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A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 91st year of service to the community.

Duarte State of the City, School District, Citrus College Luncheon March 6

Duarte Chamber of Commerce will host its annual State of the City, State of the School District, and for the first time, the State of the Community College District as well at a luncheon, Tuesday, March 6.

Mayor John Fasana will present his assessment of the State of

the City; while Duarte Unified School Board President Reyna Diaz will report on the State of the School District, and Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., will update the community on the State of the Community College District.

The luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westminster Gardens' Packard Hall, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. in Duarte. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25 per person.

For more information and reservations, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce, (626) 357-3333.



Duarte Councilmember Margaret Finlay awarded prestigious CORO Fellowship

Margaret Finlay, Councilmember and four-time Mayor of the City of Duarte, has been awarded the distinguished Coro Fellowship by the So. Cal. Association of Governments for the 2011-2012 academic year.

This prestigious fellowship is only granted to approximately 20 officials every year in the Southern California area. It is a nine month program designed to help executives in the public and non-profit areas hone their leadership skills. Some of the topics to be tackled in the program this year relate to logic and understanding of outstanding school districts in areas that defy excellence in education, how Hip Hop has entered mainstream society and why it is here to stay, and the diminishing water resources in California.

The Coro Southern California Executive Fellows Program (EFP) is a part-time leadership program that enhances the skills of public officials to effect change in the communities they serve.

Coro's Executive Fellows Program is not academic in the usual sense of the word. There are no lectures. A rigorous curriculum, interviews, and regional site visits are coupled with ample opportunity for self-governance. This process transforms assumptions about the dilemmas faced by civic leaders and allows them to better understand how to create strong relationships to get things done.

The program is also an experience in individual growth and group dynamics. Coro's goal is to help translate what the participants learn into effective action for improving their organization's

goals and outcomes, and to revitalize their leadership practice.

Finlay has an undergraduate degree in business from St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, Indiana and a Masters in Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach.

"Continuing education is the key to keeping abreast of the changes that are occurring every day in our state," said Finlay. "If we don't seek to educate ourselves, then we are falling behind those cities that do have educated leaders. For that reason, I will continue to take time to keep our city ahead of the pack."

Foothill Extension, Pasadena to Azusa Spring Update:

Design and pre-construction activities are underway for the 11.5-mile light rail extension from Pasadena to Azusa. While the contractor continues progress on the design work for the track, stations, maintenance facility and more; work continues on the I-210 Bridge (the first element of the project to move from design to construction). In February and March, crews will erect the temporary support, called

falsework, that will create a safe work space over the freeway. Once the falsework is complete, crews will focus on building the superstructure - the main structure that will span the Eastbound I-210 Freeway, on which trains will run.

Learn more about the project and sign up to receive e-newsletter updates or construction alerts at the Construction Authority's website - www.foothillextension.org.



Relay for Life Coming to Duarte June 9-10

The American Cancer Society's Premier Fundraising event - Relay for Life - is coming back to Duarte June 9 and 10. This year the Relay will be held at Northview Intermediate School and event organizers expect a record crowd. Last year over 20 teams participated in the 24 hour event, raising in excess of \$30,000 for the fight against cancer.

This year's theme - Mardi Gras - provides the teams with lots of inspiration for creative décor and activities throughout the Relay. Expect lots of beads and colorful activities.

"Relay is a wonderful way for the community to celebrate the lives of our survivors, so we are planning lots of activities leading

up to Relay as well as an "oasis" for our survivors to enjoy the Relay event," shared Survivor Chair Lisa Magno. "It is wonderful to see the community that is created among the survivors as Relay events happen. I am so inspired by them."

This year's chair, Katherine Whatley, a Walmart employee is expecting another record year. "We are so excited to be working with so many groups in the community again. I'm sure we will have even more participation and will exceed our goal again this year."

If you are interested in signing up, or creating your own team, visit www.relayforlife.org/duarteca and go for it.

Rae Gordon: 12/14/13 to 1/18/12

The recent death of Rae Gordon is mourned throughout the City. When she and her husband moved to Duarte in 1950, they both became active community members during a pivotal time in this town's history. Otis enjoyed community political matters and served a term on the city council. He died in 1997 and a park is named for him.

Rae, however, was deeply embedded in the community in a quiet manner, baking cookies for scholarship fundraisers, always the dedicated volunteer. She was a beloved member of many organizations including the Garden Club, the Reading Circle, the Duarte Historical Society, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the Duarte Woman's Club.

Standing at about four feet, Rae was most always unassum-

ing but seldom overlooked.

Even in her late senior years she routinely drove her sister Dean to doctor appointments. Dean died in 2006 at the age of 104.

Leaving her home in Fish Canyon was a difficult move, but in 2005 Rae relocated to a senior home in San Clemente to be near her daughter. Rae quickly adapted to her new home, where she claimed to have found good fortune because she won \$100 in Bingo. "A lot of money for a girl from Kansas City," she said.

Rae died on January 18 at the age of 98. She is survived by her two children, Jim and Gerri.



RAE GORDON

(Photo by Claudia Heller)



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Duarte Kiwanis inspired by Tosh Clark's update on So Cal All Stars

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has been hearing about the great work that Tosh Clark has been doing with the new 12 year-old traveling baseball team in Duarte.

Tosh's vision is not just to have a great baseball team, but to have a bunch of great kids!

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Tosh's vision is that all these kids have the opportunity to earn academic scholarships to college.

The boys have regular progress report checks, and if they are not passing, they are assigned a tutor – most are now

seniors and came through Tosh's program – instead of baseball practice. This shows the opportunity of coming through the program and continually giving back.

His vision is working! All 11 boys are carrying an average of 3.2 according to their last report cards – and they were the winners at the last inter-state tournament they attended in Las Vegas.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club wanted to continue to support the needs of the team for the upcoming season and presented Tosh with a check for \$1000.

For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



PICTURED ARE Stafford Barker, Duarte Kiwanis Member and Pitching Coach for So Cal All Stars; Tosh Clark, Manager of So Cal All Stars; and Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis President.

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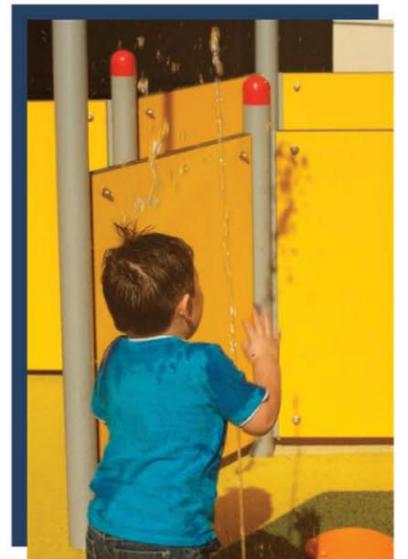
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Duarte Kiwanis Club hears presentation from FVO Solutions

On December 6th, the Duarte Kiwanis Club was quite inspired to hear FVO Solutions CEO, Bill Murphy, share the vision and strategy of his organization.

