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## Pam Kawasaki elected President, Douglas Edwards Vice President of Duarte Board of Education

Pam Kawasaki was first elected to the Board in 2003. She originally moved to the city of Duarte with her family in 1957. She attended elementary school at Royal Oaks and her own two children are also Duarte USD alumni. Kawasaki attended college at Mt. St. Mary's/Loyola, and earned her BA Degree in English. Much of her adult life has been spent volunteering for the students in the Duarte Unified School District. She was a volunteer and played an active role in the PTA for many years at both Royal Oaks and Northview, and worked as an aide in the Special Education program. Kawasaki has also sought to serve the larger Duarte community through her work as a member of several public service organizations including Kiwanis, Rotary and the Duarte Education Foundation. She has been a role model to many students over the years who have expressed their desire to serve our community because of the example she has set. For her ongoing support and dedication to the school district, Kawasaki was awarded the Golden Apple in 2002.



**PAM KAWASAKI**

(Leading and Uniting Neighbors in Community Health), a tutoring program for residents and friends of Westminster Gardens here in Duarte. In addition, Edwards is Director of Church Outreach for the be.group, a non-profit organization with four communities for older adults in Duarte.

Kawasaki and Edwards will serve on the Board along with current members Ken Bell, Reyna Diaz, and Tom Reyes. The Duarte Unified School District Board of Education is an impressive team who are committed to making sure that learning and achievement for each and every student remains the primary focus.

the master plan that serves as the primary tool for city and school work with youth and families. Edwards is a Licensed Psychotherapist in private practice in Duarte and Pasadena. He specializes in assisting clients to address spirituality, aging, parenting, and attention disorders. For the past 20 years he has been an instructor for the Parent Education Program at Pasadena City College Community Education Center. Edwards is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has been working in the field of aging and older adult ministry for 32 years. During this time he also helped establish LAUNCH



**DOUGLAS EDWARDS**

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**STATE CONTROLLER JOHN CHIANG congratulates newly appointed Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly, left, and Mayor Pro Tem Tzeitel Paras-Caracci during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council.**

## Liz Reilly appointed Mayor, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Mayor Pro Tem in Duarte reorg

Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to appoint Liz Reilly, Mayor, and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor Pro Tem, for 2013-2014 during the annual reorganization meeting of the Duarte City Council on November 26.

Reilly, a 17-year resident of Duarte, is serving in her first term on the Duarte City Council. She was elected in November 2011, served as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2011-2012 and was reappointed by the City Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2012-2013.

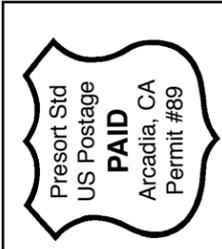
Reilly is employed as an instructional aide at Valley View Elementary School in Duarte. A graduate of the State University of New York with a degree in management and the University

of Oklahoma with a degree in nutrition, Reilly began her career as chief dietitian for the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, CA, and food service director for Alhambra Community Hospital.

Paras-Caracci was first elected to the Duarte City Council in November 2001.

She served as Mayor in 2006 and Chair of the former Redevelopment Agency in 2004.

As an elected Duarte official, she has also formerly served as President of APAMO (Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials), and on the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the National League of Cities, and the League of California Cities.



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## State of the Duarte Unified School District Luncheon March 6

Board President Pam Kawasaki will provide an update and the future plans for the Duarte Unified School District at the annual of the State of the Duarte Unified School District on Thursday, March 6, at the City of Hope, presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. The Presenting Sponsor is The Gas Company Advanced Meter.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium, 1500 Duarte Road. Tickets to the luncheon are \$20 per person.

For more information and reservations, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce, (626) 357-3333, or buy them on-line at [duartechamber.com](http://duartechamber.com) under the Events section on the homepage.

## Duarte State of the City Presentation and Reception March 19

Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly will present her assessment as well as future vision for our community at the State of the City on Wednesday, March 19, in the City Hall Courtyard presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. The Gas Company is the Presenting Sponsor.

"Duarte: Rising into the Future" is the theme for this year's event. The reception and presentation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte. Tickets to the reception are \$10 per person.

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Sale prices for Duarte residents are as low as \$128 for one full year of exercise/aerobics and aquatics or racquetball. Non-resident rates start as low as \$176, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive. Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.




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# Miss Duarte reunion Duarte Kiwanis



**RECALLING THE EXCITEMENT, stress and newly formed friendships, former Miss Duartes and Junior Misses reunited at the Duarte Historical Museum.**  
*Photo by Alan Heller*

Lost to history, the Miss Duarte pageant was discontinued in the mid 1990s, but many of the young ladies who participated found their lives changed forever. To commemorate this annual event, the Duarte Historical Society hosted a "Miss Duarte Reunion" on January 11 at the Museum in Encanto Park.

More than 50 guests gathered to photograph and reunite with the dozen past Miss Duarte and Junior Misses who joined the reunion and grand opening of the Miss Duarte exhibit which will remain on display through February.

Winners of the crown represented four decades of the event which was sponsored by the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department. The pageant featured young ladies who were Duarte residents. Most, but not all, were, Duarte High School students.

The reunion may be viewed on Duarte's Public Access Channel, DCTV, or on line at [dctvduarte.com](http://dctvduarte.com).

The museum is open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday each month 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.



**DOROTHY SIEFERT (WALSH)**  
Miss Duarte 1983  
*Photo by Dilip Tiwari*

# Duarte Kiwanis donates to Compassionate Rescue

One of the organizations the Duarte Kiwanis Club wanted to support this year was a unique one – Compassionate Rescue. Duarte Kiwanis learned about Compassionate Rescue through a member of the Sierra Madre Rotary Club. Compassionate Rescue works with community and international organizations to provide clean water to communities where it is most needed. This year, the Duarte Kiwanis donation along with donations from Sierra Madre Rotary and matching grants from Colgate Palmolive and Africare provided clean water to the Mazengo School in Tanzania. Compassionate Rescue was one of the target organizations the Duarte Kiwanis raised money for at their annual Installation dinner. The club presented a check for \$399 to Alan and Voki Unell of Compassionate Rescue.

Compassionate Rescue has a fundraiser on Fri., Feb. 14 – a celebration of renewal of vows at Alverno High School. Couples can register for \$30 at [www.compassionaterescue.org](http://www.compassionaterescue.org).

