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## Northview students receive special honor from U.S. troops



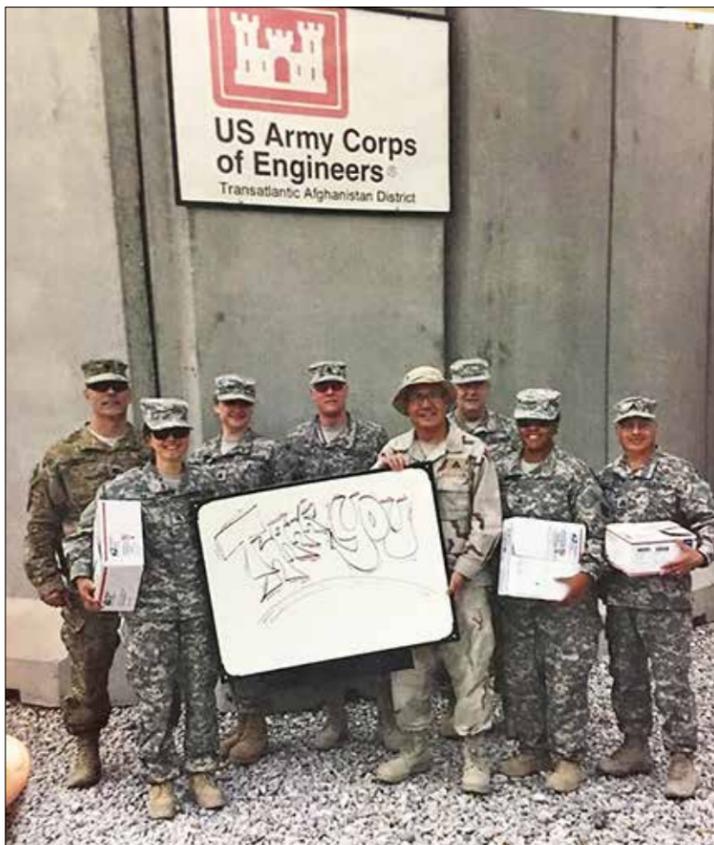
Schools all over the country salute the flag on a daily basis, but for the students at Northview Intermediate School in Duarte, the daily homage to the Stars and Stripes has special meaning.

Northview students are saluting a flag that was flown over the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Base at Bagram, Afghanistan, that was sent to them as a symbol of gratitude for a program linking the students and soldiers via mail.

Teacher Angie Salas, who has been connected to the Army Corps over the last 10 years of her teaching and administrative career at Duarte USD, organized a group of 7th Grade English students to send Halloween cards to the deployed soldiers in October. More than 100 students in classes taught by Salas, Brian Grimm and Yvette Martinez sent cards, jokes, pictures and other items to the soldiers.

When the deployed military men and women received the package, they decided to respond, and sent a package including the flag, and pictures of soldiers, the Army Corps of Engineer logo, and a certificate of appreciation from base commander Colonel Paul Owens.

"The students have a deeper understanding and appreciation



for their freedom and learned to appreciate and respect the commitment that strangers have made for our freedom," said Salas.

The flag and other items were presented to the classes and the school by Principal Rick Crosby, who decided the flag deserved a special place of honor in a shadow box in the main hallway of the school.

"Every time they pass the flag, they are thinking of the soldiers, and a branch of the military (Army Corps of Engineers) that you don't always hear about," said Crosby. "Our students have come to appreciate patriotism because of the impact these cards had on the soldiers, and the fact they chose to return the favor with a package of their own. This had an impact not only on the students, but the teachers and other adults on our campus. The entire school feels a special bonding to the soldiers because of this."

The project is a continuation of something Ms. Salas has done in coordination with Anne Hutton of the Army Corps of Engineers regulatory district in Southern California for many years.

Hutton's goal is to help build connections between the deployed military folks and people back home.

And while many different holiday cards have been sent overseas through this connection, the response was a first.

"In all the years that I have coordinated this activity, this is the first time our district has received such an honor (in response)," said Salas.

The U.S. Flag carried a certificate indicating it had flown over the Bagram Air Base on Oct. 30 - Halloween Day.

Crosby said the Northview Intermediate 8th graders have decided to join their classmates for a similar project to send Valentine's Day Cards after the winter vacation.

"Military people overseas often receive cards and packages for holidays like Christmas," explained the principal, "but they don't often receive things on holidays like Halloween and Valentine's Day."

Col. Owens' certification with the flag reminded the Northview

## Gold Line in Duarte opening March 5, looking ahead

By Habib F. Balian,  
Foothill Gold Line  
Construction Authority CEO

2015 was a milestone year for the Construction Authority, the San Gabriel Valley corridor cities and stakeholders who have been outspoken supporters of the Foothill Gold Line for more than a decade.

The year culminated with more than 4,000 residents and elected officials helping to celebrate the on-time, on-budget completion of the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa. The celebrations followed a year filled with activity, including thousands of safe work hours by our contractors, successful testing of the line, and installation of one-of-a-kind artwork at the six new stations. The project's success was the result of an unprecedented partnership between the Construction Authority, Los Angeles County Metro, three design-build teams, five corridor cities, elected officials at all levels, and others - all of whom now eagerly anticipate revenue operations beginning on March 5, 2016.

As Los Angeles County Metro prepares to begin passenger service to Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa, the Construction Authority is focused on making the 12.3-mile Glendora to Montclair segment ready to break ground.

Memorandums of Understanding with the six corridor cities have been put in place over this past year, allowing design and engineering work to begin in earnest; and the Construction Authority is on schedule to issue a request for qualifications for the first design-build contract in late 2016 and to break ground in 2017. This schedule assumes the

nearly \$1.2 billion in construction funding needed is secured from a sales tax measure for transit and highway improvements being contemplated by Los Angeles County Metro for the November 2016 ballot.

The Glendora to Montclair project has been identified as one of the top priorities for funding through the tax measure, and I am encouraged by those who over the past several months have recognized the crucial role this next segment will play in improving mobility and the quality of life for our region. The segment from Glendora to Montclair will offer much-needed relief to the increasingly congested I-210 Corridor (expected to take on the majority of population and job growth in the San Gabriel Valley in the coming decades) and provide direct connections to more than a dozen universities, the Los Angeles County Fairplex, and all of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties via the Montclair TransCenter.

Over the coming months, the Los Angeles County Metro board will make crucial decisions about the sales tax measure, including finalizing the program of transit and highway improvements to be funded through the measure and the timeline for funding each project. With all current indications good that the Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair will be included in those plans, the Construction Authority is working to prepare the project for the likelihood that the measure will be approved by voters in less than a year.

So with the completion of one phase, the next begins. The journey continues. Stay updated on the Foothill Gold Line: Sign-up at [www.foothillgoldline.org](http://www.foothillgoldline.org)



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As the 2015-16 Covered California open enrollment period comes to a close, Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare) is available to help with enrollment in a health insurance plan.

The Lime Health Center, which is located at 513 E. Lime Avenue, Monrovia, is just 4 blocks from downtown Monrovia. ChapCare's Certified Enrollment Counselors will help answer health insurance questions and assist members of the community to enroll in a low or no-cost health insurance plan.

