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## Tzeitel Paras-Caracci elected Duarte Mayor

Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to elect Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor for 2014-2015 and Sam Kang, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council at the November 25, 2014 meeting.

Mayor Paras-Caracci was first elected to the City Council in 2001. She has previously served as Mayor in both 2005 and 2010. She is also a current Board Member for both Foothill Transit and the Gold Line Construction Authority, and has served in the past as president of APAMO (Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials) and a board member for both the National League of Cities and League of California Cities.

The newest member of the City Council, Samuel Kang, a healthcare, IT project manager and a former Economic Development Commissioner was voted unanimously to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.



**TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI**

In addition to his duties on the Council, Kang serves as the official Council representative to the Duarte Community Services Council, the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and is also a member of the League of California Cities Asian Pacific Islander Caucus.

## Doug Edwards elected School Board President

The DUSD Board of Education elected Douglas Edwards, President, and Ken Bell, Clerk/Vice President, for 2015, at its organizational meeting held on December 11, 2014.

Douglas Edwards was unani-

mously appointed to the Board of Education in 2013 and previously served as Vice President. During his term, Doug has proven to be a compassionate leader. Prior to becoming a Board member, Doug had several years of experience working for the youth of Duarte Unified School District.

Ken Bell will be serving his fifth term as Vice President. He was elected to the School Board in 1989 and served as President for six terms. This veteran school board member has developed a reputation throughout the area for his commitment to the students in Duarte Unified School District.



**DOUGLAS EDWARDS**

## Foothill Gold Line Extension January Update

### *From Foothill Gold Line Public Affairs*

As we begin 2015, the Construction Authority wants to take this opportunity to thank the community for your patience last year while significant and impactful construction was underway in the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa. In 2014, the Foothill Gold Line achieved many major milestones. We completed all of the 24 bridge structures for the project, all 14 at-grade street crossings, and all of the light rail track system—among many other activities. Finally, we were able to turn power on for the portion of the train corridor that includes the city of Duarte, and live wire testing of a test train was completed at the end of the year (see photo below).

Importantly, we were given approval by the California Public Utilities Commission to install noise mitigation measures at all at-grade street crossings near homes. These measures will ensure that the bell noise that occurs when a train is approaching will be directed down to the intersection using covers called shrouds, and that the bells will be able to stop ringing once the crossings gates are down in horizontal position.

Over the next ten months, as



we complete the 11.5-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Pasadena to Azusa, work will continue on the Duarte/City of Hope Station and associated parking facility, the 24-acre Operations Campus in Monrovia, as well as installation and testing of the power, safety and communications systems along the entire project. We will continue the important process of testing all facets of the line.

The Construction Authority is proud to continue to be on time and on budget for project com-

pletion in late September 2015. At that time, the six station light rail extension will be turned over to Metro for pre-revenue service. Metro will determine when the line opens for passenger service.

Stay Informed: Sign-up to receive construction notifications to your cell phone by texting GOLDLINENEWS to 888777, or start receiving email updates by signing up at [www.foothillgoldline.org](http://www.foothillgoldline.org).

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**THE DUARTE GOLD LINE STATION** art installation took place under the watchful eye of sculptor Stan Sears. Stan Sears is one of the members of the Sears and Myklybust artist team selected by the City of Duarte. Stan was present to guide installation of three sculptures on the Duarte Station platform. Each sculpture is made of Indiana Limestone, and hand-carved by the artist to represent a part of Duarte's history and culture. Each sits atop a painted metal pillar, cut to reflect the theme of its sculptural capital, and each stands approximately 11 feet tall from base to top, and weighs between 3,300 and 3,600 pounds.



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The Public Safety Commission meets on third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. while the Economic Development Commission meets on the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. Both Commissions meet monthly in the Duarte Community Center.

Duarte residents interested in serving on one or both of the commissions will have until February 12 to apply to the City Manager's

Office at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive by 6 p.m. Application forms will be available both at City Hall or on the City's website: [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) City Council members will interview applicants beginning at 5 p.m. on February 24, and appointments will be announced at the City Council meeting later on that evening.

The new commissioners will begin their terms of office on March 1, 2015.

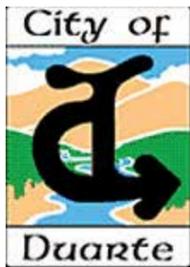
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## Talking about roots...

By Claudia Heller

Jim Parrillo, 53, traces his local family roots to the 1950s, only a few seconds in time compared to the roots of Duarte's so-called "hanging tree" which, after collapsing recently, was sawed up and hauled off before the tear-filled eyes of local residents.

Duarteans first heard of the 50 foot tree's collapse which occurred about 2:00 a.m. on October 8 when they tuned in to the morning news, recognizing the oak's familiar branches at first glance. It is said that the tree may have begun its stately watch over what eventually Route 66 more than 200 years ago. Where it got its reputation as a tree employed to execute swift justice during this town's wild west days is unknown, but widely accepted.

Parrillo covets many memories of local interest, not the least of which is that old tree. Long before the present townhouses were built, the tree graced the Oakleigh Motel, an establishment on Route 66 which reportedly sported a sorted reputation. He recalls looking out at the tree when he and his siblings often ate breakfast there. "It had chains embedded in it and a metal plate which I pictured as where the rope went through when it was a hanging tree," says Jim.

Jim remembers that

the motel rooms were very small and that in the 1970s there was a fire and it was demolished. The tree, however, persevered. He said the myths about that tree were hushed because "there are those who believe that ghosts reside in the branches of old trees."

Pat Sleeter, Jim's mother, worked as a nurse at Santa Teresita for forty-four years and was familiar with the Oakleigh Motel because an extended family member managed it for a time in the 1960s. "Although it was just word of mouth," says Pat, "it was a common belief that this was where justice on the Rancho Duarte was dealt by Circuit Judges."

Long-time resident Everett Adams recalls that after the motel was gone, there was an establishment near the site called The Crystal Tea Room which

sold crystal vases and glassware. He said the Post Office at that time was located on Huntington just east of the tree, and was later moved to its present location.