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drherandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drherandezoptometry.com).



**THE SHOP DUARTE contest, sponsored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, ended December 8 with \$100 cash being won by Duarte resident Sharman Warner (left). The winning ticket was drawn by Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly (right) and verified by Duarte Chamber Membership and Marketing Director Diana Burckhard. The \$100 was donated by Duarte Chamber Vice Chairman Pat Miller of New York Life Insurance.**  
*Photo by Mike Burckhard*



**FROM LEFT Robert Davis, Lt. Governor, Kiwanis Division 35; Voki Unell, Compassionate Rescue; Alan Unell, Compassionate Rescue; and Tina Carey, Past President, Duarte Kiwanis.**



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# Friends of the Duarte Library has an outstanding 2013

The Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) experienced an outstanding year during 2013. The 52 year old organization started the year off with new by-laws. The first changes to the by-laws in a very long time. The new by-laws bring the FDL into the digital age.

FDL has also increased the board members from seven to twelve. The 2013 officers are: Jan Wight, President; Pat DeRose, Immediate Past President; Wendy Wright, Vice President; Lisa Stone, Secretary; and Steve Baker, Treasurer. Serving as Members-At-Large are: Joan Schmidt Clayton, Ann Fleshman, Mirna de Lira Lopez, Bobbie Wenrick, and Susan Windham. Elections for 2014 officers will be held at the January 13 meeting. Library Manager, Joanna Gee, is an *ex officio* member of the Board also.

We began the year with a

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ADAM MILLER PERFORMED folk songs with autoharp and shared historical stories. This was the Friends of the Duarte Library holiday gift to the community.



WENDY WRIGHT at summer concert Reading Wagon.

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# Outstanding Duarte Community Volunteers Honored



OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS honored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at the Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast were: (from left front) Judy Ann Blake, Civic Service Award; Ashley Starr, Youth Award; Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly; Duarte Chamber Chairman Rona Lunde; and Isaiah Mendoza, Youth Award. Back row: Doug Edwards, Service to Senior Citizens Award; Henry Custodia, Business Award; and Jerry Delker, Humanitarian Award. Not in photo, Dr. Terry Nichols, Service to Youth Award.

Duarte expressed its thanks to outstanding community volunteers at the 28th annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 26th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards in November at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium. Associate Pastor Michael Fields, of Fellowship Monrovia was the keynote speaker. His discussion, "The Restoration of What's Broken" reflected on the eclectic road Fields has traveled which has successfully shaped him into his current role with the church.

Outstanding community vol-

unteers honored by the Chamber of Commerce were: Judy Ann Blake (Civic Service), Doug Edwards (Service to Senior Citizens), Jerry Delker (Humanitarian), Dr. Terry Nichols (Service to Youth), Henry Custodia (Business), and Isaiah Mendoza and Ashley Starr (Youth).

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



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### 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 \$2.

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## FDL

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fundraiser at Rancho Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, followed by another in April. Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant also volunteered at the end of the year to host a fundraiser for FDL. We are very appreciative of both restaurants helping us raise money for the library.

In both April and November FDL hosted Used Book Sales. We gather the books from community people who donate books to the Library. Those that are not sold are packed each month and sent to Better World Books, an organization that collects used books and sends them to literacy programs all over the world. FDL receives money for the ones we send to them.

It was FDL's pleasure to give \$1,500 in scholarships to two graduates, one from Duarte High School and one from Mt. Olive High School.

FDL was represented at each city summer concert. The children flocked to the red wagon full of children's books. Each child was able to choose the book of their choice and it belonged to them free of charge. We also ran a booth at the city picnic with a free game for children who won small gifts.

The FDL partnered with Ralph's Grocery. Register your Ralph's Reward card on their website and they will contribute a portion of all sales to the FDL. See instructions at "Get Involved" on the FDL web site.

The first Saturday in October means time for FDL's Annual Festival of Authors. We celebrated our 11th Festival with two main speakers and 60 other authors. The FDL is very thankful for over 80 volunteers, most of whom were students from Duarte High School and Northview Intermediate, who helped make the day happen.

Our last project this year was to present Adam Miller in a program of folk songs with autoharp and historical stories. He made two presentations in Duarte. Some who saw him in the morning show came to the afternoon show to enjoy his show again. This was FDL's holiday gift to our community.

Our purpose is to raise money for the Duarte Library. This year we were able to provide \$13,202.81 for books, DVD's, newspapers and magazines plus workshops for all ages. Currently we are raising money to purchase ten i-pads and e-readers.

The FDL invites you to look at our enhanced web site, www.friendsoftheduarteibrary.com and see all we do each year. If you are interested in becoming a member of FDL and/or a member of our board please contact us through the web site or leave your name and phone number or e-mail at the front desk at the Library.

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By Dr. Edward C. Ortell  
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For many years, Citrus College and our local K-12 school districts have been leveraging the power of partnerships. While collaboration is not new, in the past few years it has taken on a new emphasis, due to the substantial increase in the number of baccalaureate degree holders our nation will require by 2020, as well as an increased focus on time-to-completion of a college education. All of this is set in the backdrop of one of the country's most critical education challenges—increasing the number of students who train for careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).

Partnerships between colleges and K-12 school districts create synergies that are of benefit to both institutions. K-12 students are introduced to college courses, programs and opportunities, while the colleges are equipping their next class of incoming freshmen with tools for success. A great example of this is the partnership between Citrus College's science department and Duarte High School (DHS). For the past several years, Citrus College Biology Instructor Arnold Kondo and DHS Anatomy Instructor Jeff Radsick have collaborated to bring Duarte students to Citrus College to participate in anatomy and physiology labs. This past fall, a total of 130 DHS students came to Citrus College on four different days to complete labs. These visits helped students assimilate course information and provided them the opportunity to become familiar with the college and the programs offered in the science department.

