

Duarte View

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In its 97th year of service to the community

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast with Community Awards Nov. 22

The City of Duarte and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce will express their thanks to outstanding community volunteers and kick off the holiday season at the 32nd annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 30th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards.

The event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium, 1500 E. Duarte Road and feature inspirational Pastor and Deputy Sheriff Rafer Owens.

For decades, Owens has had dual careers that both serve the public. Since 1995, he has served as Head Pastor of Faith Inspirational Missionary Baptist Church in Compton.

In his hometown, he has also served as the Vice President of the "Compton Initiative" since 2006 committed to restoring the City through a ministry of volunteerism focusing on painting churches, homes and schools on a regular basis.

Numerous nominations were received this year for the Chamber Community Service Awards. The Chamber is pleased to announce the awardees for 2017:

• **Outstanding Youth: Yese-**

nia Chavez and Faith Peoples

• **Outstanding Humanitarian: Tina Carey**

• **Outstanding Civic Service: Steve Hernandez**

• **Outstanding Service to Youth: Naelh Othman**

• **Outstanding Business Person Service: Raul Villanueva, Duarte Tile & Stone**

• **Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens/Disabled: Kristen Nielsen**

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 with tables offered at \$80 each, and can be purchased at the door or in advance from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, at Duarte City Hall, or online at: <http://www.accessduarte.com/howdoi/pay/event/tickets.htm>

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.

Duarte Chamber celebrates move onto Route 66



The Duarte Chamber of Commerce celebrated a grand re-opening at their new location, 1735 Huntington Drive, and the introduction of the new visitor center and Route 66 merchandise on September 27.

Cutting the ribbon was Diana Burckhard, the Chamber's Director of Marketing and Membership. Diana related that, "For 18 years we have done our member grand openings, and tonight was the first time I ever cut a ribbon! It was a great feeling."

Speaking of the space, Chamber CEO Sheryl Lefmann commented, "This new space allows us to offer more for our members and the community. We are expanding our Route 66 merchandise and creating a visitor center. The new location has brought in people who never knew we existed."

New desks, chairs and conference table were made possible by funds from Chamber Visionary Members and contributions from the City of Duarte. Lefmann continued, "The partnership we have with our members and the City is fantastic. It has allowed us to start to offer a new level of service to the community."

The event was attended by over 100 people including many of the Chamber's members,



CUTTING THE RIBBON at the Duarte Chamber's new office location on Route 66, 1735 Huntington Dr., are over 100 supporters celebrating the event, including Duarte Chamber CEO Sheryl Lefmann, Marketing Director Diana Burckhard, Duarte City Council members, Duarte School Board members, Chamber Board members, Chamber members, and many friends from Duarte and neighboring cities.

Duarte residents, local chambers and local, state, and federal dignitaries.

The evening featured food from local restaurants, including Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine, Janet's Mediterranean Cuisine, Sushi Fire, Baklava Land Bakery, Wild Thyme Pizza, Grocery Outlet, Kabayan Restaurant, and support

from A-1 Party Rentals, Wang's Salon, and Botanica Florist. DJ Dance Syndicate provided a great environment that allowed everyone to celebrate and dance the night away.

City Manager's Update

By Darrell George
Duarte City Manager

NOTE: The City Manager's update is a monthly news source designed to update the Council, staff and community on the various issues that Departments are working on in addition to the status of items raised by the City Council during regular meetings. Following are some of the items from the November 7, 2017 report.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE Homeless Services Planning Grant – Duarte was one of 47 cities in Los Angeles County chosen to participate in an innovative grant program aimed at combating homelessness on city streets. The program, launched by Los Angeles County and United Way of Greater Los Angeles Home For Good Funder Collaborative, is

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City of Duarte presents the 32nd Annual
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By Sheryl Lefmann
Duarte Chamber
President/CEO

The last few weeks have been very exciting for the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. It's been about six weeks since I started at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce in my new role as President and CEO. The support from our members, the board of directors, City of Duarte, Duarte Unified School District, and the community have been phenomenal. I wanted to share some of the wonderful things to come for our members and the community.



SHERYL LEFMANN

• **New and Expanded Office** – We had our official grand opening on September 27 to celebrate our new office space at 1735 Huntington Dr. on Historic Route 66. With the new space, we can service our members and community partners in new and more exciting ways.

One change is the ability to rent our facility or conference room for small meetings. This will allow our small or home-based businesses a professional space in which to conduct business. Secondly, we are expanding our Route 66 merchandise to offer more “Duarte Route 66” themed items, including t-shirts and jewelry. Lastly, in the future we will expand to serve as a Visitor’s Center.

• **Technological Changes** – The Chamber is excited to announce that we have gone out to bid to upgrade our computer systems, which will enable us to implement more robust services for our members. We also will be launching a new website soon which will bring a new look and feel to our programs and member benefits.

• **Board of Directors Goals** – Our board has embarked on an ambitious campaign. Announced at our planning session, “400@100”, our goal is to increase membership from 250 to 400 by the end of our 100th year of service. Additionally, the board members have committed themselves and the Chamber to serve our businesses and the community in new and innovative ways.

This is just a small sampling of what we are up to. I hope you are as excited as we are about the future at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to seeing you at our new office or around town.

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30th Anniversary of Women in Rotary

Did you know that May was declared Rotary Month in the City of Duarte? What was all this fuss about? On May 4, 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a landmark decision, that ultimately changed the way service organizations throughout the world operated, stated that all service organizations MUST allow women in their clubs. This was because the Duarte Rotary Club decided (against the by-laws of Rotary International) that they were going to allow women in their club – they were trying to increase membership, but what later became apparent was, that this was a civil rights issue. The School District Superintendent, also the President of the Rotary Club in 1986, knew many capable women who wanted to “serve” their community.

Many years of litigation in the court system ultimately led to women having the rights to give service to their communities through service organizations. Our little club became the “Mouse that Roared”, the roar that was heard around the world

So, 2017 has become the year to celebrate this historic decision. It started with a 30th Anniversary Dinner on May 6 in our Community Center, then the celebration continued at the City Parade and Picnic in late September. We were honored to have three of our Duarte Rotary Trailblazers ride in the Rotary Car at Duarte’s Route 66 Parade. These three former Duarte Rotarians were in the club at the time of the historic decision.

Sylvia Whitlock, has the distinction of being the first woman president of any Rotary Club in the world. She was the former principal of Maxwell Elementary and Andres Duarte School. Donna Georgino, has the distinction of being the second woman president in the Duarte Rotary Club. She was the former Director of Parks in Recreation here in Duarte for many years. Don Anderson, retired Director of Public Safety, was one of the men in the club at the time of the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Finally, in early October, the Duarte Rotary Club gathered with other Rotary clubs in the area – Sierra Madre, Arcadia, and Monrovia – this time at the Duarte Senior Center, to celebrate the annual visit of the Rotary District 5300 Governor. All the Clubs celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Historic Decision. Our Mayor, Margaret Finlay, also a Rotarian, and other council members in attendance, presented plaques to the three trailblazers in recognition of their participation in this history-making event. The “Mouse that Roared” changed service organizations throughout the world. As our small token of gratitude to these trailblazers, the Duarte Rotary Club has made them “Lifetime Honorary Members” of our Club.