During WWII, Bruce Staller's family lived in a rooming house which offered kitchen privileges for breakfast and lunch, but not dinner. Thus, his mom would take Bruce and his brother on the streetcar from Monrovia to Duarte to "eat out." He recalls a small French restaurant called "The Ives" located just west of the hanging tree.



Photos by Alan Heller



A piece of the hanging tree has been salvaged and will remain on exhibit at the Duarte Historical Museum. "For history-sake, we will display this small chunk of the stately oak as a reminder of Duarte's wild days during the 1800s," says Sheri Uhlig, Vice President of the Historical Society. "We'll miss those graceful branches which stood sentinel over our town for so many years. But now we can visit the salvaged piece and reflect on our history while paying our respects to that old oak."

Puck sized slices with commemorative plaques will be sold at the museum starting in March.



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More than 150 Duarte High School students will have the opportunity to spend a day learning about a variety of jobs and careers while they gain valuable insight into the working world during the 13th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day slated for Thursday, February 5.

The program, sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and co-sponsored by the City of Hope, allows students to shadow adult mentors as they go about their normal work day in numerous careers including banking, healthcare, politics, education, and journalism, among others.

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Duarte's Groundhog Job Shadow Day will kick off with an opening ceremony and breakfast for students and mentors at 7:30 a.m. at the Duarte Community Center.

After spending the next several hours together on the job, students and mentors will return to the Community Center for networking, lunch, a raffle and a panel discussion featuring participating business leaders.

For more information or to become a sponsoring worksite, call Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 260.

# Duarte schools and Citrus College – a partnership for student success

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

With the New Year underway, there is a pervasive sense of optimism so typical of the start of the spring semester, as Duarte students – from kindergarten through college – return to their respective classrooms to complete another year of their educational journey.

For Citrus College, the 2014-2015 academic year is an exciting one. Founded on June 5, 1915, Citrus College is now at the half-way point of our Centennial Year celebration. While there have been some great events and memorable occasions, one of the most rewarding aspects of the celebration has been taking a fresh look at the college's 100-year history and its interconnectivity with the histories of our local communities.

When Citrus College came into existence early in the last century, it was part of a national educational movement designed to provide greater access to higher education for all segments of society. The "junior college" idea proposed that high schools provide the first two years of a college education to students who had completed the 12th grade. Thanks to the visionary leaders of Citrus Union High School, Citrus Junior College was established in 1915, making it the oldest community college in Los Angeles County and the fifth oldest in the state.

Not surprisingly, the formation and growth of Citrus College paralleled the growth of K-12 education in Duarte. The Duarte school district's roots date to 1906, when Duarte was part of the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte School District.



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In 1909, Duarte built and opened its first schoolhouse for Duarte students. The bungalow-style structure, which is now the city's oldest building and the site of a popular restaurant, would serve as Duarte's schoolhouse until the early 1950s.

In 1954, the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte School District split apart and formed separate school districts. To keep pace with evolving trends in higher education in the 1960s and to better reflect its mission, the "Citrus Community College District" was created in 1961. It included the Azusa and Glendora Unified School Districts, and in 1968, the college district was expanded to include the unified school districts of Claremont, Duarte and Monrovia.

That might seem like the end of the story, but actually, it was just the beginning. For nearly five decades, Citrus College and Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) have worked together to develop innovative programs to serve Duarte students. Programs such as Early College and T.E.A.C.H. (Train, Educate and Accelerate Careers in Healthcare), and activities such as sending Citrus

College outreach staff to meet with students on the Duarte High School campus; inviting Duarte High School students to attend the college's Early Decision Days and annual Performing Arts Open House; staffing college fairs; providing tours of the Citrus College campus for Duarte students; and many others, demonstrate the commitment of Citrus College to serving the students and community of Duarte.

As rewarding as Citrus College's first 100 years have been, the prospects that lie ahead for the future hold even more promise. In addition to sustaining and increasing the college's reputation as a state and national leader in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics); transfer to four-year institutions; veterans programs; and the numbers of degrees and certificates awarded annually; the college has exciting plans for rolling out our Institute for Completion this year.

The Institute for Completion will emphasize a culture of completion for all students, regardless of their level of college readiness, and implement innovative strategies designed to improve student learning and achievement. In 2016, we will complete construction on a beautiful, new Fine Arts Building.

With the opening of the Gold Line, planned for early 2016, there will undoubtedly be many new opportunities for partnerships between Citrus College and the City of Duarte.

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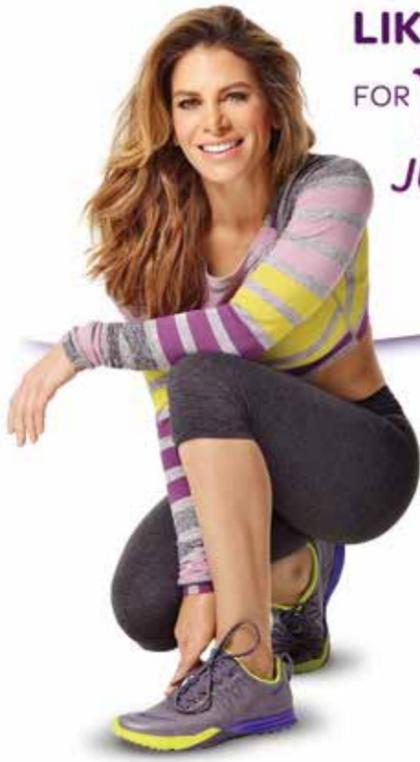
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Please note this is a general overview, and tax laws can be tricky, so be sure to talk to an accountant and/or tax attorney before making any financial decision.

### ROLL IT OVER

One possible option is to directly roll your entire distribution into a new Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or an employer-sponsored 401(k). Either one would allow you to continue to defer taxes and enable you to continue building your retirement savings for the future.

### LEAVE IT WHERE IT IS

You may want to keep funds in your employer's plan until you reach the plan's retirement age, if that's an option. This may be ideal if you want to take advantage of certain investment options or managed money services available in your existing plan. Your funds will remain tax-deferred and can later be moved to a new employer's qualified plan or an IRA.

### TAKE THE TAXABLE DISTRIBUTION

Depending on your situation, you may choose to withdraw the funds from your 401(k). Although you will have immediate access to your savings, there are a few things to consider when taking a lump-sum distribution.

