms, mostly with the older grades, and loved watching what they are doing, especially in the areas of math and science."

Chavez was principal at

Northview Intermediate when Principal for a Day started in Duarte four years ago and he remembers the positive interactions.

"Some of these guests may not have been on a school campus since they were in high school, and they want to see the different things that are going on," he said. "They may ask, 'What does a P.E. class look like?' or 'What does food service look like?'"

The chance to tour campuses, visit classes, and see how principals serve as educational and administrative leaders of their schools is a great draw.

So is the chance for business leaders and educators to discuss the things that connect their worlds.

"As a principal, you get a chance to help them clear up any preconceived notions, good or bad, about what's going on in education in general and in Duarte specifically," said Chavez.

"And it gives us a chance to share with them the quality of leadership we have in this district. My hope is that they get a greater appreciation and understanding for educators and the role we have and how we are working with young people."

ChapCare continues its exciting partnership with Foothill Transit

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare) announces its continued partnership with Foothill Transit to provide health education and increased access to primary healthcare services.

Foothill Transit, the primary public transit provider of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, has again donated advertising space on 330 buses and 5 transit stores. Since September, ChapCare ads have been displayed on the interior of Foothill Transit buses, to bring awareness to important community health issues and to educate community members on how to access primary healthcare services at ChapCare. As a result of this campaign, underrepresented, underserved, and underinsured families in the cities of Pasadena, Monrovia, Duarte, Arcadia, El Monte and South El Monte, will receive this information in both English and Spanish.

For 2016-17, key community health issues in the San Gabriel Valley to be addressed through this campaign include:

- **Immunizations** – Did you know? By 2 years old, children should have their vaccinations

to protect against 14 preventable diseases.

- **Vision** – Did you know? 76% of children haven't had an eye exam by age 5. By age 5, children should have already had 3 eye exams.

- **Dental** – Did you know? Tooth decay is the #1 childhood chronic disease. By 1 year old children should have their 1st dental visit.

- **Men's Health** – Did you know? Women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual exams and preventative healthcare services than men.

"ChapCare continues to educate community members on key health issues that are affecting the San Gabriel Valley," said Margaret B. Martinez MPH, ChapCare's CEO. "With the help of Foothill Transit, we are able to bring this important information to the community on a much larger scale, and expand access to our nationally recognized primary healthcare model. Foothill Transit continues to provide us with an exceptional opportunity to reach their 48,000 weekly riders in the San Gabriel Valley."

Duarte Holiday Activities

Breakfast With Santa and Santa's Workshop

On Sat., Dec. 3 the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast With Santa at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. from 8 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Rotary's local service projects. Those attending will enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Rotary Club members. Santa Claus will be available for pictures. For more information, please call Brian Villalobos at (626) 357-7938.

Santa's Workshop is presented by Duarte Recreation and provides children an opportunity to make holiday crafts and decorations right after breakfast. This event is free with the breakfast and is available from 8-11 a.m.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Fiesta

Begin the holiday season with



this fun family special event! The official City of Duarte Christmas Tree is a beautiful living redwood tree located in front of the Duarte Senior Center. Join the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department on Tues., Dec. 6, from 6:30-8 p.m. (tree lighting at 8 p.m.) for this special holiday event. We will celebrate the season with musical performances featuring cultural dancers, carolers and a few surprises.

Additionally, a traditional tamale dinner including two tamales, rice, beans, chips and a drink will be served for only \$6 per person. Santa Claus will be in town at the tree lighting, so bring your little elves to play games, make a holiday craft, and talk to Santa Claus! The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

Santa's Mailbox

Santa's Mailbox is available Nov. 28 through Dec. 15 for boys and girls ages 10 and younger and will be located in front of the Recreation Department counter in City Hall. Letters may be deposited there Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. or mailed to 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte, CA 91010-2592, Attention: Santa Claus. Please include your address and phone number. All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and Santa will write back!

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John Fasana receives NAACP Civic Award

The NAACP Pasadena Branch held its annual awards program at the Pasadena Histon Hotel on Oct. 3. Among the honorees was Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, receiving the Civic Award.

A resident in Duarte since 1985, John is a City Councilmember, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Chairperson, and is one of four City Selection Committee appointees to the 13-member Metro Board of Directors. He has represented the San Gabriel Valley on the Metro Board since its inception in 1993 and previously served as Metro Board Chair in 2001-2002. He also currently serves as the Executive Management Committee Chairperson. During his tenure on the Metro Board, he has tirelessly worked with his colleagues in Sacramento and Washington DC to obtain several billion dollars for LA County residents for critically needed multimodal congestion relief projects. These voter-approved high priority transportation projects have created thousands of jobs within LA County and improved the County's economic vitality.

First elected as a councilmember in 1987, Mr. Fasana has continuously represented the people of Duarte and five times has served as the city's mayor. During his tenure, John and his colleagues helped the City of Duarte successfully establish a graffiti abatement program and build a teen center where the NAACP Pasadena Branch's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) has been headquartered for the past six years. Mr. Fasana and his colleagues built new parks, developed a new intermediate school and performing arts center, built a senior center, re-built an aquatics center, established an effective anti-gang strategy without implementing an injunction, and developed access to regional bicycle trails. These leadership actions reinforced Duarte's reputation as the "City of Health".

Mr. Fasana has been an advocate for youth and worked with City of Hope to establish a summer program for Duarte students, served on the Duarte Education Foundation and local YMCA boards, and with his colleagues adopted the Youth and Family Master Plan consisting of 66 action steps to promote the wellbeing of Duarte youth and families.

Mr. Fasana has also served on the Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) since its inception rep-

resenting 31 cities and over 2 million residents working together to solve regional issues and in the past served on Foothill Transit's Board. As Chair of the COG Transportation Committee, he provided policy direction that led to the creation of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority, and the Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board that built the Gold Line and the recent extension to Azusa that began serving customers in March, 2016. John still serves as Metro's representative on the Foothill Extension Board.

Since the early 1990s, John has been a long-standing advocate



JOHN FASANA

for the Gold Line and Foothill Transit. He has promoted the region's, Duarte's and the San Gabriel Valley's interests in transportation, community services,

environmental protection, and economic development.

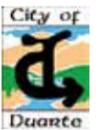
In 2015, he retired from his Regulatory Project Manager position with Southern California Edison after 35 years of service. He is a graduate of Whittier College. John and his wife, Kris, have three adult children all of whom were educated in Duarte's public schools and two sons-in-law.