Happy 30th Anniversary to the Duarte Rotary Club!



THE WAVING DUARTE ROTARY Trailblazers are (top to right) Don Anderson, Dr. Sylvia Whitlock and Donna Georgino in the Duarte Route 66 Parade in September.

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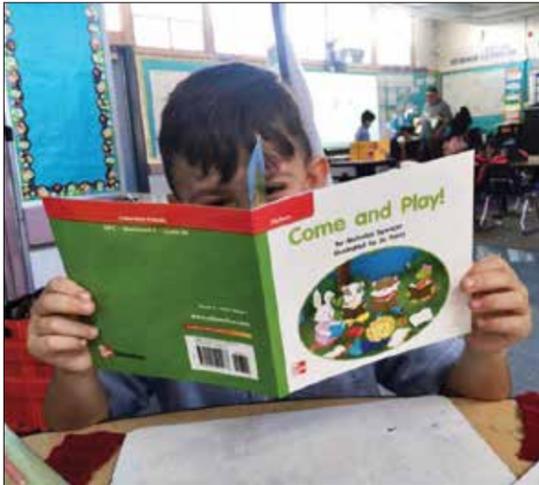
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Duarte Ed Foundation gives additional support to reading in DUSD schools

Studies show that it is critical for children to learn to read by 3rd Grade or face further difficulty in school. With that in mind, the Duarte Education Foundation wrote for and received a grant for \$15,000 from Southern California Edison. The name of this reading program is "IHeartBooks", and it is being administered between the Duarte Unified School District and the AmeriCorps Volunteer Program.

The goal of IHeartBooks is to encourage kindergarten through 2nd grade students to love literacy through engaging activities and by working closely with the after-school programs already in place. Furthermore, this is meant to assist the teachers in their teaching pursuits. This program is meant to create an environment that encourages students to learn and give them



the opportunity to grow. Much of this program is being staffed by volunteers in the community. Additionally, the school district is working with

Through the Volunteer Infrastructure Project (VIP), teams of AmeriCorps members are placed in communities to provide infrastructure support for volunteer programs in service organizations across California. Duarte has an AmeriCorps VIP Fellow currently working at Maxwell IB Academy in the IHeartBooks Literacy Program funded by the Duarte Education Foundation. Through 1700 hours of service, Duarte's VIP Fellow, Bernadette Lopez, is building the systems necessary for the school district to have volunteer programs for years to come, ensuring that services can continue to those most in need. VIP

Fellows work "behind the scenes of service", allowing volunteers to take part in necessary programs, i.e. IHeartBooks, to boost the literacy levels of students who need help. VIP Fellow positions require a mix of volunteer infrastructure building, member training and coaching, community strengthening, and building of business partnerships.

Though this Literacy Support Program is still in the infancy stages, there are high expectations that it will grow and flourish as the school year progresses. Duarte's AmeriCorps VIP Fellow has been in her position since September 5, 2017 and will be in the position until July 31, 2018.

In conclusion, the Duarte Education Foundation would like to give a BIG SHOUTOUT to Southern California Edison for this Reading Grant. The Foundation appreciates the continued



support it receives from SCE. Future generations are being molded today in the academic environment and with the collaborative efforts of the Duarte

Education Foundation, the Duarte Unified School District and most importantly, Southern California Edison, successful students are most assuredly a reality.

Winter Shelter Program to start December 1

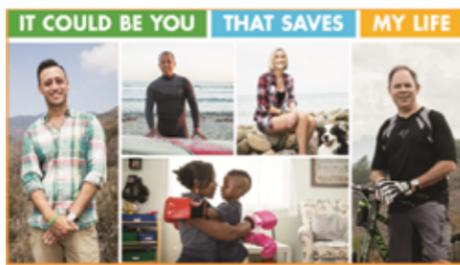
Richard Hopkins clearly has a passion to serve the homeless. He has been active with the East San Gabriel Homeless Coalition for a number of years. He recently shared information on upcoming Winter Shelters at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. The shelters are held at local churches in the East San Gabriel Valley. Each of the churches host for two weeks starting December 1 and ending March 1.

Last year the Coalition was able to partner with the Tzu Chi Foundation who provided dental care, clothing and bedding and

100 sleeping bags. Last year, Dunkin Donuts provided 400 donuts per night. So Cal Gas had an employee donation drive to help with essentials needed (i.e.) underwear, socks, toiletries, etc.

Last winter, there were spaces for 220 people each night - a total of 15,200 "bed" nights. 1190 different people were served. If you're interested in supporting, check out the website at ESGVH.org.

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.



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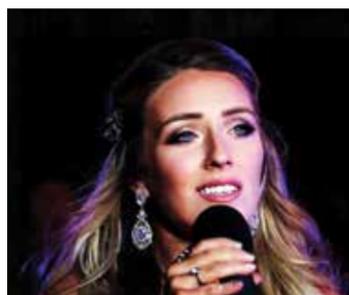
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Celtic Chloë Agnew performing Dec. 1

"Ireland's Celtic Songbird," Chloë Agnew, a founding member of Celtic Women, will join special guest Dermot Kiernan to present Chloë's Christmas, a holiday concert, on Friday, December 1, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia. Tickets to the 7:30 p.m. concert may be ordered at ticketleap.com for \$20 plus \$2 handling.



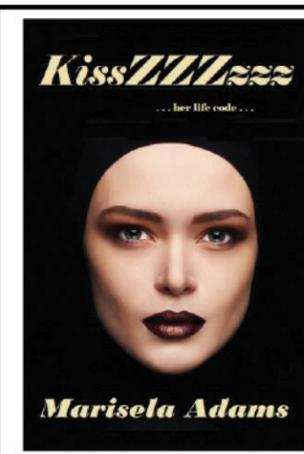
Agnew, a friend of the St. Luke's community, and Kiernan, a regular visiting singer with the choir, will perform an evening of their favorite holiday music in the church's exquisite visual and acoustic setting.

A performer since childhood, Chloë Agnew appeared in the PBS special Celtic Woman at fourteen. The US response led to a debut album that remained on the Billboard World Music Chart for 81 weeks. That and the group's next two albums went on to hold the top three positions on the chart. Agnew was named 2012 Female Vocalist of the Year at the Irish Music Awards. The following year, she moved to Los Angeles to launch a solo career. Her appearances have included touring internationally with some of America's most distinguished orchestras.

Dermot Kiernan has toured extensively with Dublin's Pro Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral Choirs, appearing as a featured soloist for their recordings and concerts worldwide. In 2009, he joined The Celtic Woman Aontas Choir and toured with it across the globe. He was later named its choir leader/director. Now based in Los Angeles, he performs, directs and teaches across the country.



DUARTE KIWANIS President Diane Hernandez (left) and Richard Hopkins.



