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Duarte on the Map for Cow Bop Route 66 Music Festival Tour Free Concert at Westminster Gardens Thursday, August 7

Duarte Station Specific Plan receives Economic Development Award



COW BOP, the jazzy western swing bebop band, will perform a free concert at Westminster Gardens in Duarte on Thursday, August 7, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Duarte will be the next to the last stop on its history-making Route 66 tour from Chicago to L.A. The public is invited. Gates open at 5 p.m. Westminster Gardens is located at 1420 Santo Domingo Ave.

Giddy-up, Cow Bop is coming to town. The jazzy western swing bebop band, led by internationally acclaimed guitarist, Bruce Forman, will perform a free concert in Duarte, Thursday, August 7, on the last leg of its history-making Chicago to L. A. Route 66 tour.

The public is invited to bring a lawn chair and cozy up for a picnic and evening of music and family fun under the shade of the trees at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. Gates will open at 5 p.m. Cop Bop will perform from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available. Parking is free.

In what is being billed as the "world's first linear music festival," Cow Bop and dozens of other bands will be traveling and performing in towns along Historic Route 66 over a two-week period beginning in Chicago on July 25 and concluding at the Santa Monica Pier on Aug. 9. The tour is sponsored by RiffTime, a new online music community, created to provide musicians and bands with a wide array of technological support for promotion and sales. Many of the concerts will be streamed on the RiffTime website (route66.rifftime.com). There will even be a digital tip jar for a favorite band.

"Think of it as the asphalt highway meets the digital highway at route66.rifftime.com," said Forman, who came up with the idea for the Route 66 Linear Music Festival. "As we rediscover the small town and charms of The

Following is an excerpt of the July 7, 2014 City Manager's Update from the City of Duarte:

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Communication Assessment Report – The City Manager's office reviewed the draft report conducted by Tripepi Smith & Associates and is continuing to work with the Consultant toward a final product. The crux of the

Mother Road, in person or digitally, we just might be creating a roadmap for a musical future," he said.

Cow Bop was recently inducted into the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame. The band has toured extensively throughout the world exciting audiences with their unique brand of music.

Westminster Gardens is sponsoring the concert on Aug. 7 in conjunction with the Duarte Community Coordinating Council and the City of Duarte.

For more information, call (626) 357-4151.

The City of Duarte has received the 2014 Economic Planning and Development Award from the American Planning Association – Los Angeles Chapter (APALA) for the Duarte Station Specific Plan and EIR. The award was presented on June 12 at the APALA awards gala in Los Angeles. The specific plan was recognized for its forward thinking approach to planning with a focus on both economically feasible development and high quality design standards.

The Duarte Station Specific Plan was adopted by the Duarte City Council on December 10, 2013 and establishes the economic and land use framework for an innovative, transit oriented development adjacent to the future Duarte Gold Line Station scheduled to begin service in 2016. The Plan provides for mixed-use development of up to 475 residential units, 400,000 square feet of office, 12,000 of commercial, and 250 hotel rooms in the 19-acre planning area. RBF, the Dahlin Group and Economic and Planning Systems assisted in the drafting of the plan.

One unique element of the

plan was its incorporation of a Fiscal Impact Analysis that analyzed both the financial impacts of plan and the economic feasibility of development in the area. Community Development Director Craig Hensley explained, "From the beginning of the project, the City set the goal to develop a plan that would promote development at the Duarte Gold Line Station area. To accomplish this, the plan needed to allow for a mix of uses and densities that would be feasible for development. The plan also required excellent architectural designs so that development near the Gold Line station would be special and create a positive sense of place. It is great that the APALA has recognized the quality work that was done in Duarte."

This award is another indicator that Duarte is dedicated to quality economic development and the City Council and City Staff are on the right track. "This is a great follow up to the Most Business Friendly City award," Hensley said. For additional information on the Duarte Station Specific Plan and EIR visit www.accessduarte.com or call (626) 357-7931, ext. 230.

Duarte City Manager's Update

report will focus on key action steps to be considered to ensure a comprehensive, informative and technically advanced system of communication is provided by the City.

- Grant Writer RFP- The City Manager's office conducted interviews with the six (6) firms that submitted a proposal. A recommendation will be presented at the August 8th City Council meeting.

- AmeriCorp VIP/Duarte's Promise program – As of June 30th, the program has been transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department and Lupe Valerio, Recreation Supervisor, will oversee the program beginning July 1, 2014. The City Manager's Office will continue to assist with final transitional paperwork to ensure a smooth start.

- Business Connection Breakfast – The City of Duarte, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership collaborated to organize the Business Connection

Breakfast on June 5th at the Community Center. The Southern California Gas Company sponsored the event and food was provided by Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant. Over 30 local business owners/representatives attended the breakfast and had the opportunity to listen to a panel of experienced individuals in the field. The group is considering another breakfast event in the future.

- Administrative Assistant position – The City Council approved the Administrative Assistant job description at the June 24th City Council meeting. The Administrative Assistant position is based out of the City Manager's office.

The recruitment is underway and interviews are tentatively scheduled for early to mid August.

- Emerald Necklace Bike Trail- Status update 04-01-14 thru 06-30-14

Tasks Completed:
- 04/15/2014: ACOE request-

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Duarte Public Safety and New Hope Church launch Operation Make Over

In the spirit of keeping all neighborhoods in Duarte safe and beautiful, the City of Duarte Public Safety Department and New Hope Church of God in Christ are inviting all residents to roll up their sleeves and participate in the soon to be launched "Operation Make Over" program on Saturday, August 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will meet at New Hope Church at 738 Euclid Ave., Duarte. The program will officially kick-off on the 2100 Block of Goodall Avenue. Operation Make Over is modeled after the Adopt-A-Block community effort the City undertook over the

last two years in neighborhoods adjacent to Lena Valenzuela Park. This new program, with the help of community stakeholders, can take Adopt-A-Block to the next level and help residents with home improvements one street at a time. The group is looking for volunteers with gardening, construction, roofing, painting, cooking, and even DJ skills to help keep the day both productive and fun.

Youth Pastor Christian Daily of New Hope Church reminds us that "it is easy to have a positive impact in your community by just coming out with the right attitude

and building relationships with your neighbors." All residents are encouraged to volunteer and join City groups such as Duarte Kiwanis, D.A.R.T. and C.H.Y.L.L. and be part of this upbeat movement full of new hope.

Duarte's licensed trash hauler, Burrtec Waste Industries will provide trash bins to dispose of large items and FSP Designs will supply the team with uniforms. For more information about how to participate in the Duarte Community Clean-Up day, call Aida Torres at the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 359-4671, ext. 316.

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ed additional information for the existing bike trail.

- 06/15/2014: County provided the additional information per ACOE request. Additional information consisted of more legal descriptions and 73 maps for the existing trails. (Legal descriptions and maps are attachments to the Board letter and the lease agreement).

- 06/24/2014: Metro Board approved the grant extension thru 6/30/2014.