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## Joanne Montgomery installed as President Citrus College Board

Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, Citrus Community College District governing board member, was installed as president of the Citrus College Board of Trustees during the board's annual reorganization meeting on December 2, 2014.

Mrs. Montgomery represents the city of Monrovia and portions of Bradbury and Duarte. She was appointed to the board of trustees in 1998 to fill a vacancy and was elected to the board in 1999, 2003, 2007, and 2011.



JOANNE MONTGOMERY

"I am grateful for Trustee Montgomery's leadership and commitment to Citrus College's mission," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "Her contributions as an educator and community leader have greatly contributed to Citrus College's status as a nationally recognized institution of higher education."

A longtime Monrovia resident and educator, Mrs. Montgomery was an elementary school teacher for the Monrovia Unified School District for 32 years. She worked with the district's gifted and talented education program and was named Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Montgomery holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and a master's degree from Azusa Pacific University. She also completed postgraduate work at the University of Southern California; University of California, Los Angeles; Pepperdine University; and the University of La Verne.

"As Citrus College observes its Centennial year, it is a privilege to serve as the board president," stated Mrs. Montgomery. "For 100 years, the college has served as an exemplary model of academic excellence, while providing opportunities for thousands of students to receive a college education and enter the workforce."

Mrs. Montgomery's extensive service to the community earned her the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce's Dick Lord Award in 2003. She is a member of the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce Business Education and Community Outreach Network (BEACON), the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and represents the Board of Trustees on the Citrus College Foundation Board.

Citrus College Board of Trustees members also installed during the annual reorganization meeting were Mrs. Susan M. Keith, of Claremont, vice president; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, of Azusa, clerk/secretary; Dr. Edward C. Ortell, of Duarte, member; and Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, of Glendora, member.

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### HOT LUNCHES

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### 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 Center or calling (626) 357-3513.

### TECH SUPPORT

On the second Wednesday of the month from 1 p.m.-2 p.m., DLL Business Solutions, a local tech support business, will be offering FREE tech support. They will provide technical support for

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUARTE

Enjoy some conversation with Duarte Council Member Liz Reilly at the Senior Center. Liz is at the Senior 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.

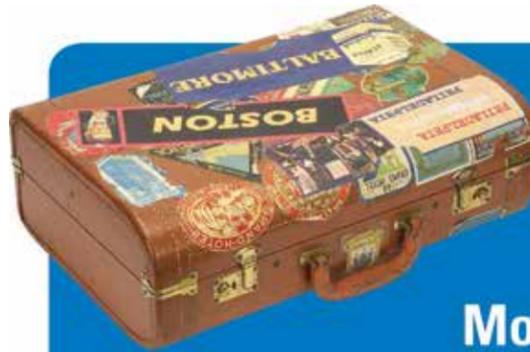
### HAIR CUT DAY

Provided by Health Net of California on the Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. By popular demand the Duarte Senior Center, with the support of Health Net, will host a complimentary hair cut day! Stylist Suzy J will be on hand to provide haircuts. Please arrive with freshly washed hair and be ready to shine. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for an appointment.

### TRAIL TREKKERS HIKING GROUP

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# Seniors

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Continuation will be or call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information.

## FEE AND CHARGE CLASSES

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

Classes with Fee: Cross Fit, Exercise with Shelly, Get Fit, How to Write Your Own Life Story, Intro to Computers, Living the French Revolution and the Age of Napoleon, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance, Yoga.

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## ADULT EXCURSIONS

**Fantasy Springs Casino (Must be 21 years of age or older.)**

Wednesday, February 25, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. \$20 (\$20 in free play upon arrival. Lunch on your own.)

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be accepted and will also not receive free play. Trip leaves from 1634 Third St.

**LA Conservancy Walking Tour of Historic Downtown L.A.**

Tuesday, March 24, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fee: \$26 (Lunch on your own.)

The Historic Downtown tour provides an overview of the historical and cultural landmarks of downtown Los Angeles. Covering a wide range of architectural styles, and including anecdotes about the people behind the buildings, this tour is a great way to become acquainted (or reacquainted) with the unique character of L.A. Historic Downtown, as the area around Pershing Square is known. Some of the most beloved Los Angeles landmarks are in this area, and the history of the area goes back to the founding of the city in 1781, and its architecture tells the story of the growth of the city from the 1890s to the present.

Please remember this is a 2 to 2.5 hour walking tour, which will cover almost 8 blocks.

You will learn about the Bradbury Building, Million Dollar Theatre, U.S. Bank Tower, Bunker Hill Steps, One Bunker Hill, Pac Mutual, The Millennium Biltmore Hotel and more. The tour ends right at Grand Central Market, which has been in operation since 1917 and there are about 7 different eateries for you to choose from. Trip leaves from 1634 Third St.

## ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSIONS

**Mackinac Island**

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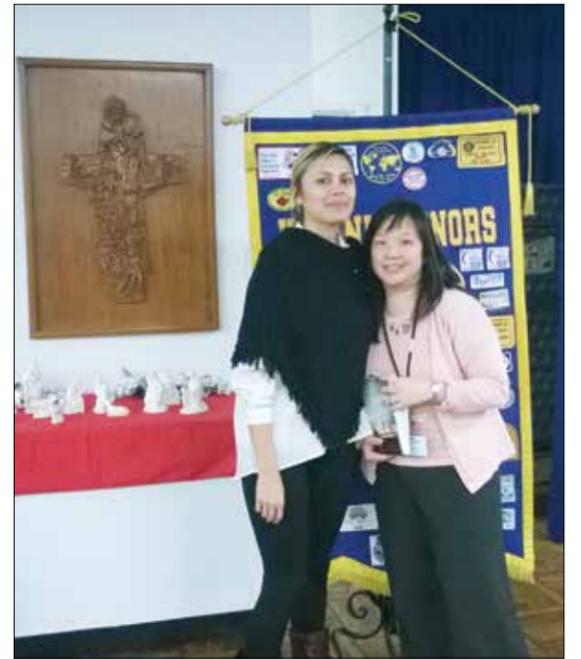
# DLL serves customers, community

Duarte Kiwanis President, Mirna de Lira Lopez has quite an exciting story to share. Mirna is the owner of DLL Business Solutions – and has been in business now for 9 years. DLL is a Technology Company that specializes in serving both the business community as well as households. DLL has a great business model to serve businesses. They specialize in managing servers and networks remotely and pride themselves on keeping their customers up and running. DLL also serves individual clients with installation and purchase of hardware and software. AND they also serve many non-profits as well. Mirna prides herself on her abil-

ity to network and partner with many people. Her company is often asked to be a Beta site for new software coming from major suppliers – and her customers are often the recipients of the latest technology has to offer.