Covered California's third open enrollment period began on November 1, 2015 and will conclude on January 31, 2016. During the first two Covered California open enrollment periods, 90% of people who purchased a Covered California plan qualified for financial assistance to help pay their premiums. If you do not qualify for financial assistance through Covered California, but instead are eligible for Medi-Cal or the Los Angeles County My Health LA Program, ChapCare can help you enroll in those programs as well. If you do not sign up for health insurance, you will be penalized \$695 per adult plus \$347.50 per child, or 2.5% of your household income, whichever is greater.

"Having low or no-cost health insurance is the first step on the path to better health," said Margaret B. Martinez MPH, ChapCare's Chief Executive Officer. "If you have not yet signed up for health

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Volunteers stock the pantries for the visiting families and through the "Meals of Love" program, many organizations provide full meals for the families. Days of service are also popular.

**PASADENA Ronald McDonald House Director Elizabeth Dever (left) and Duarte Kiwanis Club President Cheryl Reynolds.**

## Pasadena's Ronald McDonald House aims to serve

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On Saturday, April 3, Pasadena Ronald McDonald House will be having their "Walk for Kids" event to help raise \$120,000.00. Ms. Dever presented to a recent Duarte Kiwanis Club meeting and inspired members of the club to think of creative ways to help out as well. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com).



**RICK WHELAN**

## Duarte Museum poetry reading Sat., Feb. 13

Calling all poets! A poetry reading will be held at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte at 3 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 13. The public is invited and if desired recite their poems.

Rick Whelan, author of dozens of poems about the history of the San Gabriel Valley and the many communities therein, will perform. Whelan recently wrote a poem about the collapse of the famed "Hanging Tree of Duarte" which he will recite. He has felt a calling to create poetry for local communities as they celebrate milestone events.

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**DUARTE KIWANIS President Cheryl Reynolds with Duarte's Promise Fellows Andrea Edwards and Diego Renteria.**

## Duarte's Promise Volunteers continue to serve Duarte

Duarte was the first city in the San Gabriel Valley to join the national movement committed to enhancing the lives and futures of America's youth.

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  - Opportunities to give back through community service.
- At a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting, two Promise Fellows

shared their passion for volunteering and various opportunities to serve.

Andrea Edwards has been partnering with the Duarte Senior Center – and has created the first Duarte Senior Center Chorus! The chorus was available during the holidays for performances (4 songs for \$40).

Diego Renteria shared the opportunity to share with needy families in our area through the Holiday of Promise.

They also shared information on the El Nino Preparation and Response workshops.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com).

# “Here come the Baby Boomers!” – 70 years later

By Neil Earle

The year 2015 was particularly rich in important historical associations, the end of World War II and the memories it evoked.

## ChapCare awarded a \$300,000 grant

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare) has been awarded \$300,000 (over 2 years) by the UniHealth Foundation, a non-profit philanthropic organization whose mission it is to support and facilitate activities that significantly improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities within its service area.

The generous grant award will support the establishment of ChapCare's comprehensive community health center in the City of Monrovia (ChapCare Lime). ChapCare's state-of-the-art facility brings a range of much needed, primary healthcare services to the underrepresented, underserved, and underinsured families in the cities of Monrovia, Duarte, and Arcadia.

ChapCare Lime opened in Monrovia on August 3, 2015. The health center provides families with a vast array of primary healthcare services including; medical (family medicine, wom-

en's health (OB/GYN), and pediatrics), mental health counseling, optometry, and health insurance screening and enrollment.

“This one-stop-shop offers the community the opportunity to access a comprehensive array of high-quality primary healthcare services all under one roof,” said Margaret B. Martinez MPH, ChapCare's Chief Executive Officer. “We are grateful to the UniHealth Foundation for recognizing the importance of this project, and for providing such a significant financial commitment that will help ensure its success.”

ChapCare's new Monrovia facility is conveniently located at 513 E. Lime Avenue, Suite 102, Monrovia, CA 91016, just 4 blocks from downtown Monrovia. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ChapCare provides low- or no-cost health services (Medi-Cal and Medicare) and accepts many Covered California and private insurance plans.

the arrival of the Baby Boom generation. There would be 3.5 million Americans born in 1946 of whom 2.5 million are still alive. Between 1946 and 1964 there would be some 80 million of us. Coming of age in the 1960s, the Boomer influence on politics, race, gender and sex, music and societal change--everything from Ban the Bomb to seat belts – would be vast, even history-changing.

I'm one of them. It's hard to be objective but two social scientists, David Howe and Neil Strauss, already performed yeoman service in their 1999 study Generations charting five distinct generational patterns playing out in our society right now. Howe and Strauss have been worked over by the critics, of course, but we offer it here, with adjustments, as a possible key to helping us understand how and why our society has become so complicated and conflicted and suggesting some ways to work our way out.

Here is the theory:

The “Veterans” Generation (born 1902-1924): Saluted by Tom Brokaw in The Greatest Generation, this is the group that endured a Depression and fought a world war and turned around to face the Cold War. This was the ultimate can-do” civic generation represented to a “T” almost by

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# Boomers

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former President George H.W. Bush and Canadian born Joe Schuster who helped invent “Superman” in the 1930s. Remember Superman hid behind the guise of mild-mannered Clark Kent and those who stormed the beaches of Normandy usually shy away from the “hero” label.

The Adaptives (born 1925-1945) These are the quiet, effective community builders, valuing competence and institutions that work. William Shatner of Montreal who captained the star ship “Enterprise” is a god representative as the ultimate “whatever it takes” problem-solver from this cohort. Parents Ward and June Cleaver of the “Leave it to Beaver” TV series (1957-1963) epitomize this pattern.

Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964): The largest generation in North American history.

The soldiers came home, married their girlfriends and had lots of babies. But the Boomer gen-

eration ended up being known as rebels except that their generation was so large it split into two wings perhaps epitomized by liberal leaning President Bill Clinton and conservative Vice-President Dan Quale. These are the kids who grew up quietly watching Howdy Doody, buying Davy Crockett hats and following teen heartthrobs such as Paul Anka before exploding across the campuses of the 1960s. The Boomer hallmark is the questioning of received traditions. The movie quip, “What are you rebelling against?” and the reply “What have you got” is almost a motto.

Generation X (born 1964-1981) Almost the anti-boomers. Raised in an age of limits thanks to the energy crisis. Born survivors, they helped make “staying alive” the hit of 1979. They learned to heroically go it alone. Runner Terry Fox trying to sprint across Canada in 1980 to raise cancer awareness and young Michael J. Fox embracing free-enterprise individualism on “Family Ties” in the era of Ronald Reagan are standard-bearers.