• Wildland Scrimmage – Los Angeles County Fire conducted a 3-day scrimmage from June 24-26 along Encanto Parkway. The following tasks were practiced: unified command, new mapping systems, sharpening the firefighters overall skills, and interagency communication in anticipation of a fire event this year. The City of Duarte staff conducted a mock emergency drill on June 26th in conjunction

with the event.

• Used Oil Grant - The City's application for OPP5 Used Oil grant funds was filed on June 24th. The City collects approximately \$5,000 per year in this program.

• Parks After Dark at Pamela Park – City Manager staff attended the June 24th planning meeting to participate in the upcoming Park After Dark summer activities at Pamela Park. There are a series of concerts and special programs scheduled approximately 3 nights per week during July and August at Pamela Park. The City is assisting with outreach and coordinating both a ballet folklorico and boxing presentation.

• Social Media Update- The City of Duarte now has over 1,000 followers on Twitter, and 909 members on Nextdoor and 1268 members of the e-news system.

• Community Garden- The City Manager's office is working with the City of Hope and the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Wa-

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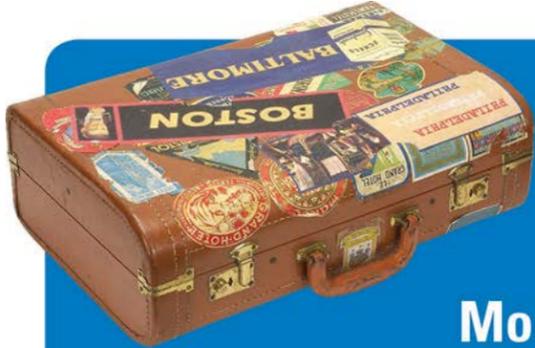
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Duarte Chamber installs new Board, starts 94th service year

Pat Miller was installed Chairman of the Board for 2014-15 at the annual Duarte Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner June 27 at Westminster Gardens. Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly was the installing officer.

Miller is a Financial Services Professional with New York Life Insurance. He picked a nautical theme for his installation with a title of "Sailing Into A New Year".



OVER 80 PEOPLE attended the Duarte Chamber Installation dinner celebrating its 93rd year of service to the Duarte community, and sailing into its 94th.



THE DUARTE CHAMBER Board being installed by Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly. Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, Rona Lunde, is on the right.



PAT MILLER, New York Life Insurance, is the Duarte Chamber 2014-15 Chairman of the Board.

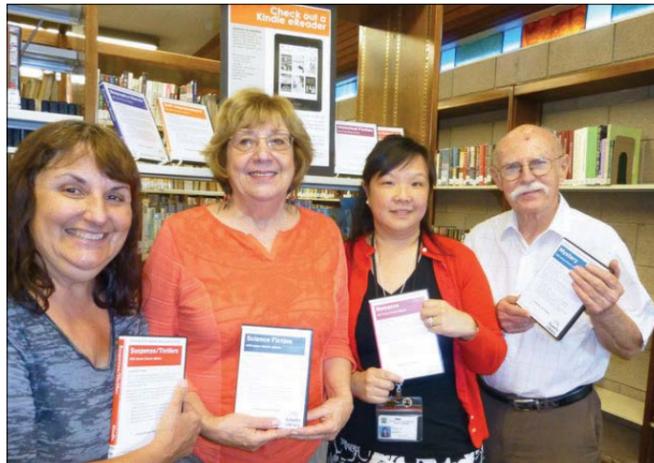
Duarte Library is "Cutting Edge" of all Los Angeles County libraries

Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) have purchased ten Kindles for check out at the Duarte Library. Duarte Library is the first Los Angeles County Library to have this service available to its members. Duarte Library and FDL were recently recognized by Los Angeles County Library Volunteer Program Director James Allred "as being on the cutting edge of library services."

"The ten Kindles are FDL's pilot program, and if this service provides interest to our service communities of Duarte and Bradbury we will invest additional funds in purchasing more Kindles," said Jan Wight, president of FDL.

Each of the ten Kindles holds one hundred classic books plus a significant amount of books in different genres: Biography & Memoirs, Young Adult, Teen Fiction, Cozy Mysteries, Literary Fiction, Mysteries, Popular Non-Fiction, Romance, Suspense & Thrillers, and Spanish Fiction & Non-Fiction, Historical Fiction, Science Fiction, and Self Improvement. Each of the ten Kindles are accompanied by a case and charger. The set may be checked out for three weeks at a time and all pieces of the set must be returned at the same time.

FDL continues to purchase \$500 worth of books monthly for all ages, subscribes to periodicals of interest to our service area and the latest DVD's, while making the Kindles available as well to our communities of Duarte and Bradbury.



FDL BOARD MEMBERS (from left) Joan Schmidt Clayton, Pat DeRose, Joanna Gee (Library Manager), and Steve Baker are shown displaying many of the genres the library has available for Kindles.

Health & Wellness Family Expo for all community members coming Sept. 20

LULAC, the City of Duarte and Mayor Liz Reilly have partnered to host the 2014 Health and Wellness Family Expo scheduled for September 20, 2014 from 9am-3pm. The expo is free and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend. The Expo will be held at Northview Intermediate School located at 1401 Highland Avenue.

Expo participants will have the opportunity to learn about various health topics including diabetes, asthma, nutrition and healthy eating, and cancer prevention. Dental screenings and a blood mobile will be available on site. Participants can also access mental health, smoking cessation and substance abuse resources plus partake in hands-

on aerobics, karate, meditation and yoga demonstrations. Games and activities are available for children. "I am thrilled to partner with LULAC on this important event. I know that the information and services offered at the Expo will contribute towards residents' quality of life," said Mayor Reilly. Adding, "I want our residents to be aware of the resources available for them in our community." The City of Duarte is an official co-sponsor of the event.

Interested exhibitors are asked to contact Kathy Vallejos at 626.806.6564 or lucal3033@hotmail.com.

For additional information about the event, contact Henry Baltazar at 626.672.9388 or lulac3033@hotmail.com.

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1914 – The Great War / The Great Change

By Neil Earle

“The First World War (1914-1918) changed everything,” writes Niall Ferguson of Harvard. The affects of what Europeans call “The Great War” in August, 1914 – 100 years ago this summer – is scheduled to be covered in a display and discussion at the Duarte Public Library on August 23.

Most of the affects of that hitherto unprecedented clash of nations are with us still. The most momentous was probably the way the Second World War grew out of the First – Germany’s wounded pride, American disillusionment with “the war to end wars,” Anglo-French determination to remain empires no matter what, especially to carve up new states and borders in the Middle East. This summer we learned with the march of ISIS how fragile those borders were.

But “disillusion” was American historian’s Barbara Tuchman’s one-word summary in her 1962 prize-winning *The Guns of August*, about a war often billed as “the war to end war.” President Kennedy allegedly presented to his staff Tuchman’s masterful piece of history to avoid the “trap” of war by seeming inevitability.

The Road to War

A brilliant French journalist had sketched the causes of the war with admirable compression. “The growing tension centered about three principal difficulties,” Raymond Aron summarized in *The Century of Total War*, “the rivalry between Austria and Russia in the Balkans, the Franco-German conflict over Morocco, and the arms race – on sea between Britain and Germany, and on land between all the powers. The two last causes had produced the situation; the first one kindled the spark” (page 16).

