

Summer Recreation for Youth, Teen, Adults

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Duarte Summer Concerts in the Park kicks off July 9

The band "Cold Duck" featuring Top 40, Old School, Big Band and more, will kick off Duarte's Summer Concerts in the Park series on Wednesday, July 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park. Rutan & Tucker, LLP is sponsoring the opening concert.

Duarte Park is located at 1344 Bloomdale Ave., just east of Buena Vista St. Free bus transportation is available through the use of the Duarte Transit system, which arranges an extended schedule.

Duarte's summer concert series offers a fun and stress-free way to enjoy a warm summer evening in the company of family and friends. Concertgoers are invited to bring along a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic dinner, or enjoy something good to eat from one of several food booths that will be open for business

beginning at 6 p.m. There will be more than music to enjoy as each of the four scheduled concerts also features an entertainment and play area for children, and a raffle hosted by the Route 66 Parade Committee.

Other concert dates in the series are July 16 featuring the band, Chico - Salsa and Top 40; July 23, Sgt. Pepper - a Beatle Tribute Band; and July 30, Mariachi Poncitlan & Edmundo Galan bringing lively Latin tunes.

Also helping to sponsor the series of concerts are Burrtec Waste Industries; Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; The Sierra Family of Dealerships; Foothill Transit and the Duarte Soccer League.

For more information, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



DUARTE CONCERTS IN THE PARK series offers musical entertainment, vendor booths, fun intermission activities, giveaways, kids games and guaranteed fun for all!

YMCA Youth Program Makes Community Impact

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has continued to partner with the Santa Anita Y in their Youth & Government Program. The purpose of the Youth & Government program is to help teens learn values-based leadership to strengthen our democracy.

Santa Anita Y Executive Director Karen McNair was able to share some amazing statistics:

- Students who join Youth & Government are 88% more likely to earn a bachelor's degree
- 43% of Youth & Government participants continue to work on community issues as adults
- Youth & Government alumni are 96% more likely to register to vote!

The Duarte Kiwanis Club presented Karen with a check for \$500 to help sponsor a youth from Duarte in the program.

For further information, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

Route 66 Car Wash recognized for water conservation commitment



ROUTE 66 CAR WASH was recognized by the Duarte City Council and California American Water at the June 9 City Council meeting for its desire to support water conservation efforts by cutting water usage over 20%. Presenting Allen Samvelian (center), Route 66 Car Wash owner, with Certificates of Appreciation are Brian Barreto, External Affairs Manager for California American Water, and Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly.

The City of Duarte has asked residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 20% in response to the ongoing statewide drought.

Following the City Council resolution, 12-year local business owner and Duarte Chamber Member Allen Samvelian announced he would support the City's conservation effort by cutting water usage over 20% at his local Route 66 Car Wash by closing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 15 thru October 1st.

"What a tremendous impact on water conservation if all of

the over 300 LA County car wash owners could do the same," added Samvelian.

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Already for years, city street crews have utilized drip irrigation, regularly inspected and replaced broken sprinklers, utilized weather sensing irrigation clocks, and regularly replaced turf with drought tolerant shrubs.

Most recently, the Facilities Maintenance Division of the Parks and Recreation Department has also taken measures to conserve water at the City's facilities by installing water free urinals, automatic toilet flush systems, and low flow shower heads.

In a resolution passed May 12 the Duarte City Council asked residents and businesses to take immediate action to "voluntarily conserve water for all of its uses and to make every effort to reduce water waste in order to conserve this precious natural resource."

Duarte residents are encouraged to take simple steps to save water, including taking shorter showers, not leaving water running, checking for leaks, washing only full laundry loads, not washing vehicles at home, promptly fixing defective plumbing or sprinklers, watering only when landscaping needs it during early morning hours, avoiding sprinkler runoff into paved areas, and using a broom rather than a hose to clean driveways, gutters and walkways.

In January, Governor Jerry Brown proclaimed a drought State of Emergency and called for statewide water conservation. The Governor's announcement follows a series of actions the administration has taken to ensure that California is prepared for record dry conditions.

For more tips on how to help save water, visit California's Department of Water Resources website at saveourh2o.org.



PRESENTING A \$500 CHECK to Santa Anita Family YMCA Executive Director Karen McNair (center) to help sponsor a Duarte youth in the Santa Anita Family YMCA Youth & Government program are Kiwanis President Elect Mirna Vargas and Kiwanis Treasurer Filippo Fanara.



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Duarte Public Access has second home on Duarte Charter Cable

Duarte Public Access (DCTV) now has a second home on Charter Cable in Duarte. In addition to airing on Channel 3, DCTV is also cablecast on Channel 182 in conjunction with Charter Communications' digital conversion, which launched on April 15.

The secondary channel location places DCTV in the middle of the new Charter Cable "Public Affairs Neighborhood" consisting of Channels 173 to 188. All government and educational channels are now co-located in one area for viewing ease. For those who don't have cable, DCTV programming can also be viewed on-demand on the DCTV website, www.DctvDuarte.com.

With the conversion to an all-digital system, Charter analog customers will require a convertor box for their televisions. To assist those customers, Charter will provide them with two free digital converter boxes for two years.



Current digital customers will receive one free box for one year. Low-income seniors will receive free digital convertor boxes for five years. Additional boxes are available for \$6.99 each.

Customers have the option to install the convertor boxes themselves or have Charter install the convertor boxes at an additional cost.

With the conversion complete, Duarte customers have access to over 200 channels of high definition TV and faster Internet data speeds.

Summer Health Camp 2014

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "About 18 percent of children ages 6 to 11 are obese" with adolescents right behind. Fortunately, you don't have to be an expert to help protect your child from being overweight or obese and the serious health problems associated with it, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and some cancers.

However, you do need to be committed to helping your family eat more fruits and vegetables and be more physically active. Enroll your child in Summer Health Camp 2014 and he/she will learn how to: incorporate more fruits and vegetables into meals and snacks through cooking demonstrations/taste tests, shop healthy by reading labels, and be more physically active throughout the day.

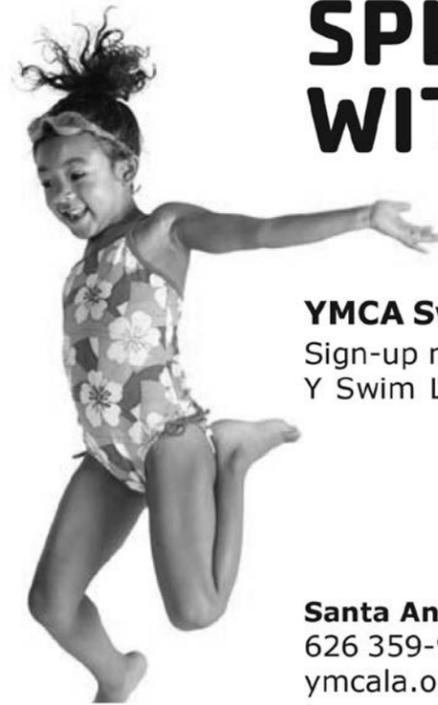
The Camp will be under the direction of the City of Duarte Parks & Recreation Department and City of Hope staff and volunteers, with special presentations by local partners. The Camp will run for one week only: Monday through Friday, August 4 - 8 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open to ages 7-11 years old. Registration will begin on June 9 at City Hall at 7:30 a.m. Only \$20 per child. *Limit: 2 children per household maximum at time of registration.*

For more information, please contact Amy Cortez @ (626) 303-0863, ext. 404. Para más información, contacte a Mayra Serrano a (626) 256-4673, ext. 64721.