Persons attending to celebrate

his being honored included were his wife, Kris; his parents; son, Matthew; daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Sean; Duarte Mayor Sam Kang; Duarte Council Members Liz Reilly, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and Margaret Finlay; Duarte City Manager Darrell George; many of the 2016 ACT-SO Gold Medalists with Karen Herrera, Aida Torres, and Marilyn Mays; Phil Washington and staff from Metro; plus representatives from Foothill Transit, ACE and SCAG.

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Duarte Fitness Center

New reduced price annual membership fees begin December 12! Become a member online at www.accessduarte.com > Quick Links > Register for Recreation Programs > Fitness Center Membership. Annual memberships for Duarte residents are low with no monthly fees and make great Christmas gifts! The Fitness Center offers racquetball, swimming (seasonal), aerobic classes, and a fully equipped exercise room. For more information call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

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EVSGCH gets ready for this year's winter shelter program

Rich Hopkins has a real passion to serve the homeless population in the East San Gabriel Valley. As a board member of the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless, he shares not only the need of the homeless, but also how each of us can help with solutions and resources to help the homeless population.

EGVHC is coordinating this year's Winter Shelter Program which runs from December 1-March 31. Six local churches each house up to 300 people nightly for two weeks each. This includes, food, shower and a safe and warm place to sleep. Rich recently shared this program with the Duarte Kiwanis Club.



PICTURED, from left, Rich Hopkins and Duarte Kiwanis Past President, Mirna de Lira Lopez.

Duarte - Pasadena NAACP Hosts Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics Competition

For the past six years, the City of Duarte and the NAACP Pasadena Branch have hosted a local ACTSO regional competition. This program is described as the Association's annual, major youth initiative and provides a national forum for students of all walks of life to demonstrate their abilities. There are 29 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, culinary, performing and visual arts. Winners from the local competition move on to compete at a national level in conjunction with the NAACP's national conference each summer.

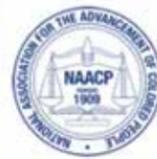
In 2016, five of our youth earned Gold Medals and traveled to Cincinnati, OH and competed as national finalists: Faith Early-ORIGINAL ESSAY, Chavon Jackson-POETRY-WRITING, Kalina Jenkins-DRAWING, Ashley Cavan-PAINTING and Rayven Searles-SCULPTURE. Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci was in the delegation along with three youth observers and four chap-

ones. ACT-SO, founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett, is an enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among high school students, especially those of African-American decent. The focus is on enrichment and mentorship. Students work with volunteer mentors who are professionals in their field and serve as coaches in promoting academic and artistic excellence among youth. Famous ACT-SO alumni in the performing arts include Anthony Anderson-Actor, John Singleton-Filmmaker, Kanye West-Rapper, Jada Pinkett-Smith-Actress, Roy Hargrove-Jazz Musician, and

Michael Beach-Actor. Registration for ACT-SO 2017 has begun. Regional competition will be held in Duarte next April. National completion will be held in Baltimore, MD in July. Students, 9-12 grades, interested in participating and adult professionals interested in serving as a volunteer mentor, judge, or sponsor may contact Duarte Teen Center Director and ACT-SO Chairperson, Marilyn Mays (626) 303-0863, ext. 402, Duarte Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist, Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316, Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera, (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 or former Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston, (626) 827-6732 the co-chairs.

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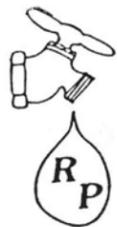
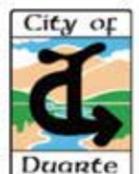
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Lunch

The Senior Center serves lunch Monday thru Friday at 12 p.m. to individuals over 60 years of age or the spouse of someone over age 60 for a suggested donation of \$3 per person. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Call (626) 357-3513 for reservations.

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HICAP – Making Sense of Medicare

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month by appointment, HICAP provides unbiased information, counseling, and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. FREE! Please call the senior center to make a reservation at (626) 357-3513.

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Sara Polinsky, elder law attorney, will be at the Center to provide free legal counsel. She is here the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Appointments required by coming in the Senior Center or calling (626) 357-3513.

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On the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m., DLL Technologies, LLC, a local tech support business, will be offering FREE tech support. They will provide technical support for your computers, laptops, mobile devices and phones. No appointment necessary.

Bingo

Every Tuesday from 12:45-2:30 p.m. The fee is 25 cents per card.

Bunco

First Wednesday of the month, 12:30-3 p.m. you can win prizes and meet new people. \$1 per person to play and it is sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Please plan on staying until all games are played. Call (626) 357-3513 to RSVP or stop by the front desk at the Senior Center to be put on the list.

Cribbage

If you are interested in playing cribbage on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12:30-2 p.m., please sign up at the front desk or call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to get your name on the list.

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Ping Pong

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Book Club

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Greeting Card Class

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What's Happening In Duarte

Enjoy some conversation with councilmember Liz Reilly at the Senior Center. Liz is at the Center once a month. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to find out the next

time she will be there.

On the Move Riders Club

Join Duarte's "On the Move Rider's Club" for one of their upcoming trips. It's a great way to learn more about public transportation systems. Reservations required and forms must be filled out prior to trip. Come by the senior center and grab a flyer to see where their next destination will be or call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

Trail Trekkers Hiking Group

The Trail Trekkers meet once a month to go on local hikes. Come by the Senior Center and grab a flyer, to see where their next destination will be. Make sure the senior center has your wavier on file before you sign up for the hike. Feel free to call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information.

Volunteer Tax Preparers Needed

Training for Tax-aides to man the AARP Low Income Tax Aide Program will start soon. No tax experience required, just basic computer skills, an interest in helping people and the available time during tax season. Contact: www.aarp.org/volunteer_tax_aide to submit your application. If you have more questions feel free to call the center at (626) 357-3513.

CLASSES

Online Registration! www.accessduarte.com quick Links > Register for Recreation Programs beginning December 5 at 6 a.m. Walk-in registration begins at 9 a.m. Classes begin the week of January 2 unless otherwise noted. Registration hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. NO REFUNDS.

The Senior Center offers a variety of classes for adults 55 years and older. Classes offered this winter include:

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HMO Symposium- Understanding Your Medicare Advantage HMO Options

On Wednesday, November 9, at 1 p.m. a program specialist from the

non-profit consumer organization, HICAP, will present exactly what Medicare mandates that each of the HMO's provide. Discussion will include: important questions to ask before enrolling, how to enroll or cancel, how to appeal HMO decisions, and the difference between joining an HMO and buying supplemental insurance. You will be provided with Medicare requirements for the HMO's and then hear from each of the HMO providers on what they provide above and beyond what Medicare mandates. Some of the providers invited include: United Health Care, Anthem Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, Humana, Health Net, Care 1st, SCAN, Intervale Health Plan and L.A. Care. Reservations requested (626) 357-3513.