Another area in which Duarte students have benefited by this type of collaboration is in the area of STEM education. Last June, Citrus College held its first annual RACE to STEM Secrets of Science Summer Camp. Middle school students from the college's surrounding school

districts, including Northview Intermediate, came to the college for the purpose of increasing their enthusiasm for science and learning about earning a STEM college degree. The first three days of the four-day camp consisted of hands-on, interactive laboratories. These labs included an egg drop challenge (physics), liquid density and color chromatography of the dyes found in the candy coating of M&M and Skittles candies (chemistry), culturing bacteria and a demonstration of the spread of microorganisms within a population (microbiology), a crime scene-inspired DNA profiling lab and strawberry DNA extraction lab (biology), and exploration of the properties of the sun utilizing Sunspotter equipment (astronomy). The final day of the camp involved workshops that focused on understanding the disciplines within STEM, exploring STEM careers, and learning strategies on how to successfully obtain a science degree.

The Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry Enrichment (PAGE) Program was another summer program in which Duarte 6th through 10th grade students took part. The program addressed pre-collegiate preparation in mathematics. Duarte students were among 325 local K-12 students to take part. As a result of the program, students' UCLA Readiness Test Scores improved in all subjects and students reported an increased interest in mathematics

and new-found confidence in their own mathematics abilities.

In 2009, DHS became the pilot for Citrus College's Early College Program. In this innovative collaboration, students are enrolled in Citrus College courses on the DHS campus and receive dual credit for each course. This means that a single course counts for both high school and college credit, allowing students to complete college work while enrolled at DHS, without taking additional classes. The courses are offered during periods 1 and 2 of the academic day and are taught by Citrus College faculty. The average student completing this program will have earned one full year of college level units by high school graduation. The current cohort enrollment is 34 students.

Early College provides access to college coursework for students who may not have the ability to attend classes on the Citrus campus. Perhaps more importantly, it has attracted many first-generation college students and provided a pathway for college success for all students enrolled in the program.

These programs are good ways to encourage students to begin their college careers and to be successful once they have started. However, there is another important transition point in the process of earning a baccalaureate degree. That step is the successful transfer to a four-year college or university. In fall 2012, 1,114 Citrus College students transferred to four-year colleges and universities. Of those students who transferred, 42 were among the first cohort of community college students to take advantage of the Student Transfer Achieve-

ment Reform Act of 2010. This historic legislation creates a clear statewide preferred transfer pathway for California's community college students to transfer to the California State University System, enabling them to enter with junior status.

Citrus College was recently recognized for its exceptional progress in achieving the goals of the Student Achievement Reform Act of 2010. A report by Campaign for College Opportunity found that 49 out of the state's 112 community colleges had developed only 2-4 associate degrees for transfer. In stark contrast, Citrus College was ranked among the state's top three colleges, with 13 associate degrees for transfer. The same report also recognized Citrus College as one of the top three colleges in the state for the number of students who earned the new transfer degree.

These excellent programs are only some of the ways in which Citrus College collaborates with the Duarte Unified School District to help Duarte students achieve their college goals. I am confident that the college will continue to work with Duarte USD to develop exciting new partnerships in the years ahead. College understands that it is not enough to provide veterans with access to classes. We must also be committed to helping student veterans complete their degrees or certificates.

President Obama has made veterans' education a priority of his administration, and last August he announced a challenge to institutions of higher education to adopt best practices that support educational success. Citrus College's Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. signed

President Obama's executive order to make Citrus College one of the participating community colleges and universities across the country to implement the President's "8 Keys to Success" to help student veterans.

The "8 Keys to Success" highlight specific ways that colleges can support veterans as they pursue their education and employment goals. With Citrus College and other institutions leading the way, the "8 Keys to Success" will help veterans complete college degrees and certificates and prepare for jobs in high-growth sectors of the economy.

The "8 Keys to Success" include the following:

1. Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for Veterans.
2. Ensure consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.
3. Implement an early alert system to ensure all Veterans receive academic, career, and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
4. Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all Veterans, together with the creation of a designated space.
5. Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for Veterans.
6. Use a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on Veterans, including demographics, retention and degree completion.
7. Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to Veterans.
8. Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for Veterans.

At Commencement in June, Citrus College was very proud of the 49 veterans that earned associate degrees or transferred to four-year colleges and universities. The college is also proud of the 419 veterans who are currently enrolled in classes.

As a College of Completion, Citrus College offers more than 80 programs of study where student veterans can earn an associate degree, an associate degree for transfer, or a certificate of achievement in a career and technical area.

Earning the designation of "Military Friendly School" by *GI Jobs* magazine for the past four years is a validation of the college's programs and services for veterans. It is also an affirmation of a college culture that is supportive and welcoming. The college's Veteran Center provides a "one-stop shop" approach to serving veterans that saves them time and guides them through the process of accessing the benefits they have earned. The "Peer2 Peer" mentor program – which connects new student veterans with current, successful student veterans – helps them stay connected while they work toward their goal of earning an AA, AS, AS-T or AA-T degree and transferring to a four-year institution.

The Veterans Club provides support and heightens student engagement and achievement, which leads to program completion and college success.

Our veterans have made tremendous sacrifices for their country, and they deserve our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. They also deserve an opportunity to acquire an education that will result in rewarding careers and productive civilian lives. I consider it a privilege to be a part of their educational journey.

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# Puente Hills Landfill closure impacts disposal rates for Duarte residential and commercial customers beginning Jan. 1, 2014

Duarte residents can expect to begin paying an average of about \$1.50 more a month on their trash bill beginning January 1, 2014. After a two-year reprieve from any residential increases, an 8% rate increase will go into effect for residential service following a review of the cost data submitted by Burrtec Waste Industries. Commercial customers will also realize a rate increase in the new year. The most commonly used commercial waste service will rise about \$4.30 more per month.

Under the City's contract with Burrtec, annual rate adjustments for refuse collection and recycling are permitted based a specific formula that takes into account various cost factors including the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, waste disposal tipping fees and fuel. The greatest cost increase this year was for green waste disposal. Puente Hills Landfill, which closed on Oct. 31, 2013, had previously

used green waste as alternative daily cover. The Los Angeles Sanitation District's Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station in Whittier (PHMRF) where the refuse of Duarte and other San Gabriel Valley cities is now transported, utilizes green waste as a compost/mulch material which requires more processing at a higher cost. Another factor impacting the cost of refuse disposal is a depressed recyclables market. Recyclable materials have lowered in value largely as a result of China's increased quality standards for mixed paper. Fuel costs also increased by 1.27%.

Duarte has historically maintained some of the lowest rates in Los Angeles County. Duarte's most commonly used residential rate is the second lowest of all the cities surveyed and the most commonly used commercial service rate continues to be lower than the average, compared to

surrounding cities.