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Summer Park Program

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will conduct supervised park programs at four sites this summer, Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., June 16 through August 8. Royal Oaks Park, Encanto Park, Beardslee Park and Andres Duarte School/Otis Gordon Sports Park

will offer arts and crafts, sports, games, and special events, all supervised by trained recreation leaders. This is a drop-in program where children are allowed to come and go as they wish. Activities are for children 5 to 12 years of age. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

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Duarte Kiwanis Mystery Solved



DR. DIANE HERNANDEZ had quite a surprise recently. She received an email from John Shoumlin, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club in Ashtabula, Ohio. Mr. Shoumlin shared that a local contractor was emptying out a building to prepare for demolition when the contractor found the original charter for the Duarte Kiwanis Club dated July, 1955. He told her the frame was in bad shape, but the charter was fine. At a recent meeting, Diane shared the historic find with the club. Timing is perfect, since 2015 will be the 60th anniversary of the Club and the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International! The Duarte Kiwanis Club is hoping to share the find with the Duarte Historical Society for a future exhibit. 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.



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Monitoring station to measure PM10 from Vulcan Mining activity up and running

Public can now view real-time data of air quality on AccessDuarte.com webpage

An air quality monitoring station installed adjacent to Valley View School to keep tabs on any unhealthy PM10 particulate matter emanating from Vulcan Materials mining activity above Duarte is up and running. So is a dedicated web page on the City's website where Duarte residents can monitor the quality of air they are breathing via real time data of hourly and 24-hour averages of PM10. Data from the monitoring station streams live to the SCAQMD where it is analyzed for quality control, then sent to the City of Duarte and made available for the public on the City's www.accessduarte.com website.

Michael Cacciotti, the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board member representing Duarte and Jason Low, Atmospheric Measurements Manager for the SCQAMD joined

Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly and City Manager Darrell George at Valley View School to provide residents and other interested parties with an overview of the monitoring station and its operation, and to tour the monitoring station area located on land above the school.

"We are the only city to have an air quality monitoring station and the only city with the ability to provide our residents with real time data on an hourly basis," said George. He credited the collaboration of all who worked together for the good of the community, including the school district, AQMD, and the Community Development Department.

Low urged residents to remain engaged and proactive in reporting excessive dust coming from the mining area. "If high winds are blowing Vulcan should not be active," Low said. Residents

should record the activity with a photo, or preferably a video, then call the AQMD at 1-800-788-7664 with a complaint. Based on a minimum number of complaints, as few as six, compliance officers who are on duty 24 hours a day, will be dispatched to inspect the reported violation.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) began installation of the monitoring station in October 2013 at the request of the City of Duarte following court decisions that cleared the way for Vulcan to expand its mining operations to Van Tassel Ridge above Duarte homes and schools. Vulcan intends to extract 105.6 million tons of aggregate from the mountain over the next 24 years.

The addition of a full meteorological tower to accurately measure wind conditions installed in April made the monitoring station fully functional providing continuous monitoring and real time reporting including hourly averages of PM10 levels.

PM10 is particulate matter that is everything less than 10 micrometers in size (25 to 100 times thinner than a human hair), the byproduct of crushing and grinding rocks and soil. PM10 are blown by the wind and can stay in the air for minutes or hours and travel as little as 100 yards or up to 30 miles. Inhalation of PM10 particles can pose a danger to respiratory health because they can lodge deep in the lungs.

Low noted that data gathered from the Duarte monitoring station from January to March 2014 measured the 24-hour average of PM10 levels to below California and federal standards.

PM10 levels are measured in micrograms per cubic meter. The state considers PM 10 levels up to 50 micrograms per cubic meter, good. Under federal standards, which governs, the threshold is 150 micrograms per cubic meter.

SCAQMD estimates the cost for the first year of monitoring at the site to be approximately \$50,000. Specifically, costs include: \$6,500 site preparation, \$36,500 for equipment and \$7,000 for operation and maintenance. The SCAQMD has committed to installing and operating the system at its own expense for the first twelve months of operation. The City will then take over the costs of the station's maintenance and operation while transitioning the task to an SCAQMD approved technical consultant.

SCAQMD is also negotiating with the City of Azusa to set up another monitoring station location in that city to further improve the ability to monitor PM10 dust emanating from Vulcan mining activity

Duarte fought a long and costly battle to stop the City of Azusa from allowing Vulcan to move mining operations from a previously approved 80 acres on the east side of its 270 acre property to 80 acres on the west side, above Duarte homes. In February 2013, the State Court of Appeals upheld a Superior Court ruling of May 2012 against Duarte's lawsuit that challenged the validity of the Environmental Impact Report.



THIRD GRADERS Achilles Blomeyer (left) and Adam Benihya look at a stereopticon. Photo by Claudia Heller

Royal Oaks students visit Duarte Historical Museum

Armed with pen and paper, dozens of third and fourth graders from Royal Oaks School busily studied every corner of the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park May 6 and 7.

Their assignment was to answer written questions about Duarte history such as draw a picture of the Duarte branding iron and explain what it was used for; and to learn who Glenn Miller was and why he is important to

Duarte history. "This is when our Museum shines, when those eager faces learn about local history," says Claudia Heller, President of the Duarte Historical Museum.

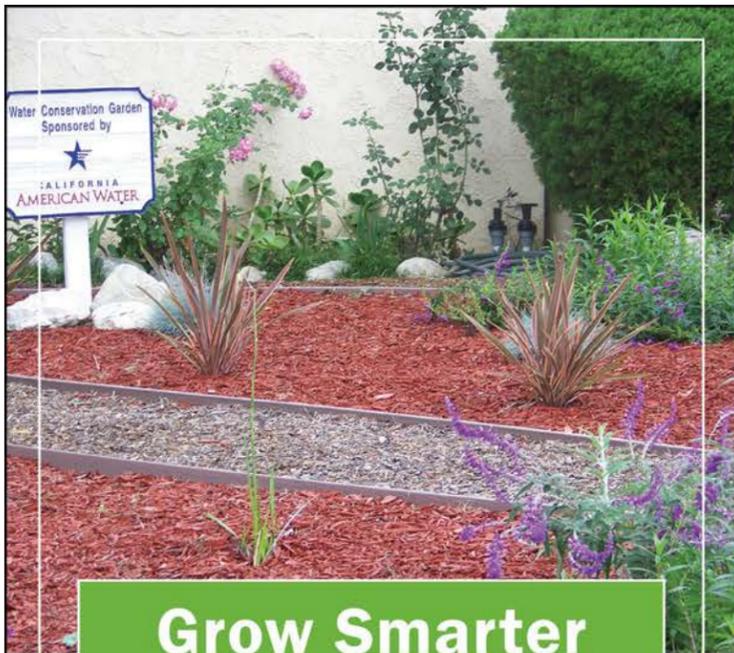
"These are our future members and volunteers. Thanks to our docents who took time out of their schedules to help show the students, their chaperones and teachers around," says President Heller.

Jeff Melching of Rutan & Tucker New City Attorney for City of Duarte

Jeff Melching, a partner at Rutan & Tucker, LLP, public law department, is the new City Attorney for the City of Duarte. He replaces Dan Slater of Rutan & Tucker, who has retired after serving as Duarte's City Attorney for ten years.

"It's a smooth transition for the City because Jeff has served as our capable assistant City Attorney for several years. We are pleased to have an attorney of his caliber represent Duarte," said City Manager, Darrell George.

Melching has served as the assistant City Attorney for Irvine since 1999, and is General Counsel to the Orange County Great Park Corporation. He has also served as general counsel and special counsel for other cities throughout California, including Glendale, Berkeley, Thousand Oaks, Burbank, Burlingame, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano.



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Summer Special Events

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will offer several special events this summer for children.

An **Ice Cream Social** will be held at Beardslee Park, Encanto Park, Otis Gordon Park and Royal Oaks Park on Thursday, June 19 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Children will play games and get a cool treat at each site while welcoming another summer of fun. Children 5-12 years old are welcome to participate. This event is free.

Come celebrate **Duarte Game & Craft Day** at Encanto Park on Thursday, June 26, from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. with all types of games from Ping-Pong to checkers. This event is free. Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission slip.

Children ages 5-12 can come enjoy the **Summer Cool Down** on Thursday, July 10 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center. Relax in the air-conditioned auditorium and participate in a fun activity with a cool snack. All for free. Transportation provided from supervised parks with a permission slip.