Free Ultrasound Stroke Prevention and Thyroid Test

On Tuesday, November 1 from 9-11:45 a.m. a Free Ultrasound Stroke Prevention and Thyroid Testing will be held at the Duarte Senior Center. This simple non-invasive procedure will detect any plaque build-up in the carotid artery. For an appointment, please call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

ADULT EXCURSION

Online registration now available at accessduarte.com. Registration for the following excursion has begun. Walk-in registration held at the Duarte Senior Center. Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.

Virginia Robinson Gardens and the Grier Musser Museum (Lunch Included) Wednesday, December 14, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee: \$48 regular price (Resident discount price \$40, non-resident discount \$44). Trip departs from 1634 Third Street.

NO REFUNDS: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful, the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge.

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Citrus College prepares artists for careers of the future

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

Exciting innovations in electronic communications, website design and entertainment are providing new career opportunities in the field of visual arts. To address the growing demand for artists who are trained in a variety of media, Citrus College's new Visual Arts Building opened this fall.

As the final building project funded by Measure G, a general obligation bond that was approved by district voters in 2004, the \$19 million Visual Arts Building replaces the college's original Arts Center built in 1964. Constructed over the footprint of the former center, the new facility is a modern replacement that employs contemporary technologies, while maintaining the purpose of its predecessor: to nurture and develop the talent of creative and gifted artists.

Within its 37,000-square-foot of educational space, the Visual Arts Building features studios equipped for drawing, painting, printmaking, digital design, trans-media, animation, mixed media, photo and video production, a 150-seat lecture hall, an art gallery, computer labs, a ceramics lab, general purpose classrooms and faculty offices. The building is also the new home of the college's student newspaper, the Clarion.

This beautiful three-story addition to the Citrus College campus is a unique work of art in its own right. More importantly, the



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

Visual Arts Building provides students with the leading-edge skills they need for high-paying careers in fields such as product design, advertising and marketing.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as companies increase their digital presence, more art and design workers will be needed to create visual appeal and effective layout



CITRUS COLLEGE'S new Visual Arts Building.

design for websites and other media platforms. The projected job growth in these fields is due, in part, to an increased demand for animation and visual effects for video games, movies, television and smartphones. At the same time, the need for artists with skills in photography and fine arts – painting, sculpting and illustration – is projected to grow.

In the coming years, the Visual Arts Building will no doubt enhance Citrus College's reputation as a regional leader in visual and performing arts education. However, as with all of the college's beautiful facilities, award winning programs and innovative services, it is the dedication and commitment of its employees – our faculty, staff and administrators, that sets Citrus College apart from peer institutions.

With the Gold Line's APU/ Citrus College Station located a short walk from Citrus College, the Visual Arts Building will provide a great location for lectures, exhibits and art shows that are open to the public. I hope my fellow residents in the City of Duarte will take the eight minute ride from the Duarte Station to the Citrus College campus to enjoy a variety of artistic productions in this amazing new venue.

Fall birdwalk held Nov. 12

By Claudia Heller

It was a lovely fall morning in Encanto Park when about twenty birders walked the bioswale trail on a birdwalk led by ornithologist Kimball Garrett, Collection Manager at the L.A County Museum of Natural History. Black Phoebes, Bushtits, Anna's and Rufous/Allen's Humminbirds were fun to watch. After crossing the Puente Largo Bridge, the group walked up to the first weir to the North. Binoculars focused on several shorebirds including a Great Blue Heron, a Black-crowned Night Heron, and a Pied-billed Grebe. A good long look at a Merlin was a favorite sighting. The group was surprised to witness a raccoon swimming in the river.

In all 35 bird species were spotted. You can view this list online at <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32508899>.

Foothill Unity Center Salon Concert held Nov. 5



FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER hosted a Salon Concert and Art Show November 5 at the Womens City Club of Pasadena as a fundraiser for the Center. Dr. Adam R. Kendall is a physician at Methodist Hospital and shared his masterful talents with the piano and violin to help raise funds for Foothill Unity Center programs. Shown with Dr. Kendall (center) are (left) Betty McWilliams, Executive Director of Foothill Unity Center, and Reyna Diaz, board member of the Foothill Unity Center. Dr. Kendall also plays every Friday night at the Monrovia Farmers Market to share classical music and raise funds. The Foothill Unity Center is located at 415 W. Chestnut Ave., Monrovia, phone (626) 358-3486, www.foothillunitycenter.org.



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“Principal for a Day” (The easy way)

By Neil Earle

When the Duarte Chamber alerted me that the Duarte Unified School District was hosting another of their “Principal for a Day” events on November 2 it appealed to my latent instincts as an elementary school teacher back in Labrador, Canada in 1967. A stint as substitute teacher for the La Canada High School district in the 1990s had kept those buried interests alive. Interacting with Duarte High School students (DHS) from Levon Yotnapharian’s broadcasting class at DCTV for 15 years fed my interest in youth as well. One of my DCTV highlights was TV interviewing with the DHS Academic Decathlon state and national winners in 2008—major kudos for our town and schools we should never forget.

Five Crucial Qualities

So on that crisp November 2 morning I and 20 other interested citizens headed to DHS’s Professional Learning Center to hear Board Chairman Ken Bell brief us

on the qualities of an effective principal. These include,

1. Great Communication Skills. Principals have to be adept at answering calls from worried parents to scheduling food truck deliveries to helping with discipline problems as they arise. Advising of schedule changes and staff procedures is a constant stressor.

2. A great Principal, said Mr. Bell, is a Difference Maker. They are guided by standards of accountability and keeping ahead of the demands upon schools to update and upgrade learning technologies and seeing solutions not just problems. This is not easy as our society looks more and more to its schools to be what Professor Paul Rutherford calls the “civilizing knit” between the values of different generation. Our Duarte Senior’s softball team (the 66ers) get encouraging glimpses of that when Mt. Olive

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Rebuilding Together enhances Veteran family Duarte home



Rebuilding Together, San Gabriel Valley Foothills hosted the Heroes Veterans Day project on Nov. 12 as part of a SEARS grant for a Duarte resident.

The resident is a family of a Korean War veteran. Norma Sandoval’s husband was a Korean War veteran and her father was a WWII veteran.

The project included exterior painting,

yard clean up and landscaping as well as some minor interior repairs.

This was an extension of a Ramp Up Duarte project where a ramp was installed in the front of the home for her safety.

The family members have been Duarte residents for more than 30 years.