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CM – Homeless

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being financed by over \$2 million from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Duarte collaborated with Irwindale and each City will receive \$30,000 for homeless services planning for individuals and families residing in our respective cities. United Way led the selection process for the program, which began in July of this year. Cities submitted applications detailing their plans

for confronting the problem of homelessness several months ago. Staff from both cities will be meeting with the Council of Governments who oversaw the 27 San Gabriel Valley grant applications to ensure coordination and participate in joint RFP's allowing maximum utilization of grant dollars.

Hotel Project – City staff met with the hotel developer and their potential new financial backers,

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A League of His Own



HELPING JIM KIRCHNER celebrate his retirement as Duarte Chamber CEO are Chamber representatives [from left]: Pat Miller (New York Life Insurance) and Adam Knight (Curo Managed Print Production), Board Members; Melissa Valle, Ambassador (Mt. Sierra College); Diana Burckhard, Marketing Director; Tina Heany, Vice-Chairwoman and Chair-Elect; Jim Kirchner; Sheryl Lefmann, New CEO; Rana Madain (Podley Properties), Board Member; [in back] Annette Ousterhout (Jan's Towing), Board Member; and Tina Carey (Duarte Kiwanis), Chamber Chairwoman.

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce held a retirement dinner celebrating the career of their President and CEO Jim Kirchner on October 27 at the Duarte Senior Center. The evening brought together Jim's love of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Kansas City barbeque. The evening was filled with honors, tributes, laughter, reflection, great eats, and, of course, baseball.

Jim's dedication to the community spans well over 30 years. During the last nine years with the Chamber, Jim had much success in starting, or continuing, many great Chamber programs. These included business visits, seminars, mixers, expos and, of course, the Taste of Duarte.

His contri-

butions to the community span back to 1983 with Jim serving on numerous commissions, regional and city committees, and the city council. Additionally, Jim worked for over 29 years for Kaiser Permanente where he was a successful Management Information Systems Manager.

As a U.S. Army veteran, he served our country until his honorable discharge in 1969 as a Specialist E5.

Fun facts revealed during the evening included Jim's passion for print and

photography that goes back to his childhood. At the age of 10, he even produced his own penny paper in his garage. He also took and developed the pictures, wrote the stories, edited and printed them.

Among the many gifts and certificates received that evening was a flag flown in his honor at the California State Capitol, presented by Kristi Lopez (representative for Senator Anthony Portantino) and Veronica Lopez (representing Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio). The Duarte City Council presented a wonderful picture of Jim's retirement on the JumboTron at Chavez Ravine. The Chamber presented a Dodger's #66 (for Route 66) jersey with "Kirchner" on the back. The last item received was a letter signed by legendary Dodger Manager Tom Lasorda, hoping "to see you at even more Dodger games in the future."

During the evening, Jim related how this position has been a dream come true for him, blending his love for the businesses and our community. "This position was running a business. You learn so much working, that it helps you understand what they (the businesses) go through and how to better help them." He spoke with passion and emotion about the love and support of his family, and his predecessor Jan Wight. It was clear from all involved, that Jim's interaction with them had left lasting, and often humorous, memories.



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Dorothy Montgomery

Duarte mourns the loss of Dorothy Bryson Montgomery, recognizing that her vision and tireless volunteer work helped make strides in our City that we benefit from today.

Dorothy's struggling childhood prepared her for a life of hard work and a desire to help others. By the time I met her in the early 1980s she was married to Monty who was mayor of Duarte at that time. He was a larger-than-life man with a booming voice and always with a handle on any situation. They were the local power couple, active in many forums in town. It was only after Dorothy's recent passing that I learned of her younger years.

Abandoned by her father, she and her brother were raised by their mother who worked as a domestic, bringing home hand-me-down clothes and leftovers from the family she served. When old enough, Dorothy worked at a diner to help support her mother and brother. During WWII, she worked as a riveter, and her mother worked as welder, both supporting the war effort.

Eventually joining the Waves, she was stationed at Naval Air Station, Treasure Island San Francisco. It was there she met Monty when he had guard duty at the Waves' barracks. They were married on January 19, 1945 at the Naval Chapel and moved to Duarte in 1956.

While raising their daughter and five sons, Dorothy worked as a bookkeeper and secretary for Monty's contracting business. Later, when the children were all in school, she worked for the unemployment office and then for the Pasadena Unified School District. After 21 years with PUSD, she retired and dedicated herself to volunteer work for the



DOROTHY AND MONTY MONTGOMERY and their daughter, Claudia (right).
Photo by Alan Heller

many Duarte organizations that she had joined.

Whether it was PTA, Duarte Youth Acres, Falcon Booster Club or the Duarte Historical Society, Dorothy spent countless hours on community projects. When Monty served on the School Board and the City Council (two terms as Mayor), Dorothy was right there to help out and support. She joined the Duarte Woman's Club in 1962 and served as president in 1965-1966 and again in 1996. She was named Woman of the Year in 1975 and for years she remained an active member. Dorothy and Monty began living part time in Costa Mesa starting in 1987 after her mother died. She traveled to Duarte less and less as her father needed her help. According to Dorothy's daughter Claudia, "My mom and dad always considered themselves Duarteans." She was still able to participate in Duarte activities until the City of Hope purchased their Duarte home and razed it.

For many years, Dorothy served as curator of the Duarte Historical Museum. During those pre-computer days, she steadfastly accessioned artifacts in her neat handwriting on hundreds of small cards which remain at the Museum and have not to date been transcribed into a computer. She helped organize exhibits and museum fundraisers, and docented much more than her share. She documented what was going on in Duarte so that nothing would be lost to future generations. She was active in the move to make Duarte an incorporated city and with her husband fought against allowing card parlors in our town.

Dorothy is predeceased by Monty who passed away in February 2015, their son Mike (deceased January 1993), and Bill (deceased May 2017). They leave Allan, Greg, Ken and Claudia. Dorothy's services were held at Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Costa Mesa on September 14.

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City of Hope to provide first FDA-approved Car-T Cell Therapy for some types of lymphoma

By City of Hope

It's a breakthrough treatment for one of the most common cancers in the United States – and it will be available at City of Hope.

City of Hope will be the one of the first authorized centers in the nation to provide axicabtagene

ciloleucel, which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced recently is the first approved CAR-T cell therapy for adult patients who have not responded to or who have relapsed after at least two other kinds of treatment. This is the second gene

therapy approved by the FDA and the first for certain types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL).

CAR-T cell therapy is one of the most promising areas of cancer research and treatment.

Duarte Kiwanis supports the CHIK Program

Naelh Othman, Student Service Coordinator for Duarte Unified School District was honored at the Duarte Kiwanis 2017-2018 Installation Dinner with a Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

Naelh was honored for her continuing support of the CHIK program – Community Homeless Initiative for Kids.

All school districts in the country are responsible for removing barriers to learning for kids who are defined as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act.

This includes kids who are doubled up with multiple families in one home, kids living in cars, kids living in motels, garages, etc.

Naelh has been on the front lines in supporting these kids and their families. She told a story of learning of a grandmother raising 5 grandchildren - none of the kids had beds.