The annual **Splashtacular** will be held at the Duarte pool Thursday, July 17 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 provided from supervised parks with a permission slip.

The **Duarte Splash Zone** will be held at Beardslee Park on Thursday, July 24 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Children ages 5-12 are invited to play carnival-style games and activities, all with an aquatic theme. The giant inflatable water slide will be back! There will be 10¢ games and 25¢ rides & snow cones, or for \$3 you can get an unlimited rides and games pass. (Concessions not included with wristbands.) Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission slip.

The **Summer Mystery Event** will be held at the Duarte Community Center on Thursday, July 31 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join us and discover the wonderful mystery of this event. There will be refreshments, and fun and fantastic activities. This event is free. Transportation provided from supervised parks with a permission slip.

Come join our End of Summer BBQ at Royal Oaks Park on Thursday, August 7 from 2-3:30 p.m. and enjoy a hot dog, drink, and celebrate all the fun you had this summer. This is a free event. Transportation provided from supervised parks with a permission slip.

For more information on these events, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Adventure Club Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two weeklong camps for kids and teens ages 8 through 17. Camp dates for Session I are Monday, August 11 through Friday, August 15 and Session II Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22. Both are held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Royal Oaks Park. The fee is

\$120 per session. Each camp day will be highlighted by a daily trip to fun and exciting places, such as the beach, theme parks, water parks, or the movies.

Registration starts Monday, June 9 at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. For more information on Adventure Club, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.



ADVENTURE CLUB participants enjoy visiting places with exciting rides, shows, water rides, exhibits and more!

Parks and Recreation Swim Program Begins

The City of Duarte Fitness Center's summer swim program will begin on June 16. Come enjoy lap swim, open swim, water aerobics, and swimming lessons. The Fitness Center offers American Red Cross swimming lessons for only \$30 per two-week session, Monday-Thursday. Water aerobics will be offered for \$5 per class. Lap swim and open swim are only \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors. Children 12 and under can enjoy open swim for only \$1.

Registration for the first of five sessions of swim lessons begins Monday, June 9 at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents with proof of residency, and 8 a.m. for all others. Telephone registration will

be available after 12 p.m. on first day of registration. Swim lessons will be offered in the mornings and evenings every 2 weeks throughout the summer. Open swim will be held weekdays from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Water aerobics will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Family swim will be offered every Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Adults must be in water with children.) Lap swim is available for adults at convenient hours every day.

For more information call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

Discovery Nature Camp

This summer the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer its annual Duarte Discovery Nature Camp. Nature Camp participants will explore our region's natural environment and will participate in daily activities including games, crafts, and lessons on nature. Campers will also participate in twice-weekly excursions to local trails, nature/science centers, beaches, museums, zoos, and other interesting locations. The Duarte Discovery Nature Camp's motto is: "For Duarte's Kids, Discovering Nature Comes Naturally!"

The Discovery Nature Camp will consist of three 2-week sessions, offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Session I: June 23 through July 3 (closed July 4), Session II: July 7 through July 18, and Session III: July 21 through August 1. The camp is open to children 6-12 years of age. The fee is \$180 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions. Registration begins Monday, June 9. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.



NATURE CAMP KIDS discover "It's A Jungle Out There."

Duarte Recreation Classes

Looking for something fun for the family to do this summer? Why not enroll in some affordable recreation classes. The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of adult and youth classes. Join us for: Amazing Arts, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Calligraphy, Computers, Critical Reading and Written Expression, Folklórico, Golf, Guitar, a Children's Health Camp, Hip Hop Dance, Math Workshop, Mini Picassos, Needle Art, Karate, Piano, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Ballroom Dance, Sewing, Tap, Tennis, Tumbling, Vocals, Yoga, and more!

Contact the Recreation De-

partment for age requirements and fees.

Registration begins Monday, June 9 at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Mail-in registration is also available. Beginning Tuesday, June 10 you can register by phone for purchases over \$25 with Visa, MasterCard or Discover at 357-7931. Classes will begin the week of June 24.

For more information, please contact the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



TUMBLING students are ready to roll!

~ Little All Stars Sports ~

T BALL

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer this fun, beginner's league for boys and girls 4-7 years. Registration begins Monday, June 9. Introductory practice will be held Tuesday, July 1 Games will be held on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings July 8 - August 2 at Otis Gordon Sports Park. The fee is only \$30 and includes a jersey top. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

SUMMER BASKETBALL

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will offer a summer introductory league for boys and girls 4-7 years of age.

Registration begins Monday, June 9. Introductory practice will be held August 4.

Games will be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons August 6 - September 3. (No games Labor Day) The fee is only \$30 and includes a jersey top. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

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 by 12:00 noon the day before.

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

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

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

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for the following excursion: Pechanga Casino – Wednesday, June 18, from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. for \$15 with meals on your own.

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for the following excursions on June 9 at 7:30 a.m.:

Pala Casino (Must be 21 years of age or older. A valid California driver's license or ID is required) – Wednesday, July 23, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for \$15 (Receive \$5 in free play upon arrival. Meals on your own.

Expired licenses or IDs will not be accepted.); BBQ at Doheny State Beach and Sherman Library and Gardens – Wednesday, August 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. for \$30 with BBQ included; Gondola Getaway – Tuesday, September 9, from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for \$60 with lunch included.

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

We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover with purchases over \$25. For any further questions please call (626) 357-3513.

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KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

Four Week Workshop sponsored by SCAN Health Plan and HealthCare Partners. This 4-week program will be held on Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please note that they can only take 30 people and you must be able to attend all 4 sessions.

Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information.

MOVIES

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

BINGO

Every Tuesday from 12:30-2 p.m. bingo is held. The fee is 25 cents per card. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for further information.

BUNCO

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Citrus College Honor Students exemplify Scholarship, Leadership and Service

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

Spring is an inspiring and motivational season at Citrus College. Not only are students approaching another year's mile marker on their academic journey, many of them are also preparing to complete a certificate or associate degree. Still others are excited about their plans to transfer to a four-year college or university and earn a bachelor's degree. Spring is also the season of recognitions, awards and ceremonies for hundreds of Citrus College students.

As the college recognizes our most accomplished students, it is a reminder that scholarship, leadership and community service routinely go hand-in-hand at colleges and universities throughout the nation. This dynamic combination is particularly admirable at community colleges, where students come from all walks of life, socio-economic backgrounds and cultures.

Each year, Citrus College honor students, many of whom are members of organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and Alpha

Gamma Sigma (AGS), compete both statewide and nationally against their peers, and they do exceptionally well.

This spring, 76 California community college students were selected for PTK's All-California first, second and third teams. Grades, leadership and community service determine those who are selected for these prestigious teams.

These students are some of the most accomplished among the 2.5 million students enrolled in California's community colleges. This year's honorees from Citrus College are particularly inspiring.

Merhawi Ghebrechristos is a psycholinguistics major with a 3.85 grade point average (GPA). His personal journey out of the country of Eritrea, excelling in college with the support of his professors and peers, and his participation in a Summer Research Experience, helped to inspire his desire to make a difference in the world.

He is currently serving at Citrus College as vice president of service for Beta Nu Eta, which is Citrus College's chapter of PTK. Merhawi has also formed



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

a new club on campus called the Language Café, which promotes language learning and cultural experiences. His goal is to transfer to USC as a psycholinguistics major and pursue a Ph.D. in neurolinguistics. He ultimately hopes to go to developing countries to foster educational opportunities similar to those he has experienced in the United States.

Another All-California team honoree from Citrus College is Chase Goldsmith. Chase is a biology major with a 3.53 GPA. His goal is to advance the human condition—something on which

he is already working. Chase recently participated in an award-winning PTK Honors in Action project, which applied learning and practice to real-world problem-solving by developing an in-depth, action-oriented research

project. Chase is currently the vice president of fellowship for Beta Nu Eta. He is also a Citrus College Supplemental Instruction (SI) leader for biology, where he participates in study sessions with other students to improve their success by comparing notes, discussing readings and developing organizational tools. SI leaders are students who have previously done well in the course they are leading, and they attend all class lectures, take notes, and act as model students.