Please visit www.rtsgvf.org for more information.

Foothill Unity Center, USC School of Dentistry provide dental services to Beardslee School students



In conjunction with the Foothill Unity Center, the Pediatric Mobile Dental Clinic with the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC was held at Beardslee Elementary School October 14 through 20. Nearly 100 children were provided with all their dental needs. The USC students also provided dental health education to the children and their parents while they were waiting to receive their dental work.



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Easy way

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High School teens join us for soft-ball practices occasionally. Kevin Morris, their upbeat principal, keeps stirring even the non-athletes to cheer, keep score, or join the handshake line at the end. The challenges facing schools are formidable, from bullying to overseas students passing through temporarily, to maintaining good relations with the public. A good teacher, someone once said, has to have the wisdom of Solomon, the watchfulness of an eagle and the stamina of a thoroughbred. And how!

3. Good principals know all about MBWA which is Management by Walking Around, an old gem but one easily forgotten when phone calls and internet memos can make a principal's office seem like the flight deck of the Enterprise. "An aware principal is the best security available," Ken Bell emphasized. Overall, from what I've seen, DUSD has been blessed in the quality of their leaders.

4. School principals have to have the self-discipline not to shirk the big problems, whether removing ineffective teachers or giving sound input on new hires. SDR - Stamina definitely required.

5. Finally (in a subject with virtually no end), good principals really care about their students. Their ultimate goal is never to give up on a difficult student, as challenging as that can sometimes be. Mr. Bell concluded that, "Kids from strong healthy families are easier to work with but kids from other families are more important to work with."

Walking the Walk

After dividing up into our assigned school visitations we were transported to Duarte's schools by DHS staff. Right on time my team member for Beardslee Elementary, Roopalee Patel, branch manager at Duarte's Credit Union, and I were ushered into the office of Beardslee's principal, Mrs. Jennifer Romero. We were already briefed that Jennifer was a Duarte product through and through having graduated from DHS before studying at APU. Jennifer proceeded with a "hands on" version of MBWA. Roopalee and I were amazed at how she seemed to know every student and parent we passed, with a word for each. We were taken to the kindergarten class where about 25 heads swiveled excitedly our way as we walked in. Within seconds the teacher returned to exploring what artifacts the Pilgrim Father could cram into their "Bible Box" on the Mayflower. Thanksgiving theme, you see.

Beardslee is rightly proud of the fact that some of the parents who drop off their children stay for laptop-based self-instructing English classes using Rosetta Stone technique. This briefs them on computer use as well as the new language. As we proceeded on the walkabout we had explained to us how the goal is to give autistic children 1 on 1 instruction as much as possible. We saw some of the classes in action led by obviously caring teachers and parent volunteers.

One elementary class was hosing us how they learned science principles by shooting candy corn from "catapults" made of pencils and plastic spoons. The delight with which they prosecuted this "show and tell" in front of their visitors was contagious. Nor was a trip to the all-important cafeteria ignored since it is there where so many students learn social skills, conversational English and the basics of good nutrition. This last from signs sprinkled strategically throughout the food line. Leaning, learning, ever learning. Duarte schools have had to learn the knack of "more with less" employing that rare trait that leads to success - resourcefulness.

"Heroes in the Classroom"

At our feedback session over a delicious lunch, Eric Boyd, Executive Director of the

Santa Anita YMCA, reported on the pleasant location of Royal Oaks School up against the Foothills. "I went to school in South Central, so you can imagine the contrast." He also spoke positively of a discipline situation in action and "how much things have changed without losing effectiveness."

All in all it was quite an impressive event. Most principals joined us for the feedback lunch afterwards and that made the interaction realistic and encouraging. After visiting Andres Duarte Elementary, Vic Benavides of the City of Hope, expressed the feelings of most of us, that if America's young people were exposed to the kind of technology delivered with caring concern that we saw on November 2, the shocking incarceration levels might be greatly lowered across the nation. This starts with healthy motivation in the classroom.

"Too many young people have fallen through the cracks," Vic added, "which is why it is good to see Duarte pioneering ways and approaches that show how this can be turned around."

Thanks to DUSD and the Duarte Chamber for sponsoring this eye-opening event and reminding us again of the social and human challenges that society keeps sending the way of our school systems. "We need heroes in the classroom" a national leader once said and Duarte seems to have its share.

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The ESGVCH is a Coalition where all work together to help the homeless. Our website is: ESGVCH.org, email address is esgvch@aol.com and phone is: 626-333-7204. This year Southern California Gas Co. through their Azusa/Industry bases which serves Azusa, Covina, West Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry and San Dimas is gathering personal items, clothing and potential funds from employees which will be donated to the homeless during the ESGVCH's Winter Shelter which will be from Dec. 1, 2016 through March 1, 2017 and the Emergency Assistance Center in Hacienda Heights. Homeless often feel discouraged, anxious, abandoned.

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The pendulum in education has swung since the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) was replaced by last year's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). NCLB aimed to close the achievement gap between poor and minority students and their more advantaged peers through a system of high-stakes testing and an accountability system based on a foundation of progressive punitive actions and sanctions.

ESSA, on the other hand, aims at the same lofty target of closing the achievement gap, but its strategy is vastly different. While assessment remains a centerpiece of the accountability system, college and career readiness share equal billing in ESSA.

In practice, the ESSA movement rewards schools that are providing learning options that are appealing for students who might otherwise be at risk of leaving high school. While college readiness remains a focus, the one-size-fits-all model under NCLB has given way to a model that simultaneously aligns rigorous academic standards and postsecondary expectations with applied, contextual learning to help students see the relevance of what they are learning and its connection to career opportunities and life goals.

The law is new, but most high schools are already aligning themselves with college programs that include certifications that validate skills and advance matriculation into college programs. Many certificate programs are industry certified and "stackable" to encourage advanced study.

Assembly Bill 288 paved the way for school districts and community colleges to develop these seamless and sequential pathways from high school to college. Sequencing is a progression of 2 or more 150 hour courses that result in a skill certificate or industry certification, in addition to fulfilling prerequisite college requirements and meeting the college readiness requirement of the California State University system.

The programs are focused on industry sectors that are in great demand, including Agriculture & Natural Resources, Arts, Media & Entertainment, Building Trades & Construction, Education, Child Development & Family Services, Energy & Utilities, Engineering & Design, Fashion & Interior Design, Finance & Business, Health Science & Medical Technology, Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation, and Information Technology.

At Duarte High School, all of the pathway programs are Early College Programs and include concurrent enrollment with either our local institution Citrus College, or other regional schools such as Rio Hondo and Mt. San Antonio College. Many of the programs provide students with the opportunity to earn 30-45 college units.