Foothill Vocational Opportunities maximizes the personal and economic potential of disabled individuals by creating meaningful employment opportunities.

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"Muddy Road to Freedom:" The Lanier Phillips Story connects Canada, America and Black History

By Neil Earle

*"For gentleness and love and trust
Prevail o'er angry wave and gust"
– Longfellow*

February is Black History Month in the United States, a period when African-Americans in particular reflect upon their heritage and their march along what a folk song labels "the muddy road to freedom." Yet millions on both

sides of the Canadian-American border have not heard how the results of a major naval disaster off Newfoundland's south coast during World War Two unwittingly projected people of the tenth province into the uphill American struggle with racism.

The story begins 70 years ago this February, the snowy predawn of February 18, 1942 to be exact. Mess Attendant Third Class Lanier Phillips was on board USS Truxton, one of three U.S. Navy ships zigzagging up the approaches to Placentia Bay under radar silence to guard against German U-Boats. The cruel weather, defective equipment and reduced visibility spawned one of the worst disasters of naval history. Two of three vessels – the USS Pollux and Truxton – ran aground on the jagged coast of Newfoundland's Burin Peninsula.

The Truxton's stern was ripped clean off, her bulkhead caved in and her turbine engine and shaft were bent out of shape. One hundred and ten of her crew eventually perished in that disaster between the towns of Lawn and Saint Lawrence in a deadly spot called Chamber Cove.

One of the survivors was Lanier Phillips.

"Standing into Danger"

His name has entered into the legend of the daring and dramatic rescue launched by the people of Lawn/St. Lawrence reinforced in part by the legendary SS Kyle. Many will remember Lanier Phillips as the African-American sailor who might have had his skin rubbed off by one of many zealous ladies charged with scraping oil from the helpless survivors if his racial background had not been noticed. But that would prove to be only the beginning of Lanier Phillips' story. The indiscriminating kindness showed him by the people of the St. Lawrence area that month in 1942 would prove to be a life-changing event and shine a beam of humanity that still endures.

The story of the Pollux and the Truxton has enough built-in

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Duarte Kiwanis Club sponsors Youth Summit



PICTURED FROM THE LEFT – School Board President and Duarte Kiwanis member Reyna Diaz, School Board Member and Duarte Kiwanis President Elect Pam Kawasaki, Deputy City Manager and Kiwanis Member Karen Herrera, Duarte City Manager Darrell George, Duarte Kiwanis President Tina Carey, Duarte City Council Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Duarte Teen Center Manager and Duarte Kiwanis Member Marilyn Mays.

On January 31, the Duarte Kiwanis Club presented a \$500 check to the City of Duarte to sponsor the upcoming Youth Summit. The Duarte Mayor's Youth Council will host this second annual Duarte/Monrovia Youth Leadership Summit on Saturday, February 25. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Santa Fe Middle School, 148 W. Duarte Rd., Monrovia. Registration is free.

Topics to be presented include volunteerism, civic engagement, leadership, starting your own business, gang & drug prevention/intervention, college

enrollment/financial aid, teen pregnancy prevention, peer pressure, Social Networking, and pre & post employment skills. City of Duarte Mayor John Fasana and Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz will be among the featured speakers. Breakfast and lunch will also be served.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens.

For further information on providing a program or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezop-tometry.com.

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SBA lending is a great option for small business



By Nathan Kirschenbaum, Assistant Vice President, Inland Community Bank

Business lending is an important part of business growth. Well-managed companies can utilize borrowed funds to expand, purchase commercial property, refinance higher interest debt and increase cash flow. SBA loans are an often overlooked opportunity for small businesses and, with recent changes, are more available and flexible than ever.



Nathan Kirschenbaum

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- The purchase of long-term machinery and equipment.
- Recent changes to the 504 program include the ability to refinance debt, including commercial property deeds. This allows existing businesses to use the equity in owner occupied commercial property.

For more information on SBA lending, or any type of business financing, contact Nathan Kirschenbaum at (626) 536-7928, nkirschenbaum@icbbank.com.

Bird Walk April 22

The Duarte Historical Society will present a spring bird walk on Sunday, April 22, 8 a.m. The walk will encompass the Encanto Park area and the adjacent river trail and will be led by Kimball Garrett, collections manager of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. Garrett has authored several birding books including the Peterson Guide to Warblers and Birds of the Los Angeles Region. On past such birding expeditions over 50 species of birds have been spotted. The museum is located at 777 Encanto Parkway. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and donuts and coffee served. Admission is free. Binoculars are helpful. The walk will be easy to moderate and will take place rain or shine. For more information call Claudia Heller, president of the Historical Society, at (626) 358-0329.



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be introducing a bill relating to Beauty Pageants for minors. This proposed bill would extend the same laws to beauty pageant participants as child actors.

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci shared that this is the 64th annual Youth & Government program. The program provides a unique opportunity for leadership in our youth and has been known to inspire future leaders in our communities.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on providing a program or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

New ways for a New Year – finding sustainable alternatives for California’s Community Colleges

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell,
Citrus College Trustee, Duarte
Area Representative

For many of us, a new year means a fresh start and an opportunity to establish new goals and initiatives – an undertaking on which we routinely embark with energy and enthusiasm. This year that characteristic enthusiasm for new beginnings may be somewhat muted, given the state’s failure to meet its revenue projections for 2011 and an economic forecast for 2012 that leaves much uncertainty.

One way for cities and other publicly-funded entities, such as schools and colleges, to address both short- and long-term economic challenges is by adopting sustainable practices. Sustainability means developing responsible management methods in the use

of resources that will ultimately benefit both the environment and the bottom line. The City of Duarte has made one of its goals “improving the environment” and has partnered with Southern California Edison to develop a long-term focus on energy efficiency that will save resources, money and the environment. Duarte has also developed a Climate Action Plan, and city leaders are continuing efforts to improve open spaces and make a positive impact on the environment. The opening of the Encanto Park Bioswale and Outdoor Classroom just over a year ago is a good example.

The City of Hope is also working on sustainability, establishing practices for environmental stewardship that will impact both the institution and the community it serves. Last May, the



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

City of Hope partnered with ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance after recognizing that significant outdoor water efficiencies could be achieved. These efforts have optimized plant health, reduced

staff hours and conserved vital resources.