Mirna was the first in her family to graduate from college. She is a graduate of Mt. Sierra and was valedictorian. She also is a "multi-level" community service person, serving on the City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Commission, Vice President of the Rosemead Chamber, Ambassador for the Duarte Chamber as well as President of the Duarte Kiwanis.

Pictured from left – Duarte



Kiwanis President, Mirna de Lira Lopez, Joanna Gee, Duarte Librarian.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

**Highlights:** Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Grand Hotel, Millennium Park

## Special Travel Presentation

On Tuesday, September 23 at 1 p.m. there will be a preview of the sights and attractions you will enjoy on the trip held at the Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive. For reservations, please call 357-3513.

## Tropical Costa Rica

September 19-27, 2015

9 days: 14 meals (8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners)

Fee: \$ 2,499 per person based on double occupancy

**Highlights:** San Jose, coffee plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, cooking demonstration, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero, National Theatre.

## Special Travel Presentation

On Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the trip. Photos will be available from a local resident who actually attended the Tropical Costa Rica tour two years ago.



## Bird Walk Feb. 28

Ornithologist Kimball Garrett will lead a walk on February 28, leaving the museum at 7:30 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be available before the walk in the Museum starting at 7. The walk will include the bioswale trail in Encanto Park and the adjacent river area. Binoculars and helpful. Free.

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# Tech: Year in Review

By Mirna de Lira Lopez, Owner, DLL Business Solutions

2014 is coming to a close. It has been another exciting year in Tech. We have seen new products that have been game changers and new attacks that have been life changing. With every year technology brings us hardware and software that mold the way we do things in our everyday life.

You cannot have a year in tech without Samsung vs. Apple. These prolific electronics companies are in a constant battle of whose phone is the best. Samsung gave us the Galaxy S5 and the Note 4. Apple countered with the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus. The jury is still out on which is the best.

Microsoft ended support for its XP operating system and prepared us for the release of Windows 10. Productivity tablets gained solid footing with the release of Microsoft's Surface Pro 3.

Wi-Fi Technology was given a boost with the introduction of 802.11ac. This standard promised better speeds and less interference = better connectivity.

Security was also a big part of 2014. We had attacks and security breaches at some major retail companies and individuals and small businesses were hit with "ransomware". These attacks left many weary on how and where to

spend money electronically.

Lastly, we cannot forget the ubiquitous "Cloud". Some still do not quite understand it and many of the same use it. One thing is

for sure.....it is here to stay. Many services are going to the cloud. It is where we are sharing our pictures, music and work products.

That was just a glimpse of the year in technology and 2015 promises to bring us even more.

# Support for Mom's

Aida Torres works with at risk kids every day through her work at Duarte Public Safety. In her journey, she meets mom's deserving recognition and support as they provide role model behavior for their own kids and others. This year, Aida selected three of those deserving moms to get a little extra support from the Duarte Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Herrera, Mrs. Gittens and Mrs. Velasquez were able to join the

club for a celebratory lunch – and to receive a bit of help for their Christmas shopping this year!

Pictured with the moms from left – Duarte Kiwanis President, Mirna de Lira Lopez, and Aida Torres.





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# Hello Kitty visits Duarte Historical Museum

By Claudia Heller

The Hello Kitty collection of Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras Caracci is on exhibit at the Duarte Historical Museum and will remain through February. The

anthropomorphic white Japanese bobtail cat with a red bow, affectionately known as "Hello Kitty" is a children's favorite, and is apparently revered by adults too. Tzeitel is two years older than the famed classic

red-bowed kitty which turned 40 this year. "I wouldn't call myself so much as a collector as an admirer who enjoys collecting just about anything that has Hello Kitty on it. Ever since the third grade, I have loved Hello Kitty." There are some variations on Hello Kitty, fictional characters created by the Japanese company Sanrio. The first such character appeared on a vinyl purse in 1974 and hit the States in 1976. By 2010 Sanrio had groomed the character into a global marketing phenomenon worth \$5 billion a year. This 40th birthday year for Hello Kitty sees her worth at over \$7 billion, «without any advertising.»

So, when a Hello Kitty lover reaches adulthood, what then? "When I was eight years old, I was content with sweet smelling erasers and pencils. As an adult, my Hello Kitty items include a microwave, toaster, coffee maker, rice cooker, and popcorn maker," says Tzeitel. "My inventory also includes golf clubs, an electric guitar and a skateboard, in addition to a tote bags, wallets and jewelry."

Tzeitel fears this is an "addiction," but she chooses to call it "an admiration to the nth degree." Jack Russell, son of Tzeitel and KC Caracci, has a few Hello Kitty items in his room, but at age eleven months, he could hardly object.

"Hello Kitty has been a part of my life since I was a little girl, and even though she is drawn without a mouth, she always makes people all over the world smile." Spokespeople for Sanrio have said that Hello Kitty does not have a mouth because they want people to "project their feelings onto the character" and "be happy or sad together with Hello Kitty." Another explanation Sanrio has given for her lack of a mouth is that she "speaks from the heart."

Anxious to share with the community, Tzeitel will display her voluminous collection at the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park during January and February, with a grand opening and reception scheduled for January 10 at 2 p.m. The public is invited. To view the collection at other times, the Museum, located in Encanto Park, Duarte, is open the first and third Wednesday each month from 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

"We are thrilled to display her collection and invite Hello Kitty fans of all ages to visit," says Sheri Uhlig, Vice President of the Duarte Historical Society. For more information call (626) 357-9419 or visit the Museum website at [www.RanchoDeDuarte.org](http://www.RanchoDeDuarte.org).