The United States was unable to stay out of the bloodletting until April, 1917. Germany’s announcement of unrestricted submarine war at sea gave President Woodrow Wilson (1912-1920) an issue and gave Americans a shiny new slogan “to make the world safe for democracy.” The response in this country was stupendous. Forgetting their primary ethnic divisions (at the time) of British, German and Irish, millions rushed to the colors. About two million doughboys were sent overseas to effectively tilt the balance once and for all. Some of them – boys named Patton, MacArthur and Truman – would see war yet again but at the time all that mattered was getting the American Army “over there” before our Allies collapsed.

Looking back, the consequences of August, 1914 were huge.

War and Consequences

First, a “lost generation.” Europe suffered the death of millions of men in what seemed a lost cause. Civil war still convulsed the new Soviet Union an influenza epidemic killed 40 million including 630,000 in the United States. All this in spite of genuine heroics such as Sgt. Alvin York from Tennessee who singlehandedly captured 132 of the enemy in late 1918. Most Americans felt that the war had solved nothing and unleashed new problems. A hard new cynicism gripped many people, evoked in the novels of Ernest Hemingway while other played on escapism and the frenzied attempt to forget “the mess in Europe.” After

a sharp postwar depression America entered the Jazz Age and the era of bathtub gin.

Secondly, the decline of Christianity. The underlying mood of let-down played havoc with the claims of those representing the Prince of Peace. “GOTT MIT UNS” was the now cruel-seeming slogan caved on the belt buckles of many German soldiers marching off to war a hundred years ago this year. In 1914, pastors and priests egged on their young congregants with blithe assurances that God was on the side of the nationality to which they belonged. The backlash against churchly participation in a war that took nearly ten million lives, including two million Germans, still lingers. The Roman Catholic theologian Gerard Lohfink saw the repercussions: “That in 1914 Christians went enthusiastically to war against Christians, baptized against baptized, was not seen in any way a destruction of what the church is...” The Bishop of London had urged his congregants to fight “for God and country” as if God needed our help.

In neutral Switzerland, the young pastor Karl Barth was shocked to his core to realize how his seminary teachers had joined in the cry, “To your weapons!” Barth protested in the respected *Die Christliche Welt*: “This is for me the most sad time, to see how the desire for war and Christian faith is put together in a hopeless mess.”

Thirdly, the backlash against morality. In spite of Prohibition being passed by Congress in 1920, skirts went up and speakeasies and illegal sales of spirits escalated creating new “antiheroic” figures such as bootlegger Al Capone and bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde. The new ideas of Sigmund Freud seemed superior to the sermons being preached on Sunday and Albert Einstein’s thoughts on “relativity” began to enter the 20th Century lexicon as an excuse for “anything goes,” the title of a Cole Porter song.

“On the Other Hand...”

All these events were deep and real shocks to the fragile assumptions of the 1914 world. Yet in spite of strikes and communist agitation, millions were able to take advantage of the new affluence that had seemed to spring out of the wartime partnership between the military and industry.

Women had much to kick up their heels about. After serving heroically on the home front and the defense plants, they could not be denied the vote in 1920. This would eventually prove one of the biggest changes of all.

Part of the sense that “we’re in the money” traced to the United States becoming the world’s leading creditor nation by 1920. With booming American sales to the warring Europeans, financial leverage had crossed the Atlantic with New York leading the way, symbolized by the Empire State Building begun in 1929. With seemingly more money to spend, the 1920s became the Golden Age of Sports – the New York Yankee team of 1928 and boxer Jack Dempsey were icons of the post-war.

Even though the farm belt was in depression, millions of new city-dwellers had enough dough to afford the 4.5 million cars they bought in 1929 or could borrow from the new masters of the credit system. The beginning of U.S. Route 66 in 1926 signaled the new reality of a nation on wheels. A lot of people were driving to the movies. The war had shut down most film production in Europe but by 1920 the little village of Hollywood helped transform make Los Angeles as the center of the movie industry. Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and other celluloid celebrities paved the way for a new era of entertainment. These effects linger still.

Thanks to wartime conscription and of the home front, the demographics of America were changing. By 1920 half of us would live in the new cities that were growing and spurring the construction industry.

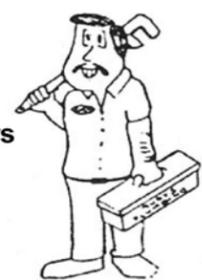
From Escapism to Reality

Everywhere it seemed after World War One that the world had sped up. Things just seemed to be moving faster and the new dance craze called the Charleston and lifted skirts reflected the new mood perfectly. After the horrors of trench war people seemed to want to go on a spree, especially when the war was followed by that horrific influenza attack. Earlier, America’s defeat of Spain in 1898 announced that she

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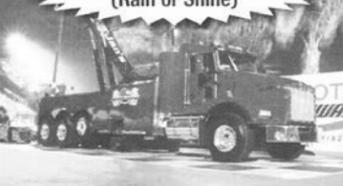
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All businesses at Mountain Ave and Duarte Rd will remain open and accessible.
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ENJOYING A TRIP with the Duarte Senior Center!

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 Senior Center serves limited hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. The suggested donation is \$2. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513, to receive your lunch you must check in by 11:45 a.m. To make a reservation please do so at least 24 hours in advance for regular lunch or 48 hours in advance for a choice day.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you possess a current CA driver's license, have access to a personal vehicle, and proof of insurance, you are eligible to volunteer to pick up meals and deliver to homebound seniors. (Meals are delivered M-F between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) No special training is required, just a compassionate individual who will brighten the days of the recipient.

To become a volunteer please contact Peggy Diamond at (626) 357-3513.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Access Transportation provides transportation for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

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The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. There is no cost for this service. Stop by the front desk or call the center to make an appointment at (626) 357-3513.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older and there will be two different classes offered: 4-hour refresher course on Thursday, August 7, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.; 8-hour class on

Tuesday & Thursday, September 16 & 18, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. If you take the 8-hour course your attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$15 for members (AARP card required at registration) and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required prior to class. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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FREE LEGAL CLINIC

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

BINGO

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cost of an afternoon of fun is just \$1. Cash prizes sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Please RSVP at the front desk or call the center for more info at (626) 357-3513.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Join us once a month for a game of Mexican Train Dominoes on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to find out when were playing, please RSVP at the front desk.

CRIBBAGE

If you are interested in playing cribbage once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12:30 - 2:00pm starting July 15 please sign up at the front desk, or call the center at (626) 357-3513.

MOVIES

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

BOOK CLUB

The Senior Center's Book Club promotes enjoyable reading and lively discussion. Please join them on the 3rd Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to see what book they are reading this month.

CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center began taking registration for summer classes on June 9. Classes began the week of June 23.

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

Free Ongoing Classes: Cardio Dance, Ceramics, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish Level I, Spanish Level II, Tai Chi, Walking Group, and Watercolor.