Over the past several years, Citrus College has earned a reputation as a leader among the state’s community colleges for our multifaceted approach to sustainability. Based on that reputation, last spring Citrus College was selected to receive a \$285,000 grant from the Public Utilities Commission to develop a template that could be used by community colleges statewide. The goal of the grant was to establish protocols that would result in a more sustainable future and address the greenhouse emission mandates set by AB 32. Citrus College was the only college in the 112 community college system selected to receive this grant, based largely on how well the college has managed grant funding in the past and its well-established green initiatives that are already in place.

The project encompasses a variety of areas, such as energy, transportation, solid waste/recycling and a “green” curriculum. The plan was presented at several education conferences last fall and in early January 2012, it was presented at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cali-

fornia Community Colleges.

In addition to developing a sustainability template for California’s community colleges, Citrus College has been engaged in implementing sustainable practices throughout many areas of the college for several years. For example, several of the college’s Measure G projects, such as the Central Plant with its state-of-the-art heating and cooling system, have earned recognition for green construction standards.

To further the college’s commitment to sustainability, the Citrus College Green Team was formed in 2008. The team is made up of faculty from a variety of disciplines, as well as students, staff and administrators who are committed to reducing the college’s carbon footprint, while increasing efficiencies and lowering costs. Some of the areas they have addressed include gardening and composting projects, reducing the college’s solid waste, and developing a green curriculum.

As the author of two college mathematics textbooks, I am particularly interested in sustainable textbooks. The Citrus College Green Team has placed a special emphasis on finding ways to implement sustainable textbooks, and the Citrus College bookstore is heading up research on various possibilities, including customized book modules, digital e-books, book rentals, and donations of older textbook editions. While these alternatives do not work for all courses or all types of learners, they could make a significant impact on advancing sustainable textbook practices in the future.

Definitions of sustainability differ greatly, and sustainability means many different things to many people. In 1987 the Brundtland Commission of the United Nations drafted a definition of sustainability that has been widely quoted and is perhaps the most appropriate definition for today’s cities and publicly-funded schools and colleges: “Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” As we look to the future, a sustainable approach will provide us with new and better ways of managing our scarce and limited resources.

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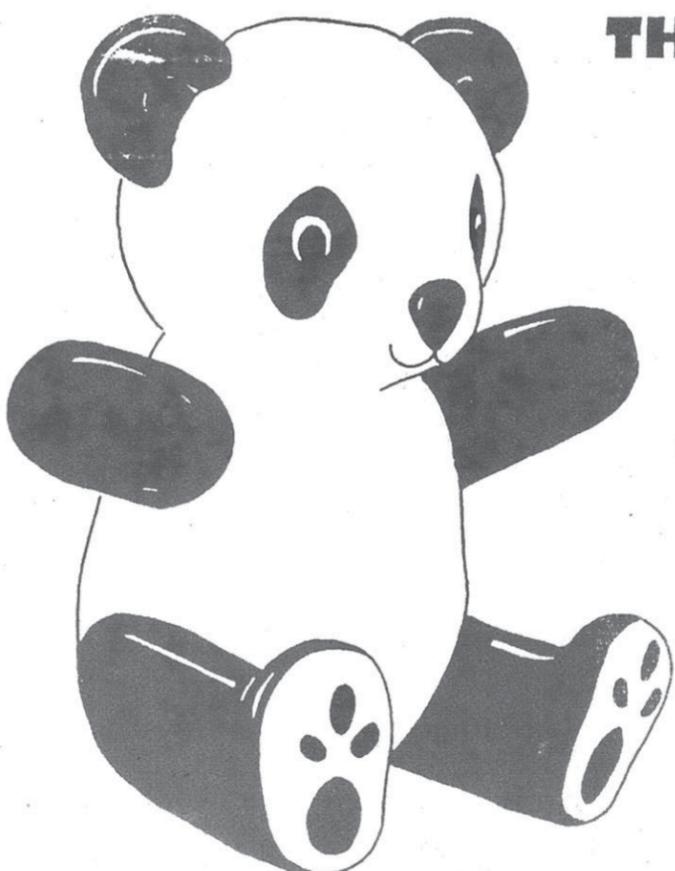
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Historical Museum

Spring will be a busy time for the Duarte Historical Museum. With the departure of the King James Bible exhibit at the end of February, the Save Our Mountain organization will present a display through March which will be followed by an exhibit celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America.

On Earth Day, April 22, Kimball Garrett, collections manager at the L.A. County Museum of Natural History, will lead a birding expedition around Encanto Park and into the adjacent river trails. The walk commences from the Museum at 8 a.m. However, the doors will open at 7:30 with donuts and coffee served. Admission to the above events is free.

Michael Patris will be the featured speaker at a banquet at the Old Spaghetti Factory on May 14, 6 p.m. Patris’ recent book *The Pacific Electric: Then and Now* will be the subject of his talk. Details are pending. For more information call Claudia Heller, president, Duarte Historical Society, at (626) 358-0329.



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drama to perhaps interest a Stephen Spielberg. Cassie Brown's superb 1979 account *Standing into Danger*, mentions almost offhandedly that President Franklin D. Roosevelt himself sent a personal message to the people of St. Lawrence that grim February. It went directly from the White House "on behalf of the Navy and on behalf of our citizens [in] grateful appreciation of your heroic action which is typical of the history of your proud seafaring community." Brown also published a memorandum for the Secretary of the U.S. Navy from the United States Atlantic Fleet dated February 26, 1942 – a scant eight days after the disaster. Rear Admiral A.L. Bristow mentioned an "eternal debt of gratitude to the people of the little town of St. Lawrence...they took off their own clothes on the spot in order to clothe our men." The upshot was that the memo called for a "small equipped hospital at St. Lawrence" which, as we all know, was duly done. Eight days – and already planning a hospital.

Quite often American generosity touches the sublime. But Lanier Phillips had a more personal story to tell after February, 1942 and it is one that fits well into Black History Month here in "the Lower 48."

Long Arm of Racism

Lanier Phillips was born in segregated Georgia in 1923, the great-grandson of slaves. He never forgot the Ku Klux Klan's scary weekly parades through the streets of his hometown and their burning down the only black school in town. In 1941, before Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, Lanier Phillips enlisted in the United States Navy. He was assigned as steward's mate "which essentially meant I would wash the clothes and underwear of the white officers" he related later to interviewers. On that fatal morning of 1942 off the Newfoundland coast he found himself stranded on the heaving broken deck of the *Truxton* with four other "colored" folks – three blacks and one Filipino.

Their main topic of discussion was whether they should try to make it to shore or wait for the U.S. Navy to come get them. Most were for staying and waiting. The reason? The rumors had gone out that on the last trip to Iceland the *Truxton's* black sailors had been forbidden to come ashore. Iceland once had strict laws against such things. Now, as the waves crashed about the doomed *Truxton*, five men held a life-and-death discussion on the ruined hulk: Should they go ashore? Would this be like Iceland? How would they be received?