Our most coveted regional program is our Biotechnology Research and Development Pathway with an articulation agreement and dual enrollment with Citrus College and an internship, senior year, at the City of Hope.

This program includes a Patient Care Pathway and certification through a Nursing Assistant Training Program (NATP) leading to certification. Clinical internships for nursing are provided by our industry partner the be.group, California's largest nonprofit provider of senior living communities.

Other current programs, ranging from emerging to fully implemented, include a Forestry and Natural Resources Pathway with a certificate in Wildland Resources & Forest, a program supported by a partnership with industry partners Outward Bound Adventures (OBA), National Park Service (NPS), Duarte Public Safety, and the National Parks Conservation Association.

Also, a Food Services and Hospitality Pathway, with a focus on the Culinary Arts; Entrepreneurship Pathway, with a focus on self-employment and with internships at the City of Hope; and a Welding and Materials Joining Pathway, with a focus on welding technology.

The Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in helping to develop most of these programs. Chamber member Delafield Corporation provided a summer boot-camp for Welding and Materials Joining Pathway students, and both Delafield and The Gas Company provided internships.

It's a new era in education. And Duarte Unified School District, thanks to the generosity and support of our Chamber partners, is on the cutting edge of it.



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO

Art is at the heart of Duarte USD

Duarte USD is quickly rising as the destination district for arts focused education in the San Gabriel Valley. In addition to being the home of the Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) first sister-school, the California School of the Arts (CSArts), Duarte Unified has increased arts offerings for all students enrolled in Duarte schools, preschool through 12th grade.

Superintendent Mucerino has convened an Arts Task Force led by K-8 Arts Coordinator, Erin Fish, to develop a custom K-8 integrated arts curriculum branded by the Orange County School of the Arts, specialization offerings during the instructional day and arts focused before and after school programming at all of our campuses, in collaboration with industry professionals, arts driven non-profit organizations, district partners and community leaders.

Already launched this year are unique art opportunities for DUSD students that include Nuvo-Voice workshops taught by Grammy-nominated artist, Karina Nuvo. After recording, producing, and writing two CDs, receiving two Grammy nominations, and performing all over the world in English and Spanish.

Nuvo-Voice Workshops were piloted at Beardslee and Maxwell schools for students in grades 1-6. The program runs for 7 weeks and includes a culminating performance for the public on December 19, 2016 at the Performing Arts Center. Already, 120 students have enrolled and there are only a couple of spots remaining.

Also, facilitated by a \$17,000 grant from the Arts for All collaborative that is coordinated by the L.A. County Arts Commission and L.A. County Office of Education, industry artists from the Armory Center for the Arts in Pasadena are working together with Duarte USD teachers to provide integrated arts instruction in math and science to our elementary students.

This innovative approach to teaching the arts and sciences together, started this October at Maxwell and Valley View Elementary Schools in grades 2nd-3rd. The Armory's Artful Connections math unit starts with professional development sessions for faculty members, who begin teaching the lessons in a side-by-side partnership with the artist in the classroom with their students, and then transition to a time when



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the teachers can deliver the curriculum on their own.

Students learn about place value, regrouping, graphing, fractions and more by creating their own artwork in the same manner as Kandinsky and other great artists. After working with 2nd and 3rd graders in the fall, the artists will begin work with 4th grade students in the spring with a focus on science.

Public celebrations of our students' creativity is also a priority at Duarte USD. On November 17, the Board of Education hosted a special reception and art exhibition to recognize all Duarte USD students whose artwork was displayed at this year's LA County Fair. Over 500 pieces were on view this evening with winning ribbons attached to the delight of a large crowd of parents, students and staff members.

Artwork created by special education students at Duarte High School was also showcased at the Very Special Art Festival that took place at the Music Center downtown Los Angeles this October. This year's theme was Heroes and DHS entered 27 submissions. With instruction from art teacher Heather Messner, the students created a variety of hero inspired art – some represented themselves as a superhero, some made it about a person in their lives or an occupation they saw as a heroic and some created their favorite cartoon hero or celebrity.

Their creations were prominently displayed among art work from schools all over Los Angeles County for all visitors to see at the festival. On October 21st, the students took the Metro to the festival to see their artwork along with thousands of other very special students from across LA.



ART WORK by DUSD students exhibited at LA County Fair reception and exhibition held on November 17.



DUSD STUDENTS at LA County Fair Artwork Exhibition held on November 17.



DUSD STUDENTS engaged in Artful Connections integrated art and math lesson.

Theatre Arts students at Duarte High School have been learning about Pulitzer Prize winning playwright August Wilson and the 10 wonderfully diverse plays in his American Century Cycle. On Nov. 5, Mrs. Bartlett escorted a group of her Theatre Arts students to the Center Theatre Group in downtown Los Angeles for the August Wilson Monologue Competition. Her students worked hard to prepare their audition pieces for this very prestigious competition. They did a fantastic job and it was a wonderful learning experience.

Duarte USD even offers opportunities for parents and community members to get arty with our students. On December 1, Andres Duarte will host a Family Holiday Craft Night. The entry fee is an unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Program.

Also, music programs at all of our schools have winter performances scheduled throughout December, be sure to check the district website for dates and times. To learn more about art in Duarte, call (626) 599-5019.

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Learning increases when there are high expectations for performance and conduct.

We have the responsibility to find solutions that enable all students to learn.



Duarte football wins Montview League Championship Title

From 3-17 the last two years to league champions and competing in the CIF playoffs, that's the remarkable turnaround for the Duarte High School football team.

Under first-year head coach James Heggins, Duarte rose as the champions of the Montview League.

Duarte has struggled in football in recent years but under the tutelage of Coach Heggins, who is also Dean of Athletics in his first year in DUSD, the Falcons came together after finishing 1-9 in 2014 and 2-8 in 2013. They won their first three games, lost two, then posted another three-game winning streak before finishing 7-3 for the 2016 season.

"This is a huge credit to our kids, who wanted something better for themselves, who may have learned a lot of lessons last year, but who bought into what we were teaching," said Heggins. "They were involved from the very beginning and learned the core values we were teaching, not just X's and O's."

"Our values include accountability, being present every day not just physically but mentally, taking care of business off the field, and creating great habits on and off the field to be successful in life."

That learning, and the turnaround that ensued, brought the Falcons not only the League Championship Title, but to a first round CIF playoff game vs. Laguna Beach. It was a hard fought game that ended in a heart breaking loss for the Falcons, but each member of the Duarte team is to be commended for leaving everything on the field that night. They never gave up and exhibited the passion, drive and dedication of champions.