For residential customers who utilize 90-gallon trash container, 60 gallon recyclable container, and 60 gallon green waste container, the rate will increase from \$19.57 to \$21.16 a month. Customers with 60/60/60 service will pay \$1.30 more per month. Seniors and/or handicapped customers will see a \$1.20 increase per month.

The most commonly used Commercial Refuse Service reflects a 3% increase, Commercial Recycling Service rate, a 1% increase, and Commercial Green Service rate

a 10% increase. As an example, the cost for commercial customers with a 3-yard bin picked up once a week will increase from \$142.84 to \$147.14 per month.

Burrtec Waste Services began providing franchised refuse collection and recycling services in the City of Duarte in 1996, with the most recent contract extension

approved in 2009. In recent years, Burrtec completed the conversion of the diesel fleet to alternative fuel trucks, implemented a used oil curbside collection program, an e-waste collection at Community Cleanups, a construction and demolition processing option, and most recently a new multi-family recycling program.



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# Curves workouts with Jillian Michaels now available at Curves of Duarte

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Curves of Duarte is now offering Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels, cutting-edge total body workouts that feature the Curves Circuit strength training machines in conjunction with functional bodyweight-based exercises that ramp up metabolism and transform physique. Jillian Michaels is best known as America's health and wellness expert. The workouts boost intensity, build strength, burn fat and prevent plateaus.

The new Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels are designed for women at every fitness level and include simple modifications for each movement. Metabolic conditioning exercises will be done in between each strength

machine within the Curves Circuit, all within a 30-minute class. The Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels will be showcased on a large screen TV, set to upbeat music, within each Club and a Curves Coach who has been trained to deliver the moves will be present in every Circuit to ensure safety and effectiveness. Class times for the Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels will vary by location and the workouts will be refreshed frequently with new functional moves introduced each month throughout 2014.

"I am so thrilled to be partnered with Curves to provide women with the tools necessary to take control of their health," said Jillian Michaels, America's health

and wellness expert. "Curves is everywhere - so now my program is accessible, effective and affordable. The workouts I've developed with Curves incorporate the most innovative, state-of-the-art fitness techniques to build lean muscle, amp up metabolism and kick start weight loss. Combined with the power of the Curves Circuit with a trained Coach, women will get the results they want."

"We are excited to offer our members these new cutting-edge workouts. By amplifying our Curves Circuit with Jillian's innovative workouts, along with a trained Coach for everyone, we are very confident our members will get off to a healthy start in 2014," said Curves of Duarte

owner Stacey Park. "We invite women in Duarte to come by for a free consultation and to

# Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center Executive Director traveling to Brazil as part of Team Treasures

About two years ago, Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center (FPRC) participated in a webinar

learn more about this innovative program to kick start weight loss."

Curves Workouts with Jillian Michaels are available at participating Curves Clubs. Also available at participating Curves Clubs is Curves Complete. With Curves Complete, women have a fully integrated, personalized weight loss and weight management solution that includes the Curves Fitness program (30 minute Circuit with a Coach), a customizable meal plan and one-on-one coaching and support.

You can contact a staff member at Curves of Duarte at (626) 303-4800 or [curves.duarte@verizon.net](mailto:curves.duarte@verizon.net) or visit the club at 1159 Huntington Dr. For more information about Curves, please visit [www.curves.com](http://www.curves.com).

hosted by Heartbeat International, a national organization which supplies pregnancy resource centers with tools of support. The focus was how human traffickers are trying to take advantage of our free and confidential services. We were trained to spot a potential trafficker and the victim. A solemn reality that we are dealing with currently. Did you know that the "new contraband of choice" of gang and criminal activity is NOT illegal firearms or dangerous drugs - but young women?

IN THIS COUNTRY underage girls are being trafficked and "sold" for \$20,000 per weekend. 'Sex for sale' has never been more cold and grim. Traffickers are shrewd, too. Girls are not kidnapped for the most part. They are craftily wooed by the traffickers who've been studying them and masquerading as their 'friends'.

One of our founding tenets here at Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center - along with help and support to those facing an unintended pregnancy and/or the compassionate healing after abortion for both men and women - is sexual integrity. We speak into today's culture and recycle hope into the landscape of those who are sexually broken.

What we relegated as an epidemic on foreign soil only has reached our own country...sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Lori Berg, FPRC's Executive Director, is traveling to Brazil this June and participating in several trafficking awareness events that coincide with two World Cup games. She will be part of "Team Treasures" ([iamatreasure.com](http://iamatreasure.com)). While on the ground in Sao Paulo, she will be training local ministers as to how they may establish a local pregnancy center and how to administer hope and healing to those affected by abortion.

Lori is raising her own support. Team Treasures leaves June 21, 2014.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was provided by Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center, 924 Buena Vista St., Suite 202, Duarte, (626) 358-2122.



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The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show is the ultimate destination for a day trip on Friday, March 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. On the way, there will be a stop in the foothills of the Carpinteria Valley to visit an exotic working nursery, then lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants in downtown Santa Barbara. Cost of the trip is \$36.

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

# Duarte Launches Business Visitation Program

Not content to sit on its laurels, Duarte, named the Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles County under 60,000 population in 2012, is taking new steps to ensure business retention and satisfaction. In collaboration with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, the City launched its pilot Business Visitation Program on Jan. 30 to empower the business community, and to cultivate and develop relationships with business owners.

“Duarte’s economic stability is dependent on the success of the more than 600 businesses that have chosen to invest in our community and create some 10,000 jobs. Of those, the City’s top 150 businesses make up 75 percent of the City’s total employment base. We want to make sure that these businesses stay and thrive in Duarte,” said Duarte City Manager Darrell George.

A Business Visitation team represented by members of the City, Chamber, Chamber Outreach Committee, and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, will meet with businesses to share resources, offer assistance, or to simply say hello. The program kicked off with visits to the Lewis Business Park, an area that houses nearly 100 businesses, including distribution centers, wholesalers, and major suppliers to the medical industry.

“Business retention and attracting new businesses has been and will remain top priorities for the City,” said George.

Cutting edge business development strategies and professional assistance, including a one-stop permit center, updated strategic plan, Economic Development Element in its General Plan and a hands-on City Council regularly in touch with businesses were among the activities that led the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation to recognize Duarte with its “Most Business Friendly City” award. Other incentives are free business seminars, no utility users tax, business, residential, and youth surveys, a low crime rate, and distinguished schools.