Membership in AGS and PTK also instills in students a desire to continue their education. An excellent example of this is Christian Ramirez, a former Citrus College student from Duarte. Although Christian initially struggled with

his classes, mentoring from faculty empowered him to improve his study skills, as well as his grades and confidence. He graduated from Citrus College with honors and received several recognitions, including the 2010 All-California Academic First Team, the 2010 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar award, and Citrus College's 2010 Man of the Year. Christian went on to UCLA where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics/economics.

As these Citrus College scholars demonstrate, being an honor student is more than just seeking academically challenging experiences, it's also about giving back to support their fellow students and the community. Being engaged in service activities while in college provides students with a unique means of refining their leadership skills, while preparing them to make service an enduring part of their personal and professional lives.

“The Pride of Duarte” spotted on Puente Largo Bridge

Duarte is now on the birding map. The March 26 sighting by Michael (Mickey) Long of a Varied Bunting flitting along the south side of the west end of the Puente Largo bridge had the affect of yelling “I found gold” during the gold mining days.

For days birders from near and far waded through the brush and spent hours awaiting a sign of the bird which has only been observed in California a few times.

Kimbel Garrett, collections manager of the L.A. County Museum of Natural History, dubbed the bird “The Pride of Duarte.”

Fortunately on the April 13 bird walk sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society and led by Garrett, the trophy bird made a



brief appearance and graced the binoculars of the excited birders.

On the walk, which covered Encanto Park bioswale and adjacent river areas, more than 52 species were observed including the endangered Bell's Vireo, a Belted Kingfisher, a Red-whiskered Bulbul and a Nutmeg Mannikin.

A complete list of species observed may be found on the Museum website: duartehistory.org.

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Dilip Tiwari joins the Duarte Historical Society Board of Directors as Assistant to the Curator, Irwin Margiloff

“The Duarte Historical Museum has archived a vast collection of artifacts, newspaper clippings and other items of historical and cultural significance to Duarte’s history,” says Dilip Tiwari. “I look forward to getting the collection pieces organized so that they can be stored in the inventory data base for easy access by all visitors to the museum.”

Dilip and his wife Rose have lived in Duarte for 35 years. They have three boys, Neil, Sean and Kevin. Dilip is a licensed Architect and a member of the Duarte Community Service Council since 1990. For the past seven years, in addition to being an active member, he is an auditor of the Service Council.

“There is a huge amount of cataloging work to be done to bring the museum collections current. With the addition of Dilip on our Board we are confident we can bring the project up to date,” says Claudia Heller, president of the DHS.

In addition, Lino Paras has undertaken the project of cataloging hundreds of newspapers from 1940 to the 1990s. “Some have been microcopied and others have not. The project entails ascertaining which papers have not been copied so that they may be entered into the com-



DILIP TIWARI

puter archives for the future,” says Heller. Duarte’s former librarian Peter Rosenwald is supervising the project. “We could sure use more help,” adds Heller. If anyone is interested in serving as a museum docent or assisting on the newspaper cataloging project, please call Heller at (626) 358-0329.

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Duarte Woman's Club wins at Convention

By Claudia Heller

The Duarte Woman's Club (DWC) excelled in all phases of the San Gabriel Valley District Woman's Club Convention held April 25 and 26 at the Radisson Ontario Airport.

Margaret Toon, who was named Woman of the Year for the DWC in March, received recognition at the Convention along with ten other women from throughout the District. Presidents of the attending clubs were also honored including DWC president Ann Valleroy. The Saturday afternoon session honored District Chairmen, including DWC past president Carolina Flores-Helizon, who is the SGV District Scholarship Chairman, and Kathy Delker, DWC Vice-President, who is also editor of DWC's newsletter, The Grapevine.

The Convention highlight was the awarding of prizes to the various clubs. DWC, in the medium club category (26-50 members), took the following: First Place; Membership; Conservation; Home Life; International Outreach Community Service; Public Issues Community Service and The Membership Award. Second place: Education Community Service; Women's History and Resource Center; Leadership Advancement; Club Newsletter; Communications and Public Relations

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The Duarte Woman's Club welcomes women over the age of 18. The Club meets on the first Thursday of each month October through June usually at 7 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center. For more information call Aja Enriquez, Membership chair, at (626) 359-5311.



MARGARET TOON
 DWC Woman of the Year

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“Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare:” A Fan’s Response

By Neil Earle

April 23, 2014 was the 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s birth. The Duarte Library sponsored a small display/tribute which my wife, Susan, and I helped put together.

And as we worked on this it was the extraordinarily wide range of this most respected author that again re-impressed itself on our minds.

Shakespeare is estimated to have had a vocabulary of 37,000 words (twice as large as our best today), to have written 37 plays and 154 sonnets and provided plots for 250 TV shows and movies. He has 150,000,000 “hits” on the Internet. In an age of “mega” this is worth our respect. Just one play alone, “Hamlet,” has generated 61 movies and 21 TV shows at last count. He has intrigued and challenged actors from Orson Welles to Al Pacino, and from Elizabeth Taylor to Mickey Rooney and down to Leonardo de Caprio. This is a remarkable resume. No wonder so many consider him the greatest writer in the English language.

I’m a fan, not, alas, a literary scholar. I began to take serious interest in the Bard in the ninth grade at a time when many English Lit classes featured seemingly bulletproof anthologies covering the “greats” of the language. I distinctly remember turning to a section of my reader titled “The Play’s The Thing!” and saw that it was a quote from Shakespeare’s most famous play, “Hamlet.”

The phrase stuck as I sought to motivate amateur dramatists from Goose bay, Labrador to Toronto, Ontario to Glendora, California. Our ninth grade selections from “Much Ado About Nothing” featuring the verbal sparring of Beatrice and Benedict came colorfully to life in Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson’s colorful recreation in a popular 1993 movie. Sixth grade Shakespeare! Heady stuff but 1950s culture was still heavily leavened by the written as well as the oral word.

OVERHEARING THE MUSIC

Something else shaped my early Shakespeare interest as well. In my high school at cold and drafty St James School off the North Atlantic coast we got to move downstairs. One of

the incentives for passing your exams, we used to joke, was to move nearer the pot-bellied stove where hung out the scholars of the eleventh grade. Luckily our principal in this five-room school had a real flair for capturing the lilt and fire of great poetry and he could hold us with his recitations from Shakespeare’s plays. Ultimately, Shakespeare has to be heard to be appreciated so, starting as a ninth grader, I heard our principal expound “Twelfth Night” whose opening line still sticks: “If music be the food of love, play on.” The next year my older buddies got to wade through “Julius Caesar” and the “lend me your ears” speech—duly delivered by our inspired principal.

Our final year of high school, 1961-1962 featured “Macbeth.” I still feel a slight aversion to it because we analyzed it too much. Still...some scenes—the three witches cackling away, Lady Macbeth wringing her hands (“Out, out, damned spot”)—never leave you. Later I came to appreciate the three old crones in Scene One as one of the most colorful “set-ups” in literature—getting started is every dramatist’s first hurdle. Consider also the “walking ghost” scenes in Act One “Hamlet.” Legend has it that Shakespeare himself played the ghost.

“Fair is foul and foul is fair” cackle Macbeth’s witches—the series of “f’s” make it an actor’s delight (“alliteration” our English teachers would shout). And though bewildered by an encounter with his dead father, the noble Hamlet can still summon up the line “There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.” For me, this ended many an argument with science majors over the years.

By the way, if you begin reading Shakespeare today you have an advantage in the age of Stephen King. Shakespeare is pre-modern, a man of the 1500s really, so his audience’s belief in witches and ghosts may ironically fascinate those of us living in a time when “Horatio’s philosophy” is somewhat counterbalanced by “The Shining” and the zombie craze. Witches and spirits are once again in vogue.