## Sherlock Holmes exhibit at Duarte Library

Happy birthday Sherlock Holmes! The famed sleuth's birthday is said to be January 6, 1854, as deduced by scholars after researching many literary clues. It is on that date each year that Sherlockians gather to celebrate and the Baker Street Irregulars converge on an iconic Holmes spot such as 221B Baker Street in London.

A fictional character created by Scottish author and physician Sir. Arthur Conan Doyle, Holmes is known for his astute logical thinking and his ability to adopt a variety of disguises. He is thought of as a real person by his fans, after first appearing in 1887 in four novels and 56 short stories by Arthur Conan Doyle. Over the years, Holmes has become even more popular with dozens of new stories, television series and movies, offshoots of originals stories, and even new books characterizing those traits for which he is admired.

An avid Sherlock Holmes fan, Duartean Alan Heller will pay his birthday respects at the Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista, with an in depth exhibit featuring Sherlock Holmes action figures, books, videos, and other ephemera. Having collected all things pertinent to the British detective, he has studied Doyle's writings. The display will run through the month of January.

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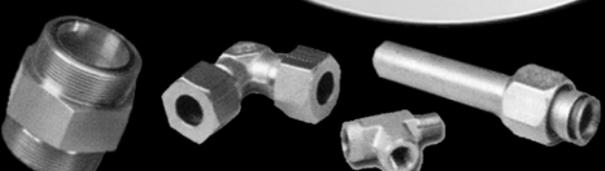
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## Fitness Center Membership Sale

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Sale prices are available for Duarte residents starting at \$128 for one full year. Non-resident rates start at \$176, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The recently renovated Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall. Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.

# Duarte Park and Facility Rentals

## FACILITY RENTALS

The City of Duarte has various size buildings, including the Community Center, Royal Oaks Park Building and the Duarte Teen Center that are available for rent for private or non-profit functions. Additionally, picnic gazebos can now be rented.

### Duarte Teen Center

**1400 Buena Vista Street**

The Teen Center is available to rent for parties, events and activities on Saturdays and Sundays. This is the perfect setting for a birthday party or a fun meeting! Renters will be able to enjoy a game room with pool tables, foosball, Ping-Pong, arcade games, a wide screen TV and a large outdoor patio with gas barbecue grill. Also included is a large 60-person capacity multi-purpose meeting room, perfect for retreats, meetings, or parties. Take your event to another level!

### Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive

The now even more beautiful Duarte Community Center at City Hall is available to rent for receptions, parties and more. This 150-person capacity facility includes a stage, kitchen, dance floor, ice machine, and portable mini bar. Recent renovations have made it more elegant and there are more renovations coming soon!

### Royal Oaks Park Building, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This beautiful facility has an 80-person capacity and includes AC/Heating, a private restroom, and is located within the beautiful, tree shaded Royal Oaks Park that includes tennis and basketball courts and a large playground. This facility is perfect for birthdays, showers, meetings, and more.

### Encanto Park and Royal Oaks Park Picnic Gazebos

Gazebos at Royal Oaks and Encanto Parks are available for rent. Small gazebos include a small barbecue grill, gazebo shelter and picnic table. One larger gazebo is located at the Royal Oaks Park Extension and includes a large gazebo shelter, two picnic tables and a dual picnic barbecue grill. These are perfect settings for a birthday party or picnic. Don't get left without a spot for your event! Rent one or more gazebos now!

Also available on a rental basis are lighted softball and baseball fields, lighted tennis courts, multi-purpose fields and the Duarte Fitness Center pools.

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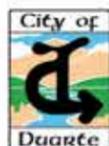
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## Merchants of Hope in a New Year

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

2015 has already proven to be a landmark year for our district that will be full of opportunities, challenges and changes. For some, change provokes anxiety and for others it creates excitement. Wherever you fall on the change spectrum, I find it enlightening to know the wisdom of ancient philosopher Heraclitus still rings true even in our 21st Century world, "There is nothing permanent except change." Knowing this, I think it best not to make a New Year's resolution that I typically fail to follow, but to adopt a "growth mind set," which is an idea put forth by Stanford University's Dr. Dweck worth a look if you are inclined.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

I am also comforted by the idea, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." If Gandhi's quote rings true, certain good things will always remain the same. Of these, I am confident that our dedication to our craft as educators and our community's commitment to the children of Duarte will never waiver. Duarte Unified will always be the best place for our children to grow, to learn and to succeed. For this reason, I see the many changes that lay ahead as true possibilities and opportunities for us all.

To begin with the membership of our Board of Education has changed. I would like to welcome new Board member, Mr. Jim Dinsmore. Jim has served the community of Duarte and students of DUSD for over a decade in various public service roles, and his three daughters are all proud Shoulder Tapped Graduates of Duarte High School. In addition, the Board elected new officers for the 2015 year. I am pleased to announce Mr. Douglas Edwards will serve as President and Mr. Ken Bell as Clerk/Vice President. The Duarte Unified Board will remain an impressive team committed to making sure that learning and achievement for each and every student remains the primary focus.

How we approach teaching and learning is also evolving this year in light of the state adoption of the Common Core Standards, new Smarter Balanced Assessments and influx of technology. These changes do not just impact DUSD alone, but school districts across the nation. I applaud our teachers and students for adapting to these transitions. We have provided professional development and collaboration opportunities, including our district-wide writing campaign, and our students are already benefiting from the true integration of 21st Century skills into all of our classrooms.

Right now, local, state and federal funding formulas for education are also still in flux. DUSD has developed a solid Local Control Accountability Plan with input from the community, however, the Governor is posed to release a new budget soon and the possibility of cuts to education are once again at the forefront. In addition, low enrollment patterns seen across the state raise related issues for our own district.

Amidst these changes, I assure you again, some things will always stay the same. The dedication of our teachers, desire of our students to learn, resolve of our committed parents, generous support of our community will be lasting. We are blessed to have individuals who will continue to donate their time and resources to the benefit of our district.

Lisa Magno-Marino is one of these people, and it gives me great pleasure to announce that she is the recipient of our district's 2014 Golden Apple Award issued by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

In addition to her many volunteer activities, as chairperson of the Duarte Education Foundation's "Music Matters" Campaign, Lisa helped to raise \$55,000 that will directly support the growth of our elementary instrumental programs. We thank the entire Duarte Education Foundation for their commitment to this project.