The Millennials (born 1982 to now). We are hearing more and more about them as they come to responsibility and prominence in the 21st century. They have been the beneficiaries of the “return to values” trend of the 1980s leading to smoke-free environments, Neighborhood Watch, soccer classes, activism against drugs and AIDs. Their mantra is “making a difference” and they may begin the civic-minded cycle all over again. Not as reactive as Xers or as idealistic as Boomers, they have a legacy yet to write but are notable for high rates of voluntarism and quiet but steady community involvement, especially in seeking out careers in law-enforcement. A watchword is “authenticity” in leaders and institutions.

There it is, the Generations Thesis. All theories leak badly at the edges but think of the challenge it is for civic leaders, counselors, pastors and employers to deal with even some of these generational realities.

### The Boomer Legacy

Interestingly, in 2006 academic Leonard Steinhorn authored a book titled *The Greater Generation: In Defense of the Baby Boom Legacy*. There the author claimed that the accomplishments of his age group were greater than even the Greatest Generation. Steinhorn got this bold idea when one of his Millennial students asked in class what the Baby Boomers ever did except take drugs and stage arrogant protests. When Steinhorn ticked off in response a standard checklist of women’s rights, ethnic diversity, sexual equality, more democratic workplaces, environmentalism and a commitment to greater personal freedom his bright student was surprised. All of these were hard-won rights done often in the face of opposition or apathy from other generations. Boomer hero Martin Luther King, Jr. said it well, “Progress does not come rolling in on wheels of inevitability.”

There was nothing visibly heroic about what the Boomers accomplished, at least in the sense of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, argues Steinhorn. Most of the victories came through hard tedious slogging and argumentation from the court house to the White House. Think Erin Brokovich more than John Wayne. But the changes have been made. Not that everyone agreed with all the changes, just as we can’t expect the Lawrence Welk generation to understand all the fuss about the death of David Bowie or nor those who tout “short back and sides” as the ideal universal hairstyle to not look askance at dreadlocks. But slowly and relentlessly things do change. There was a time in the 1970s when hair lengths and skirt links caused friction in schools and at the workplace. Now the Yul Brynner look is in and long shaggy hair is relatively rare.

### Against the Status Quo

When Steinhorn makes a list of how the Boomers changed things, it can seem a bit sweeping and a tad overstated but it is worth rehearsing. As he records: “Demeaning and bigoted habits of speech – dis-



ROTARY PRESIDENT Lydia Carswell with Northview Intermediate School 8th graders Brandon Lou and Stephanie Gutierrez, and Northview Principal Rick Crosby.

## Rotary Club partners with Duarte schools to help develop leaders

When retired educator Lydia Carswell picked up two Duarte USD students to drive them to their bus for a weekend Rotary-sponsored teen retreat, she noticed they were shy and apprehensive about the event they were going to attend.

No surprise there, given their age. But when Stephanie Gutierrez and Brandon Lou of Northview Intermediate School returned from the three days in Crestline, they exhibited newfound self-confidence and a desire to share what they learned with peers, family members, and the sponsoring Rotary Club in a presentation.

Leadership is the theme of several programs sponsored by the local Rotary Club and it has translated into positive results for not only the Northview students, but also those at Duarte High School and it is one of the district’s most successful partnerships.

“One of the avenues of service is building the new generation,” said Carswell, a former teacher, principal and administrator at DUSD and now president of the Rotary Club. “We believe these youth are our leaders of the future. If they can start learning about service at an early age, they will grow up believing in service to the community.”

Rotary sponsors the Interact Club on the campus of Duarte High School and more than 50 students participate in a number of community oriented projects.

Giselle Lopez is president of the Interact Club, and attended the same Teen Leadership Camp the two younger students did, but in a different role. She served as a counselor and worked with the group that included Stephanie.

Matthew Sangalang is also a senior at Duarte High School and has taken his belief in leadership to a very visible position. As president of the Student Body, he has a seat as the student representative on the Duarte Board of Education.

“Matthew has represented not only our school, but all of the schools in the district, and he’s modeling great leadership skills,” said Mark Sims, principal of Duarte High. “Giselle and the Interact Club have been involved in a lot of projects and understand the importance of giving of yourself to the community.”

The leadership connection runs from the adult service club, through the school board, district administration, to the school campuses, and has allowed the students to make their mark.

Sangalang, who hopes to attend UCLA and study nursing, said he views leadership “as a chance to be a role model, and to set a good example. When I graduate, I hope others will have seen the potential for leadership that they have.”

In addition to serving as president of Interact Club, Lopez also serves on the Mayor’s Youth Council. “We have helped the City Council study some of the issues that have been important to the youth in the community,” she said. “We’re going to start having more programs for the Teen Center in the future.”

Lopez hopes to move on to Azusa Pacific University and study human resources. She believes her leadership efforts “have helped others learn the importance of getting involved.” She particularly enjoys the projects where Interact Club has a chance to give back to the community, including blood drives, walks for hope and cancer research, and working on the City of Hope float for the Rose Parade.

Gutierrez and Lou are leaders at Northview, serving as Student Body president and treasurer, and already focusing on the future: They’ve identified Yale and Stanford as their possible college destinations in four years. As eighth graders, they are part of a leadership class, which Principal Rick Crosby says is an important part of the school culture.

“Every Friday we have an assembly, and our student leaders get to learn public speaking, getting up and addressing an audience,” he explained. “But more importantly, leadership at the middle school level means caring about more than yourself.”

Crosby has watched Gutierrez develop as a leader and sees her blossoming in the role. She was student body president at Andres Duarte Elementary School when he was principal there.

And further solidifying the link between Rotary Club and Duarte USD, there are now plans to start an Interact service club for the students at Northview.

“The more we work on the leadership pipeline, the stronger our community will be with these future leaders,” said Carswell, the Rotary president.

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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.

### Hot Lunches

The Duarte Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals 60 years of age or over or the spouse of someone over age 60. You must call 24 hours in advance to reserve space for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513 and participants must check in for lunch by 11:45 a.m. The suggested donation is \$3.

### Meals on Wheels

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 YWCA Intervale Senior Services at (626) 214-9465.

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### Access Transportation

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### AARP Smart Driver Course (4-Hour Refresher Course)

Thursday, March 10, from 1-5 p.m., \$15 for AARP members, please have card present during registration and \$20 for non-members. Attendance is required at both sessions. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Reservations and payment are required prior to class. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment at (626) 357-3513.

### Free Blood Pressure Checks

The 2nd Tuesday of every month a nurse from Health Care 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 center or calling.

### Free Legal Clinic

Sara Polinsky, elder law at-

torney, 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., 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.

### Free Income Tax Preparation

Beginning in February trained volunteer counselors will assist seniors with income tax returns. This free service is by appointment only. We will start making appointments in January at the Center or by phone at (626) 357-3513.

### Movies

Two afternoons a month a top run movie is featured. FREE!

### Bingo

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

### Bunco

First Wednesday of the month, 12:30-3 p.m. Sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Win Prizes and meet new people. RSVP at (626) 357-3513. \$1 per person

### Cribbage

If you are interested in playing cribbage on the first and third 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!

### Book Club

The Senior Center's Book Club promotes enjoyable reading and lively discussion. Please call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to see what book they are currently reading.