COMPASSING ALL OF LIFE

At my university, Shakespeare

was a virtual required course and a quite acclaimed one at that. Everyone hoped to snag the home-grown English professors, their accents helped sell the plays. I was assigned Miss Orsten, a recent young graduate from England. I well recall the political insights she had in “Richard II” where Bolingbrook, the eventual king and Richard’s executioner, was willing to be merciful to the captured King, at least to avoid future rebellions. “Don’t win too big” was the lesson he and Orsten seemed to be making, a lesson few politicians who win landslides seem to heed.

Speaking of politicians, Abraham Lincoln’s favorite play was “Macbeth” and the real-life setback and travails of the 16th President—personal and political—makes sense of that somber choice. There had to be times when the casualty figures pouring in to the White House made the carnage of the Civil War seem “full of sound and fury, signifying nothing” (Macbeth, Act V, Scene V). Yet Lincoln’s mild smile on his emaciated face as the war ended perhaps indicates that for this famously many-sided figure there was indeed a rough justice in the universe, “a divinity that shapes our ends,” as Hamlet put it.

AN ADOPTED AMERICAN

Shocking indeed is it for Americans today to learn that the Birdcage Theater in Tombstone, Arizona was regularly sold out in the late 1800s whenever a Shakespeare company came to town. The Bard was big in the Wild West! Why not? Here was a place of dramatic confrontation—man and nature, town and country, sheriffs and outlaws. Miners and cowboys and outlaws and actors rubbed shoulders together. The grudges between the Earps and Clantons that triggered “The Gunfight at the OK Corral,” moved forward in that slow form of ticking inevitably that recalls “Hamlet,” perhaps, where dead bodies litter the floor at the end.

Then we are told that the next generation of Americans—a lot of them immigrants passing through Ellis Island—also saw Shakespeare reflecting their reality. Was it the appeal of mixed-up families as in “The Comedy of Errors,” or the street wars between Capulets and Montagues in “Romeo and Juliet” that attracted people thrown together on crowded Manhattan? Life was crowded and dramatic then, not unlike Will’s London, his “little world” of 200,000 Londoners feeling they were at the center of everything. The wreck ay sea that begins “The Tempest” has connections to some of the first failed attempts to settle the New World. Shakespeare was still writing in 1607 when Virginia was founded.

NOT FOR HIGHBROWS ONLY

One point that needs making today is that Will was not just

writing for the upper crust. The bawdy scheming of the merry wives of Windsor did not require a PhD to unravel. So much of Shakespeare is of the earth earthy, with silly plots sometimes much more simple than *Seinfeld* where four strands of life all come together. Only in the 1920s, claims Douglas Brode in *Shakespeare in the Movies*, did the poet become too much the property of academics who told people they couldn’t understand him.

The literary critic C.S. Lewis summarized the Bard’s appeal as being able to compress the sweetest of lyrical touches along with the widest probing and presentation of human character—what we call the Comedies and the Histories. I would add to this Shakespeare’s wide canvas. He takes us through Athens, Denmark, Egypt, ancient Britain and merry Windsor, northern France (Henry V) and cold Denmark, Verona, Venice, and Vienna—from A to V. No wonder motion picture producers have combed over his scripts—Shakespeare’s plays were the popular arts of their day.

This is part of what Yale’s Harold Bloom meant when he said *The Complete World of Shakespeare could be renamed The Book of Reality*. Yes. Even in such fantasies as “Midsummer Night’s Dream” fairies and demons undermine the strict rules laid down by pompous rulers forcing arranged marriages at the beginning. At heart, Shakespeare knew the underdog position very well.

LYRICAL CHARMS

Wide range indeed. Shakespeare’s characters as different as the conflicted Hamlet and the swaggering Petruchio in “Taming of the Shrew” (think Richard Burton opposite Elizabeth Taylor). Yet the sweet lyrics are still there leavening the most sober stories.

As the Bard himself has the Archbishop say in “Henry V,” “The strawberry grows underneath the nettle.” The forcefulness of the king’s speech in “Henry V” before the Battle of Agincourt with the numbers stacked up against him is one of literature’s best moments. Hal rallies his men with a “band of brothers” speech so timeless that the words are repeated by Private Benitez in Danny Devito’s movie “Renaissance Man” to great effect. Benitez is goaded on by a sadistic drill sergeant to recite Shakespeare until even he melts at the line men risking bloodshed can grasp: “We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.”

So now we know where that landmark TV series on World War Two got its name.

That’s Shakespeare. One mark of great writing is when it speaks aptly to a specific event and is still able to be accessed with profit years and even centuries later. Shakespeare does this more than any other author in English.

RELEVANCE AND WEAKNESSES

I found as I left the Ninth Grade behind that great drama plays out in real life on our newscasts which can turn us back again to Shakespeare. Once you begin to make the equation between literary characters and your own times, your interest in the Bard really picks up. Remarkable is the way Kevin Kostner quotes “Richard II” at the end of his flawed but memorable *JFK* movie where he appeals to the writer’s sense that “authority forgets a dying king.” Being embroiled in private entanglements that become embarrassingly public (“Macbeth” again) have afflicted Presidents both Republican and Democrat since the 1970s. Indeed, the fall of great figures is a constant in Shakespeare—from Antony and Cleopatra to Othello to King Lear.

In the 1980s I first heard the serious rumors that William Shakespeare of Stratford, Esquire, was not really the author of his plays but was a front man for Edward de Vere, the brilliant Earl of Oxford, whose noble lineage forbade him from visibly frequenting the company of actors. This seems like a stretch offhand and I never completely bought into the idea but it did make me take a second look at some of the plays which was useful.

In our own time we are learning that Shakespeare was not superhuman. He may have had collaborators on some later plays and there is evidence that even “Hamlet” was reworked from an earlier effort. We now know that the talented Christopher Marlowe gave Will a run for his money as well as originating “the mighty line” that we associate with Shakespeare’s measured pace. There is truth in the humorous quip that “good writers borrow and great writers steal,” and Will was not averse to such practices, an encouragement to those of us who take up the pen today.

All this gives us permission to read Shakespeare in a modern version where most of the tough phrases and words are explained—Signet or Folger versions work well for that. Taken all in all, there is no explaining genius and the great A.L. Rowse felt that the poet’s moment was unique, that the generally high standards Shakespeare reached across a twenty year career may have been a result of the very dramatic times in which he lived (*William Shakespeare: A Biography*). He saw the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588 and the worrisome switch from the Tudors to the Stuarts in 1603, all of which fuelled his writing. It is likely that his fame will endure at least till 2064 when—I am convinced—his 500th will draw out admirers wherever the language is spoken.

(Neil Earle hosts DCTV’s commentary show “A Second Look”)



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Fish Canyon Exhibit opens at Duarte Historical Museum



KAREN VANCE AND DILIP TIWARI peruse newly installed Fish Canyon exhibit at the Duarte Historical Museum. Photos by Alan Heller



FISH CANYON EXHIBIT features mining, history, cabin life, hiking trails and more.



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The many aspects of Fish Canyon's history are now on display at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte (Encanto Park), including mining, hiking, cabins, geology, and treasures washed down canyon during floods.

Fish Canyon is located in the foothills above Duarte and Monrovia, and is known for its lovely three tier waterfall. Its history is quite colorful and sometimes surprising. "Did you know that hunters once captured grizzly bears in the area and trucked them off to Los Angeles for brutal bear fights?" asks Claudia Heller, President of the Duarte Historical Society.

The Museum is open on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. (closed holiday weekends), and from 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Admission is free. For more information, call (626) 358-0329. The Fish Canyon exhibit will remain through July.



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From the Superintendent

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

We have a guest author, Joilyn Campitiello, for this edition of the *Duarte View*.

Mrs. Campitiello works in the Educational Services division of the school district, and is a part of the EdLeader21 national network of school and district leaders focused on integrating the 4C's (critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity).