Lanier Phillips decided that even if he was threatened with a lynching (a chance he rated highly) he could make a better

fight for it on shore. He boarded the last lifeboat to leave the broken vessel – the only African-American who survived the night. Huddled in a cave with other survivors, only semi-conscious, he caught a glimpse of white men on ropes clambering back and forth over the rocky cliffs lifting stranded sailors to the heights above Chamber Cove. In semi-delirium he tried to process how "a Newfoundland fellow" had roused him from a near-fatal sleep and walked him around to restore circulation. "A white person wants me to live," he was thinking as survivors clambered up the icy cliff.

Later, in a makeshift infirmary, Phillips opened his eyes and found himself stark naked being scrubbed diligently for oil removal by a white woman named Violet Pike. "Oh boy, this is the end," Phillips thought as he came round. Instead he was scrubbed clean, given dry clothing and bivouacked with a St. Lawrence family. But he still could not sleep.

"It wasn't the cold that kept me awake," he said later. Nor was it the howling storm, or even the horrific images of the shipwreck still flooding his psyche. "It was fear. Fear that I would soon be discovered and killed."

The long reach of racism still bedeviled the *Truxton's* lone African-American survivor.

A Seed of Hope

Lanier Phillips woke the next day to a new reality: He was given a bed, fed breakfast, treated as an equal by people he never knew. Even then his mind kept drumming away with his suspicions: "This is Iceland...no blacks will be left alive, just like Georgia or Mississippi." After breakfast with his hosts, Ena Farrell Edwards asked him to join a group picture. Lanier was doubly stunned. Ena still has the picture – "Four white faces and a black one," she remarks casually. The curiosity cut both ways: Most in *Lawn* and *St. Lawrence* had never seen a black man in person.

"Did I die? Go to heaven?" Lanier later recounted of those days. In *St. Lawrence* he made a silent vow to himself: I am alive because people helped me. I am worth something as a man, as a human being. "There hasn't been a day past I don't think about *St. Lawrence*," he said later, "They changed my entire philosophy of life."

Lanier soon found he would need the strength of that "born again" experience to draw upon. All his trials were not yet over.

Back in "the States" on fifteen days leave, Lanier was on a bus to Chattanooga with his aunt when he found himself sitting "too far up" in the bus. A white passenger grabbed him by the neck and accosted him with the "N" word. "Don't you dare sit in front of me." Tempted to fight, Lanier was talked out of it by his aunt. This was a decade before Rosa Parks took her momentous bus

ride and ignited the modern civil rights movement. War veteran Lanier Phillips was back in the segregated south, back in the land he knew too well.

Two years after the near-fatal shipwreck *Lanier* was still in the navy and assigned to report in Jacksonville, Florida. Leaving a train and looking for lunch, he couldn't help but notice that the diner near the train station was serving German and Italian prisoners of war. He asked someone: "Where does the colored get some food around here?" Directed to the diner he soon found himself accosted by a white M.P. and slung to the ground. A foot planted on his neck, he heard the ominous sound of a gun's trigger being pulled back. "You black s.o.b., you know better!" the M.P. screamed. Narrowly escaping execution, Lanier Phillips was later stupefied at the awful irony that he, an American war vet still in uniform, could not eat with German and Italian prisoners of war!

An End to Inferiority

The experience might have crushed him had he not remembered his days in *St. Lawrence*. "I give the credit to *St. Lawrence* that I knew I'd been brainwashed, told I was inferior." After sixteen years in the navy he grew weary of washing pots and pans. He determined to learn a trade. A black Congressman garnered him an application for the fleet sonar school. Twice his superior officers tried to dissuade him from this venture. Once they claimed he was a non-entity because the government kept few files on Africa-Americans. One even tried to bribe him to withdraw from this venture—he would embarrass the navy.

"We don't think you can make it—you know you're going to flunk out."

"Well, give me a chance. At least let me try."

Like many black professionals in the 1950s Lanier knew he would have to run twice as hard just to stay in place. Knowing he was up against college grads made him study harder. In 1957 he graduated as the first black sonar technician. "I wasn't first but I wasn't last in the class either," he told a Navy interviewer. Lanier made high marks at anti-submarine training at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. He later worked with people such as Jacques Cousteau and applied his skills to help locate a lost 1.45 megaton nuclear bomb off the Spanish coast in 1966. He ended his navy career teaching antisubmarine tactics on the *USS Yosemite*. No more washing officer's socks and jocks for him.

In 2008 Memorial University awarded Lanier Phillips an honorary doctor of laws degree "for his courageous efforts toward ending racial discrimination." After marching with Martin Luther King at Selma, Alabama in 1965, after speaking against racism at schools and naval gatherings, and raising funds for a children's

playground in *St. Lawrence* – to which he returned frequently – he was saluted as one of those quiet foot-soldiers in the war against prejudice. As Memorial's public orator summarized, he was "one who advances the cause of humanity by displaying a quiet dignity." In 2011 the provincial government granted him honorary membership in the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador for his work in civil rights.

Lanier Phillip's life offers evidence that maybe Will Shakespeare had it wrong: perhaps it is *the good* that people do that lives after them. After coming to the attention of black activist Bill Cosby – who served a stint at Argentinia Naval base in Newfoundland in the late 1950s – Lanier Phillips lifelong crusade is being remembered during this Black History Month. Curtis May, who heads up an Office of Reconciliation and Mediation in Southern California,

confirms the importance of Phillips' life story as a "positive case history" in the goal of eliminating racist "hangovers" from 21st Century culture. "People in *St. Lawrence* saw no superiority," Bill Cosby told CBC-*St. John's Morning Show* in 2009, "it was just human beings helping other human beings." Radio journalist Suzanne Woolridge framed the Lanier Phillips story as a "born again" experience. "It happened once, it can happen again," summarizes Curtis May. "Sometimes good can come out of the darkest tragedies."

(See also Maura Hanrahan, *The Alphabet Fleet and the web site www.janetmanuel.com/bill_cosby_newfoundland_and_the_lanier_phillips_story*. Neil Earle is from Newfoundland and does volunteer work for the Office of Reconciliation and Mediation in Glendora, California and at atimetreconcile.org).

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Duarte Kiwanis provides toys for Pamela Park give-away

When the Duarte Kiwanis Club received a request from Irving Montenegro and Jacquie Talbert-Mackey, staff members from Pamela Park, for toys for their Santa give-away, they were ready to respond. Jacquie sent a quick email explaining that donations were down this year, with a letter explaining that they were expecting up to 500 youth on the 22nd.

So the Duarte Kiwanis Club was able to provide 66 various sports balls, footballs, basketballs, and soccer balls, to help bridge the gap.

Irving and Jacquie were able to join the Kiwanis Club for their Holiday Luncheon to receive the gifts.