### Paper Craft 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. Fee is \$5 per class.

### What's Happening In Duarte

Enjoy some conversation with Duarte Councilmember Liz Reilly at the Senior Center. Liz is at the Senior Center once a month. Call the 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 or call the Senior Center 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:

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# Citrus College prepares the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators

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

The United States' position as a global leader is due, in part, to the work of its scientists, engineers, and innovators. In recent years, ensuring that students in the U.S. have access to high-quality learning opportunities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects has become a national priority.

In response to the challenge to develop the next generation of STEM professionals, in 2008 Citrus College applied for and received a \$3.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to launch its award winning STEM program. In 2011, the college pursued additional funding from the U.S. Department of Education and was awarded a \$4.2 million grant to build upon and strengthen its existing program.

Since that time, Citrus College's STEM program has served our local communities, been recognized as a leader in STEM education in the state and nation, and set hundreds of Citrus College students on the pathway to STEM careers.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

Under the leadership of Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, those who developed Citrus College's STEM program incorporated several innovative components that have contributed to its success. One of the most exciting is the Summer Research Experience (SRE) program. Students accepted into the program spend eight to ten weeks at a university or research institution, where they work alongside faculty and researchers as members of a research team. This past summer, 51 SRE students interned at such prestigious institutions as the City of Hope; the Jet Propul-

sion Laboratory; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; the Oak Crest Institute of Science; Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens; Chapman University; and Cal State Fullerton.

Community outreach is another exciting aspect of Citrus College's STEM program. Each year, the college offers a variety of STEM related activities for students in our K-12 unified school districts, including Duarte area schools. The Secrets of Science Summer Camp (S3C), provides students with an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities in biology, physics, and chemistry laboratories on the Citrus College campus. Another summer enrichment program called the PAGE Program (Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry Enrichment) provides tutoring for local students who will enter grades six to ten in the fall. As part of the Women in Mathematics program, Citrus College STEM students have a unique opportunity to act as mentors for elementary and middle school girls and lead outreach activities such as "Adventures in Mathematics." In other programs, STEM students who are part of interdisciplinary research teams called RISE (Research in Science and Engineering) present outreach events that spread their enthusiasm for science and engineering to young students in our local schools. Citrus College's RISE teams also compete against other community colleges and four-year colleges and universities. For the fourth year, the Rocket Owls team has been selected to participate in the 2016 NASA Student Launch competition. Out of the 38 teams selected for this year's competition, they are the only community college team that will participate.

Citrus College's newest RISE team is the Galactic Owls. This team of six Citrus College physics students

has been accepted to participate in the 2016 NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge competition. The Galactic Owls will be required to design and build a rover that is human-powered and carries two students over a half-mile obstacle course of simulated extraterrestrial terrain. The national competition provides valuable experiences that engage students in the technologies and concepts that will be needed in future space exploration missions.

Some of the most noteworthy successes of the college's STEM program to date have been a 237 percent increase in STEM degree production between 2008-09 and 2014-15 and a 126 percent increase in STEM transfers to California State University and University of California campuses over the same period. In addition, the college has been designated a "STEM Jobs Approved College for 2015" by Victory Media, placing it among the top 125 colleges and universities out of 1,600 surveyed nationally. Most recently, Citrus College's SRE program was one of two California community college programs to receive the 2015 Chancellor's Student Success Award for supporting California community college students in achieving their higher education goals.

As someone who has served as a community college professor of mathematics for the majority of my career, I recognize that none of these recognitions would be possible without a dedicated faculty and staff and a lot of hard work and commitment on the part of the college's outstanding STEM students. A 2013 report by the National Science and Technology Council presented evidence that too few of our nations' youth have access to quality STEM learning opportunities. Citrus College is working to change that with an innovative STEM program that reaches beyond our own college campus to our future students - those in local K-12 schools. As we provide programs that make science and mathematics fun, important and engaging for students of all ages, we are also contributing to the nation's economy, national security and global leadership of the future.

## Seniors

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### Irish Eyes Are Smiling Luncheon and Show

Thurs., March 17, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$72 regular price (\$8 discount for residents = \$64, \$4 discount for non-residents = \$68) (Lunch included)

The day begins with a drive to Alhambra to Almanson Court for an Irish party as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a show full of popular Irish songs & sing-alongs from this magical part of the world. The cast will entertain you with Irish music and dances with tunes like Danny Boy, McNamara's Band, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Molly Malone, and a scene from Finian's Rainbow, the most popular Irish Broadway musical ever! Enjoy a delicious Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage (or choose Chicken Parmesan or veggie pasta) all the trimmings, and a glass of wine. Be sure to wear something green or you may be visited by a leprechaun.

### A Really Big Shoo

Ed Sullivan Show - Wednesday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fee: \$86 regular price (\$8 discount for residents = \$78, \$4 discount for non-residents = \$82) (Lunch included)

The day begins with a drive to beautiful Palm Springs with our first stop for lunch at Sherman's Deli and Bakery. For lunch we will have a 1/2 sandwich with a choice of soup or salad.

Then we're off to A Really Big Shoo! The Ed Sullivan Show was the longest running variety show in television history. While it showcased comedians, circus performers, a little mouse, actors and more, the show became famous for its cutting-edge musical performance. Join us in fabulous Palm Springs for a walk down memory lane. A Really Big Shoo will take place at the magnificent Annenberg Theater in downtown Palm Springs. Host Bill Johnson as Ed Sullivan, will be joined by tribute artists including the Beatles, Elvis, Marilyn, Diana Ross, Tina Turner and performances by some special guests who used to dance with Palm Springs Follies!

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

### ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSION Spotlight on Washington D.C.

Exploring America's Capitol - October 20-25, 2016, 6 days, 8 meals (5 breakfasts and 3 dinners). Fees: \$2,399 per person double occupancy, \$2,899 per person single occupancy, \$2,369 per person triple occupancy

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### Special Travel Presentation

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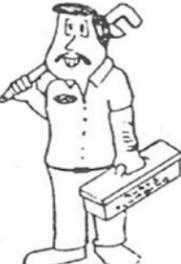
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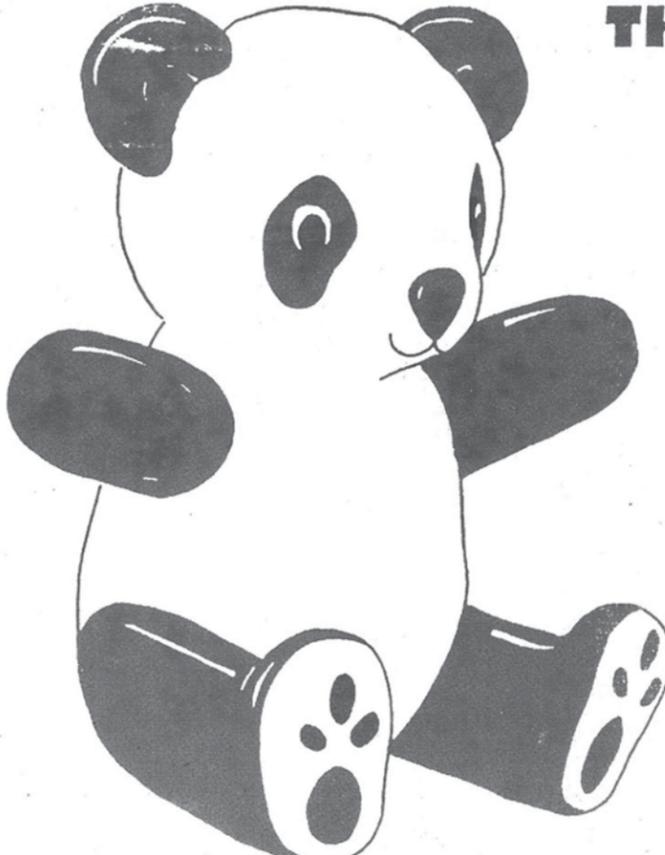
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# Recuerdos de Monrovia: History of Mexican Americans at the Duarte Museum Feb. 12