Mrs. Campitiello has summarized the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

Changes in School Funding Bring Everyone Together in Support of Student Success

By Guest Author Joilyn Campitiello,
EdLeader21 Coordinator

Governor Brown has put in place a new funding formula for schools called LCFF. LCFF replaces the current state model of funding with a more streamlined formula and removes most of the existing spending restrictions.

LCFF also collapses over 20 categorical programs (funds earmarked by the state for different types of uses with spending restrictions).

However, some categorical programs remain, including special education, afterschool programs, school lunches, and transportation.

LCFF also shifts decision-making to the school district level with flexibility for local communities to decide how to best spend resources.

Districts use this information to create and adopt Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) to show how funds will be spent to provide high-quality educational programs and improve student outcomes.

Duarte Unified has been busy gathering input for their (LCAP) during meetings with parents, teachers, staff and community members. A survey was also posted on-line and parents and community members were invited to give input on how to best meet the needs of students in Duarte Unified.

Initial meetings were held in January. Goals were then created based on the eight required state priorities and local priorities that include the district vision, mission, and Board of Education goals. District staff met again with teacher and classified bargaining groups, parents and staff to review the goals and get input on actions to achieve the goals.

From this, a draft of the LCAP was created and taken back to stakeholder groups for review.

The final draft will be posted on the district website on June 2. An open hearing will be held at a Board of Education meeting on June 19 at 7 p.m. in the Duarte Community Center.

The plan will be presented to the Board for approval at the June 26 Board meeting.

Duarte Unified is excited about the new opportunities this funding will bring to the district.

The district has embraced the LCAP process as an opportunity to bring everyone together in support of our student's success.

Many innovative ideas have been shared at stakeholder meetings and one message has come through loud and clear – The City of Duarte and Duarte Unified cares deeply about the success of ALL children.

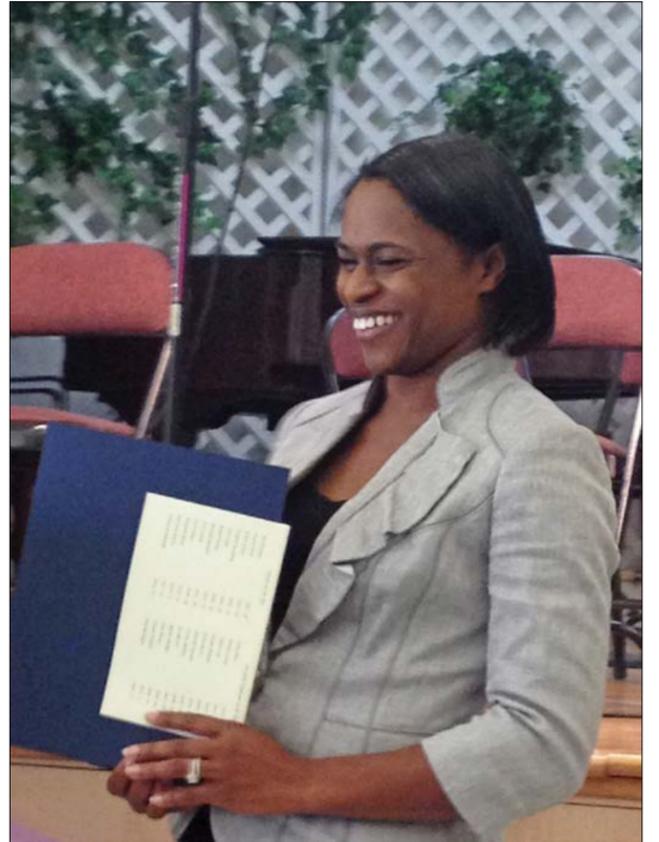
DUSD announces 2014 Teacher and Classified Employees of the Year

A reception was held on May 15 to honor the teachers and classified employees of Duarte Unified for 2014. Special recognition was given to the teacher and classified employee from each school elected by their colleagues as being most deserving

of the award for professional excellence. From this group of highly qualified and dedicated personnel, Dr. Rasheedah Gates was selected as the district's Teacher of the Year and Ginny Jones was selected as the district's Classified Employee of the Year.

DR. RASHEEDAH GATES Duarte Unified School District Teacher of the Year

Dr. Rasheedah Gates was inspired by her mother to set life goals that included education and she continues to successfully reach them by recently earning a doctorate degree. Rasheedah joined Duarte Unified fulltime in 2001 after starting as a substitute teacher. She now teaches 2nd grade at Royal Oaks. Rasheedah's peers state she provides a strong role model for life-long learning and she is always eager to delve deeper into new strategies and work collaboratively with her team to support all students. Initially, Rasheedah entered the teaching profession as a means of preparation to fulfill a childhood dream of working as a missionary in another country. She found teaching gave her the satisfaction of serving others without leaving home. Her decision to pursue teaching was also inspired by her 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Taylor, who was the only African American teacher at her elementary school in Denver. Mrs. Taylor made a significant impact on Rasheedah being a minority woman in a position of honor and status in the community. Royal Oaks Principal, Janice Kolodinski states, "Rasheedah embraces everything she does with her whole heart." Rasheedah has the support of her husband and two children. Congratulations to Dr. Rasheedah Gates on earning the coveted Teacher of the Year award for Duarte Unified.



GINNY JONES Duarte Unified School District Classified Employee of the Year

"Ginny Jones leaves everyone she encounters with a smile on their face," states Kaye Ekstrand, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Director of Child Development. "Ginny knows just about everyone in the district by name including parents, students and even their siblings."

Ginny has worked for Duarte Unified in the Extended Day Care, Think Together and Head Start Programs.

Ginny currently works in the front office at Child Development and has elevated customer service to a higher level of achievement.

She goes above and beyond to get things done and gladly helps out others in their jobs whenever possible. Staff members describe Ginny as friendly, creative and resourceful and a true gem in the Duarte Unified School District.

Congratulations Ginny Jones on being the DUSD Classified Employee of the Year.



2014 Teacher and Classified Employees nominated by each school site and district department

Teacher of the Year 2014

ANDRES DUARTE – Lynn Lewis
BEARDSLEE – Andrew Thill
DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL – Bob Leach
MAXWELL – Lily Almaraz
M.I.T. – Stephen Clayton
NORTHVIEW – Mari Rodriguez
ROYAL OAKS – Dr. Rasheedah Gates
VALLEY VIEW – Scott Moses

Classified of the Year 2014

ANDRES DUARTE – Rosalinda Hinojosa
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Get ahead and stay ahead on learning this summer at DUSD

Summer vacation from school should be full of fun activities and enjoyable time spent with family and friends, but research does show idle time away from ongoing learning can lead to the “Summer Slide” phenomenon.

Duarte Unified is offering exciting summer learning opportunities for our students so they don’t lose any educational ground, can stay ahead academically and have fun at the same time!

This summer, course offerings have been expanded to include both intervention and enrichment classes for students at the elementary and secondary levels through partnerships with Citrus College, Opportunities for Learning, the Sunshine Educational Center, and the City of Hope.

Several specialty courses are now available through the National Institutes of Health-Science Education Partnership Award with the City of Hope.

These include summer STEM classes for incoming students in grades 11-12th. These students will work alongside City of Hope scientists to fight the battle against cancer and other autoimmune disorders.

Specifically, they will continue the hunt for mutants in order to deduce the mechanism of the RAD-52 protein. This course will be held June 18 - August 8, 2014.

Students will engage in lab studies at the Beckman Research Center at the City of Hope. In collaboration with the Regional Occupational Program (ROP), a Mentorship Class at the City of Hope provides 10th-12th grade students positions in clinical research documentation, prostate cancer survivorship documentation, clinical research data entry/documentation, human resources, healthcare administration, population sciences, printing, procurement, safety, environmental services, patient meal services, retail services, recruitment, nurses staff with outpatient services.



DUSD & CITRUS APEX SUMMER PROGRAM AT CITRUS COLLEGE

DUSD & CITY OF HOPE SUMMER LEARNING

In partnership with Citrus College, the Automotive Physics Engineering eXperience (APEX) Summer Academy introduces incoming eighth grade girls and boys to the practical application of math and science through the automobile.