She reached out through the

NAELH OTHMAN



CHIK program and within a single day, beds, mattresses, sheets, pillows and blankets had been donated for those kids. Duarte Kiwanis looks forward to continuing their partnership with CHIK and Naelh!

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.

Local authors to sign/sell at Winter Solstice Craft Fair

Several local authors will sign and sell their books at the Third Annual Winter Solstice Craft Fair and Flea Market on December 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Andres Duarte Statue Plaza and Grace Fellowship Church, 1551 Huntington Drive.

The event is sponsored by

the Duarte Historical Society & Museum and co-sponsored by the City of Duarte.

The fair will feature vintage items, antiques, food booths and entertainment.

Authors will include Richard Singer and his newly released *The Renaissance Years: the History of Monrovia*; Elizabeth Pomeroy and her many books on local history including *Pasadena: a Natural History* and her popular books *Lost and Found I and II*; and Abe Hoffman and his newly released *California's Deadliest Earthquakes: A History*.

Also attending the Fair will be Randy King with his various books on gunfighters including *A Fraternity of Gunslingers: True Stories of Wild West Gunmen volumes 1 & 2* and *The Last Deputy*; Bradbury romance novelist Marisela Adams, author of the trilogy *Faith Betrayed*, will present her new novel spy thriller novel *KissZZzzz*. Claudia and Alan Heller will be selling their books: *Life on Route 66*; *Duarte Chronicles*; and *Curiosities of the California Desert*.

Special guest will be Larry Walls and his recently released book: *Hurdles: Struggles of a Blackman in the Land of Milk and Honey, an autobiography*.

Walls is a Duarte High School graduate and his book details his life of turmoil growing up in Duarte's Rock Town, his college days of football and track, and his career with the County District Attorney's Office.



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Senior Center Activities

The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to all residents 55 years of age and older and offers a variety of services and programs. The phone number is (626) 357-3513.

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 by calling (626) 357-3513 for reservations.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for individuals with disabilities is provided by Access Transportation. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

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.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

The 2nd Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. a nurse from DaVita Medical group (Formally HealthCare Partners) will provide a medical assistant to do free blood pressure checks. No appointment necessary.

NOTARY SERVICE

The Center offers a FREE notary service. The only requirement is that you're a regular visitor of the Center. She is here the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Appointments required by coming in the Senior Center or calling (626) 357-3513.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

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.

TECH SUPPORT

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.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

How can we help? Do you or anyone you know, age 55 or over and frail need some assistance? We are here to help! The PHP program unites teenage volunteers with local senior citizens in the community. Our volunteers are willing to assist our community's seniors with light housework, yard work, or just give them a visit at absolutely NO cost. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 and ask to speak to Christine, our VIP Fellow.

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.

PING PONG

We have a Ping Pong table set up in the poolroom. Invite a friend to play, or meet new friends who share a similar interest. Stop by the center and play a game today!

PICKLEBALL

Current play is held on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for further information.

MOVIE DAYS

Two afternoons a month a top run movie is featured FREE. Call (626) 357-3513 for dates, times and movies.

BOOK CLUB

The Senior Center's Book Club promotes enjoyable reading and lively discussion. Please join them on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Center. Janet Rietow is our moderator. Books are on hold at the Duarte Library for this book club. Please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to see what book they are currently reading.

GREETING CARD CLASS

Two greeting cards are made each month. Bring scissors, adhesive, and colored pencils. Sign up at the front desk where you can see samples of the cards. For more information, please call (626) 357-3513.

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.

GREAT DECISIONS CLASS

The fee for this class is a \$5 deposit with reservation, the \$5 deposit will be refunded when you check in for class. Presented by facilitator Brice Harris, Professor (retired) of History and International Relations, Occidental College. Professor Harris received his Ph.D. from Harvard. Registrants will be given study material to read prior to class. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to class for administrative items. Call the center to find out when the next class will be held at (626) 357-3513.

THE MOVIE GUY

Come to the Center once a month and learn interesting facts and many more from the movie guy as they talk about classic movies on the big screen.

Call the Center

to find out when the next class will be held at (626) 357-3513.

WANTED...EGGSHELLS!!!

Please bring in your eggshells (in a carton) to be made into confetti eggs to be sold at next year's City Picnic in September. Please remember to rinse the shell out otherwise they have a terrible smell. Any questions call the center at (626) 357-3513.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE (4-HOUR REFRESHER COURSE)

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older. The 4-hour refresher course is on Thursday, November 9, from 1-5 p.m.

Please check with your insurance carrier to verify if they offer discount for 4-hour course. Classes are \$15 for members (AARP card required at registration) and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required prior to class. No reservations are taken over the phone.

For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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

accessduarte.com quick Links > Register for Recreation Programs beginning December 4 at 6 a.m. Walk-in registration begins at 9 a.m. Classes begin the week of January 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:

Classes with Fee: Ballroom Dance, Cross Fit, Exercise with Shelly, Intro to Computers, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Tai Qi/Qigong, Western Line Dance, and Yoga.

Free Ongoing Classes: Cardio Fitness, Ceramics, Choir, English as a Second Language, Guitar (Beginning), Guitar (Intermediate), Knitting, Martial Dance, Oil Painting, Spanish-(Beginner), Spanish-(Advanced Beginner), and Watercolor.

ADULT EXCURSIONS

Registration Procedures!

Online Registration! www.accessduarte.com quick Links > Register for Recreation Programs beginning December 4 at 6 a.m.

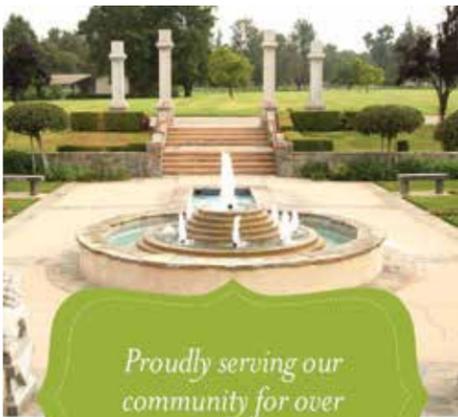
Walk-in registration begins at 9 a.m. Bus will pick up at the Duarte Civic Center overflow parking lot at 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, unless otherwise noted.

We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Viejas Casino—Tuesday, January 23, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., \$8 (Meals on your own).

Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour, Thursday, February 15, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$45 regular

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Citrus College hosts key Legislators for campus tours

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

Preparing the next generation of workers for careers in fields that meet the burgeoning demands of the labor market is a win for them, for our local communities and for the State of California.

This concept is well recognized by our elected officials in Sacramento who represent the communities of the San Gabriel Valley. California employers are already struggling to find workers with the necessary skills to fill jobs, and this shortage of skilled workers is expected to grow dramatically in the next few years.

As a way to introduce our newest elected officials to Citrus College's programs and services, this fall the college invited Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio (AD 48) and Senator Anthony Portantino (SD 25) to tour the campus. Both legislators expressed a desire to learn about the college's outstanding career technical education (CTE) programs that address the state's labor force needs. During her visit, Assemblywoman Rubio toured the nursing, dental assisting and

biotechnology labs. She saw students in instructional settings in both nursing and dental assisting, where they train using state-of-the-art technologies.