All classes are for adults 55 years and older. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration starting Monday, June

9 for the following excursion: Pala Casino (21 years or older), Meals on your own, Wed., July 23, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$15, (Receive \$5 in free play upon arrival). BBQ at Doheny State Beach and Sherman Library & Gardens, BBQ dinner included, Wed., Aug. 27, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$30. Gondola Getaway, Lunch included, Tue., Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$60.

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ON THE MOVE RIDERS CLUB

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

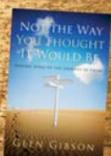
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Integrating K-12 and college curriculum to improve readiness

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

Preparing students for college has historically been seen as the responsibility of the K-12 educational system. Today, however, there is growing consensus that institutions of higher education also have a significant role in improving the college readiness of their future students. The national imperative to dramatically increase the number of college graduates by 2020 has prompted educators to look for new ways to boost student success and college completion.

In April 2013, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) released the first "Student Success Scorecard," a performance measurement system that tracks student success at all 112 community colleges in the state.

The Scorecard measures progress and completion at each community college for various groups of student demographics,

including those students with different levels of college preparation.

This spring, Citrus College received our 2014 Scorecard, and what it revealed will be critical to the college's ability to be successful as a "College of Completion." The Scorecard reflects data from Citrus College's 2007-2008 cohort of entering students from cities throughout the region.

The data clearly demonstrate that when students enter college prepared, they have a much better chance of being successful. For example, in looking at those students who completed a degree, certificate or transfer-related outcome within six years, 68.6 percent of those who entered college prepared were able to achieve completion, but for students who came in unprepared, that percentage dropped to 41.3 percent.

What was even more startling, however, was that the data showed that of the students entering Citrus College as part of the cohort, only 18.7 were prepared for



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

college-level work, while 81.3 percent of entering students were unprepared.

In response to these alarming statistics, Citrus College hosted a K-14 Education Forum on May 23, 2014, inviting school board members, superintendents and administrators from our K-12 unified school district (USD) feeder schools to meet to discuss ways to improve the preparation and college readiness of their students.

Two knowledgeable authorities, Coleen Maldonado, K-16 School-College Partnership Consultant, and Nancy S. Brownell, Senior Fellow for Common Core Systems Implementation at the California Department of Education, were invited to facilitate the forum discussion and breakout sessions.

Citrus College board members, superintendent/president, deans and faculty sat with each K-12 USD group, and a lively discussion and brainstorming session elicited district-specific ideas to answer the question: "Why do so many high school graduates enter college underprepared for college-level coursework?"

Scores of theories on contributing factors, strategies for change, and challenges to change were generated by those in attendance.

When the forum concluded, one central theme emerged: Integrating K-12 and Citrus College curriculum to support college readiness and completion will be critical to the college's ability to increase the success of our students.

Now that the relatively simple work of discussing the problem

Duarte Kiwanis provides El Salvador children shoes

The children of Central America are near and dear to Reyna Diaz' heart and as a member of Duarte Kiwanis, Reyna is an excellent spokesperson for the needs of the children. The club has been instrumental in many ways over the years, providing toys at the holidays, helping house the El Salvador High School Marching Band when they visited for the Rose Parade and even in the delivery of an ambulance for their community. This spring, the focus was very basic – children in El Salvador and Guatemala need shoes! So with the support of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, Reyna was able to provide a total of 500 pairs of shoes for children in need. In August, Reyna will be traveling again, this time to help provide supplies needed for children to participate in the Special Olympics in El Salvador.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For information contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

has been done, the difficult part begins – determining the best way for Citrus College and our USD partners to work together.

As one attendee put it, "there will be many notations on cocktail napkins to come." Ideas from the forum included connecting Citrus College faculty and K-12 faculty and developing faculty articulation agreements; K-12 benchmark-monitoring for English, reading and math; and addressing the time gap between learning and assessment testing. The college is already planning the next steps.

I would personally like to thank Duarte USD school board members Rev. Douglas Edwards, Ms. Reyna Diaz, and Mr. Ken Bell; Dr. Terry Nichols, superintendent; and Mr. Kevin Morris, principal of Mt. Olive Innovation and Technology High School, for their participation in the forum. The partnership between Citrus College and Duarte USD is collegial and strong.

I would also like to recognize Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College for her leadership and my fellow board members for their vision and their eagerness to move forward to address this difficult but important challenge.

In addition, Citrus College's faculty, deans, administrators, and staff, who are experts in their fields, deserve recognition for their steadfast commitment to student success.

As Citrus College continues to move forward on its College of Completion initiative, I look forward to working with Duarte USD and many community stakeholders to ensure that our students are successful in the global economy of the 21st century.

1914

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was a new power on the world stage. But shipping two million troops overseas in 1917-1918 to tip the balance in the world struggle confirmed that a new world power had arrived.

But American weren't ready to face all that just yet. The full significance of August, 1914 didn't hit home until the naval attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1941. The country wanted to kick up its heels in an era of "wonderful nonsense" before the howls of the Dust Bowl and Great Depression hit in the 1930s. Americans once again had to double down and show they were an especially resilient people. The searing let-down of World War One had at least shown how to build an unstoppable war machine and mobilize a peace-loving nation. It had also prepared people such as Patton, MacArthur, Marshall and Roosevelt to lead in the next generation. After World War Two the country was "in the world" to stay. The lessons of 1914 had hit home, delayed though they were.

(Neil Earle hosts DCTV's *A Second Look* and teaches history at *Grace Communion Seminary*).

Duarte Fitness Center

The Duarte Fitness Center, located next to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive, offers a variety of ways to get in shape. Life Fitness strength equipment is available including a Chest Press, Lat Pulldown, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. The Fitness Center also has a variety of cardiovascular equipment to choose from. Other Fitness Center activities include racquetball, wallyball, aerobic classes, and swimming.

Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat! Regular yearly membership fees for Duarte residents: \$160 – Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics or Racquetball, \$220 – Total Facility/Individual, \$320 – Total Facility/Family; non resident fees: \$220 – Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics or Racquetball, \$295 – Total Facility/Individual, \$420 – Total Facility/Family. The Fitness Center has several membership sales a year offering a 20% discount! The next membership sale will be September 1-8. Corporate membership discount rates also available. Please note the Fitness Center will close for all major holidays.

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Duarte Kiwanis Club Welcomes New Members

All Kiwanis Clubs are always thrilled to welcome new members – especially those who have been Kiwanians before in other communities. Duarte Kiwanis is proud to welcome Jim Dinsmore and Cheryl Reynolds as their newest members.

Jim is a former member of the El Monte Kiwanis Club. Jim

brings a wealth of knowledge of Community Service – he actually was one of the contractors who coordinated a project for “Extreme Makeover – Home Edition” a number of years ago, and is ready to help set a similar vision of service here in Duarte.

Cheryl Reynolds is a former member of the Monrovia Kiwanis

Club. Cheryl also has a shared vision of community service and has put that to work by providing a fund raising opportunity through her Origami Owl business – 10% of the sales from the fundraiser will go to support the Duarte Ki-

wanis Relay for Life Team. 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@drhernandezoptometry.com.