The goal of this three week program is to contextualize middle school math and science standards through the operation of a vehicle.

Targeted participants are those who would benefit from experiencing math and science through a hands-on, exploratory approach to learning.

The culmination of the program will result in building a Go Kart raced on the APEX Motor Speedway Track. The Tech Girls: Engage, Empower, Experience (TGE3) Summer Experience also at Citrus College is offered to encourage middle school girls to pursue career opportunities in the computer science, information technology, and engineering fields.

The students will take field trips to the University of Southern California and engage in both robotics and application/web development with hands-on project based exercises and lab scenarios that support middle school science technology, engineering and math standards.

In addition to these programs and English Language arts/mathematics enrichment courses, incoming 7-8th grade students have the opportunity to take Mandarin, Theater and Band Camp.

Courses for incoming 9-12th grade students include numerous academic offerings in addition to Video Production, Graphic Design Culinary Arts, Business Management and Recreation Leadership.

Extended year learning is also available for Special Education and Migrant Education students. Enrollment is now open for all summer learning programs available for Duarte Unified students.

Please contact Paola Torres at (626) 599-5713 or refer to the program offerings listed on the Duarte Unified website at www.duarte.k12.ca.us for information regarding specific classes, dates, times and locations.



DUSD CULINARY ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM

More Low-Income SoCalGas Customers Eligible for Bill-Assistance Programs

Increased Income Guidelines Expand Eligibility

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) customer Consuelo Torres, a single mother of two girls in Lennox, Calif., says she is grateful that the company, along with the Maravilla Foundation, replaced the original heater in her 1935 home during a cold spell earlier this year. Keith Barton, another SoCalGas customer, also had work done in his North Hollywood, Calif., home. They took part in the Energy Savings Assistance Program.

Now, more SoCalGas customers are eligible to take part in these state-sponsored, money-saving, no-cost customer assistance programs as a result of updated income guidelines that went into effect on June 1.

"SoCalGas is committed to enrolling as many of our eligible customers as possible into our assistance programs," said Rodger Schwecke, vice president of customer solutions for SoCalGas. "With that in mind, we are currently launching a targeted communications campaign to help get this message out. We know our customers like to receive information in a variety of ways so we are utilizing different channels to reach them, including social media."

CARE: The CARE program provides a 20 percent rate discount on the monthly natural gas bill for eligible households and has already enrolled about 1.7 million customers throughout the SoCalGas service area. Those who qualify and are approved within 90 days of starting new gas service will also receive a \$15 discount on the Service Establishment Charge.

Energy Savings Assistance Program: This program provides no-cost, energy-efficient home improvements to income-qualified renters and homeowners. Services include:

- Door weather-stripping and caulking to keep unwanted drafts out of the home;
- Attic insulation to help the home stay cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter;
- Low-flow showerheads that can save energy used to heat

water;

- Furnace replacement (owner occupied residences only);
- Other minor home repairs.

Customers may automatically be eligible if their household income is below the new guidelines below or a household member currently receive benefits from any of the following programs: Medi-Cal/Medicaid, Medi-Cal for Families A&B, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), CalWORKs (TANF) or Tribal TANF, Head Start Income

Eligible (Tribal Only), Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, CalFresh (Food Stamps), National School Lunch Program, Supplemental Security Income, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). More customers can now qualify for these programs.

As of June 1, 2014, the new CARE and Energy Savings Assistance Program income guidelines, based on pre-tax annual income, are as follows:

Household	New Income Guidelines (2014-15)
1-2	\$31,460
3	\$39,580
4	\$47,700
5	\$55,820
6	\$63,940
7	\$72,060
8	\$80,180

For each additional household member, add \$8,120

Customers can learn more and apply for these programs by visiting <http://www.socalgas.com/for-your-home/assistance-programs/> or by any of the following:

- Apply for CARE online at <https://carescgp.sempra.com/careappl.aspx>.

- Apply for Energy Savings Assistance Program online at <http://www.socalgas.com/for-your-home/assistance-programs/esap/form/index.shtml>

- Call SoCalGas toll-free at (800) 427-2200 or (800) 342-4545 in Spanish.

In addition to CARE and the Energy Savings Assistance Program, SoCalGas also offers other programs. The Gas Assistance Fund helps provide a one-time grant to customers during the winter who are income-qualified and unable to pay their bill. The Medical Baseline Allowance program assists customers who

have a person in their home with certain medical conditions that may require additional heating to sustain their health. There are no income requirements for The Medical Baseline Allowance program; however doctor certification is required for this program which offers natural gas at the lowest baseline rate.

About Southern California Gas Co.

Southern California Gas Co. has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 20.9 million consumers connected through nearly 5.8 million meters in more than 500 communities. The company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and southern California.

Free Summer Lunch Program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under

beginning June 16. Lunches are served Monday through Friday and there are no limits on the number of participants served.

Lunches will be offered at several local Duarte elementary



VISITING WITH Gaetano D'Aquino (center), owner of D'Aquino Italian Imports, are Dilip Tiwari, Duarte Historical Society Assistant Curator, and Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly.
Photo by Claudia Heller

D'Aquino tour reveals American dream

By Claudia Heller

The Pope, Sophia Loren, Andre Bocelli, ET, and the D'Aquino family all share space on the walls at D'Aquino Italian Imports located in Duarte's business center. The offices which seem to go on forever, the warehouse with pallets of wine, and meeting rooms are all adorned with classic paintings, statues and memorabilia.

It was here on a tour sponsored by the Duarte Historical Museum that we learned the compelling story of owner Gaetano D'Aquino and his journey from a young man in Italy to a local entrepreneur. His book entitled "To Reach the Impossible Dream" tells the story.

Our tour, led by Fabrizio Renna (Gaetano's son-in-law) and Sonia Palacios, took us into the nooks and crannies of this beautiful building and explained the operation.

D'Aquino Italian Importing Company was founded in 1978 and began in small quarters in Arcadia. Its humble beginnings flourished into the number one Italian wine importer in California and number seven in the nation. The small family-owned operation had busted the seams of its location and in 1988 moved to Duarte.

Having read Gaetano's autobiography, I could understand why the paintings and photos were of great importance to him. The hardships he overcame early in life prepared him for the obstacles that came later. He persevered through hard work, love of family, faith in his religion, and a drive to excel.

Gaetano is a self-made successful business man who has not forgotten what it is like to struggle. He remains a humble man who is quick to praise Duarte and its people.

Gaetano was born in Siracusa, Sicily in 1940. As a young man he worked in his father's small produce market "and learned the value of an honest day's work." At age 18 he moved to Switzerland and worked on an assembly line and by the time he was 25 he had risen to upper management. Yes, his belief in an honest day's work behooved him.

Gaetano had dreamed of America since his boyhood. He says the "American Dream" was a "frequent byword in the dreary reality of a Europe immersed in postwar reconstruction."

And so, in 1967, he visited the US and while in Florida met Sylvia Altavilla who later became his wife.

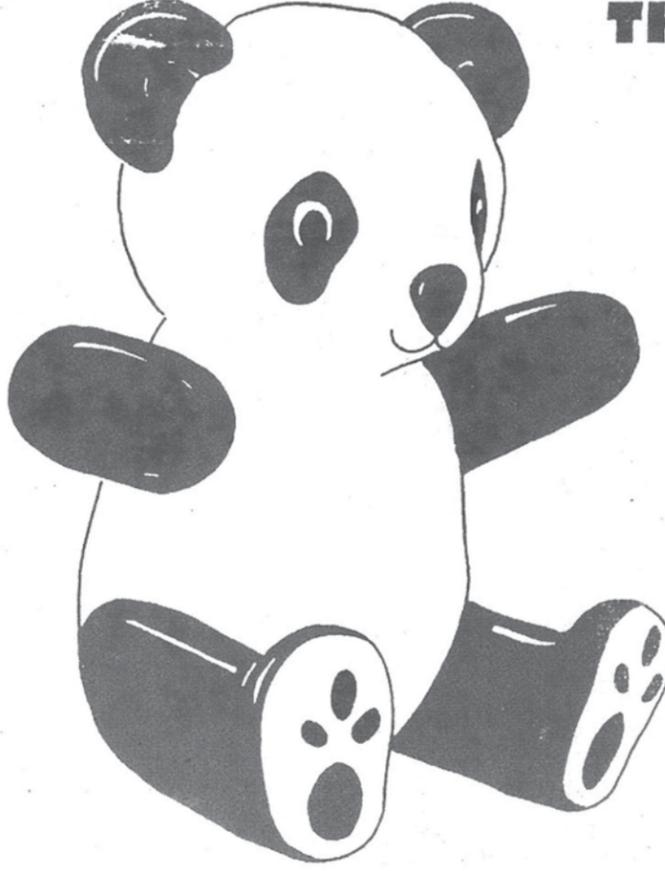
In a few years he had relocated the growing family to Hollywood, California, and owned a small business. After returning the family to Italy, Gaetano spent four years researching wine and the importing business.