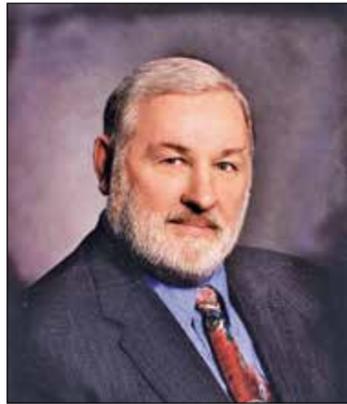
Both programs have excellent student outcomes, and they have placed thousands of students in rewarding careers in the field of healthcare.

Assemblywoman Rubio learned about similar student outcomes in the biotechnology program, where students can earn a certificate or an associate degree. Both options lead to good paying jobs in an industry that is rapidly growing in our region. Employers include the City of Hope in Duarte and the Oakcrest Institute of Technology in Monrovia.

Senator Portantino also visited the nursing, dental assisting and biotechnology programs during his tour of Citrus College.

Additionally, he expressed an interest in seeing the Veterans Success Center (VSC), where he learned about the many services the college provides to approximately 460 student veterans who are currently enrolled.

Assemblywoman Rubio summed up her visit to Citrus



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

College on social media saying, "Thank you to the Citrus College Board of Trustees & Citrus College President Dr. Geraldine Perri for a fantastic tour of the College. I truly enjoyed the conversation about higher education, and learning more about Citrus College's new facility projects & programs. Go Citrus!"

Senator Portantino also expressed his appreciation and support for Citrus College and his willingness to carry legislation that would benefit our students. He was particularly impressed with the VSC, and he later commented, "Citrus College does such a great job with veterans."

Campus visits such as these demonstrate the importance of working with our elected leaders in Sacramento. They provide first-hand information on how Citrus College is addressing state needs while serving students and benefiting the local economy.

I would like to thank my fellow board members and Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri for their vision and leadership in reaching out to elected officials and other leaders in the communities we serve.

For more information about Citrus College programs, go to: www.citruscollege.edu.



ASSEMBLYWOMAN Blanca E. Rubio visits Citrus College nursing and dental labs. Pictured (L-R): Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Assemblywoman Rubio, Director of Health Sciences Salima Allahbachayo and Board Member Edward C. Ortell.



SENATOR Anthony J. Portantino (left) tours the Citrus College campus with Board Member Edward C. Ortell.

Excursions

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price (Lunch included), (Resident discount price: \$37/Non-resident discount price: \$41).

The Book of Mormon At the Segerstrom Theatre, Thursday, March 29, 3-11 p.m. (Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for fee.)

ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSIONS

Croatia, Slovenia & The Adriatic Coast, Ft. Lake Bled, Featuring The Dalmatian Coast & Dubrovnik (12 Days/16 Meals), April 28-May 9, 2018

Double: \$3,999, Single: \$4,599, Deposit: \$250, Insurance separate.

Shades of Ireland (10 Days/13 Meals) October 3-12, 2018. Double: 3,549, Single: 4,049, Deposit \$250, Insurance separate. Highlights: Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford, Choices on Tour, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Jaunting Car Ride, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay.

Special Travel Presentation

There will be a special presentation on Tuesday, February 13, at 1 pm. Please RSVP to (626) 357-3513.

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Sign up for your free sprinkler check up by calling (626) 614-2536. For rebate information and conservation tips, visit www.californiaamwater.com.



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Santa Teresita Church Bells will once more lift spirits

By Claudia Heller

For years the Chapel church bells of Santa Teresita floated melodies across town, emitting a sound which could be heard almost a mile away. The chimes say the Sisters, give “a gift to calm the soul and lift the spirits.”

This soft and uplifting sounds played seasonal hymns and songs. However, one day the bells ceased and after investigating, the Sisters found that the entire system was intact but for one glitch, a part that would cost about \$10,000 to replace.

Missing the bells, neighboring residents began inquiring why they no longer heard the bells and expressed great interest in bringing them back. Their interest prompted the Sisters to begin a fundraiser to get the chimes up and running.

A few neighbors prepared a flier to help raise money, which read in part:

“Do you remember the lovely bells that used to chime from Santa Teresita? Many of us in our neighborhood have fond memories of the beautiful chimes and would like to bring the sweet sounds back.

“Other areas in Monrovia are still able to enjoy daily chapel bells but, sadly, the system at Santa Teresita must be repaired.”

And so the project began. Within only a few weeks, donations poured in from neighbors near and far yearning to once



SISTER MARIE ESTELLE (from left), Sister Gianna, and Sister Marie Jeanne of Santa Teresita are seen with the famous chapel dome in the background. The speaker system sits at below the dome. Photo by Claudia Heller

again hear the soothing sounds of the bells. In record time, the goal was met and the bells are now in working order.

“We gratefully share with you that the funds needed for Santa Teresita’s Chapel Bells have been raised, thanks to the support of the community. If you wish to donate toward our other Chapel upgrades, including a new organ to replace our almost 50 year-old

organ, a new sound system, etc. you may do so by calling (626) 408-7810, or visiting <https://www.santa-teresita.org/support/>. May our Lord reward you!” says Sister Gianna.

A thank you event was held Sunday, November 19 to celebrate the turning the bells back on for the first time.

Details are on the above website.

Wendy Soltes Cuite

Wendy Soltes Cuite was known to her friends as someone they could talk to and receive compassionate advice. She was the executive director of the San Gabriel Valley political group known as ACT.

According to Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay, “She was as fine

a public servant as ever existed.” For years she helped with fund raising and organizing in local elections and issues.

Wendy died on May 7, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. She is predeceased by her husband Robert Cuite. They leave a son, Elliot.

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CM – Hotel

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in an effort to restart the long-anticipated Duarte hotel project at the corner of Buena Vista and Huntington Drive. The developer is awaiting completion of the due diligent period, whereupon they would redesign the project and resubmit new conceptual drawings before the end of the year for staff input.

Taking Back our Community Coalition – The City Manager met with the Monrovia City Manager to obtain updated information on the status of the coalition. To date, 17 cities have joined and are in the process of facilitating a signature gathering drive for a November 2018 ballot measure that would pass needed reforms to AB 109, Props 47 & 57 since the Governor has vetoed and will not support any legislative fixes to the aforementioned legislation and initiatives. Look for a new section in the Public Safety portion of the website entitled crime information which will centralize all crime related information and resources including the Taking Back our Community coalition effort.

District Election Process Update – City staff in conjunction with the City Attorney’s Office and National Demographic Consultants continue to implement the City of Duarte’s by-district election process. November 2nd marked the first public meeting where maps submitted by the Public as well as those prepared by NDC were presented for public review and comment as part of the redistricting process. Prior to this meeting, members of the public have been able to use a simple one-page map to draw their proposed districts and calculate the total population of the proposed districts. October 24th was the first deadline for residents to submit draft District maps for the November 2nd public hearing. Friday, November 3rd was the second map submittal deadline for maps to be considered at the November 13th Public Hearing.