NEW MEMBERS (from left) Jim Dinsmore and Cheryl Reynolds with Duarte Kiwanis President Elect Mirna Vargas.

Friends invite you to “Wine Down With Friends” Nov. 5



(L- R) Susan Windham, Jan Wight, Melinda Branch, Lisa Stone and Cindy Croyle members of the Board of FDL toasting the “Wine Down with Friends” upcoming event.

Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) invite you and your friends to Wine Down with Friends on Wednesday, November 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at D’Aquino Italian Imports, 1850 Business Center Drive, Duarte.

Food, wine and soft drinks will be served with a lot of fun included as well as a wonderful silent auction. “This will be one of the most remembered evenings in Duarte,” said Wendy Wright, vice president of FDL and chair of the event.

Tickets will go on sale in early October for \$20 per person. Keep your eye on the FDL website www.friendsoftheduartelibrary.com for more news and how and where you can purchase tickets.

The event will be held at the beautiful corporate headquarters of D’Aquino Italian Imports a long time wholesale business in Duarte that most Duartean know of very little. Gaetano D’Aquino brought his business to the newly opened Duarte Business Park in the 1970’s. It is indeed the most unusual corporate building in Duarte. Many celebrities and political figures have been visitors to the building and their pictures are widely displayed within the building. The wine room and bar make you believe you have somehow made a trip to Italy. “Wine

Down with Friends will be a memorable evening in Duarte and one that I am sure will be anticipated every year,” said Jan Wight, president of FDL.

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Don't be surprised by construction. Text GOLDLINENEWS to 888777 to receive text alerts to your cell phone or visit www.foothillextension.org to register for project updates or find out the latest construction news.

As Southern California Edison wraps up its close to four year segment of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) in Duarte, residents will experience some intermittent park, street and freeway closures with helicopter activity.

Beginning July 21 and continuing through August 8, 2014, project crews will be installing new wires on the existing transmission towers in the utility easement within the Edison property/easement between Tocino Drive and Greenbank Avenue, within Hacienda Park and the Rancho Duarte Golf Course to south of the 210 freeway in Irwindale. The anticipated construction hours during for the project will typically be from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm., Monday through Saturday.

During this time, residents can expect to see from time to time a small helicopter that will be used to position equipment and personnel throughout the project area. Increased noise can be anticipated due to the helicopter's hovering activities.

Hacienda Park will also be closed completely during working hours on July 23 through the 25th and then again from July 27 to the 30th. Intermittent park closures will occur on July 21 and 22nd and again on July 26th.

During the project's entirety, there will also be periods of brief traffic interruptions and street/freeway closures on Royal Oaks Dr., Hacienda Dr., Encanto Parkway, Huntington Drive and the 210 freeway as well.

Periodic traffic interruptions will be typically three to five minutes in length. Edison has filed a traffic plan with the City utilizing a variety of traffic control measures including signs and crew members carrying flags. Note: Intermittent closures on the 210-freeway will occur between 5:00 am and 9:00 am on Sunday, July 27th only.

This is being done as part of the final phase of work for Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

Once completed in 2015, the project will deliver electricity from wind energy generators in Kern County south through Los Angeles County and east to San Bernardino County to help meet California's 20% renewable energy goals.

Edison has been informing the community in a variety of ways about the project through mailings and door-to-door outreach. In addition, there is also a link on the sce.com/trtp website that opens to a Duarte Construction Information page where residents can view up to the minute construction updates throughout the duration of the project.

Residents and businesses also have the opportunity to sign up to receive email construction alerts. For more information about the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), please call (877) 795-8787 or visit www.sce.com/teahachapi.

Questions:

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ter District to develop a community/sustainable garden on the COH campus. The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District recently awarded the City a sustainable gardening grant in the amount of \$25,000 and expects to present the check in August. A model lease and gardening rules has been submitted to the City of Hope and the City Attorney is reviewing the grant agreement with USGVMWD.

• Southern California Edison Cabling Project – The City continues to have planned power outages in conjunction with the Honeywell cabling upgrade. Edison has informed staff that the outages should stop sometime in July. Information about these ongoing planned outages are continually posted on the website.

• RAMP UP Duarte – As announced at State of the City, Rebuilding Together San Gabriel Valley Foothills and the City of Duarte are collaborating to offer a free service for seniors that would allow them to safely access their homes either via ramps or railing. The Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley recently donated \$2000 to this project.

• Special Olympics World Games – The City Manager’s office, Mayor Reilly, and Council Member Kang are in the process of exploring opportunities so

that the City of Duarte can be designated as a Special Olympics host town for the 2015 Summer Games. They are currently working with Azusa Pacific University to serve as a site to house the approximate 100 delegates that would be assigned to the City.

• Get Back to Work Boot Camp – The City Manager’s office and Council Member Kang are working with the Foothill Workforce Investment Board (FWIB), Duarte County Library, Panda Express, and other partners to host a “Get Back to Work boot camp on Sept. 13th from 10am-2pm at the Duarte County Library. The event is free and will include the following topics: job search strategies, marketing skill sets, resume writing and interview skills 101, creating a LinkedIn account, and accessing the FWIB mobile job placement center.

• LULAC Health & Wellness Fair- The City Council approved the co-sponsorship of the Health and Wellness Fair slated for September 20, and will take place at Northview Intermediate School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Health and Wellness Expo is a free event that will provide information and resources regarding health, nutrition, mental health, and substance abuse. Additionally, City of Hope will have a bloodmobile on site and USC will conduct dental screenings. Duarte Unified School District has committed to providing space for the expo and informing students and parents.

Santa Anita Family Services introduces Youth Employment Program

Leanne Powers, Job Developer for Santa Anita Family Services provided quite an overview of their new Youth Employment Program to the Duarte Kiwanis Club. Santa Anita Family Services recently received WIA funding (Workforce Investment Act) to provide services to help under privileged youth gain employment skills.

The goal of the program is to connect with these youth and achieve one of the following outcomes:

- Obtain a High School Diploma or GED or post-secondary degree or certificate
- Placement in Post-Secondary Education and/or Paid Employment
- Increase Reading and/or Math Skills (for out of school youth)

The club learned of a number of ways the community can connect with the program ranging from youth referrals to donations of work appropriate clothing, to providing space for training.

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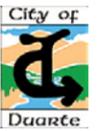
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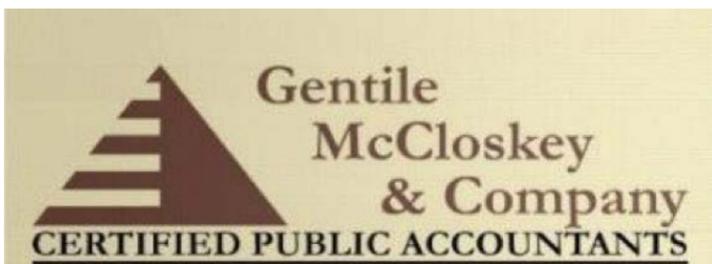
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Measure E Grand Opening celebrations at Maxwell Elementary and Northview Intermediate schools

Thanks to funds provided by Measure E, a multi-million dollar bond passed in 2010, construction of new facilities designed specifically with the most innovative and effective instruction in mind have been built to create a 21st Century learning environment for our students. To celebrate the completion of the building projects at Northview and Maxwell, two very special ribbon-cutting

ceremonies were held prior to the end of the school year.