When he returned to the US in 1977, Gaetano and his growing family began an importing business and in 1978 the D'Aquino Italian Importing Company was founded.

Today wines with the D'Aquino label are served on cruise ships of the Royal Caribbean Lines, airlines, Marriott Hotels, as well local grocery stores including Trader Joes.

Gaetano has always held high regard for stars, particularly Ital-

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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista St. in Duarte. Regular open hours 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 17-July 26.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Summer Kick Off BBQ – Senior Grad Party!

On Tuesday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$1 come enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit, and a beverage. Senior Grads are FREE!!!

Hip Hop Dance Camp

From July 7-11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Teen Center will be offering a Hip Hop Dance Camp for only \$20. This camp will be a high energy, fun, educational course breaking down Hip Hop movement for all levels of dancers. It will end in a culminating dance routine to a new and popular Hip Hop song.

Hip Hop Advanced Class!

An advanced camp will also be held July 7-11 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for \$20. Participants must have prior dance experience or prior Hip Hop class attendance.

Pool Kings Tournament

On Thursday, July 24, at 3 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host other cities 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! Contact Teen Center for more info!

Raging Waters Excursion

On Thursday, July 31, as part of Splash Madness week, teens can enjoy an excursion to Raging Waters for \$30. Participants depart from the Teen Center at 9 a.m. and returns to Teen Center at 5 p.m.

SUMMER THEME WEEKS! Teen Summer Olympics Week!

Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, from 3-5 p.m. Teams will compete all week long in various summer Olympic games with Teen Center staff as their leader! Track and Field, Boxing, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball and much more. The week will end with a softball game and the awarding of the gold, silver and bronze medals.

Mardi Gras Madness Amazing Acts Week!

Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, from 3-5 p.m. A week of theatre arts, skits, poetry jam and the week will end with a Mardi Gras Celebration!!

Splash Madness Week!

Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1, from 3-5 p.m. Come hang out at the Teen Center and join us for water games all week, contests, super soaker fun, and more. Highlight of the week will be an excursion to Raging Waters for \$30.

It's a Small World After All Week!

Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 15, from 3-5 p.m. A 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.



Martha Jean Harris



By Claudia Heller

The Duarte Woman's Club (DWC) mourns the passing of cherished member (Martha) Jean Harris.

Jean joined DWC in 1998, and was named Woman of the Year in 2010. In the words of former president Doreen Tulloch-Reid "Jean was a calm, positive thinking lady. She influenced her club sisters to be polite, kind and flexible. She has been a steadfast supporter of the Club's community projects."

Jean was born in Alabama on September 20, 1922 and had been a resident of Duarte since 1986. She loved to walk around town to get her exercise. When she lived in San Francisco she promised herself that when she retired from the banking industry, she would move somewhere flat where she could enjoy walking.

She always said she loved living in Duarte. She was thrilled to represent the Woman's Club in the Duarte Route 66 Parade in September of 2010.

Because of her banking experience Jean served as treasurer of the Santa Anita Episcopal Church Women's Group where she was affectionately called "money bags."

She was an active member of the Duarte Garden Club and served as an usher at the Anglican Church in Arcadia.

Jean loved to travel and had visited every state including Hawaii and Alaska, the Bahamas, Canada and Mexico.

She passed away Easter weekend. A memorial service was held on May 4 at the Santa Anita Church in Arcadia. She will be missed by all who knew her.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out! – This free program is for teen boys grades 9-12. Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more! The group meets Wednesdays: June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23 and August 13 & 27 from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Drama Club – The Drama Club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Club members participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. The membership fee is \$5 every 6 months.

Girls Night Out – This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. The group meets Tuesdays: June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, and August 5 & 19 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Nutrition/Cooking Class – Teen can learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends. Class meets once a week on Wednesday from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Fee is \$2 per class.

Work it Out! – Come join Teen Center staff for "Work it Out" a fitness program for teens! Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition tips! Come get fit with friends on Thursdays from 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

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.

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D'Aquino

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ian stars! Because of his honest personality and charisma, he has become friends with many people from all over, including those we only hear about: Sophia Loren, Andrea Bocelli, Lee Iacocca, and Frank Sinatra. Many of these friends hold prominent space on the company walls.

The company is today family run and the closeness and respect they hold for each other permeates the business. As Fabrizio led us through the plant, his pride for their business and love of family was obvious. The building is located in Duarte's business center, a place few Duartean frequent. However, they were quick to open the door for our tour and treated us as esteemed guests.

For the colorful and amazing details of Gaetano's life, you must read his book. It is available for reading in the Duarte Historical Museum Library.



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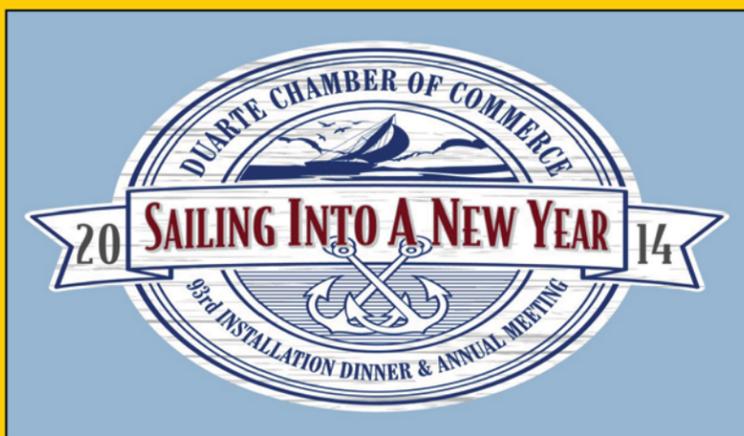
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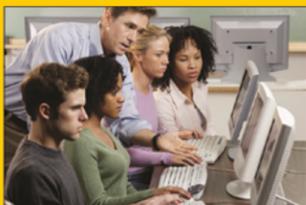
For location contact the chamber office
Meets last Tuesday of the month,
does not meet in December

Make your reservations through the
online calendar at
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Pat Miller of New York Life Insurance will be installed as Chairman of the Board for the Duarte Chamber at the 93rd Annual Installation Dinner & Silent Auction Friday, June 27, 6 pm at Westminster Gardens The 2014-2015 Officers and Directors will also be installed

Starting a business or already have a business but don't have a Website Domain Name? Call the Duarte Chamber *It's FREE with your membership! We're here to help!* (626) 357-3333 1634 Third St., Duarte



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How does anyone know you're there? **Advertise in the Duarte View community newspaper! 10,000 circulation! Delivered to ALL Duarte residents and businesses!** Contact Diana Burckhard (626) 357-3333 diana@duartechamber.com

Simplifying Small Business Success 2014 Free Business Seminar #3 *No charge, lunch is included* **Online Marketing; "Creating An Online Presence" Wednesday, August 13 • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** Duarte Community Center - 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte **R.S.V.P to the Duarte Chamber (626) 357-3333** Presented by Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City of Duarte Economic Development Commission, Foothill Workforce Investment Board

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