“Until the 1950s, the Monrovia’s Mexican American community was like one extended family tied to each other by kinship, church, school, work and community.” Through studies, research and the recording of oral histories, Susie Ling, Associate Professor of History and Ethnic Studies at Pasadena City College and member of the Monrovia Latino Heritage Society, has published a booklet entitled Recuerdos de Monrovia: History of Mexican Americans. She will present a power point program on the subject on February 12 at 7 p.m. at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte.

Memories of life in the Monrovia area make for poignant stories as descendants of pioneer families recall what life was like during segregation and what day to day activities included such as riding bikes to Azusa, swimming in the streams below the canyons and raiding strawberry fields.

A Mexican food potluck will precede the talk at 6 p.m. For details call (626) 358-0329. Admission is free.

# Curiosities of the Cali- fornia Desert talk February 11 at Duarte Senior Center

Join Alan and Claudia Heller for a virtual trip to quirky, curious and historic sites in the California Desert. The couple’s new book *Curiosities of the California Desert: Historic, Offbeat & Forgotten Attractions* is recently released and sets forth adventures awaiting those who seek them. The talk will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 11 at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive. Admission is free.

Salvation Mountain, Cerro Gordo, the Integratron and Giant Rock, Willie Boy’s Grave and Devil’s Hole are a few of the unique areas that offer adventure right here in our own State. Over the past 50 years, the Hellers have explored and photographed these areas.

In 1972, Alan joined a team of rangers on a scuba expedition in Death Valley’s Devil’s Hole to photograph the endangered Devil’s Hole Pupfish. His talk will take us into the crystal clear 92 degree waters to meet these playful fish.

Alan and Claudia Heller have also authored *Life on Route 66 and Duarte Chronicles*.

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



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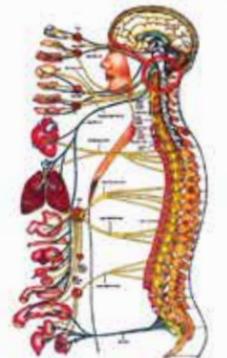
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# Fitness Center Membership Sale



It's SALE time at the Duarte Fitness Center where you can save 20% on memberships February 14 through February 17. A membership to the Duarte Fitness Center allows members to participate in a wide variety of physical activities. The Life Fitness strength equipment includes a Chest Press, Lat Pull-down, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. Also available are Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes and cross trainers. In addition, the Fitness Center has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic classes are also offered.

Sale prices are available for Duarte residents starting as low as \$128 for one full year. Non-resident rates start as low as \$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.

# Park and 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. For information on rental policies and fees call (626) 357-7931.

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# A Win for the Community



THE DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL Boys Varsity Basketball Team got the season started with a spectacular 49-37 win against the Gladstone High School Gladiators on January 13. In attendance to cheer on the Falcons was Victor Benavides from City of Hope's Government and Community Relations Department. The Falcons coaching staff presented a sponsorship plaque and banner as a result of City of Hope's support of the Duarte High School Boys Basketball Program. When asked about the sponsorship, Mr. Benavides commented, "City of Hope believes that when you support your community, everyone comes out a winner." Pictured from left are DHS Boys Varsity Basketball Team Assistant Coach Mitch Bigornia, City of Hope's Victor Benavides, Head Coach Earl Sanchez, and Assistant Coach Alex Cervera. Not in picture is Head Booster Laura Silverman.

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Businesses are supporting these initiatives by offering scholarships, internships, and equipment to participating students. We expect to document evidence of this heightened interest in college and career when we complete our survey of students, parents, staff, business and civic leaders, and other Duarte stakeholders that is currently under way in the Duarte Unified School District.

The Duarte USD Survey is an integral part of a strategic planning initiative to recreate our district in the image of the 21st Century global landscape. We also expect to hear that students want us to design learning environments that are authentic, centering on problem-based learning projects, incorporating web technologies, and utilizing STEM concepts.

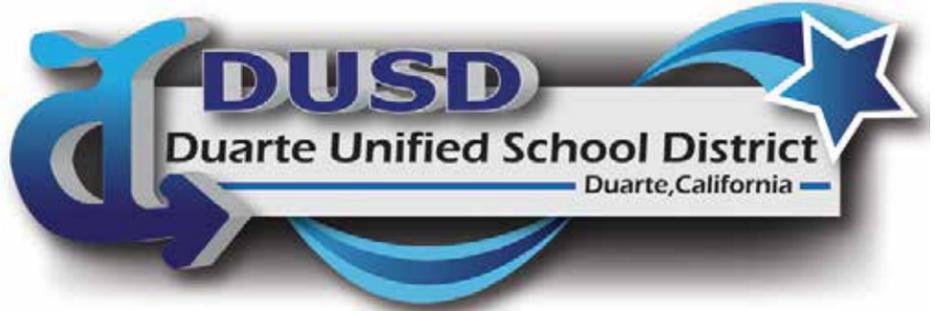
We intend to put the A (for Art) into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and provide a STEAM education that gives our students an advantage in the competitive world marketplace that awaits them.

We are asking for your valuable feedback as we move through this process. The first opportunity is to take the Duarte USD Survey available February 1-12 that is accessible online at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org).

Thank you for taking part in this important initiative and helping to narrow the opportunity gap for our students as we create the future of our district together!



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO



## The Duarte Unified School District Competitive Advantage Plan

### Be a part of it!

The process to develop a strategic plan to guide the Duarte Unified School District for the next 5 years has begun! It is called the Competitive Advantage Plan (C.A.P.).

• Why do you choose to attend Duarte's schools?

• What do you like about us?

• What can we do better?

• For families who choose not to attend Duarte's schools, why?

These questions form the foundation for the planning process that is currently underway. The overarching goal is to examine everything we do and every penny we spend to ensure that our actions and practices reflect the children, families, and community that we serve.

The examination will be thorough, and revolves around gathering information from all of our families, residents, business owners, organizational and community members - those who have children attending our schools and those who choose not to.

Under the direction of Superintendent Allan Mucerino and the Board of Education, the district has contracted with independent educational evaluators to assist in the process. Dr. Nazy Zargarpour, Director of the Educational

Evaluation Program and Senior Research Fellow at Claremont Graduate University, leads the process.