We can also continue to count on the community partnerships we are proud to have developed that include Citrus College, City of Hope, Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, D'Veal, Duarte Chamber of Commerce and many more. With their support, we have the means to craft and continue many of our signature programs including SEPAC, "The TEACH Project," Early College and STEP Mentorships.

The theme of Convocation this year was we are all Merchants of Hope. Merchant you say, in what way? A merchant typically is one who sells goods or services for profit. Well, guess what, when you "sell" Hope we all benefit. Each of us has a special person that needs just what we have to "sell." As we navigate through the changes that lie before us, I encourage you to find a colleague, friend, boss or an individual you know, and tell that person how much they mean to you. This action will improve their Hope quotient and, by the way, it will do the same for you. Please remember, as I like to say, Hope is not "WOO" it is something you can "DO!" And as my "ole pappy" used to say, "Make thyself useful!" My greatest wish is that you make yourself useful this year by becoming someone's Merchant of Hope. Happy New Year!

## Duarte Unified and one million NIU bring computers and internet to deserving DUSD families



DUSD PARENTS, STUDENTS and dignitaries attended the One Million NIU Reception.

It is the goal of the Duarte Unified School District to ensure every student has a computer in their homes with access to the internet. To achieve this, the district has partnered with the non-profit organization One Million NIU (New Internet Users) to implement the Technology Redeployment Program (TRP), Parent Engagement through Technology Program (PE+T) and Affordable Broadband Internet Service Program for DUSD families currently without access.

The TRP program is a 40 hour course offered to students at Northview, Duarte High School and M.I.T. that is taught by One Million NIU personnel. During three day a week sessions held after school for 3 hours, students are taught how to build, repair and refurbish computers that have been donated by businesses in the LA area. Once the computers have been restored, they are then deployed to DUSD families without a computer in their home.

Larry Ortega, co-founder of One Million NIU, has run the Technology Redeployment Program (TRP) in previous years at the school district and the program has enjoyed much success. "Students learn technical skills for sure, but just as important was seeing their self-confidence shoot through the roof. The fact that they could problem solve and manage themselves in small group discussions has solidly

prepared them for future jobs, whatever they ultimately decide to pursue" stated Mr. Ortega.

In the Parent Engagement through Technology program, One Million NIU instructors introduce parents to eight (8) specific tech. topics: 1) California Colleges, 2) KnowHow2Go, 3) local school district, 4) local library, 5) Parent Tool Kit, 6) Ninos En Su Casa, 7) Facebook and the 8) Internet Safety – how to protect your child on-line, that greatly assists them in their quest toward increased engagement. Using a 40-hour structured curriculum, parents are walked through each of the aforementioned topics, step by step, placing key tools in their "parent" tool box. At program end, the participants walk away with a PowerPoint presentation, that they themselves have developed, which serves as an e-resource guide for them and their family well after the course has ended.

New this year is the Affordable Broadband Internet Service Program offered by One Million NIU that will provide low cost internet service for families with students attending Duarte Unified schools.

In addition to having internet connectivity provided by the district for all students while at school, this program is going to allow virtually every family within Duarte Unified to also have access to on-line resources from

the comfort of their own homes. One Million NIU is offering resources that allow qualifying DUSD families an opportunity to gain broadband Internet access for only \$10 a month.

A reception was held to celebrate the completion of phase one of these programs on December 18, 2014. In attendance were Kevin Morris, DUSD Director of College, Career and Community Resources; Jim Dinsmore, DUSD Board Member; Liz Reily, Duarte City Councilmember; Nichol Delgado, Field Representative for Assemblyman Roger Hernandez and Larry Ortega, co-founder of One Million NIU.

At this event, twelve families and twenty-five students went home with computers donated by the school district and refurbished by Duarte Unified students in a class led by One Million NIU's Juan Lopez, Jose Vargas Ulloa and Phil Calderon. These students ranged from 7th - 12th grade and worked 36 hours after-school to prepare 39 systems for redeployment back into the community of Duarte.

The program will continue throughout the school year and the goal is to have 100 newly restored computers in the homes of Duarte Unified families who otherwise would not have this opportunity.

For more information about these programs or to apply for participation, please contact Kevin Morris at (626) 599-5130.

## DHS Cantabile Show Choir takes award at Oremor Auto Group Competition

The Duarte High School Cantabile Show Choir took home \$400 and a 2nd place finish at the Oremor 22nd Annual Choral Competition held in Ontario on December 3, 2014.

Singing a repertoire of winter themed selections including "Carol of the Bells," the Show Choir's voices rose above that of five other schools, earning them this esteemed award and a coveted spot on the KIIS FM website.

Please congratulate these talented students and their dedicated choral director, Claire Hsu, when you see them on campus and in and around the city.

Stay up to date on their upcoming performances and competition schedule by visiting the

DHS website at [www.dhsfalcons.org](http://www.dhsfalcons.org) and Duarte Choir Facebook

page at <https://www.facebook.com/DuarteChoir>.



# Happy New Year from the Duarte Unified School District!

During December our students heralded the holiday season and rang in 2015 with fabulous performances and special events held by each elementary school and Northview. Highlights from these events are pictured here.



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DHS PRINCIPAL MARK SIMS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, CONNIE PARK AND JIM ARELLANOS GOT IN THE SPIRIT TOO!

## DHS Band and Color Guard have Triumphant Competition Season

Providing first-rate music programs for all of our students is a top priority at Duarte Unified, and we are extremely proud of our exemplary Duarte High School Marching Band and Color Guard that is ably led by Band Director, Rich Torres. Sustaining their level of excellence requires hard work, perseverance and an unyielding commitment by our Falcon musicians and their dedicated families.

The Duarte High Marching Band and Color Guard had a very successful competition season that included performances at both the Sierra Vista and Ramona Field Tournaments. They received numerous honors for their stellar field work and earned 2nd place at both the Yorba Linda and Glen Wilson Field Tournaments.