Irving surprised the Club when he shared that he had been following the clubs activities and support of abandoned children in Nicaragua. (Members Reyna Diaz and Pam Kawasaki made a trip earlier

in the year to deliver 17 computers to a foundation there.) Irving shared that he is a native of Nicaragua and was so thankful for the help Duarte Kiwanis is providing in his home country.

The children there are in great need and the help is so appreciated.

For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



PICTURED ARE Jacquie Talbert-Mackay from Pamela Park; Irving Montenegro, Recreation Services Supervisor; and Tina Carey, President of Duarte Kiwanis.

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DWC Craft Winners

The Duarte Woman's Club was the proud recipient of a multitude of awards at the San Gabriel Valley District (SGVD) Birthday Council craft contest held on January 27 at the Santa Fe Springs Community Center.

Several club members attended the event which celebrates the birthday of the SGVD, honors past District presidents and acknowledges current club presidents. There are 26 clubs in the SGVD.

DWC member Luz P. Porlier took four first place awards for her shawl, painted lap table, quilt and appliquéd sweatshirt. She took a second for her necklace and earring set and a third for her heirloom twin dolls.

Sheri Uhlig was awarded third place for her gum drop pillow while Judy Ann Blake took third for her necklace and earring set.

"We have many talented



LUZ P. PORLIER'S heirloom twin dolls took second place in the SGVD craft contest.

members," says Carolina Flores-Helizon, DWC President, "and their talents were rewarded in the District contest. They made us proud!"

Members who attended included Jean Glass; Marion Stone; Judy Ann Blake, Crafts Chairman; Corine Simpson; Ruby Shiroma; Kathy Delker, and Flores-Helizon.



LUZ P. PORLIER'S exquisite quilt won her a first place award in the SGVD craft contest.

Photos by Claudia Heller

Duarte Kiwanis Club gets update on MOOSE Program

On January 17, the Duarte Kiwanis Club heard an exciting update from David Karp on the unique MOOSE Program at Mt. Olive Alternative High School.

The MOOSE (Mount Olive Outdoor Science Experience) Program provides great experiences for kids ranging from creating worm farms and worm tea to planting native foliage and managing a pond ecosystem and garden.

This year the program will be partnering with the National Parks Service, and some of the participants will have the opportunity to work and learn in such wonderful locations as Yosemite.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club presented Mr. Karp and Principal Kevin Morris with a check for \$1000 to help support the MOOSE Program.

The Club is looking forward to their own "field trip" meeting to Mt. Olive on Tuesday, May 29 to see the results of this latest investment.

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.



PICTURED FROM THE LEFT – Duarte School Board Member and Kiwanis President Elect Pam Kawasaki, MOOSE Program Director David Karp, Kiwanis President Tina Carrey, Mt. Olive Principal Kevin Morris, Duarte School Board President and Kiwanis Board Member Reyna Diaz.

Maryvale updates Kiwanis Club

The Duarte Kiwanis Club welcomed speaker Rosemarie Boerger, Vice President Development and Communications from Maryvale, as their speaker on February 7. Rosemarie shared an amazing history of Maryvale dating back 156 years when it was founded by the Daughters of Charity. They have been key partners in caring for children since 1856 when it was started as the first orphanage for the growing city of Los Angeles. Today, Maryvale serves the community in four distinct ways – Family Resources and Early Education, Mental Health Services, Residential Based Services to support girls places by DCFS and Transitional Housing and After Care when their young women age out of the foster care system. Rosemarie also pictures of the beautiful Maryvale Center in Duarte. The presentation was happening at the same time as a one year birthday celebration was happening at the Duarte Center. The Kiwanis members were all very impressed with the great work Maryvale continues to provide to our community.

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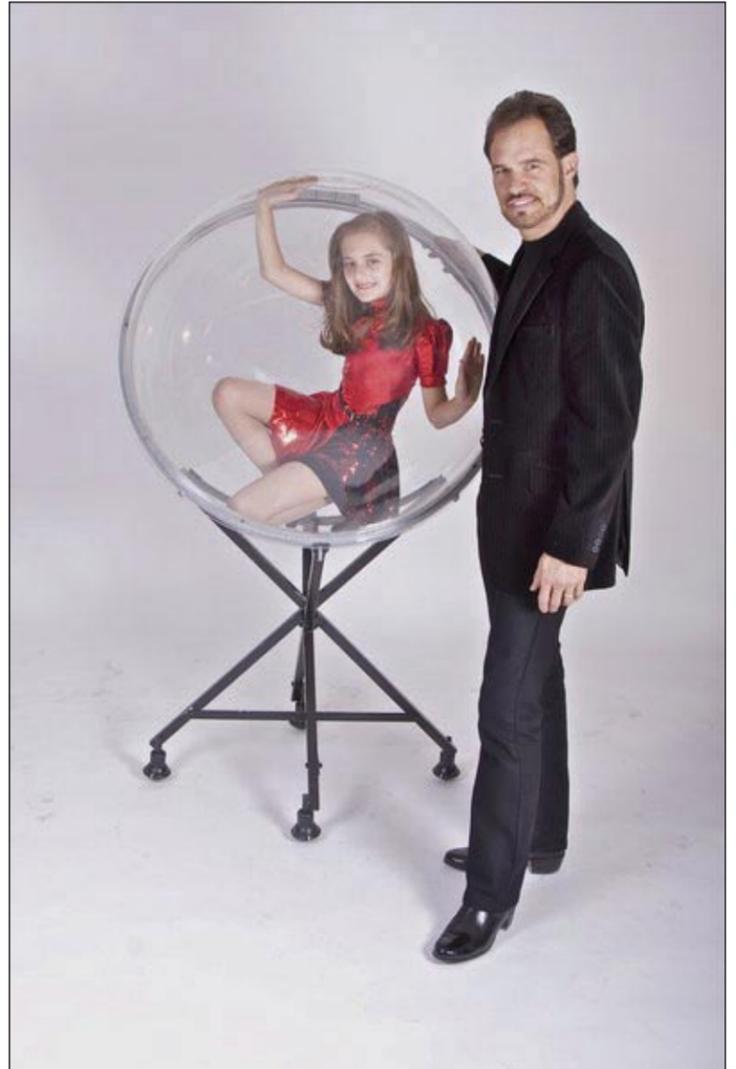
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Carson and his family provide shows for non-profit organizations around the country. As he says in his website, "Like magic you cannot always see the most important parts of life. But we know that those invisible human feelings of faith, hope and love are enhanced through charity and caring for others, whether you are giving care or in the need of receiving it. Through this fantasy world of magic we are sharing our talents and spirit for others – with a focus on children's needs and dreams." His vision is a perfect match to the Kiwanis Vision of being "a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time".