For more information about the Business Visitation Program, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931 ext: 221, or the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333.



**VISITING WITH ONIK BOGOSYAN (second from right), owner of Onex Automation, are Jennifer McLain, Business Development Manager, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; Diana Burckhard, Duarte Chamber Membership and Marketing Director; Pat Miller, Duarte Chamber Vice Chairman; and Duarte City Manager Darrell George.**



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## S.T.E.P. UP for our children

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

This time of year is when I intended to address the newest issues in public education, for example the implementation of the Common Core standards and Smarter Balanced Assessments which are two of the hot topics currently in the news at the local, state and national level. It is critically important for the community to understand what it is that our students will be asked to know and be able to do in order to be successful in the future.

We will continue this conversation in the coming months, however I feel it is more important to focus our attention right now on the tragic events that occurred during the winter break in our own community. The holiday season is a time when we are reminded that relationships, understanding and care for our fellow human beings supersedes all other issues. This year, during what is usually a time of celebration and goodwill, the greatest tragedy occurred, lives were lost as a result of senseless violence. As we grapple to understand how this could have happened and grieve for the families, I urge us all to consider - What can we do? How can we as a community assist?

For this reason, I am pleased that Duarte USD and the community of Duarte have committed to the concept of the "Shoulder-Tapped Graduate." A belief that EVERY child will be connected to their passion and that EVERY child will be recruited to follow that passion upon graduation from Duarte High School or Mount Olive Innovation and Technology High. But, as you have heard me say before, we can't do this alone.

When people considered by our society, to be leading successful lives were asked what helped them attain their success, the most frequent answer given was having a relationship with a "caring hopeful adult" outside of their immediate family. Each of you can probably recall a teacher, coach, faith provider and or wonderful adult friend with whom you shared your passion and purpose and they were able to assist you in purposefully pursuing that passion. In the wake of the uncertainty and loss in our community an immediate effort was made to diffuse the tension and create calm. This response is necessary but is only, as we know, a temporary solution. Having a bond with a "caring hopeful adult" who connects a child to their passion is a long-term solution that can help our young people successfully navigate towards their future.

The DUSD Shoulder-Tapped Empowered Protégés (S.T.E.P.) mentoring program is one avenue in which adults in Duarte can be involved in the short term and long term success of our students and community. The goal of the program is to build rapport and long lasting relationships for years to come with students and adults. Each participating student is matched with a mentor who can guide them to take the proper steps towards emotional and academic success as well as career exploration. Students meet one-on-one with their mentors on school grounds during academic hours, at least once a month and also during one hour a week of E-mentoring sessions. S.T.E.P. can be a powerful vehicle to teach tolerance, to appreciate diversity and provide direction in times of need. Once a student is connected to a caring hopeful adult at an early age, they will continue to aspire to greatness and success. The adults in this community and from surrounding communities can make the difference in our students' present and future. We need your participation and support to make this happen. Will you S.T.E.P. up for our children?

If you are interested in volunteering to be a mentor or learning more about this opportunity, please contact Miriam Fox, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel and Student Services, (626) 599-5001 or visit our website at [www.duarte.k12.ca.us](http://www.duarte.k12.ca.us).



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

## DUSD transitions to Common Core State Standards



Along with all of hundreds of districts in California, Duarte Unified has begun transitioning to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Teachers and administrators have been attending workshops and conferences for the past two years in preparation for this transition. California last adopted standards back in 1997. States across the nation also created standards but they did not align with each other or the rest of the world. As we moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, it became clear to educators all over the United States that a change was needed. The result was a new set of standards that are carefully designed to prepare students for success in college and career.

### HISTORY OF THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

California is one of 46 states to adopt the Common Core State Standards. The new standards are the results of more than 20 years of research. Contrary to popular belief, the CCSS were not developed by the federal government. In 2007, state education chiefs began to discuss the creation of a common set of standards. In 2008, the National Governors Association (NGA) issued a report, *Benchmarking for Success: Ensuring U.S. Students Receive a World Class Education*. This report called for "a common core of internationally benchmarked standards in math and language arts for grades K-12 to ensure that students are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to be globally competitive." With private funding the NGA convened committees of educators from K-12 and higher education, to develop the standards which were adopted by states in 2010.

### STATE SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSITION

In 2013, Governor Brown set aside state money to fund the transition to CCSS. Duarte Unified received over \$750,000 to be spent during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years. CCSS money is paying for professional development, updated texts and instructional materials, and online computer resources and programs. The new assessment for the Common Core will be computer based and requires districts have adequate broadband, Wi-Fi and computers for students in grades 3-8 and 11 to take the new test known as Smarter Balanced. While many other districts are using CCSS money to build up their technology infrastructure, careful planning by Technology Director Sheri Callen, has allowed Duarte Unified to be ready and prepared for this new type of assessment with a minimum of additional technology needed.

Students across the state will participate in a field test of the new Smarter Balanced test. The field test is designed to allow district offices, teachers and students an opportunity to try out the new computer based test. No individual or district scores will be given for the 2013-14 field test. Next year during the 2014-15 school year, the first official administration of the test will be given in the spring of 2015. Governor Brown also passed legislation suspending the California Standards Test or CST, so students are not "double-testing."

### A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EDUCATION FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY STUDENTS

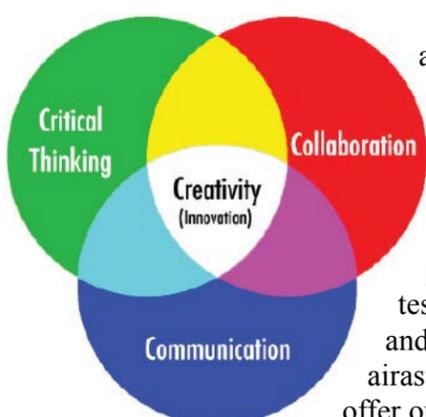
The CCSS will better prepare students for the challenges and job market of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Students currently enrolled in Duarte Unified were born after 1995 thus starting their school careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The CCSS are based on the "4 Cs" – communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity (innovation). The "4 Cs" also called 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills were determined through input from thousands of small business owners, corporations, a variety of industries including retail, service providers, manufacturing, technology and the military. Input was also provided by the leaders of public and private colleges and universities. Each of these organizations were asked what skills 21<sup>st</sup> Century workers needed to be successful. While content knowledge was important in some fields, all agreed that 21<sup>st</sup> Century workers needed to be innovative/creative, be able to communicate well, collaborate with other workers both here and in other countries, and to think critically about problems and come up with solutions.