On April 30, 2014, the Duarte Unified learning community gathered to mark the Grand Opening of the Northview Intermediate School Cafeteria Complex. This celebration marked the official opening of Northview's newly constructed 12,000 sq. ft. building. Over 300 people attended this special event including govern-

ment and community dignitaries to see our new state-of-the-art facility, also funded as part of Bond Measure E. Projects at Northview Intermediate included the demolition of the old quad shelter, kitchen and locker room buildings. These were replaced by the construction of the new building that contains the school kitchen, indoor cafeteria, outdoor eating shelter, boys' and girls' locker rooms, new training room and staff lounge/multipurpose room. Basic site improvements also included new concrete, much needed drainage systems, landscaping and data pathways. The new facility, which has been in use by students since the first day of school, has succeeded to radically improve the appearance of the campus and the Northview community is very pleased with the results.

On May 15, the School Board and Superintendent, Dr. Terry Nichols, also hosted a Grand Opening Celebration for the Maxwell Elementary School and community. Over 350 people attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and were thrilled to tour the stunning new facility. Representatives for Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Senator Carol Liu, Assemblymember Roger Hernandez, Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Mayor of Duarte, Liz Reilly were present and bestowed certificates of merit to the members of the Duarte Unified Board of Education.

The Maxwell Elementary project included the construction of an entirely new



building that houses a library, two classrooms outfitted with multiple computer stations, three staff restrooms, two student restrooms and a kitchen area. This building has been designed and furnished for collaborative learning that can be used for students and parent education classes. The library shelves are filled with books and the computer lab is equipped with cutting-edge technology.

This was an important edition for this school because Maxwell Elementary is now pursuing authorization to be an International Baccalaureate school. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that we believe is important for our students. The curriculum features six trans disciplinary themes incorporating local and global issues that are inquiry-based and conceptually driven. The International Baccalaureate offers education programmes to more than one million students in 146 countries. We are very proud that Maxwell is a candidate school as of September 1, 2013 for the Primary Years Programme.

Also at Maxwell, the original cafeteria was expanded and a new outdoor lunch shelter was added. The school administration building was renovated and has a fresh new look, and the student drop-off/pick-up driveway was re-configured to improve safety and curb appeal. The school marquee has been replaced with a multi-colored digital marquee and sports field lighting was installed at the adjacent Maxwell Park. Other structural upgrades include exterior lighting throughout the campus, new paint, fire alarm system, rain gutters and new landscaping.

Several building projects were also completed at Duarte High School. A new bio-tech laboratory/classroom and fully equipped culinary arts classroom were newly constructed, the

wood shop classroom underwent renovations and the DHS gym floor was re-finished and painted. The Falcons' Nest, weight lifting & wrestling room building, accompanies the beautiful new Falcon Field and Stadium complex completed last year that boasts an all-weather track, artificial turf field, new press box with elevator, scoreboard and sports field lighting.

In addition to these projects, several other structural and technology improvements were completed throughout Duarte Unified in 2011 and 2012 that included the installation of Smart Boards in every classroom in the district, replacement of the chain link fences at all the elementary schools with wrought iron fencing, replacement of the roof and lighting at the Valley View Elementary main covered walkway, re-stucco and paint of the cafeteria building at Royal Oaks Elementary, underground sewer pipe repairs at Royal Oaks Elementary and the installation of a new sewer system at Maxwell Elementary.

An appealing physical environment is important for growth and learning. Now at Duarte Unified, our exterior surroundings reflect the cutting edge teaching that is going on inside our new buildings. What's more, these new structures are not only eye-catching, but smartly designed to enhance instruction and increase student motivation. We are proud that our future Shoulder Tapped graduates will continue to receive a first-class education that now includes the modern amenities needed to prepare them for the 21st Century.

If you are interested in touring our new facilities, please contact the District Office for more information, 626-599-5037 or visit www.duarte.k12.ca.us.



Where is your Storm Cellar?

*Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District*

When I made the move to California from Arkansas friends and family would jokingly ask if I had concerns about living in a place prone to earthquakes. Granted, the unpredictability of the earth beginning to shake at any given moment is worrisome, but then again I was raised with tornadoes. I was fortunate that both tornadoes that I did experience left my family and I unharmed. Though I was always aware of the devastation these natural disasters could cause.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

Ironically, some of my fondest memories from my childhood were during tornado warnings. As a kid my mother, brothers and sister would often go to the "storm cellar" during tornado season. Dad wouldn't accompany us all of the time, but when he did we knew the storm was imminent. Now you must understand that a storm cellar is no palace. It is a concrete box built into the ground that's dark, dingy, musty, wet, and filled with the smell of kerosene. But, during a storm, it was the only place that offered me any comfort. This dungeon provided protection, a sanctuary from the looming and present danger of the tornado. During these times, tucked into the storm cellar, was also the time when I felt the keenest sense of community, family, comfort, safety and warmth. Everyone doesn't own a storm cellar in Arkansas, so a storm required the community to open its doors and welcome those searching for solace. The worse the storm or threat, the more people would show up in our cellar. These storms were life-altering moments and I came to view tornadoes as an agent of change. Living now in sunny California I don't give tornadoes, or earthquakes for that matter, too much thought but I do experience the normal upheaval that life brings and I still refer to it as "storms" passing through and sometimes wish I could hide out in that cellar.

How do you respond to the "storms" in your lives and to the "storms" our children experience? It is important to pay attention to the warnings and signs that accompany any storm. I learned as a child, tornadoes have very specific warnings and if you pay attention you very seldom will be caught without a "storm cellar" for respite. Our students look to us to pay attention to the signs and warnings they exhibit so that we can provide the resources they require in their times of need. When the tornado of life hits a student or colleague, I have witnessed again and again how the members of our DUSD family reach out to offer comfort, safety and warmth. I marvel at the magnificent spirit our staff shares in all that they do, and I wish to thank them for providing shelter to our students, colleagues, parents and community during their "storms."