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has been an active partner in the Duarte Community supporting the efforts of many organizations including most recently:

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- Provided \$500 for upcoming Youth Summit
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- Provided \$1,000 to support 50 Northview Intermediate School Students to travel to Washington DC this spring
- Provided \$1,000 to support the M.O.O.S.E. program at Mt. Olive High School

For further information and tickets, contact Filippo Fanara at (626) 255-1124 (filippo@cibare.com) or Sandi Mejia at (626) 272-3424. More information is available on the web at www.DuarteKiwanis.org.

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EXCURSIONS

Fantasy Springs Casino – Wednesday, January 25, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$24 (\$15.00 back in free play). Lunch on your own.

The Living Desert – Zoo and Gardens – Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fee: \$50

JPL Tour and Lunch at Hill Street Café – Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Fee: \$35. Lunch included.

Pioneer Town and Integratron – Friday, March 23, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fee: \$48. Lunch included.

Stained Glass Tour with Curt Tucker, with lunch at McCormick and Schmick's – Thursday, March

Duarte Kiwanis hears from Youth & Government Program at Santa Anita Y



PICTURED FROM THE LEFT – Nancy Shaputis; Lindsey Acquazzino from the Y; Sean Hodgdon, Attorney General Elect; Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis President; Guadalupe Valdez, Page; and Kevin Greenwood, Bill Sponsor.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club had the pleasure of hearing from a unique youth program at the Y on January 31. The Y hosts a Califor-

nia YMCA Youth & Government program which provides High School Students with the opportunity to learn the workings of our state government first hand. This program includes opportunities to meet with participating students statewide and culminates in a five-day program in Sacramento. During the trip to Sacramento, the students "take over" the capital acting as Assembly Members, State Senators and other elected officials.

29, 8:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Fee: \$65. Lunch included.

ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSIONS

Rockies Highlights by Train – 9 days, 12 meals. June 9, 2012. Fee: \$3,599 – Based on double occupancy (Includes deluxe hotel accommodations, overnight train journey, and round-trip airfare.)

Heritage of America – 10 days, 13 meals. October 5, 2012. Fee: \$2,799, based on double occupancy (Includes deluxe hotel accommodations and round trip airfare.)

On Thursday, February 9, at 4 p.m. there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the Rockies Highlights by Train and the Heritage of America trip. Please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to make a reservation.

One of the local participants, Sean Hodgdon, decided to "run for" Attorney General in this round. Sean shared his experience with the club, and shared that he won the election with the support of participants from all over the state. "There was no one from my delegation in the session where I was elected, so I am glad to say that the other delegates listened to me and voted based on what I said, not on which group I represented."

Duarte High Student, Guadalupe Valdez shared that she decided to serve as a Page – and an "undeclared" Page, since that would allow her to see more of the Capital and the workings of Sacramento. Kevin Greenwood will be acting as a "Bill Sponsor". The local delegation will

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.

See YMCA on page 4

Got Guilt?

The past can be a heavy thing to pack around and the usual fixes don't offer any lasting help and most end up leaving you feeling even more guilty. While we can't undo the mistakes and wrong choices of the past, there is hope concerning guilt. God can free you from your past and start you over with a new life. What have you got to lose, except of course, your guilt?

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State has walked away from its responsibility

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

The threat of reductions and mid-year cuts for education is once again on the forefront of conversation. The state of California has the ability to implement a budget with a deficit but school districts are not allowed to operate in the same manner. The current budget issues were not created at the local level. The state of California has walked away from its responsibility to support the students in our schools. Our schools are not funded adequately and the lack of resolve in the state legislature to address the ongoing financial crisis has created a situation where local educational agencies have to respond to the financial reductions in excess of \$18 billion state wide during the past 3 years which equates to approximately \$5 million in Duarte.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

As a result of the lack of funding, school districts across the state have been forced to close schools, reduce administration, reduce classified and teaching positions and to shorten the school year with furlough days. These actions have detrimental consequences on our children as school districts are falling further behind in their ability to control class sizes, offer options for students and to provide support for employees in the form of compensation and benefits. These are unprecedented times for education in California. At no time in history have we had such high expectations for our students with so few resources to meet them.

California public education is funded at one of the lowest levels in the nation. California currently ranks 47th in per pupil funding. But, even with this low level of funding we are being directed by the State, once again, to plan for even less funding for the future. Regrettably, as stated earlier, local educational agencies are being advised to utilize the March 15 process which results in layoff notices in order to reduce expenditures. As a result layoffs and furlough days are a continuing reality for many districts and our students again this year. The uncertainty is mindboggling.

DUSD is more fortunate than many school districts as a direct result of the proactive historical planning by the DUSD Board of Education over the past 3-4 years to demand judicious budgeting and prudent spending. Because of this type of strategic foresight, DUSD, **under the current budget assumptions**, are in a position to wait and see how the budget issues impact our community. This is an amazing feat in these economic times and the long term members of the Board are to be commended. But, I must emphasize that the California state budget is volatile and uncertain and could and does change continually. The DUSD Board of Education is mandated and held accountable by the state of California to ensure the integrity and fiscal solvency of the district. If the DUSD School Board is unable to guarantee a balanced budget for 3 years that includes the "mandated reserve" we lose local control of the school district and are taken over by a state administrator.

The DUSD school board has made its desire to protect the students, staff and the integrity of DUSD perfectly clear by directing staff to create a plan providing support and restoration for employees and programs in the form of additional assistance whenever resources become available. This directive has been taken by staff and will continue to be the focus until this directive becomes reality which will require a renewal of promised funding from the state.

The school board vision and desire is to provide the programs and support necessary to create the type of school where every graduate is a "shoulder tapped graduate" and is recruited for success in their career and life. We cannot allow the budget issues or personal agendas to become distractions from our vision and responsibility to create the most dynamic students in the world. We must keep the main thing the main thing, **student success**.

Andres Duarte wins Golden Bell Award

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Andres Duarte was honored recently for their outstanding School-wide Intervention Program. Principal Joilyn Campitiello, RSP teacher Liz Landrum and Teaching and Learning Coach Mary Jansen accepted the award in San Diego at the California School Board Association conference. On hand to help celebrate the honor was new school board member, Tom Reyes and returning board member Frank Figueroa. Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols also attended the luncheon held at the Marriot Marina hotel in San Diego.

The Andres Duarte School-wide program addresses the needs

of struggling, grade level and advanced students in small groups four times a week. Students work on phonics, reading fluency and comprehension based on their individual needs. RSP teacher Liz Landrum coordinates the program through weekly collaborations with classroom teachers and Ms. Jansen, the Teaching and Learning Coach.

The Golden Bell awards are given to schools with successful programs that benefit students and can be replicated by other schools. The students and staff are proud of this recognition and proudly display their Golden Bell in the front office.