See CM – District on page 15

FARE AND SERVICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 22, 2017

Foothill Transit has made comprehensive changes to our fare and service that went into effect on October 22, 2017. These changes include updates to our fare structure and major service changes.

CASH/TAP

Fare Media	Current Fare	New Fare	Change
Adult Local	\$1.25	\$1.50 Cash \$1.25 TAP	+\$0.25 Cash No Change TAP
Senior/Disabled Local	\$0.50	\$0.75 Cash \$0.50 TAP	+\$0.25 Cash No Change TAP
Student Local	\$1.25	\$1.50 Cash \$1.25 TAP	+\$0.25 Cash No Change TAP
Adult Silver Streak	\$2.45	\$2.75 Cash \$2.50 TAP	+\$0.30 Cash +\$0.05 TAP
Senior/Disabled Silver Streak	\$1.15	\$1.25 Cash \$1.15 TAP	+\$0.10 Cash No Change TAP
Student Silver Streak	\$2.45	\$2.75 Cash \$2.50 TAP	+\$0.30 Cash +\$0.05 TAP
Commuter Express	\$4.90	\$5.00 Cash \$5.00 TAP	+\$0.10 Cash +\$0.10 TAP

PASSES

Fare Media	Current Fare	New Fare	Change
Adult Local 31-day pass	\$70	\$50	-\$20
Senior/Disabled Local 31-day pass	\$22	\$25	+\$3
Student Local 31-day pass	\$33	\$36	+\$3
Adult Silver Streak 31-day pass	\$105	\$105	No Change
Senior/Disabled Silver Streak 31-day pass	\$52	\$52	No Change
Student Silver Streak 31-day pass	\$52	\$75	+\$23
Commuter Express 31-day pass	\$170	\$170	No Change
Adult Day Pass Silver Streak/Local	N/A	\$5	N/A
Senior/Disabled Day Pass Silver Streak/Local	N/A	\$2.50	N/A

FARE CHANGE SUMMARY

Below you will find a summary of our fare changes:

- **No fare change** for customers paying single ride fares with TAP cards on local lines and discounted Silver Streak, and Commuter Express 31-day pass. Note: No TAP discount for Commuter Express single ride fare.
- **Reduction** to Adult 31-Day bus pass price.
- **Increase** to cash paying customers and 31-day passes (except for Senior/Disabled Silver Streak 31-day pass | Adult Silver Streak 31-day | Commuter Express 31-day pass.)
- **New Day Pass.**
- **Cancelled** Foothill Transit to Foothill Transit transfers. Interagency transfers to other agencies are still provided.

*Changes in September 2019 includes additional fare increases.

SERVICE CHANGE SUMMARY

Below you will find a summary of our service changes, which are effective October 22, 2017.

- **Line 187** will be split in Azusa to form two new lines (**Lines 187 and 188**)
- **Line 291** will add northbound service along Baseline Rd. between Towne Ave. and Fruit St.
- **Line 292** will be modified to provide all day service and serve segments of **Line 855** in Claremont.
- **Line 480** will add service to Mt. SAC.
- **Line 481** will be cancelled.
- **Line 493** will begin and end service at the Industry Park & Ride.
- **Line 494** will be cancelled.
- **Line 690** will no longer serve Azusa Intermodal Transit Center and will add service to Citrus College/ Azusa Pacific University Gold Line Station.
- **Line 851** will reduce frequency
- **Line 855** will be cancelled - segments of the line will be operated by **Line 292**.

Please visit foothilltransit.org/changes or visit our Transit Store to view the new line maps.

Note: additional adjustments will be made as a part of our service change, please review the lines you ride when we publish information in the new Bus Book.



Therapy

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Using this approach, immune cells are taken from a patient’s bloodstream, reprogrammed to recognize and attack a specific protein found in cancer cells, then reintroduced into the patient’s system, where they get to work destroying targeted tumor cells.

With axicabtagene ciloleucel, a Kite Pharma therapy, a patient’s T cells are engineered to express a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) to target the antigen CD19, a protein found on the cell surface of NHL as well as other lymphoma and leukemia cells.

“City of Hope has been a pioneer in CAR-T therapy for nearly two decades. CAR-T therapy research is part of our deep commitment to advancing the most innovative treatments for cancer patients worldwide,” said Steven T. Rosen, M.D., City of Hope’s provost and chief scientific officer. “Today’s FDA approval of axicabtagene ciloleucel marks an important milestone and advance in cell-based therapy for NHL patients. City of Hope is uniquely positioned to begin offering treatment immediately to those patients who desperately need new treatment options.”

Our Digital Transformation

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

While digital transformation has clearly impacted virtually every industry, it has not impacted education to the same degree. Historically, education has been among the most reluctant industries to embrace change. Critics blame teacher unions for holding on to antiquated methods and practices for fear of the unknown. In Duarte Unified School District, we have embraced the digital transformation and the rise of educational technology, making drastic changes to our instructional practices, our methods of assessments, and even the physical make-up of our classrooms.



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO

The days when students sat quietly at their desks have given way to collaborative learning and interactive activities. Augmented, virtual, and mixed reality are examples of transformative technology that enhance teacher instruction while simultaneously creating immersive lessons that are fun and engaging for the student. Teachers have come to recognize that they are competing with video games and other engaging interactive experiences that capture children's imaginations.

Most educators agree that the promise of technology has long been unfulfilled. The endless possibilities of technology transforming classrooms simply has not materialized, yet. But it's beginning to take hold as education catches up with the rest of the world. The true promise of technology is twofold: One is its capability of bringing the outside world into the classroom and vice versa; and secondly big data. As the digital divide deepens between education and the rest of the world you may soon see Duarte Unified among the most progressive of school districts jumping on board and outfitting their students with Fitbit-like devices that track everything from their heartbeat to their activity intervals, and their classrooms with cameras that run constantly, capturing each child's every facial expression, fidget, and social interaction, every day, all year long. This isn't science fiction. It's already happening as high tech startups are fusing the world of big data and analytics with education.

Many experts in the field believe that virtual reality has the potential to increase visual literacy, technology literacy, and attention to audience. Bringing the outside world into the classroom is something that Unimersiv and Cospaces do well. Both applications allow students to share their virtual creations with the world. In Duarte Unified we strive to blend the real world with the virtual world.

While uniting differing worlds and facilitating global experiences continues to be among the promises of technology, a key skill that we teach to ensure that our students can engage in the global environment safely, is digital citizenship. Our students will inherit a world that is increasingly and likely to be exclusively digital. The pervasive online environment that our students are growing up in poses exciting possibilities, but is also the Wild Wild West in many ways and calls for school districts to properly educate their children on cyber safety and individual responsibility.

We continue to provide students with computers and Internet access. Our 1:1 computer program puts laptop computers in the hands of every student. And while we continue to push the limits of technology, we do so in a manner to ensure that our students are responsible digital citizens. A flourishing digital economy needs broadband access and content relevant to young people's lives. We aim to provide both access and relevancy. More reasons that it's a great time to be a kid in the Duarte Unified School District!