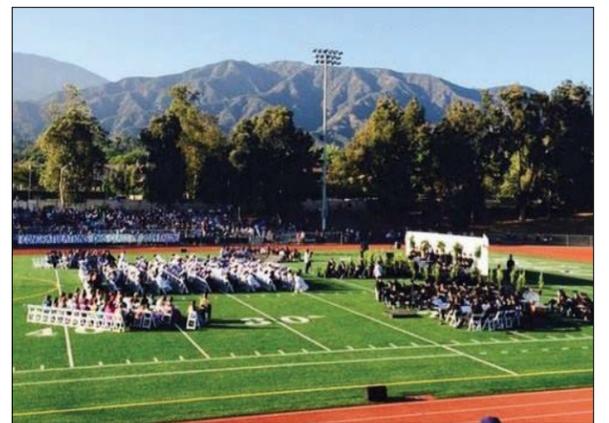
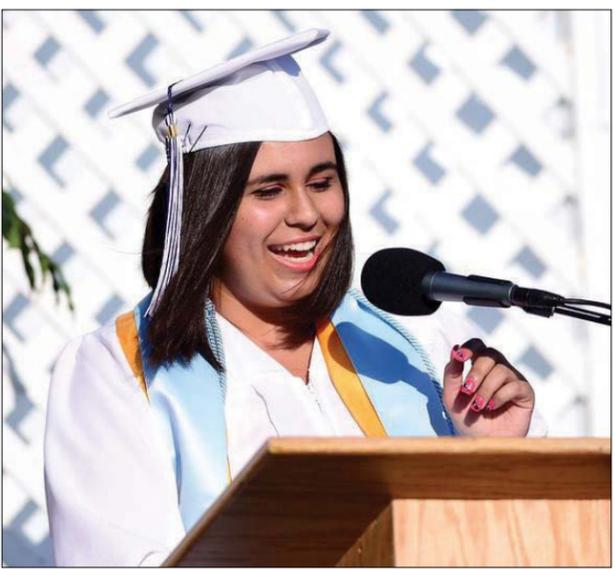
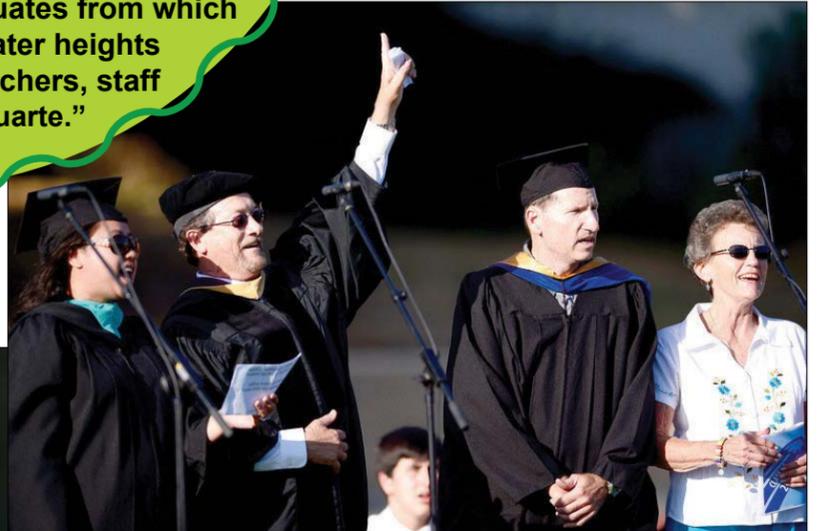
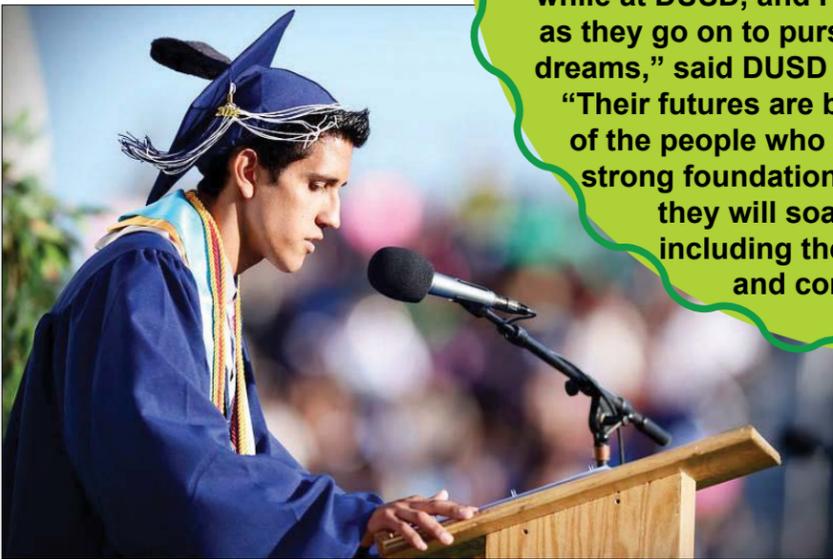
The 2013-14 school year has been by far, the fastest year of my 36 years as an educator. I have come to the realization that my future will be equally as quick, as explained to me by Mr. Russ Wafer (DUSD's own philosopher-locksmith-veteran-retiree and friend). Russ summed it up by saying, "Each year of your life is a fraction of your life so as you grow older the fractions become smaller and smaller and the time goes faster and faster." How true! We are all very fortunate to be part of a district where as time spins faster and faster we share our lives with people at work who are willing to be our "storm cellars." Yes, storms blow in and blow out and cause changes in our plans, our comfort level and at the same time reminds us of what we value most, each other. Catherine and I will be spending some time in our "storm cellar" this summer away from the storm of our work and lives. We will take the time to remind ourselves of what we value most as we take advantage of the 3 Rs for this rich but small amount of time.

Last year we "walked the turtle" as we paid attention to what is occurring around us. Continue to "walk the turtle" but I also encourage you to step out of the vortex of the constant spinning of plates that is required for our students' success. Provide special time for yourself and your family away from the "storm" of the everyday. Arrange for some planned spontaneity for yourself and be sure to take advantage of the 3Rs by engaging with the 3 Fs - Family, Fun and Food. You deserve it! Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you when school begins again for what is sure to be our greatest year yet.



**Congrats
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“Congratulations to the Class of 2014! I am very proud of what our *Shoulder Tapped Graduates* have accomplished while at DUSD, and I am eager to follow their progress as they go on to pursue their passions and fulfill their dreams,” said DUSD Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols. “Their futures are bright! A special thank you to all of the people who were instrumental in building a strong foundation for our graduates from which they will soar to even greater heights including the families, teachers, staff and community of Duarte.”



Summer learning for Staff at DUSD

Students might be surprised to learn that their teachers are taking summer school classes too. Many exciting instructional changes are on the horizon with the transition to Common Core State Standards, increase in technology based learning tools and integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. To keep current on best practices and prepare for these new challenges, our dedicated staff opted to take advantage of several professional development opportunities offered by the district for our educators this summer to hone their craft and stay at the top of their game.

The week following the official last day of school, 57 teachers were back at work to attend a four day workshop along with their school principals held at Northview entitled "Shaping the Path for 21st Century Learning and Teaching" presented by Lead Learner Associates. Educational consultants, George Manthey and Jeanie Cash, provided coaching on Common Core Awareness and 21st century instructional practices. By the end of the training each teaching team from every school developed a multi-year plan for Common Core State Standards implementation that included the provision of 21st century learning and teaching opportunities for all students. An exploration of how teachers can improve their leadership style by learning deeply about those they lead, and using



that knowledge to help those they serve be better learners was an important focus.

Teachers instructing grades TK-6 also participated in "Reading and Writing Institutes" led by Nancy Fetzer held in Anaheim and San Diego. In total, an amazing 55 teachers from DUSD made the trip to participate in these workshop sessions to learn how to plan and differentiate reading

and writing instruction across the curriculum. This included creating engaging lessons designed to access all students, regardless of language differences, special needs or varying ability-levels, to meet and exceed the demands of the Common Core content. An emphasis was placed on how to integrate academic oral-language development, multi-sensory methods, and Whole Brain strategies

into reading and writing lessons.