The Falcons were led on offense by quarterback Devon Hemsley, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound senior who completed 76 of 158 passes for 1,489 yards with 12 touchdowns and 10 interceptions during regular season play. He also rushed for 323 yards and five touchdowns.

"He had a huge impact on everything we did," said Heggins. "He touches the ball on every play and the emphasis is on him doing things right. It's not just about throwing touchdown passes or having great statistics. It's about game management and shouldering responsibility. And he did that."

Heggins also singled out senior running back Lorenzo Rios, who carried 126 times for 677 yards and five touchdowns, with three 100-yard-plus rushing games.

The Falcon passing game included leading receiver Xevion Harrison (22 catches, 399 yards, 3 TDs). Three other receivers had 14 catches each for a total of 8 touchdowns. Rodney Collier was a combination WR/RB according to Heggins, who performed well shuttling in plays and subbing for several players.

On defense, Xevion Harrison, a 6-4, 205-pound senior, played a hybrid role that involved starting at various times at defensive end, linebacker and strong safety. "He's tough enough to play defensive end or linebacker, but speedy enough to cover guys in the secondary," said the coach.

Other defensive stalwarts are middle linebacker Alex Garcia and lineman Krikour Koustanian. The latter is a 6-foot-3, 315-pound junior who plays tackle on the offensive line and nose guard on defense, never missing a down.

While the turnaround in football from Montview League doormat to league champion in one year was the major story in DHS Fall sports, there were also successes in other sports:

Girls Volleyball

The team coached by Irene Sunabe finished the regular season with an 18-12 record and was 7-2 for second place in league. The Lady Falcons won their first-round playoffs match handily, beating Cantwell/Sacred Heart in straight sets.

In the second round, at Savanna, they lost the first two sets, then stormed back to win two sets to tie the match. The deciding final set was tied at 15 before a referee's call and an ace serve decided things for the home team, 17-15.

"Coach Sunabe was proud of her team and the way they battled back with pride and determination," said Heggins.

Girls Tennis

Coach Victor Champion led the Falcons to a 13-3 regular season record and a second-place league finish at 8-2. In the playoffs, the tennis team posted a 12-6 Wild Card win at Rubidoux before losing at Orange in the second round. Coach Champion singled out captains Kiara Neuvo and Marival Rosal for their efforts this season.

Cross Country

Duarte's team finished fourth in league and did not qualify for CIF, but Gerardo Urbina finished eighth in the league championship, according to coach (and former student) Jacob De Guzman.



Noted former player to coach Duarte basketball

Basketball has taken Jelani Gardner all over the world and now he's ready to share a few of the lessons he's learned with the boys basketball team at Duarte High School.

It's a perfect match for both Gardner and the Falcons as he brings a lifetime love affair with basketball to a campus that has struggled to field a successful team in that sport in recent years.

"We are very fortunate to be bringing on a coach who has had a lifetime of success in the sport and who believes in the power of positive coaching," said James Heggins, Dean of Athletics at Duarte. "He gives our basketball players an outstanding role model with a great work ethic."

Gardner's basketball highlights film began in high school at St. John Bosco in Bellflower, and included being named the 1994 CIF and California State High School Player of the Year, honors on the USA Today and McDonald's All American teams, as well as successful playing time at the University of California and Pepperdine.

Basketball has also taken him to Israel, Germany, Australia, France and Russia, over a 12-year international playing career before he started his coaching career in 2012-13 at La Salle High School in Pasadena. He has since coached with the JAG club teams, as well last year at Bristol University in Orange County.

"I'm so grateful to the people at Duarte," said Gardner. "I'm fortunate to be coming to a school where the athletic director (Heggins) and the principal (Mark Sims) both have a history of success in sports and know what it takes to compete. This is a community that appreciates what sports can do for its young people."

Gardner succeeds Earl Sanchez, who resigned after leading the Falcons to a 4-22 record in his one season. Duarte has had just one winning record in the last 10 years (13-12 in 2005-06) and the boys basketball team has struggled to keep up with the girls

program, which went to the CIF Finals last year.

"I'm smiling when you mention that (the record)," said Gardner. "I believe anything is possible, and my faith is strong. I believe we have what it takes to turn the Duarte Falcons into a winning program. I've gotten winning vibes and feel very positive about the things I have seen in this community. Duarte is willing to embrace me and I'm excited about starting with a blank canvas. The players and I have a chance to paint a bright picture from scratch."

If nothing else, Gardner is a positive man. While still in college, he needed a kidney transplant (from his mother) and that short-circuited his plans to advance to the National Basketball Association. Instead, he opted to play internationally, and 12 years later, believes it was the best possible experience for him.

"You can come out of college with some knowledge about Europe or the rest of the world, but that's nothing compared to what you will gain from living and competing there," he said. "I've lived in Siberia in Russia, in a town near Tel Aviv in Israel, in Hamburg in Germany and in Townsville, Australia. I've played in France and my wife is from France and my kids were born there."

But Gardner sees those experiences as chapters in the book leading up to the latest plot development, which has him perfecting his skills as a coach.

"Our goal as a group is to focus on accountability and to play for each other, for our parents, for the school and for the community," he said. "These young men will learn they are playing for the name on the front of their shirt, not the name on the back. Basketball teaches a lot of life's lessons. It's not a perfect game. You learn discipline, punctuality, selflessness, sportsmanship; and you learn that the winning team is usually the one that makes the fewest mistakes."

Gardner said he thinks often



JELANI GARDNER, new Duarte High School Boys Basketball Coach.

of something his father, Tommy, has reminded him about his new role: "It's about teaching, not coaching."

After a lifetime learning lessons from basketball, and seeing the world, Jelani Gardner is ready to teach those lessons to the Duarte Falcons. Check the Duarte High School website at dhsfalcons.org for game schedules.

Recreation Registration

Registration for winter classes begins Mon., Dec. 5. You can now register online by visiting www.accessduarte.com > Quick Links > Recreation Programs or you can register in person at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. after setting up a profile. Classes will begin the week of Jan. 2.

Youth, Family & Adult classes offered include Advanced Ballet, Ballet, Bricks 4 Kidz, Circus Gymnastics, Computers, Critical Reading and Written Expression, DYBO/Jazz, Folklorico, Guitar, Golf, Hip-Hop Dance, Karate, Karate for Tots, Math Workshop, Needle Art, Piano, Sewing, Tap, Tennis, Tumbling, Typing, Vocals, and Young Rembrandts.

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Northview Debate Team brings home trophy

The Northview Debate Team brought home a trophy from their first tournament of the 2016-17 season.