If you are a resident or community member within the attendance area of Duarte Unified, whether you have children attending the district or not, we need you to tell us what you think about our schools. Your valued feedback will be used to develop the strategic plan that will guide DUSD into 2021!

**Take the Duarte USD Survey online  
Feb. 1 to 12, 2016  
at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org)**

Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy. This short online survey can be taken using any device with internet connection including a smart phone, and is available in both English and Spanish.

If you don't have internet access, don't worry! You still can participate by completing a hard-copy version that is obtainable at all Duarte USD schools, District Office and public city locations including Duarte City Hall, Senior Center and Teen Center.

You can also call (626) 599-

5019 to request a copy of the survey. Our goal is 100% participation!

In addition to the Duarte USD Survey, data collection, focus groups and town hall meetings will also be a part of our strategic process culminating in action by the Board of Education in June, 2016. Implementation of the plan will begin with the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Everyone in Duarte Unified School District's area of attendance will have opportunities to participate and offer input. Sharing your insight is crucial to the development of the future of our schools. Your feedback is valued and your involvement is important.

Make your voice heard by taking the Duarte USD Survey starting February 1st at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org)!

Learn more about the Duarte USD Competitive Advantage Planning process, timeline of activities, and ways you can get involved by visiting us online at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org).

Also, follow us on Twitter @duarteusd, watch us on YouTube at DuarteUnifiedYouTV, join us on Instagram at Duarte Unified and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DuarteUSD](http://www.facebook.com/DuarteUSD).

## DHS takes gold at regional SkillsUSA competition

Congratulations to Duarte High School's SkillsUSA 2016 participants! SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations.

Duarte Unified students have access to their programs which include local, state and national competitions where students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. At the annual national-level SkillsUSA Championships, nearly 6,000 students compete in 99 occupational and leadership skill areas.

In the regional level competition held on January 23, DHS student Daniel Tejada won a First Place Gold Medal in the Technical Computer Applications category. This accomplishment is even more impressive because it is the first year DHS sent a competitor to participate in this event. Kyle Morris and Michael Woo took home Silver Medals for Web De-

sign. DHS also proudly represented in the Broadcast Journalism, Digital Photography, Carpentry and Culinary Arts categories.

As soon as results from the other regional competitions taking place across California are tabulated, students will learn if they will be advancing to the State level trials. The ultimate goal is to return to the SkillsUSA National Championship held this summer.

In 2013, the Broadcast News Team won a gold medal at the state-level that qualified them for entry into the nationals in Kansas City, Missouri. All of the students competing this year in all of the categories are eager to return to the competition to vie for the title of National Champions once more.

Kudos to the students' competition advisors and teachers: Levon Yotnakhparian (Broadcast News), Jason Prince (Culinary Arts) and Amy Bustos (Business Entrepreneurship/Microsoft Certification).

## Duarte USD now using Agenda online

The Duarte Unified School District has once again affirmed its commitment to collaborate with all stakeholders to build a culture of full transparency with the adoption of its paperless online agenda. Effective with the Board of Education meeting of January 14, 2016, the new format will be used.

The selected online agenda platform is a highly regarded tool which many districts in the state have embraced. It allows

anyone with a computer or other smart device to access the Board's agenda and minutes along with supporting documents through the internet.

You are invited to access the agenda through the district's website, [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org), or directly at [www.agendaonline.net/public/duarte](http://www.agendaonline.net/public/duarte).

"The DUSD governance team has embraced the paperless rev-

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## Take the Duarte USD Survey February 1-12, 2016 at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org)



### What do you think about our schools?

Residents, business owners and community members within the Duarte Unified attendance area, we need your input! Whether you have children attending our schools or not, be a part of developing the strategic plan that will guide Duarte Unified into 2021 by taking our short online survey between February 1-12, 2016.

### Que piensan de nuestras escuelas?

Residentes, dueños de negocio, miembros de la comunidad de Duarte, necesitamos su opinión! Si usted tiene niños que asisten a nuestras escuelas o no, al tomar nuestra encuesta del 1 al 12 de febrero, 2016 será parte del desarrollo del plan estratégico que guiará a distrito de Duarte al 2021.

## Tome la Encuesta de Duarte USD 1 a 12 febrero 2016 en línea [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org)

*The Duarte Chamber of Commerce is making available a computer during the Duarte USD Survey period February 1-12, 2016, for people who don't have computer access to take the survey. The office is located at 1634 Third St., Duarte, and is available Mon-Thurs., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. It is best to call beforehand to be sure someone is in the office as the Chamber has many outside activities during the day. Please call (626) 357-3333 to reserve your computer use time.*

# Duarte students and City of Hope: *Science in Action*

The lab coats were the smallest size available, but still too large. It mattered little to the young scientists from the fifth grade at Valley View Elementary in Duarte, who may grow into the coats in the future.

That's the purpose of collaboration between the City of Hope and Duarte Unified School District as students are given three separate exposures to the work of the scientists at City of Hope during their school years.

"The purpose is to excite students about science and research and to encourage them to enter into biomedical research career paths," explained Alexandra Race, program coordinator for the Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA), which is funded by a multi-million dollar National Institutes of Health grant.

"Our long-range goal is to increase the pipeline of under-represented minority students entering in to the sciences in college and pursuing science-related careers and professions."

On a recent Friday, approximately 40 students from Valley View participated in a half-day program in which they were exposed to four different hands-on experiments by City of Hope scientists. The fifth graders participated in lessons about the digestive system, blood typing and transfusions, how diseases are spread, and protecting the

brain.

Each of the sessions was designed so that the young scientists could participate in a lesson connected to California's science curriculum and expose them to the joy of scientific experimentation and discovery. Sessions were kept to less than 30 minutes in length and were taught by graduate students and post-doctoral students working in the labs at City of Hope's sprawling campus in Duarte.

In the digestive session, where they rolled up their sleeves on the lab coats, Dr. Marisa Bowers challenged them to come up with a combination of household substances to coat a pill for a hypothetically sick fellow student.

Later, they participated in an exercise to type simulated blood and learned which blood types are compatible; they learned how quickly diseases can spread simply by physical contact, and they used common packing materials to protect an egg, which was taking the place of the human brain.

Bowers, who coordinates the program along with Race, believes that regular visits to City of Hope and opportunities to see how science works will convince many of these students to pursue science careers after high school.

"The program was designed to touch students three times before they reach high school (in 2nd, 5th and 8th grades), with the idea that



repeated contact may help encourage their interest in science," said Bowers. "We hope that by the time students enter high school, they are more interested in science-related careers and will participate in our summer research program."

Many of the young scientists were on their second visit, having previously participated in 2nd grade, and enthusiastically embraced the lessons. When an instructor encouraged inquiry, the

Valley View students were eager participants.

"I was happy to see that many were willing to both answer and ask questions during the activity sessions," said Bowers.

"These students seemed very engaged," said Race. "The teachers we talked to had positive responses and said the students were very interested and enjoyed the activities."