DUSD also proudly hosted the 2nd Annual Duarte Field Tournament. This event featured world-class band performances by several of the finest high school marching bands in Southern California with expert evaluators. Our Falcon Field offered a topnotch venue to showcase the musicianship of the performers that competed. The Duarte Field Show is rapidly becoming one of the best field show competitions in the state. Cheers to the devoted fans of our Duarte High School

Marching Band for your continued support and to our dedicated partners that include the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, Duarte

Education Foundation and Arts for All. The DHS jazz and concert ensembles, also led by Band Director Rich Torres,

will be playing throughout the year. Visit the DHS Band Boosters' Facebook page for updates.





## 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 p.m.-7 p.m.

All Duarte teens' grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center Registration packets must be filled out and returned.

For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

### COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab is open Monday – Friday from 3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with 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 EVENTS!

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 14th 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. Application deadline is Friday, January 23. Interviews will be held Thursday, January 29.

### Hot Topics

Each month the Teen Center staff features a Hot Topic for teens and present information on the history and interesting facts about the topic. Come learn the inside scoop that you may not have been aware of in many interesting topics! For more information, call the Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

February 10 – Baseball

March 10 – Tattoos

April 14 – Photography

### Battle of the Sexes! Valentines Day Trivia Challenge

On Thursday, February 12 from 3:30-5 p.m. the guys and gals will battle it out in pop culture trivia for team prizes!

### Duarte Teen Center Dance Program

The Duarte Dance program is recruiting new members! Sign up now! Classes are on Tues. and Thurs. from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Call the Teen Center for more info!

## Curves unveils new specialty classes, including Jillian Michaels workouts

With “resolution season” right around the corner, Curves International, Inc., the world’s largest chain of fitness centers for women, has announced the addition of new Curves Specialty Circuit Classes and new Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels to their already rich lineup of fitness offerings for 2015.\*

The 2015 Curves Specialty Circuit Classes\* are designed for specialized training, with moves focused on key areas like balance, flexibility and strength. The low-intensity Body Balance class combines balance and stability exercises with circuit strength training. Arms-Core Legs, also suitable for all fitness levels, offers targeted bodyweight moves designed to tone and strengthen the arms, core and legs. Stretch & Strength is dual-purpose in that it applies two principles to the same muscle group, back to back: strengthening machine ex-

ercises plus stretching intervals. All workout moves are conducted in between each circuit machine.

“Curves has long been celebrated for its highly effective Circuit workout: a 30 minute, coach-led routine that works every major muscle group for a total body workout. Our 2013 partnership with Jillian Michaels was a natural evolution, adding both variety and intensity to our program.

Now, with the new Specialty Circuit Classes, Curves is poised to yet again help women across the U.S. and Canada make a strong, healthy start in the new year and beyond,” said Mike Raymond, chief marketing officer of Curves International, Inc. “Our 2015 additions give our members more choices than ever, and it’s all included as part of the membership, so it’s a great value.”

The new class lineup, which rolls out in January 2015 at participating Curves centers, also includes new workouts from Jillian Michaels. Unlimited access to all of the classes is included as part of the Curves membership.

Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels\* is a cutting-edge no-nonsense Curves Circuit workout designed to build muscle and boost cardiovascular conditioning while targeting all major muscle groups. Michaels’ innovative series is intentionally customizable by both fitness level and goal, with classes that combine strength training on machines with functional bodyweight-based exercises designed to engage all the key muscle groups, help ramp up the metabolism and transform the physique. 2015 introduces new levels of Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels.

The Introductory class, which is appropriate for all levels, gradually builds strength, conditioning and endurance throughout the whole body. The Level One class pushes members a bit further with a slightly more advanced total body workout, while the Level Two class offers high intensity metabolic intervals to help members scorch calories.

\*Scheduled workouts and classes vary by location and are offered at participating locations only.

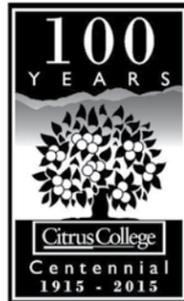
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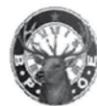
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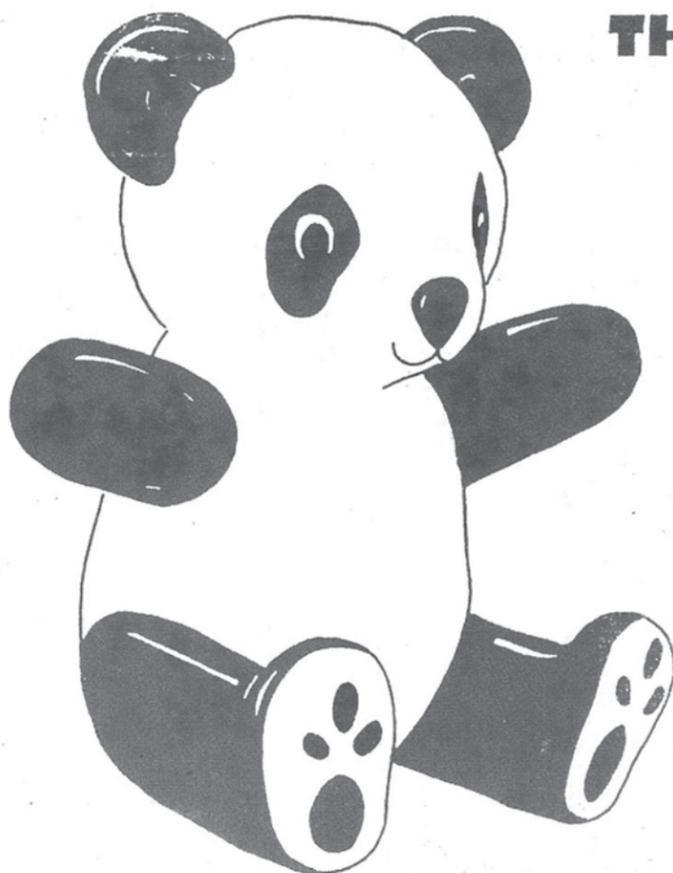
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## Historical Society has new website

“The Duarte Historical Museum is proud to present its new website at [www.RanchoDeDuarte.org](http://www.RanchoDeDuarte.org),” says Claudia Heller, president of Duarte Historical Society & Museum. Museum activities, historical events, announcement of special tours, bird walks, new and continuing exhibits, guest speakers and volunteer opportunities will be updated regularly. DHS&M Board Member and Web master Jack Ochoa has designed the site which now offers Pay Pal to make it secure for new memberships and renewals. “We look forward to welcoming new members to join in our renewed look at the region and its sister cities within the Rancho de Duarte area. Our goal is to share the deep rich history with the generations. Follow us on Twitter@RanchoDeDuarte.”