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Chandler hosted the tournament held on Saturday, October 29, where the Northview team of

Alexander Renskers and Samuel Bloom recorded wins in rounds 1 and 3 while the team of Clark Lee, Yousef Alda, and Carly Knoles took home wins in rounds 3 and 4.

Northview placed 3rd overall and Alex received special individual honors.

The next tournament will take place Saturday, January 7, at Polytechnic School in Pasadena.



NORTHVIEW DEBATE TEAM at Chandler Tournament.



DHS BAND & COLOR GUARD

Duarte strikes up the band

The Falcon Marching Band & Color Guard continue to have an extremely successful competitive season and have earned accolades for their field show entitled "The Gates."

On Nov. 5, the DHS Color Guard earned 1st place for their performance at the Los Altos Tournament.

Just a few days earlier, the sound of music filled the air over Falcon Field at Duarte High School on Thursday night, Nov. 3, as the Falcons hosted their fourth annual Duarte Field Tournament for high school bands and color guard units.

"A lot of people don't realize when they see the band on the field for halftime at a football game, but the band is also training for competition," said Rich Torres, band director and music teacher at Duarte High. "We just compete with other bands on Saturdays or other days."

In this case, the competition was on a Thursday night. Gates opened at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament began at 6:30 p.m. A total of nine bands from area high schools competed before a panel of judges who evaluated their efforts and awarded trophies.

Each band performed its signature halftime show, ranging from 7 to 11 minutes in length and encompassing three segments.

"The judges look at how we perform the music, what the effect of the music is, and how we present it for visual effects. There are also two judges that look at how the color guard performs," said Torres. "The judges create a score based on a rubric (scoring guide) and whether we put on a good performance or not."

While music and the arts are coming more and more into the limelight at Duarte Unified School District, Torres and his

high school musicians are working to improve their artistry in a highly competitive world of band performances.

"Schools are grouped together for competition based on the size of the band," he explained. "Whether you have less than 50 musicians, between 50 and 74, or more than 150 musicians like some of the larger schools."

Bands that performed in the competition on Nov. 3 included four categorized as 1A (El Monte, Gabrielino, St. Genevieve and Marshall; three grouped in 2A (Chaffey, Bellflower and Duarte High Schools), one 3A school (Covina) and one 4A school (Warren). After all nine bands competed, there was an awards presentation at Falcon Field. The results can be found at <https://www.scsboa.org/wp-content/uploads/Duarte-FT-.pdf>.

Torres is proud of the growth and improvement of the Duarte HS marching band and color guard, and the ability to hold a well-attended competition is a sign of acceptance in the world of bands.

"This is our fourth year hosting the tournament, and band directors choose where they want to compete," he explained. "It's rare for bands to want to compete on a school night, but our tournament has been very successful."

For the Duarte High band students, this event is not so much about the competitive score they will receive, but about the constant improvement Torres said he expects. "My expectation for the kids is that we are constantly improving," he said. "We don't focus on the scores, but ask the kids to perform to their ability, and keep improving. We attended our first competition on Oct. 1, and already we are an improved unit from last year."

Bands are roughly separated into 11 instrument groups, analogous to positions on a football team, according to Torres. "You have to make sure you have each instrument group covered. And sometimes like in football, the coach may move a wide receiver to tight end for the good of the team. Sometimes we ask an experienced student to play a different instrument."

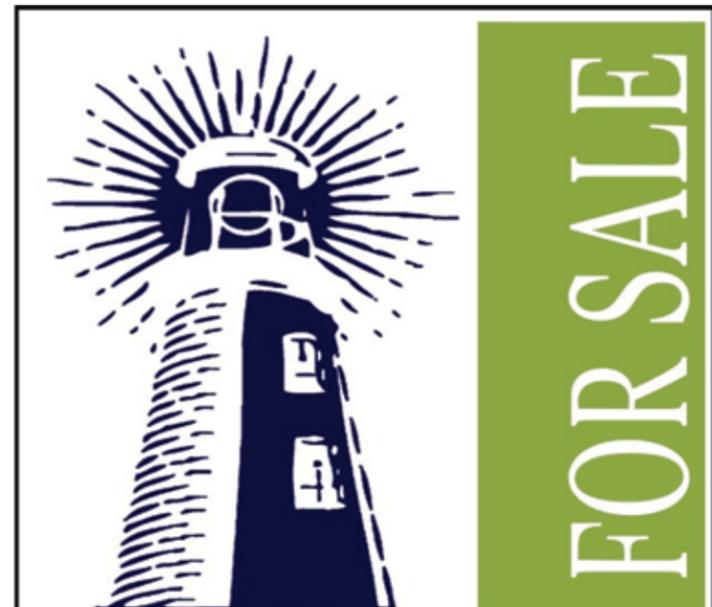
High school bands work on their halftime program starting with a band camp during the summer, and progress through a pre-season training camp, again much like a football team. Leaders of the band include Drum Major Kevin Karagozian, assistant drum major Gerry Urbina, Color Guard Captain Rianna Titular, Guard Lieutenant Brenda Sanchez, and Drumline Captain Lexi Sandoval.

"Every program has a theme, and then each theme usually has three movements. In this year's show, the theme is The Gates, which is an Asian musical theme. We progress through the season learning the parts of the program to when we can present it well for competition."

Torres came to Duarte High School seven years ago as a graduate of the Cal State Fullerton teacher credentialing program and has taught high school and middle school music, and has worked to grow the program over that time. He believes the current band represents positive growth and something the district can be proud of.

"We've had a lot of support from the district and the families, and it was great to put on a quality show at the Duarte Field Tournament." You can view their incredible Asian inspired field show on the DHS Band's youtube channel.

In addition to competing themselves, our award winning band also performs at numerous community events including the Walk for Hope, Grocery Outlet Grand Opening and City of Azusa Golden Days Parade.



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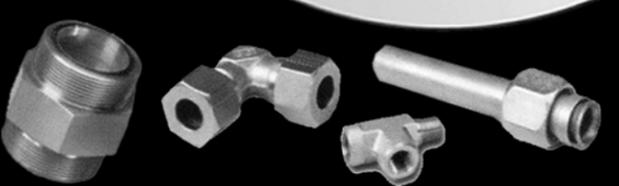
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Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3-point shots for a total score, and top winners will receive turkeys to take home to their families for Thanksgiving.

Come and get ya hoop on!

Winter Holiday Festival

Come join us at the Teen Center on Wednesday, December 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a celebration of the winter holidays! Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa! Musical choirs, food, cultural presentations, a holiday play, and much more! Free!