New Gen 7 Classrooms arrive at DUSD



On October 20, every student at Beardslee Dual Language Academy left their mark on the foundation of the new Gen7 classrooms being installed. Every class took turns walking out to the foundation site in order for each student and staff member to write their names on the cement as a permanent reminder of this momentous occasion in the school's history.

The ceremony was inspired by the great idea of a Beardslee teacher, and served to make the arrival of the new classrooms a special event for all members of the Beardslee learning community, even for the preschool students who will wait a few years before attending classes in the new buildings that will house 6-8th graders.

Gen7 classrooms, also installed at Royal Oaks STEAM Academy, offer cutting-edge learning environments equipped with flexible furniture for unmatched comfort and performance.

Members of the facilities crew overseeing the modernization projects taking place across the district were also on-hand to facilitate this activity. A similar event is planned for the students and staff at Maxwell Academy & IB World School once their new Gen7 buildings arrive soon too!

We encourage community members to come visit and see the transformation to 21st Century Schools taking place at all of our campuses by signing up for a tour at come2duarteusd.com.



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Each Preview Day provides a general overview of the academic and arts programs, presented by Dr. Ralph Opacic, CSArts Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Allan Mucerino, Superintendent of Duarte Unified School District, and other members of the administration.

5 tournaments this fall season and placed every time even after moving into the tougher 1A Division.

You may have noticed an extra pep in their step thanks to new Band Director, Mr. Gerry Willis. A published composer, accomplished conductor, professional musician and veteran music educator, Mr. Willis brings 40 years of experience teaching kindergarten through college level students to Duarte. Under his direction, plans are in place to expand all of the district's music programs including the Duarte United 7/8 Grade Band set to launch Fall of 2018. Stay tuned for details!

Students and their families will also have the opportunity to meet with arts conservatory leadership and learn about the joint DUSD/CSArts partnership. You're currently in the process of taking the first big step of many to build a bright future. Do you know a friend who is also interested in getting a great education? Help them get started on the same path to success you are on by recommending they attend a Preview Day with us.

Join us at the Performing Arts Center SGV, 1401 Highland Ave., Duarte, on Saturday, November 18, 2017, and Saturday, January 20, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Battle of the Bands

DUSD proudly hosted the 5th Annual Duarte Field Tournament on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Twelve of the best bands from across Southern California gave spectacular performances including an exhibition show by the Falcon Marching Band & Color Guard. This Tournament has quickly become one of the most competitive on the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association circuit.



As the hosts of the event, the DHS Band Leaders accompanied by Superintendent Mucerino,

awarded trophies to the top scoring bands. Though not ad-

judicated at this event, the DHS Marching Band has performed in

Neighborhood School Night at Maxwell Academy – An IB World School Wednesday, November 29

Innovative programs and signature initiatives highlight our Competitive Advantage Plan (CAP). The 5-year strategic plan outlines the direction Duarte Unified School District is taking as we become the education destination for this region.

Among the most exciting of our programs is the International Baccalaureate Program only offered at Maxwell Academy – An International Baccalaureate World School. This is Maxwell’s first year of a two-year transition from an elementary school to a PK-8 magnet school.

To support the growth of neighborhood schools, last year changes were made to the attendance boundaries. Please know that the boundary changes only affect students new to the school district; transfers from school to school within our district will continue to be honored.

This means that your children can remain at their current school, and the district will continue to provide transportation through the 2018-19 school year.

Due to rising costs, however, the need to provide transportation services beyond 2018-19 will be reassessed annually. Rest assured, the Board of



Education believes in continuity and stability and will not involuntarily transfer students from their current school of attendance to their new school of residence.

Now that we are transforming four of our five elementary schools into K-8 magnet schools by adding innovative programs and signature initiatives, we highly encourage families to consider attending their school of residence.

Do keep in mind that Valley View Elementary remains a TK-6th grade campus.

For this reason, if your children currently attend Valley View, when the time comes for them to enter 7th grade, you will need to select one of our K-8 Academies.

You are invited to an Open House



event at Maxwell on November 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Maxwell’s Principal, Dr. Lawson, and her team will present the International Baccalaureate PK-8 Program along with many other outstanding curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.

If you are unable to attend on November

29, you can schedule a personal tour of Maxwell by signing up online at come2duarteusd.com or by calling the school office at (626) 599-5302.

You can also register for our District Showcase on Saturday, February 3, 2018, to learn more about Maxwell Academy as well as all our outstanding schools and programs.

DHS Volleyball, Tennis win league titles

The Lady Falcon Volleyball and Tennis Teams are to be commended for having ended phenomenal seasons with Championship Titles for the Montview League.

Both teams also went on to CIF.

Despite coming up short in the play-offs, the Volleyball team made it all the way to the quarter-finals for the second time in the history of the school.

They were also ranked #1 in CIF for six consecutive weeks, a first in school history, as well as being seeded #1 in CIF for the playoffs.

Congratulations to all of the athletes and coaches on all of our teams for a phenomenal fall season!

To see what’s instore for winter sports visit dhsfalcons.org.