That enthusiasm starts with their teachers at DUSD schools, of course. Accompanying this group was Ruth Munoz, who teaches 5th grade at Valley View.

"You can see how much they enjoy the lessons," said Munoz. "This is not just another field trip, especially for those who were here as second graders."

Each group of about 15 students, plus teachers and parent chaperones, rotated through the four lessons during the morning, and were headed back to campus at mid-day.

High school students from DUSD participate in a summer project at City of Hope and many are focused on pursuing science degrees in college with an eye to careers. Of course college, or careers, are in the distant future for these young scientists. More importantly on this day was working in teams of two or three to find a way to protect that egg, much like a helmet protects the

brains of those who ride bicycles or skateboards.

In a plaza garden between buildings, where statues and plaques salute donors, volunteer instructor Manbir Sandhu challenged them on the egg-protecting exercise. Students may have been oblivious to the emblem saluting "Pillars of Hope," but their efforts to protect the eggs from short falls were indicative of the hope that programs like this can offer students.

"Our District is very fortunate to be able to partner with City of Hope," said Alan Mucerino, Superintendent of Duarte Unified School District. "They are a major source of pride in the community and collaborative programs like this help our students appreciate the value of education."

"There was nothing like this when I was in 5th grade," commented Cai Roberts, a grad student who taught the lesson on blood typing. "Because of TV shows like CSI, and others, kids are learning that it's cool to be science nerds."

On this day at City of Hope, science was very cool and the students from Valley View learned some lessons that will hopefully steer them in the direction of higher education. By the time those lab coats fit, they will be ready to look at majors in one of the sciences in college.



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olution by leveraging technology to maximize staff output and decrease printing, bindery and delivery costs, and in the process reducing our carbon footprint," said Dr. Allan Mucerino, superintendent of DUSD.

Anyone with questions about Agenda Online may contact the superintendent's office at (626) 599-5037.

At its organizational meeting in December, the Board also approved the schedule of regular meetings for the 2016 calendar year: January 14, February 11, March 10, March 24, April 14, May 19, June 23, June 30, July 21, August 11, September 8, September 22, October 13, October 27, November 17, and December 8.

DUSD Board of Education meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, and begin at 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

## Flag

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community of what it means to serve our country.

"This flag represents the will and resolve of the American people to protect those who cannot protect themselves, and to stand strong and defeat all who attempt to bring us harm," wrote the commander.

Ms. Salas summed up the value of the project: "The students have a deeper compassion for men and women who are away from their families during the holidays."

Superintendent Alan Mucerino and the Duarte USD School Board appreciated the efforts of the students and their teachers to connect with the military and publically recognized the teachers, students and army staff involved at the January 14, 2016 board meeting.



# DEF recognizes community volunteers



**FORMER ASSEMBLY MEMBER Anthony Portantino (right) presents Frank Haynes' Duarte Education Foundation Distinguished Community Volunteer award (posthumously) to his daughter Xelina, wife Mary, and grandson Jake.**

Two years ago the Duarte Education Foundation (DEF) embarked on an unprecedented partnership with the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD). This partnership, known as Music Matters, has one goal - to build and expand musical education programs for DUSD students. With a tall goal of \$500,000 over a five-year period, the DEF and Music Matters embarked on an aggressive fundraising campaign.

This campaign will focus on instruments and formal music instruction in all schools in Duarte Unified. Seventy-one percent of students in DUSD live in households at or below the poverty line with no means to purchase or rent an instrument of their own. We have been able to purchase instruments for those in 6th grade at every school. Instrument purchases for 5th grade students were started at three schools prior to 2015-2016 school year. This year's donations will be used to purchase musical instruments and musical equipment for the remaining schools.

In October 2015, our annual fundraising and auction dinner, La Luna Rosa, was held. One hundred percent of the net proceeds go directly to the Music Matters program. Emceed by Anthony Portantino, the community, dignitaries, and supporters of the Education Foundation came out to help us raise funds for this year's contribution and to honor this year's recipients. The 2015 honorees were community residents: Peter and Deborah Vincent, Frank Haynes (posthumously); City of Hope's Dr. Marcia Miller; Citrus College's Dr. Arvid Spor; Mariela Avila, DUSD's Teacher of the Year; and Melissa Ward, DUSD Classified Employee of the Year.

For the second straight year, the dinner was chaired by Lisa Magno-Marino. Lisa's committee transported City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium into a Spanish themed evening. The dinner featured Spanish fare, flamenco dancers, and a lively auction. In addition to the funds raised at the dinner, DEF was able to secure a \$15,000 grant from Southern California Edison. With many local and corporate sponsors, once again, our goal was exceeded! A check will be presented at the February 11 School Board meeting.

This year several generous sponsors stepped forward to support Music Matters. 2015 sponsors were Southern California Edison, Banks Power, Citrus College, City of Hope, Duarte Unified School District, Lisa and

Larry Marino, Nita Norgard, Piper Jaffray, Rutan & Tucker, LLP, and Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.

In addition, the following

donors enabled us to have a very successful auction: Cabbie's Pizza, City of Duarte, DLL Technology, E-Z Dog Wash, Edward and Helen Ferguson, Five Guys,

Foothill Credit Union, Golf N' Stuff, In-N-Out Burger, Krikorian Premiere Theatres LA Racing, Leighton Group, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles Dodgers, Matt Denny's Ale House Restaurant, Max's Mexican Cuisine, Norman's Nursery, Paintball USA, Pavilions, Pieology Pizzeria, Scandia, Sea World, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Souplantation, Cheryl Taylor, Thai City, Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, and Wetzel's Pretzels.

To the community, donors, volunteers, and sponsors we extend our heartfelt thank you. Because Music Matters.



**FLAMENCO** dancers provided entertainment during the dinner portion of the evening.



**GUITARIST** Gerardo Morales serenaded at the social hour, setting the mood for a wonderful evening.



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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

#### 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 22. Space is limited and interviews will be held on January 27.

### Club Duarte

On Friday, January 22, and Friday, March 18, 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.

Admission is \$5 with middle school ID

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

On Thursday, February 11, at 3:30 p.m. the guys and gals will battle it out in pop culture trivia for team prizes!

### Tournament Tuesdays!

For the entire month of February the Teen Center will host tournaments every Tuesday! Come and show off your skills in various tournaments for prizes! Tournaments are held at 3:30 p.m. and are free!

Ping Pong Tournament: Tuesday, February 2

Pool Tournament: Tuesday, February 9

XBOX One: Tuesday, February 15

Karaoke Sing Off: Tuesday, February 23

### 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 Tuesdays, January 26, February 16, and March 8 & 22.

### Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. FREE!

### 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 Fridays January 22, February 12 & 26, and March 11 & 25 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!

### Hip Hop Dance!

Come join Duarte's Teen Hip Hop Crew "Duarte Dance." The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. for grades 7-12. This is a free program that has three levels: beginning,

advanced, and new a college level.

### Youth Boxing Program

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome. Participants learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape!

Participants will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. Youth can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at the annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 4-7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or stop by for a visit.