Teen Excursion to Disneyland!

Come join us on Sunday, January 22, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. for a magical day of fun, rollercoasters and more for \$85!

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Students in grades 9th-12th will compete in an essay-writing contest describing why they are inspired by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 200-word and minimum - 500-word maximum.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry deadline is January 10 at 7 p.m.

Youth@Work Intern Program

Want work experience, on the job training, networking and relationship building with future employers?

Positions available with the City of Duarte. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Space is limited.

Application Deadline is Friday, January 20, and interviews will be held on Wednesday, January 25.

Club Duarte

On Friday, January 20, from 7:30-10 p.m., the Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth.

Live DJ, dancing, food and game room activities. \$5 admission with middle school ID.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out!

Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group

discussions, sports and much more! This program is for high school teen boys grades 9-12.

The group meets Tuesday, November 15, December 6, and January 10 and 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Membership fee is \$5 every 6 months.

Nutrition/Cooking Class

Teens can learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends. Class meets once a week on Wednesday from 3:30-5 p.m. Fee is \$2 per class.

Girls Night Out

This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more.

The group will meet Friday, November 18, December 9, and January 13 and 27 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Work it Out

Come join Teen Center staff Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. for "Work it Out", a fitness program for teens that includes video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition. Come get fit with friends!

Youth Boxing Program

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center!

Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome. Participants learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape!

Participants will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends.

Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth.

Youth can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at the annual Boxing Show.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant.

Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month.

Register at the Duarte Teen Center.

Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or please stop by for a visit.



PICTURED ARE Mrs. Farjo (PTA), Dr. Cook (City of Hope), Raygoza Family (in honor of Marco), and Mrs. Kolodinski, Principal of Royal Oaks.

Duarte schools focus on cancer awareness

Awareness Month this year, partly due to the partnership between the school district and the world renowned City of Hope cancer hospital in Duarte.

Students at all campuses took part in activities to heighten their awareness of the deadly disease and participated in activities and fund-raisers during the month of October.

Leading the way in fund raising was the Royal Oaks Elementary campus which was able to raise and donate \$3,373.71 to the City of Hope pediatric ward in memory of Marco Raygoza, a former Duarte student at Beardslee and Northview, who passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Royal Oaks' donation was raised over the last two years and included a student coin drive spearheaded by health clerk Kim Clark, according to Principal Janice Kolodinski. "She's the one that really helped us focus on our awareness."

In addition to collecting spare change at home, Royal Oaks students sold key chains through the PTA to help raise cancer awareness funds.

Students and staff who donated money to support cancer research at Andres Duarte Elementary raised \$650 and their class president presented a check to representatives from the City of Hope at an all school assembly.

Valley View Elementary wore costumes and walked around with collection jugs to collect over \$200 for City of Hope. There was a "Pink Out" at Beardslee and Maxwell Elementary Schools when students and staff wore pink clothing and ribbons to raise awareness to find a cure for breast cancer.



At Northview Intermediate, students promoted the week with announcements and posters throughout the school, and raised money through face-painting activities, and can-

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Duarte Elks Dictionary Project benefits DUSD

During the month of October, every 3rd grade student in the Duarte Unified School District was presented with a free dictionary thanks to the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427.

Since its implementation, the Elk's Dictionary Project has put over 21 million dictionaries in the hands of students world-wide. The goal of the program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary.

Duarte USD students were very excited to receive the dictionary, which is packed full of

dy-jar guessing contests as well as decorating cans.

According to advisor Mari Rodriguez, the school's California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF) club was able to raise and donate more than \$800 to support City of Hope cancer research. About 25 students also participated in the City of Hope's Walk of Hope culminating exercise.

Northview Intermediate students are also engaged in a partnership with City of Hope as part of the SEPA (Science Education Partnership Award) program and participate in hands-on clinic and research field trips at City of Hope throughout the year.

The intermediate students also donated 1,034 pairs of socks to the American Cancer Society as part of the Socktober month promotion.

Duarte High School's ASB students also participated in the Walk of Hope activities, as did members of the Cheerleaders and Band and Color Guard, who cheered on the walkers on Nov. 6.

"The focus at DHS was to promote cancer awareness month and to make students aware that they can make a difference by getting the word out to the community about cancer," explained Jennifer Garcia, dean of activities at Duarte High.

Additionally, high school students participated in a blood drive for City of Hope; athletes wore pink during games to support breast cancer awareness, and there were points awarded to the class which wore the most pink clothing and attire at school and the seniors won.

All of which helped Duarte USD students become aware of the deadly aspects of cancer and the important research going on at the City of Hope.

resources and will serve as a great learning tool for years to come.

Duarte USD expressed it is very fortunate to have a partnership with the Elks and it greatly appreciates their generosity, support and focus on education.



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team which led to another championship title for the Falcons.
 Other Duarte Unified teams also scored big at the tournament. Representing Valley View, Mrs. Landrum's team placed first in the elementary division and Mrs. Hernandez's team placed first in the K-1 division. Representing Andres Duarte, Mrs. Thind's team took 3rd place in the elementary division and Mrs. Perez's team finished in second. Representing Beardslee, Mrs. Neal's team placed first in the elementary division. Representing Northview, Mrs. Carlos's team earned third place in the middle/high school division. Thank you to the teachers, physical education specialists and parents for supporting our students' success.

DHS SPECIAL OLYMPIC Championship Team

Museum Craft Fair Dec. 10

Calling crafters, vendors and authors! You are invited to participate in a craft fair featuring hand made crafts, antique items, flea market, food, entertainment and an authors sign and sell area, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte. For details on reserving a space, contact Claudia Heller at (626) 358-0329.

DHS wins championship in Special Olympics

Congratulations to the special athletes from Duarte Unified schools who competed in the San Gabriel Valley Special Olympics annual soccer tournament on Friday, October 21, 2016. The Duarte High Team, comprised of students from the adult transition and CBI programs, brought home a 4-peat Championship win with a 6-3 victory over Monrovia.

Team captains Osvaldo Flores and Sandra Mendoza demonstrated impressive leadership skills, and team veterans Eric Little and James Ballard were able to defensively lock down Monrovia's offense which allowed a seasoned bench to out-score Monrovia's

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 1856 Huntington Dr., Duarte
 Meets third Tuesday of the month

January 31, 2017 – 12-1 pm
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For location contact the chamber office
 Meets last Tuesday of the month, does not meet in December
 Make your reservations through the online calendar at
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 1051 Central Ave., Duarte
Wednesday, December 7
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Fun Food Music

Where: Duarte's Encanto Park
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