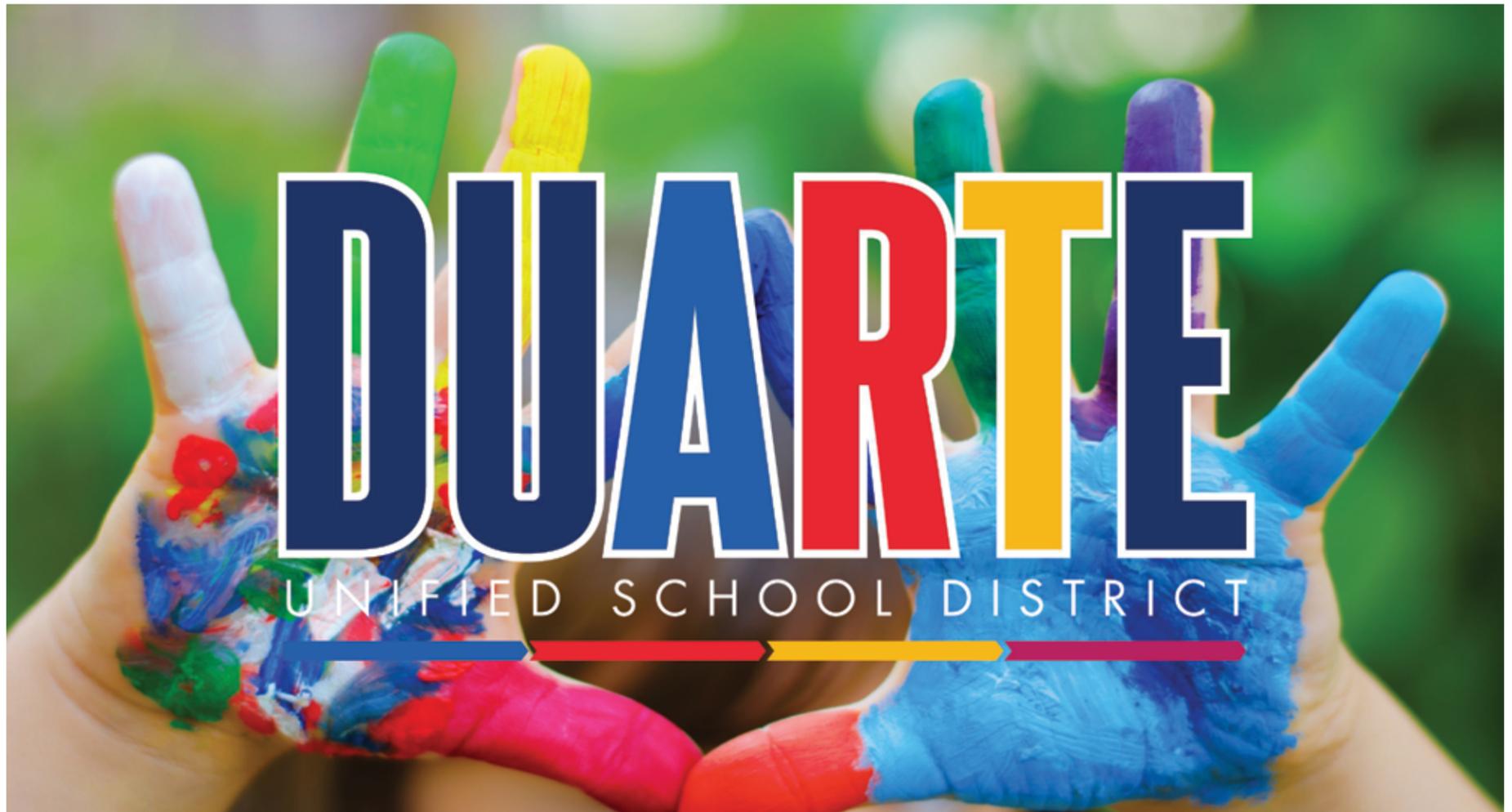
DHS athlete gets full ride to Oregon State

Duarte High School Basketball star Patricia Morris earned a full scholarship from Oregon State University. This scholar athlete, who excels in the classroom and on the court, participated in a signing ceremony on November 8.

Surrounded by her proud family and friends, Morris signed on to play basketball for the Beavers starting fall 2018.

Congratulations to the entire Morris family!





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Maxwell Academy An IB World School	Mount Olive Innovation and
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Did you know DUSD has a 1:1 laptop program for all K-12th grade students?
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Our Mission
 Provide the knowledge, skills, and inspiration for each student to be successful in college, career, and life

Our Beliefs
 We are a community of learners.

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All students are motivated to learn when engaged in meaningful work that connects to their lives.

Expectations do influence performances and outcomes.

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

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



See what's flying on a bird walk

By Claudia Heller

This year's fall bird walk sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society yielded a rare sighting, and it wasn't exactly a bird! The group of about 20 birders came upon a kettle. Also known as a "lift" this meteorological phenomenon where air rises due to heat is used as an energy source by soaring birds (and aircraft).

"It was about 15 total birds circling high up, so identification was based mostly on shape. Most

of the hawks were Swainson's but was a mixed kettle with probably a couple Red Tails and one Sharp-Shinned also in the group. The whole kettle disappeared into the clouds after a few minutes. The Swainson's Hawk is one of those species that migrates great distances to South America during the northern winter," explains Chris Stahl.

The walk took in the Encanto Park bioswale trail, the Puente Largo Bridge and adjacent ar-

reas. Another exciting find was a beautiful, bright green praying mantis, an insect which is found all over the world. It is harmless to humans but very beneficial to the environment since it eats crop destroying insects.

Leaders Eleanor Osgood and David Bell have provided a list of birds spotted on the walk, which may be found on the Museum website: www.rancho-duarte.org.



Photos by Alan Heller



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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3-7 p.m. Holiday and special event hours are subject to change.

All Duarte teens' grades 9 through 12 with high school ID are welcome. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

COMPUTER LAB

The computer lab is open Monday-Friday from 3-6:30 p.m. Free use to all teens registered at the Teen Center.

Take advantage of the computer lab at the Teen Center. The lab is a great place to enhance your computer skills, learn new programs, research colleges, chat on the Internet, do school work, and play various games.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES Winter Holiday Festival

Come join us at the Teen Center on Wednesday, December

13 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!

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Students in grades 9-12 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 19, and interviews will be held on Wednesday, January 24.

Club Duarte

On Friday, January 19, 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 21, December 5, and January 10 & 24 at 4-5 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, December 8, and January 12 & 26 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 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 303-0863 for more information or stop by for a visit.

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Based on the outcome of the November 2nd hearing, it appears the City will be adopting seven council districts.

DCTV/KGEM Update –

City staff continues to work with both KGEM and DCTV to implement the agreement for public, governmental and educational access services for the Duarte community. To date, both KGEM and DCTV have purchased the capital equipment approved by the council, and DCTV has relocated to the high school. The last and most challenging piece of the project has been the relocation of the access channel's signal to the Civic Center. To complete this task, Staff has been meeting with the technical team consisting of NLE, Spectrum, KGEM and Tech Depot to both identify and cost out an efficient and cost effective solution to permanently relocate access signal. The solution was recently agreed to by all parties and the City's IT Consultant, Maxtreme is helping coordinate and oversee the installation schedule and purchase the necessary equipment. Ideally the signal will be relocated by the end of the year and DCTV will be back on the air.

Becker Billboards Market-

ing Venture – The City is working with Becker Billboards to do a series of 8 second videos on the electronic billboards located at the intersection of the 605 and 210 freeways. Our images will be shown on both billboards on the north and south side of the freeway and be able to run between 12 to 15 videos different videos per month. The types of videos featured will be facility rental, special events, 60th anniversary, special events, and volunteer recruitment ie: CERT, Commissioner etc. The City was able to secure a special government rate for this economic development marketing endeavor. Look for videos on the LA Tech week at City of Hope, Veteran's Day and the Mayor's Prayer breakfast playing now.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Planning

City of Hope Clinical Research Unit (1500 Duarte Road)

– The Clinical Research Unit, known as the CRU Building on the City of Hope Campus has been approved by the Building and Safety Division and permits have been issued. The project includes two components - interior remodeling on the first floor of Familian, and the 3,000 square-foot expansion. Construction on the interior remodel is currently underway. The project is expected to take roughly 6 to 7 months to complete.

Duarte McDonald's (1122 Huntington Drive)

– On October 16, 2017 the Planning Commission approved the reconstruction project for the Duarte McDonald's. The project includes complete demolition of the existing restaurant and construction of a new restaurant building with updated amenities, an improved double-drive, and a new modern design that reflects the corporate image of McDonald's. The project is ready for plan check review through Building and Safety. A formal submittal is anticipated in the upcoming weeks.

Walk for Hope Special Event

– The City of Hope is putting on its annual Walk for Hope charity walk on Sunday, November 5th. This year's walking route will remain mostly on the City of Hope campus.

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