### CREATING 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SHOULDER-TAPPED GRADUATES

In DUSD our transition to the CCSS is focused on creating graduates who are well prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce, are passionate about their interests and are actively recruited by outside organizations. Duarte graduates will be competent communicators, critical and creative thinkers and know how to collaborate with others, here in the United States and abroad.

It is an exciting time in education. *The New York Times* states that the CCSS initiative is "clearly the most important education reform in the nation's history." Former Governor Jeb Bush of Florida agrees. The standards, he says will "equip students to compete against their peers across the globe."

## Take the smarter balanced practice test challenge!



Several DUSD Administrators & Principals took the Smarter Balanced Practice Test on Thursday, January 9th to get a sneak peek at this newly designed assessment our students will be taking in the future to evaluate their learning of the Common Core State Standards. This test is completely computer-based and thanks to the diligence and foresight of our Tech. Team, DUSD will be able to fully participate in the student field tests that will take place in the coming months. Between April 7, 2014 and May 16, 2014-students in grades 3-8 & 11th will take the math and language arts practice tests. Participating students' tests will not be scored - it is just for practice, but their performance data will be used by the test creators to evaluate the test questions for the official administration which will begin to take place in 2015. We are encouraging all of our students, staff, teachers, administrators and parents to experience the test for themselves during this trial period so we can be familiarized with not just the possible content, but the computer and test taking skills that are needed. You too can take the practice test that is available now by visiting <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>. We would be interested to get your feedback on your testing experience. We want to be able to offer our students every opportunity to do the best they can on this test and we are asking for your help and support to see that we do! For further resources and information about the Common Core State Standards visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/>.

# Foothill Credit Union offers Duarte Park and Facility Rentals

## scholarships to local college bound students

Foothill 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 17, 2014 at Foothill's Annual Meeting.

In 2013, Foothill awarded three major scholarships at \$2,000 each and four additional scholar-

ships, at \$500 each. One recipient, Teryn Caruso, a sophomore at Azusa Pacific University recently sent Foothill an update on her college experience. She said "I have been really appreciated your commitment to me as a student, and your help to my family."

Applications have been distributed to local high school career centers, but can also be accessed via Foothill's website at: [www.foothillcu.org](http://www.foothillcu.org). Applications are due by Friday March 21, 2014.

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.

### 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



POOL TABLES at the Duarte Teen Center.

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 80 person capacity multi-purpose meeting room, perfect for retreats,

meetings, or parties. Take your event to another level!

### COMMUNITY CENTER

#### 1600 Huntington Drive

The 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.

### ROYAL OAKS PARK BUILDING

#### 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This recently restored 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.



## Street Closure Notice

### Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

- Pasadena to Azusa -



## MYRTLE AVE CLOSURE AT RAILROAD CROSSING

**JANUARY 18, 2014 – MAY 2014**

### WHAT

Crews will be constructing grade crossing improvements on Myrtle Ave in the City of Monrovia, as part of the 11.5-mile Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project. This work requires a **full closure of Myrtle Ave at the railroad crossing for approximately 4 months** (following the re-opening of California Ave).

### WHEN

**8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2014 and Sunday, January 19, 2014:** The intersection of Myrtle Ave and Duarte Rd. will be closed to thru-traffic to realign the traffic lanes, re-stripe the road, and prepare for grade crossing improvements. Traffic will be detoured and signage will be posted to direct motorists. Work activities will be performed during the night and early morning.

**Monday, January 20, 2014 – May 2014:** Myrtle Ave will be closed to thru-traffic at the railroad crossing located just north of Duarte Rd. (24-hours per day, 7 days per week). Duarte Rd (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to thru-traffic. Myrtle Ave south of Duarte Rd and Myrtle Ave north of the railroad crossing (just north of Duarte Rd) will also remain open and accessible by way of detour routes (see map below). Standard construction work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday. Note: Occasional longer hours, work on Sundays and night work may be performed.

### TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

- Myrtle Ave will be closed to thru-traffic at the railroad crossing located just north of Duarte Rd.
- Duarte Rd (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to thru-traffic.
- Detour routes will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and truck drivers.
- Pedestrian access thru the closure will be provided on one side of the street. Detour signs will be posted to direct pedestrians and bicyclists during closures and a crossing guard will be available to assist pedestrians.
- New traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Myrtle Ave and Pomona Ave. During this work, lane closures will be implemented; however, local access will remain open at the intersection of Myrtle Ave and Pomona Ave. Once completed, this intersection will become a 4-way signalized intersection.
- Motorists are advised to expect delays and use alternate routes when possible.
- **All businesses including those located on Myrtle Ave and Duarte Rd will remain open and accessible.**

### NOTE TO RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS

- Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones.
  - Bus stops may be temporarily relocated.
- For information about:
- Foothill Transit bus, (800) RIDE-INFO, (800-743-3463) or [www.foothilltransit.org](http://www.foothilltransit.org)
  - MTA bus, (323) GO-METRO, (323-466-3876) or [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net)

### CONTACT US

**For construction questions:**  
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**For project information:**  
Sylvia Beltran, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority  
(626) 305-7012  
[sbeltran@foothillextension.org](mailto:sbeltran@foothillextension.org)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Community Hotline: (626) 324-7098



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Construction schedules are subject to change for various reasons, including, but not limited to, weather conditions and unforeseen delays.

## Duarte Senior Center sets spring and summer excursions to the National Parks

Want to get away? The Duarte Senior Center is offering spring and summer excursions to some of the nation's most beautiful national parks and forests. Those interested can get a preview of the sights and attractions to be enjoyed at two special presentations scheduled in January.

A five-day excursion to Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon departs on May 5. The fee is \$1,146 per person, based on double occupancy, \$1,487 for single occupancy, and includes 10 meals.

Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Parks are on the itinerary for an eight-day Northern National Parks excursion that includes visits to Salt Lake City and Park City, Utah and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Sept. 5 through Sept. 12. The fee is \$1,999 per person, based on double occupancy, or \$2,499 single occupancy, and includes some meals, hotel accommodations and round trip airfare from LAX.