### SPRING BREAK EXCURSION!

#### Six Flags Magic Mountain

Yes, we are headed to the Mountain! The Duarte Teen Center will take a trip to Six Flags during spring break. The trip departs Tuesday, March 29, at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$45.



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## FDL welcomes New Year

Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) members will be meeting Mon., Feb. 9, at 5 p.m. to vote for incoming officers. An exciting new slate will continue the service to the Duarte Library for the coming year and kick off the annual membership drive for 2016. The meeting is at the Duarte Library Community Room, 1301 Buena Vista St., Duarte.

A warm welcome to Co-Presidents: Barrett Jamison and Susan Nock; Vice President: Marisela Adams; Secretary: Sandy Para; and Treasurer: Scott Hilton. The position of Financial Secretary remains vacant. If you are interested in becoming a member or serving as a board member contact Susan Nock at (626) 357-7273.



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## Foothill Credit Union offers scholarships to local college bound students

Foothill Federal Credit Union (Foothill) is once again offering its College Bound Scholarship. As a committed partner to education and financial literacy awareness in the Foothill communities, Foothill is proud to give-back to local students with this scholarship opportunity.

Foothill offers several scholarships, with a maximum of \$2,000

to each recipient. The scholarship is open to members of the credit union who have a MoneySmart or MoneyBound account. Applicants must be entering their freshman or sophomore year of college. If chosen, the award will be paid directly to the student on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Foothill's Annual Meeting.

To qualify the applicant must

provide documents such as a school transcript, letters of recommendation, and a personal essay. This year, students have the option to also include a short video to highlight his or her personality and future goals.

In 2015, Foothill awarded three major scholarships at \$2,000 each. All winners, Anika Lars, Jacob Kramer and Gilbert Shen attended Foothill's annual meeting to receive recognition and accept their scholarship checks.

Applications will be distributed to local high school career centers, but can also be accessed via Foothill's website at: [www.foothillcu.org](http://www.foothillcu.org).

## San Gabriel National Monument talk March 5

Will the new San Gabriel Mountains National Monument affect quarrying operations? What are the boundaries and are they permanent? What can we do to take advantage of this new National Monument?

Joseph Llewellyn, Forest Service Partnership Development Coordinator, will answer your questions on March 5, 2 p.m. at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte. He will fill us in on the details and what changes it will mean to the public.

Applications are due by Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Foothill specializes in serving local school district and hospital employees. The credit union strives to exceed its members' expectations. In addition to offering student scholarships, Foothill supports the advancement of education by offering Classroom Improvement grants and teaching financial literacy classes at local schools.

Free. For more information call (626) 358-0329. The talk will conclude in time for participants to join in the grand opening of the Duarte Metro Station scheduled for 4 p.m.

## Change

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credited. The sexual double standard – confronted. Deference to white men – challenged. Discrimination against anyone outside the mainstream – rooted out. Imposing religious values – rejected. The command and control workplace – discarded. Sexual harassment – outlawed. Entrenched authority – held accountable. Smoke-filled politics, cronyism, secrecy in government – unmasked. Toxic run-off and belching smokestacks – no longer tolerated." And most of this was done, adds Steinhorn, over entrenched complacency.

He is writing widely and perhaps sweepingly but it is worth pausing in this foundational year for so many North Americans to grasp a little more deeply how much our societies have changed and why. The changes haven't all been good or even beneficial as some of our escalating social problems such as grass-roots drug addiction and in-school violence shows. But if we grasp that great lesson of seeing where the other group is coming from, appreciating people right where they are, then all of us will live up to that great motto "E Pluribus Unum." After all, one of the death-knells for any group or society is the faded slogan, "But that's the way we've always done it." In a world moving at the speed of Twitter this is worth at least considering.

### Coming Together?

On a personal level I've noticed as I get older how much I resemble my parents more than my students. In other words the Veteran and Boomer generations have more in common than not. Historian Margaret McMillan recently wrote of this in The Wall Street Journal, that there is a grudging admission by Boomers that the G.I. generation had done so so much, investing in infrastructure (now fraying) and building institutions to strengthen societies at home and abroad (NATO, the Center for Disease Control).

This point was reemphasized for me in a USA Today article just after the terror attacks of September 11, 2011. A baby boom mother was reflecting on how at most arenas and mass public events people were singing "God Bless America," and even "America the Beautiful." Some still do. When her children looked at her with some bemusement as she heartily sang these unofficial anthems, she realized that her children did not know the words. Then she remembered where she had learned them – from her parents, the "Saving Private Ryan" generation. And she breathed a word of thanks and a resolve to pass these things on to her millennial kids.

Perhaps, as McMillan added, the controversies and divisions and feuds and frettings of the contentious present are wearing us all down, making all of us grow up a little, at least enough to learn that – going forward – we are all in this thing called society together and there are no absolute winners in the culture wars.



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# DUARTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Open for Business

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Have a Successful and Prosperous Year!

**Duarte Chamber OF COMMERCE**

**Free Business Seminar**  
 Open to ALL Local Businesses

Learn about connecting and fostering collaboration within the local tech community at the heart of San Gabriel Valley with Guest Speaker Bruce Lathrop  
 President and co-founder of MADIA Tech Launch Inc., a non-profit organization and industry incubator providing educational services to the region's technical, scientific and industrial workforce.

**Free**

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Time: 11-11:30 a.m. – Networking  
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Program

Where: Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte

**Limited Space • Reservations Required**  
 Light Lunch will be provided

R.S.V.P to Duarte Chamber at (626) 357-3333 or register online at [www.duartechamber.com/register-for-an-event](http://www.duartechamber.com/register-for-an-event)

Brought to you by Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City of Duarte Economic Development Commission, and FWDB Foothill Workforce Development Board

**Duarte & Irwindale Dual Chamber Networking Mixer**  
 Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016 \* 5:30-7:30 pm

At City of Hope Amini Transfusion Medicine Center  
 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte

\*Security Kiosk will direct you

**JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD, DRINKS, NETWORKING AND RAFFLE PRIZES!**  
 Tours are available of The Blood Donation Center

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 Or call the Duarte Chamber office at (626) 357-3333

**Chamber Networking Events**

**NETWORK BREAKFAST**  
 Come meet new members and network your business!  
 at Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine  
 1856 Huntington Dr., Duarte  
 Meets third Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, February 16 / March 15

**LADIES BROWN BAG NETWORK LUNCH**  
 For location contact the chamber office  
 Meets last Tuesday of the month,  
 Tuesday, February 23

Make your reservations through the online calendar at [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com) or call (626) 357-3333

**Duarte Chamber Members:**

**Free Member Workshop – Jan. 27, 11 am-12 pm**  
 Learn how to complete and optimize your Membership Traffic Catcher Promotional Page!

Reservation Required  
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**RESTAURANT OWNERS & BUSINESSES**

**INTERESTED IN HAVING A BOOTH AT THE TASTE OF DUARTE & BUSINESS EXPO ?**

Wednesday, May 25 – 5-8 p.m.

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- \* Business grand opening & ribbon cutting ceremony
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- \* Networking events
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