Instructors from Duarte High School took the opportunity to attend the "Southern California Advanced Placement Summer Institutes" in July. Since 1998, the Southern California AP Institute has held this annual 4-day summer workshop to equip high school Advanced Placement (AP) teachers with information that

will enhance the achievement of their students on AP exams in various subject matters including American Government, English, Calculus and World History

Ten educators from DUSD also participated in the seminar "Helping Struggling Learners Succeed with Common Core" facilitated by the Frostig Center that specializes in serving students with learning disabilities. The session held in July incorporated learning about strategies to help students struggling with diagnosed disabilities and academic challenges to develop academic oral language and to master their writing skills across disciplines.

DUSD will be making the transition to a new website platform next year. Soon our district and school websites will be powered by Schoolwires. Excited to begin building their own teacher sections within the new website, over 40 teachers attended the webinar trainings hosted by Schoolwires held in June with several more sessions being offered in August.

Additional workshops scheduled for fall include attendance at the annual CUE Conference, the largest educational technology training in California, and year-long consultation with reading and writing expert Charlotte Knox. DUSD will continue to offer professional development opportunities year round for certificated and classified employees since our staff, just like our students, are life-long learners and passionate about their professions.

Summer Youth Special Events



PARTICIPANTS AT LAST YEAR'S Mystery Event enjoyed a surprise reptile themed event.

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering several special events this summer for children ages 5-12.

The Summer Mystery Event will be held at the Duarte Community Center on Thursday, August 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. Children are invited take part in this fun activity. It could be games, crafts, or who knows. It's a mystery! Refreshments will be served. This event is free.

The annual Splashtacular will be held at the Duarte pool Thursday, August 8 from 1:30-3 p.m. There will be water games, contests and prizes. This event is open to children 15 and under. The cost is \$1 for kids 6-12 years and \$2 for kids 13-15 years.

Transportation will be provided for all events from each supervised park site with signed permission form. For more information on these events, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.



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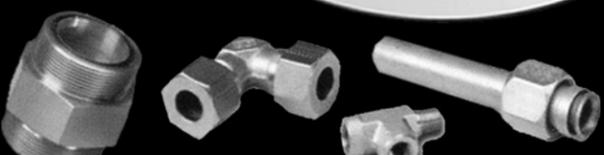
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p.m. Monday through Thursday (only two lanes available 7-8 p.m.); and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. weekends. Recreational swim is available for all ages from 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays and 12-4 p.m.

weekends. The cost is only \$1 for children 12 and under, and \$2 for adults and teens. Water aerobics classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30

a.m. at a cost of \$5 per class. The Fitness Center Pool offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. The swim instructors are all Red Cross-certified. Lessons are offered mornings and evenings Monday through Thursday. The cost of a 2-week session is only \$30. There are a limited

number of class times and spaces. Registration begins at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents and 8 a.m. for non-residents one week prior to the beginning of each session. Sessions are: July 28-August 7 and August 11-August 21. For more information call the Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.



COME COOL OFF THIS SUMMER at the Duarte Fitness Center pool!

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Special summer hours of 10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. will be held June 16 – July 25.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS! Splash Madness Week!

On August 12 – 16 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., teens can come hang out at the Teen Center and join us for free water games all

week, contests, super soaker fun, and more! Highlight of the week will be an excursion to Raging Waters on July 31 for a fee of \$30!

It a Small World After All Week!

On August 11 – 15 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., the Teen Center will offer a free week full of exploring other countries and their traditions, music, beautiful displays and a special closing event with dinner! Global Peace and Unity is the theme!

Raging Waters Trip

On Thursday, July 31 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for a fee of \$30, the Teen Center will head to Raging Waters.

Drive In Movie

On Thursday, August 21 from 6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. teens can come enjoy a movie (TBA) at the drive in for \$12! Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Van transportation will be provided along with popcorn, soda, and a few snacks.

TOURNAMENTS

Pool Kings Tournament

On Wednesday, August 7 at 3 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host other city teen centers in a free POOL KINGS tournament! Come represent your Center with the best hot shots you got! Prizes awarded to the top winners! Fee: Contact Teen center for more info!

3 Point Shoot Out Contest!

On Wednesday, August 6 at 3 p.m., come and “wet” the hoop in the Duarte Teen Center free 3 point shoot out contest! Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3 point shots for a total score, top winners will receive prizes! Come and get ya hoop on!

TEEN COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT/BACK TO SCHOOL BLASTOFF!

On Friday, September 12 the Mayor’s Youth Council will host the third annual Teen Community Movie Night. Event will feature a movie, and a dance competition will take place at 5 p.m., with a free barbecue to follow! Vendors and much more! Event starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Event held at Duarte Park.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out!

This program is for boys grades 9-12. Participants will meet Wednesdays, August 13 & 27 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports, and much more!

Drama Club

Held Fridays from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The membership fee is \$5 every 6 months. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

Girls Night Out!

This program is for girls grades 9-12. Participants will meet Tuesdays, August 5 & 19 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more.

Nutrition/Cooking Class

On Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5 p.m. the Teen Center offers cooking classes for \$2 per class. Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends!

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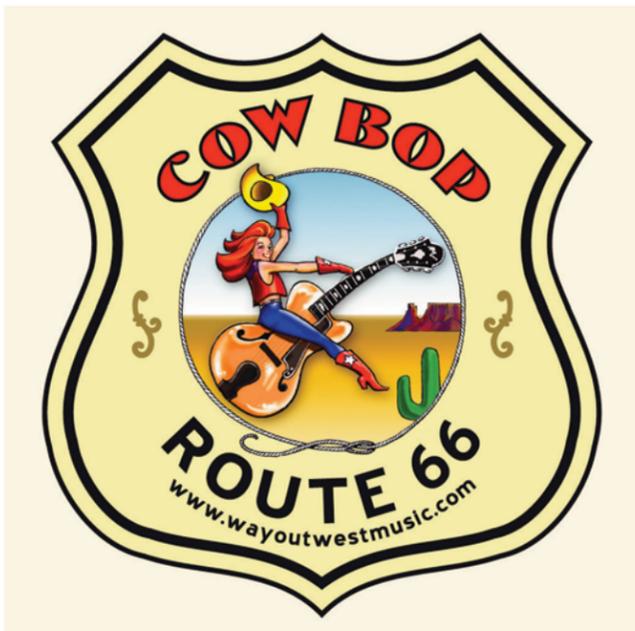
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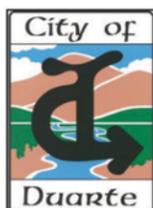


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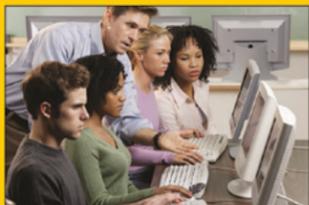
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