To make reservations for either or both of the trip presentations, call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

# FEBRUARY 9, 1964 — THE TWANG HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

By Neil Earle

To rework a phrase from "Sergeant Pepper"—"It was fifty years ago today (or thereabouts)."

On Sunday night, February 9, 1964 73,000,000 Americans were glued to their television sets. Live from New York came four long-haired young lads from Liverpool, England to launch a distinctive brand of music upon America's family hour—the Ed Sullivan Show on CBS.

Ed Sullivan himself stated that "the city never has experienced the excitement stirred by these youngsters from Liverpool who call themselves the Beatles." What, never?

Could the New York press corps have forgotten the ticker tape parades for the returning veterans of World War Two and heroes such as General Eisenhower? Or the madcap frenzies from Times Square known as the New Year's Eve celebrations?

Hyperbole is a constant in the popular culture but the night of February 9, 1964 did leave a new phrase hanging in the air—Beatlemania and some people are affected by it still.

It is the timing of the arrival of the Beatles and their inventive new stream of music that has intrigued historians. February 9, 1964 was barely ten weeks after a far greater and more ominous event—the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

## LOSING A FATHER FIGURE

Here, claim musical and cultural critics such as Jonathan Gould, was the effective cause of that pop culture explosion called Beatlemania—at least in America. Child psychologist Martha Wolfenstein even drafted a book *Children and the Death of a President* (1965). The author claimed that John F. Kennedy fulfilled the role of a father figure for most of the youth who followed the truly disturbing events coming out of Dallas. At that time half the U.S. population was under 30. The Associated Press declared 1964 "The Year of the Kid."

Kennedy's death provided what Wolfenstein called "mourning at a distance." Even the new First Lady said: "We feel as if the heart has been cut out of us." As Gould summarized, Kennedy had been "a role model... whose sudden violent death had the power to force a confrontation not only with the loss of a parent but also, on a level that could not be acknowledged directly, with one's own mortality as well" (*Can't Buy Me Love*, page 218). Budding journalist Jeff Greenfield concurred: "If he wasn't safe no one was."

But, as Gould and others assert, when the Beatles launched into their falsetto "oooohs" and hairy head-shaking that night at Sullivan's stronghold, it was time for the mourning to end and the party to begin. Beatlemania had arrived. It had been skillfully prepared by the release in England of their latest album "Meet the Beatles." It featured the song that was intended to be their more moderate calling card in America—"I Want to Hold Your Hand." Implications of comfort and reassurance flowed from the lyrics. The Lennon-McCartney tactic of following a quiet, introspective moment ("And when I touch you I feel happy inside...") before building to an over-the-top crescendo had the power to shake the outer defences of the listeners and sweep them along into the higher registers with "It's such a feeling that my love, I can't hide,

I can't hide, I can't HIDE!"

## A GRITTY BACKGROUND

In 1964, if you were a teenager with money to spend, Beatle music seemed fresh and inventive. There may have even been a subliminal effect working on slightly older fans (including yours truly, a university student at the time) in the fact that the Beatles had been raised musically on American rhythm and blues and the Elvis Presley explosion of the 1950s. Now here it was coming back at us recycled through a driving, melodic back beat and captivating harmonics. It is intriguing that in 2010 even the Vatican of Pope Benedict had singled out the early Beatles music for its optimistic lyrics and lively melodies, forgiving John Lennon for his misunderstood mid-Sixties outburst "we're more popular than Jesus now."

There was, of course, the untold story. Those four young men who first appeared as fun-loving totally liberated mop-heads—seeming to offer a kind of new hope to a youthful generation under the shadow of the mushroom cloud and the Kennedy tragedy—these were already experienced men of the world. They had been

raised beneath "the blue suburban skies" of working class Liverpool. England in the 1950s—their cultural incubator—was not yet fully recovered from the austerities of World War Two. The Beatles had honed their musical skills in the seedy nightclubs of Hamburg, Germany and the exhaustion of all-night stands and barely manageable accommodations found later melodic expression in such songs as "Hard Days Night" and "A Day in the Life."

It was easy to see for those with discerning eyes even back in 1964-65 that songs such as "I'm a Loser" and "Nowhere Man" made authentic, pathetic counterpoints to the exuberance of "She Loves You" and "From me To You."

## "THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD"

We all know what happened next. Even the upbeat early Beatles music quickly spanned the affirming "She Loves You" to "I'm Down" and "I Feel Fine" to "Help!" Later on the four musicians tried to assuage the emptiness they felt and sang about in a very public quest through the drug culture and Eastern mysticism. It's a route many are still travelling today.

The Beatles, said friend and fan Steve Turner, had the finances and the fame to explore their inclinations in a way few people can. They were mega-celebrities before the word became a fixture. But the dream-world of Beatlemania could never totally last, as dreams never do. Six years after their Ed Sullivan debut the band broke up and ten

years after that their leader was tragically assassinated.

In some ways the Beatles were victims of their own success. Screaming crowds drowned out their own voices on stage. After about 1966 they confined themselves to studio recordings. John Lennon was deathly afraid of the death threats coming from outraged religionists after his "more popular than Jesus" comment. Their insightful sound engineer, George Martin, saw their slow unraveling across the Sixties as a product of truly talented composers yearning to explore their own separate musical tastes. George Harrison delved into Eastern mysticism with "My Sweet Lord." John was more and more preoccupied with his girlfriend Yoko Ono and Paul's predilection for sentimental ballads was irritating his peers.

## AN OPTIMISTIC THROWBACK

Still, their moment was unusual. Lynda O'Grady, a retired elementary teacher from eastern Canada, remembers it well. "It was all so different. Young girls saw them as cute and since there were four of them you had four to look at. They seemed to know it was their time. Their hair styles and their brash confidence were very refreshing." My 78 year-old grand-mother said, "I like their English accents." When asked at an airport press conference how they found New York, Ringo replied, "We went to Greenland and turned left." John told a Royal Charity audience they didn't have to applaud simply "shake their jewelry." Cheeky.

They definitely had the musical chops. Tim Welch, a sound engineer from Memphis, Tennessee, heard them in later years on

television and emoted, "Those guys could really sing." There is even a record that sets the Beatle tunes in a Baroque and classical musical style—and it works!