## Where will YOU ride? Tell Foothill Gold Line on the new IWillRide.org

In 2008, hundreds of students from the dozen of universities and colleges that line the Foothill Gold Line route started a rallying cry - "I will ride!" - in reference to the need to extend the Gold Line east along the Foothills of the San Gabriel Valley.

Through their effort, iwillride.org was created and afforded an online platform for students and the broader community to show their support for completing the Gold Line to Montclair.

In 2009, the students asked the Construction Authority to build on their efforts and maintain the

site moving forward. Iwillride.org has become an important part of the agency's communication program ever since.

In order to improve on the usability of the site, the Construction Authority has redesigned iwillride.org.

Today, as part of the launch of the redesigned blog, we hope you will take a moment to look at the new site and see all of the exciting progress underway on the Foothill Gold Line.

While you are there, tell us "Where Will YOU Ride?" when the Gold Line is completed!

## Duarte awarded \$325,171 Cal-Grip Grant for Gang Prevention Intervention Reintegration Programs

The City of Duarte has been awarded a \$325,171 competitive state grant under the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program to sustain its gang prevention, intervention, and expand reintegration programs for 2015. The grant will be up for annual renewal for the next two years (through 2017), pending state restitution funds sourced from the State Budget Act, for a total of \$975, 513 for three years. Out of 45 applicants, Duarte's evidence-based anti-gang project was one of 19 awardees.

A portion of the grant will provide the Duarte Prevention, Intervention, Reintegration Project with the funds necessary to maintain the services of Los Angeles County Probation and the Sheriff's departments despite recent budget cuts which threatened programs.

Grant funds will also support the Duarte Public Safety and Teen Center youth outreach programs, including the Duarte Boxing Gym, and expansion of Duarte Dance and Arts programming serving the Duarte Teen Center, Pamela Park, and Mt. Olive School. Four main partner organizations are included in the grant: the Flintridge Center, the Boys

and Girls Club of the Foothills, the Santa Anita Family YMCA and Southland Sings. These non-profit organizations support families with after-school care, positive summer programming, and evidence-based programming proven to assist in prevention, intervention, and reintegration efforts by providing juveniles and young adults with positive alternatives.

The grant funds will enable the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA to expand their services and provide additional positive pro-social activities to families in need. Southland Sings will deliver art-therapy based programs to help in early prevention, primary and secondary intervention. The Flintridge Center will expand reintegration services in the surrounding communities of Duarte, Monrovia and unincorporated areas.

The focus of the Duarte Prevention, Intervention and Reintegration Project is to reduce gang membership, gang related crime and juvenile arrests by working closely with at-risk youth, parents and teachers. The goal is to ultimately achieve a 25% overall reduction in the aforementioned areas during the life of the grant. In 2009-2010 Duarte was

## DUSD sports teams soar like never before

The Duarte High School Girls Volleyball Team's record breaking season brought school spirit to the highest level in years. These talented athletes made it all the way to the CIF-Southern Section Division 4A Championships where they battled to the very end. Despite suffering a heartbreaking defeat to Cate High School in the final game, this team made school history. Prior to their success, Duarte High School had never before advanced past the second round CIF playoffs. The Lady Falcons finished their inspiring season with a 26-9 record.

Their efforts have been recognized by the entire CIF community. DHS senior, Daisy Portillo, was honored All-CIF along with Kathy McKiernan who was named Co-MVPALL-CIF. In addition, DHS Volleyball coach, Irene Sunabe, was selected as Coach of the Year for the San Gabriel Valley's All-area team on Dec. 11, 2014. This is the second win in a row for Coach Sunabe.



DHS 2014-2015 VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Second only to watching this team play with tremendous determination and skill, was the amazing display of support by the DHS fans who joined together to cheer on these special lady Falcons. At the championship game, the Fox Sports West announcer even remarked, "This crowd is amazing! There must not be anyone left in a Duarte tonight!" Coach Sunabe also credited the electrifying support felt by her team from the fans for motivating them to succeed. It was not just the Duarte High School campus that rallied around this Falcon volleyball team, it was the entire community.



COACH OF THE YEAR, IRENE SUNABE

Athletes on the DHS football, cross-country and girl's tennis teams also competed hard during the 2014-2015 fall sports season. Special recognition goes to 1st Team All-Valley Falcon Football Player Angle Villanueva-Avina. Currently, we are midway through the winter season. Please refer to the events calendar posted on the DHS website at [www.dhsfalcons.org](http://www.dhsfalcons.org) for opportunities to root on all of our DHS teams.

Northview Intermediate also had a successful fall ball season. The Cardinals' 8th grade flag football team placed 2nd in the 210 League with only one loss, and the 8th grade volleyball team tied for 2nd place with only 2 losses. And, since the grand opening of the Cardinal Fitness Center, every student has been working out and utilizing the circuit training equipment for at least one hour a

week during their physical fitness classes. Our elementary students are looking forward to competing in the school and district track meets that will take place this spring. Check the district website at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org) for details. We are incredibly proud of all of our student athletes for their accomplishments both on and off the field.



JIM DINSMORE

## New School Board Member Jim Dinsmore

Mr. Jim Dinsmore was appointed to the Duarte Unified Governing Board on Dec. 4, 2014, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former Board President, Mrs. Pamela Kawasaki.

Mr. Dinsmore has extensive experience in law enforcement, having served as a police officer in Kern County as both a patrol officer and Watch Commander. During this time, he worked in the K-9 Narcotics Department and held the position of School Resource Officer. Presently, he serves as a Station Volunteer for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



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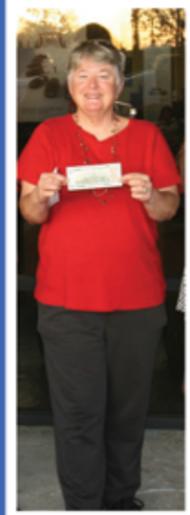
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Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City of Duarte Economic Development Commission,  
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