Hearts and Hands... serving our youngest students

By Kaye Ekstrand,
Child Development Director

Head Start/ State Preschool teachers, aides, and office staff know the importance of early learning experiences. Each school day 240, three and four year old students are greeted in their preschool classrooms by teaching staff members whose hands have carefully prepared developmentally appropriate learning activities.

In addition, these teachers and aides prepare for their little ones with kind and loving hearts, mandatory for anyone who works with young children.

A visitor to DUSD Heart Start/State Preschool classrooms would also find parent volunteers, office staff members, and numerous consultants offering help in the form of serving food, providing speech or OT services, reading to children, supervising small groups, playing games, and helping prepare science, math, or language activities.

The hearts and hands of the adults that surround the youngest students in the Duarte Unified School District belong to dedicated individuals that wear bright pink Child Development T-shirts with a colorful handprint with a heart embroidered on the palm.

The logo is a visual reminder of the hard work and love that go into working with Duarte's Head Start/ State Preschool students and families.

Family Movie Night at Royal Oaks

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Thanks to the creativity of Royal Oaks' PTA President, Tracy McCullough, and the collaboration of Duarte Parks and Recreation, the school experienced a big first in November. On a starry Thursday between rain and wind storms, the school had the first ever Family Movie Night.

About 150 people came with lawn chairs and blankets in mitten-covered hands. With the help of Duarte Councilmember, Margaret Finlay, PTA sold pizza from Duarte Pizza Company, soft drinks and hot chocolate. Student Council, led by teacher, Deanna Stumbaugh, kept the corn popping and provided other treats as well to a steady stream of excited viewers.

Families, many with three generations in attendance, including grandparents, parents and kids, sat together on the sloped lawn and enjoyed the movie "Soul Surfer" on the big screen provided by Duarte Parks and Recreation Department.

Duarte Parks and Recreation's Lupe Valerio was very helpful with coordination of the event and Teesha Tar was instrumental in the set-up, operation and tear down of the screen.

Royal Oaks' PTA looks forward to another possible partnership on an event towards the end of the school year.

Talks are in the works for a Family Camp Out night on the school's generous fields.



OVER 100 PEOPLE attended the Head Start/State Preschool 2011 Winter Family Fun Night held December 6, including Marcia Solis and her child, Angel Torres.

A new class opens at Beardslee!

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

What happens when a classroom is so successful that it is overflowing with students? Here at Beardslee, our solution is to open a new class! That is exactly what is happening with the preschool class for students with special needs. Beginning January 9, our Preschool Special Day Class will be split to create two Special Day Classes both of which will be housed right here on Beardslee's campus!

One of the classes will be taught by Mariela Avila and supported by two instructional aides. Hannah Rodriguez will teach the other preschool SDC class and will also have two instructional aides working with her to support the students. Ms. Mariela and Ms. Hannah have been working together for over a year and are looking forward to continuing to work together to provide a high quality and enriching program for

both classes of students throughout the remainder of the school year. Since the students already know and love both of these ladies, the transition for them will be easy as we open this new class in January.

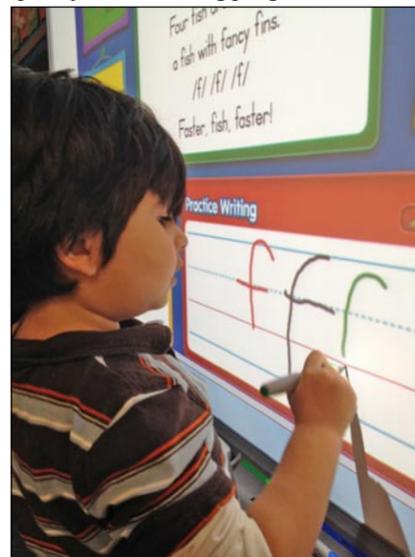
The goal of this program is to provide early intervention for students with a variety of special needs, ranging from speech delay to autism. The classroom staff provides plenty of hands-on activities to help the students learn their letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and how to follow a classroom routine.

It is very common to walk into this program and find the students drawing shapes in shaving cream on the table or creating an art project that is connected with the alphabet letter of the week. Dress up, outdoor play, songs, and story time are also an important part of each and every day in this class.

Other support staff come to the classroom each week to provide services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision therapy, and adapted physical education classes. It is certainly a busy place, and the students thrive under the watchful eyes of the staff and the gentle care that is provided to them.

We are certainly excited to expand this wonderful program and are looking forward to watching the students grow and develop new skills!

If you would like to come visit this fantastic program, please feel free to call the Beardslee office and make an appointment to visit!



ETHAN DIAZ practices writing his letters on the Smart Board.



SAVANNAH JACKSON, Lily McKay, and Stephanie Carrillo enjoy reading time in the library center.

2011 was a great year at Valley View!

By Robin Nelson,
Valley View Principal

As the school year began, the dolphins had a lot to celebrate. We increased our API (Academic Performance Index) score to 856, an increase of 16 points. In addition, we had a jammed-packed fall season. Career Day, Family Literacy Night and our Winter Program were some highlights we will always remember.

Career Day was a huge success that was coordinated and funded by our PTA. We had a variety of professionals sharing with our students. An FBI agent, our DUSD nurse, a member of the Speed Way Team, a Tae Kwon Do Instructor, a newspaper reporter, a park ranger, a social worker, a fashion designer, and our fire department all donated their time and energy to our classrooms. **Florencia Ponce** was the chair for Career Day and did an outstanding job.

Our 2nd annual Family Science Night was held in November. This delightful evening is an opportunity for our families to come together for fun and learning. There were interesting experiments and some great hands-on activities. Thanks to our committee: **Scott Moses, Ruth Cruz, Mara Goldwhite, Priscilla Crisci and Krista Juarez** for creating a memorable evening.

Our winter program, "Home for the Holidays" was, as always, a big hit. Several people told me, "This was the best program we have ever had". The Performing Arts Center was filled with friends and families ready to kick-off the holiday season. The evening started out with the third grade team, **Tami Cutler and Harvey Fenster**, performing "It's a Small World" and "Od Yavo Shalom". "My Favorite Things" and "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" were expertly performed by the



THE VALLEY VIEW Ballet Troupe with Alexis Carroll.

fourth grade team, **Amparo Gomez-Paiz and Teri Mesko**. The Valley View Chorus delighted us with 3 songs under the direction of **Char Wilson**.

Up next, fifth grade, **Ruth Munoz and Ruthie Cruz's** students sang, danced and played the bells to "Need a Little Christmas" and "Donde Esta Santa Claus". The Valley View Ballet Troupe danced the "Waltz of the Snowflakes" led by Keypointe Ballet's, **Arlene Titular**. "Christmas Around the World" and "Holiday Train" were presented by the 6th grade, **Char Wilson and Scott Moses**. The committee worked hard to decorate, plan and perform an impressive program. The evening ended with "Home for the Holidays." Thanks to all of the performers, aides and teachers who made this a night to remember.