That they were a permanent phenomenon of modern music is evidenced by Paul McCartney's sellout tours around the globe. He was asked to perform at a memorial concert in New York after the events of September 11, 2011. He closed out the 2012 London Olympics with "Hey, Jude." The worldwide audience of youthful athletes seemed to know the words—all of them. On June 30, 2006 Cirque Du Soleil launched a Las Vegas tribute to the band. It was eloquently but simply titled, "Love." The Beatles, for all their many flaws as human beings, inserted "Love" into their songs as much as any artists before and since. "Love Me Do," "Can't Buy Me Love," "P/S. I Love You," "All You Need Is Love." The pop circus extravaganza that made up their Sergeant Pepper album signs off with "Love is all you need." Perhaps this gets close to the reason they have survived, as the Vatican may have intuited.

"In the 1960s," opines pop culture professor Paul Rutherford, "the world overdosed on optimism." We certainly live in different times today. Maybe here is a key to the nostalgic mood some people get when humming lyrics such as those from "Hello Goodbye," the song that pleads most insistently that

"Life is very short and there's no time

For fussing and fighting my friends."

The call is still there, embedded for all time in the music: "Come together, right now." That's still a good message, five decades later.

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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 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, 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and 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!

### Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Date: Wednesday, February 12

Time: 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Fee: Free

This activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity and examine personal attitudes in regards to intolerance. Call the teen center for more information.

### Club Duarte (Middle School Students)

On Friday, February 7 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. Fee is \$5

### LA Fan Night Lakers vs. Celtics

On Friday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host LA Fan night! Come join us for Laker Basketball on the big screen TV's, food and half time mini games! Wear a Laker t-shirt, hat, anything with Lakers on it and get free admission into the event! If you are not wearing Laker gear admission is \$2 includes snacks!

### Teen Excursion Movie and Mall Trip

Date: Thursday, March 6 (early release)

# Duarte locals visit The Justice Brothers Racing Museum

A treasure trove of vintage race cars, ice racing motorcycles, street rods and restored classics are hidden in plain sight in Duarte and on January 8 twenty local

residents were thrilled to explore the world of automotive history at the Justice Brothers Racing Museum in Duarte.

The tour was organized by the Duarte Historical Society.

Tour host Ed Justice Jr. recounted the history of the dozens of shiny cars, including one driven by Sylvester Stallone in the movie "Driven," as well as the evolution of gas pumps. The compelling story of the Justice family's success in the racing world and the development of their highly respected automotive products is an integral part of history.

"We are fortunate to have this museum in Duarte," says Claudia Heller, president of the Duarte Historical Society. "It is fitting that such an incredible display



**THE JUSTICE BROTHERS Racing Museum collection of gas pumps is a key part of the museum collection.**

of automobile history resides on Route 66 right here in Duarte."



**THE COLORFUL HISTORY of the evolution of the automobile was at the heart of the recent Duarte Museum tour of the Justice Brothers Racing Museum. Pictured are Ed Justice Jr. and Marc Trammel.**  
Photos by Alan Heller



Robert and Mary Lou Jacoby—Residents since 1999

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Sometimes it seems like no one knows or cares about what you're going through or dealing with. You may even think nobody would notice if you were gone. And it feels like when things are at their worst, people care the least. But God knows and cares about you because He loves you. He understands where you are and can help you with whatever you may be facing. Maybe it's time you let Him.

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## YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

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

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



# DUARTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

1634 Third St., Duarte, CA 91010 • [www.DuarteChamber.com](http://www.DuarteChamber.com)  
(626) 357-3333 • [info@duartechamber.com](mailto:info@duartechamber.com)

Support your local chamber – Be a member and put your business in front!

## TASTE OF DUARTE & BUSINESS EXPO ★ Wednesday, May 21, 2014

*Interested in being a participating vendor getting hundreds of visitors in a 3 hour period?*

Call the Duarte Chamber at 626 357-3333

**Early Bird Tickets on sale  
Till March 15, 2014  
Only \$20**

Contact the Duarte Chamber and get your tickets now!

Tickets Sponsored by



### Chamber Networking Events

February 18 – 7-8:30 am  
**NETWORK BREAKFAST**  
*Come meet new members  
and network your business!*  
at Cabrera's  
1856 Huntington Dr., Duarte  
Meets third Tuesday of the month,

February 20 – 5:30-7:30 pm  
**Dual Chamber (Duarte & Irwindale) Networking Mixer**  
At Amuni Transfusion Center at  
City of Hope  
1500 Duarte Rd., Duarte  
Enjoy free tours, food, beverages  
and great conversation with other  
local business leaders.

February 25 – 12-1 pm  
**LADIES BROWN BAG  
NETWORK LUNCH**  
1301 Buena Vista St. Duarte  
Meets last Tuesday of the month

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

#### Duarte High School Seniors Want to Connect With Business Partners



If you would like to help, we invite you to share your expertise. It only takes a minimum of 1-2 hour time investment.

The Capstone Senior Project involves...  
Developing an extensive research paper, creating a fieldwork based portfolio, and providing a descriptive presentation, all delivered to a panel of Duarte Unified School District staff and Duarte community members by Duarte High School seniors.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a positive impact and an enriching difference in the life of a high school senior.

- \*Job Shadowing Opportunities
- \*Interviews with business people
- \*Information about careers

If you can help or want additional information  
Contact Robin Nelson  
Duarte High School Principal  
(626) 599-5701  
[nelson@duarteusd.org](mailto:nelson@duarteusd.org)

Or the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333



**Duarte Chamber Members:  
Free Member Workshop!**  
*Learn how to complete and optimize your  
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**Call for an appointment**  
At the Duarte Chamber office 1634 Third St.,  
Reservations required (626) 357-3333

**Small Business Development Center  
Every Thursday**  
at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte  
**Reservations required - call 866-301-9989**  
[www.pcrsbdc.org](http://www.pcrsbdc.org)

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**Advertise in the Duarte View  
community newspaper!  
10,000 circulation!  
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**Contact Diana Burckhard  
(626) 357-3333  
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##### Leadership and Management

*Speaker is Sahar Andrade, MB.BCh  
A Diversity and Culture Competence Consultant/Trainer*

**February 20 - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte

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