As you already know, Valley View is Really Special! We look forward to a fun, challenging and successful 2012.

Duarte High School

By Eric Barba, Principal

Duarte High School is one of the only area high schools that offer an early college/middle college program. Early college/middle college high schools offer students the opportunity to earn a substantial amount of college units while simultaneously enrolled in high school. Duarte High in partnership with Citrus Community College has piloted this concept for the last two years. This year's senior class will be the second class to graduate students whom completed 30 college semester units during their last two years at DHS. The Duarte High School Early College Program will move from pilot status to permanent status for the 2012-2013 school year. The program has been redesigned and will recruit students whom will be juniors during the 2012-2013 school year.

Entrance Requirements:

- Completion of Geometry ("B" or better)
- Enrollment in Algebra II as a junior
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must successfully test into ENG 099 or higher
- Must successfully complete and pass an interview
- Must submit a writing sample

Benchmark Requirements:

- Must test into MATH 150 or higher before summer of senior year

- Must not be placed on academic probation more than one semester during the two-year program

Frequently asked questions:

• **Is this program only for students that want to continue at Citrus after high school?** No. Students enrolled in the early college program can choose to either continue at any junior college or apply directly to a 4-year university.

• **Are these courses transferable to 4-year universities?** Yes. The majority of the courses are chosen from the Intersegment General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) which is transferable to any CSU or UC school. Private school requirements vary by institution.

• **Do students in this program carry a regular high school academic load?** No. Students in the program take 4 high school courses and 2 college courses each semester. Students are awarded dual-credit for their college courses which can be applied to meet high school requirements.

• **Does this program help students shorten the time to degree completion?** Yes. If courses are passed with a "C" or better and students enroll in college fulltime after high school they can graduate in three years.

For enrollment questions please feel free to call Principal Eric Barba at (626) 599-5701.



MAXWELL STUDENT COUNCIL members and Advisor, Mrs. Susan Holstrom.

Community service at its best!

By Dr. Kelly Buckley, Principal

Maxwell students learned the importance of community service and humanitarianism.

During the week of December 12, the student council sponsored a can food drive.

Students in grades kindergarten to sixth donated at least one can food item each.

All of the donations benefited the families at Maxwell Elementary.

The student council members thought it was important to start at home and support their fellow classmates' families.

A special prize was given to the upper and lower grade

classrooms that donated the most cans.

Over five days our students donated over 750 can food items! Our students really embraced the concept of gifts of kindness.

Mrs. Holstrom, student council advisor, worked with the students to ensure that this was a meaningful activity.

She taught our students the importance of helping others and generosity.

This event was beneficial for the recipients as well as the entire student population. We, the Maxwell team, are so proud of our students.



SPREADING a little holiday cheer!

Transition Kindergarten August 27, 2012

Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce new program options for five year olds.

The California Department of Education has amended the required birthday for admission to Kindergarten and established a Transitional Kindergarten program which will begin in the 2012-2013 school year.

The legislature planned a gradual implementation with eligibility for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) if the child has their fifth birthday by:

- November 2-December 2 for 2012-13
- October 2-December 2 for 2013-14
- September 2-December 2 for 2014-15

In order for Duarte USD to provide instruction that will enable our students to leap ahead, we will implement the TK program district-wide for

all students born after Sept. 2, this coming fall.

This program is a first of a two-year kindergarten program that utilizes a modified Kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

Teachers will be highly qualified and meet all credentialing requirements for the state of California.

Kindergarten registration begins on March 1, 2012.

Parent information meetings will be scheduled to share information about both programs and the kinds of services that the district is going to provide to meet the needs of all students and further explain the benefits of the Transitional Kindergarten program.

If you have any questions, please call Wendy Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services.

D'Veal Family & Youth Services comes to Mt. Olive

By Kevin Morris, Principal

D'Veal Family and Youth Services was established in 1993 for the specific purpose of providing social services throughout Pasadena, Altadena and now Duarte.

The agency's mission is to develop and manage activity centers for youth residing in "at risk" environments by providing referral and comprehensive behavioral healthcare services.

D'Veal is committed to establishing and maintaining counseling that provides multi-cultural services in a culturally sensitive manner and promote the general welfare of the community.

D'Veal at Mt. Olive employs master level counselors, who are trained to provide innovative community-based services, including clinical assessment, individual, group and family therapy, specialty groups, develop specific needs assessments for children and families, parent education/support services, fatherhood services, wraparound services, violence intervention/prevention, after-care follow-up and transportation.

In addition, D'Veal utilizes several evidence-based practice models.

D'Veal makes every effort to accomplish its goals through collaborative efforts with other agencies.

D'Veal is currently working in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County Department of Probation, Five Acres, the Pasadena Unified School District and Duarte Unified School District.

D'Veal strives to fulfill its motto, "**Balanced Families, Balanced Children, Balanced Lives.**"

All of the services offered by D'Veal are provided by well trained and ethnically diverse staff, who are culturally sensitive to the needs of the individuals and families served.

For more information about the many services offered at Mt. Olive by D'Veal you can contact Mayra Sotelo, MSW at (626) 796-3453 or (626) 616-4781 and at msotelo@dveal.com.

You can also contact Susie Huthmacher, Mt. Olive Office Manager at (626) 599-5902.



Northview says "Goodbye" to 2011 amongst a flurry of activities

By Mrs. Heidi Quirk, Northview Academic Counselor

As the 2011 calendar year comes to a close Northview is caught in a flurry of activities and excitement as we plan for our return in January and the continuation of the 2011-2012 school year.

We kicked off December with a school-wide focus on anti-bullying with our 3rd Annual Bullying Prevention Awareness Week. The entire week of December 5-9 was dedicated to educating students on the dangers and prevention of bullying.

The events included: a media campaign of posters, statistical announcements by our Leadership class, and classroom activities in all subject areas each day, a student-made video demonstrating types of bullying and ways to respond and our culminating event was our own school board member, Mr. Bell and the Northview Link Crew who hosted an assembly inclusive of student share outs and a powerful video. We believe that prevention is the best policy and opening student's

eyes to bullying and giving them options helps us all support, intervene and one day eliminate bullying all together.

Northview also flexed their mental muscles as our Debate Team traveled to Chino Hills to participate in the Canyon Hills Debate Tournament and our NV Mathletes participated in a math competition at Bishop Amat. On December 10, 2011 our Debate Team emerged triumphant as they verbally battled 145 competitors in 3 man teams arguing topics such as "animal dissections should be banned in schools", "1 year of national service should be mandatory for all citizens" and "governments should have the right to limit family size". These topics are difficult, carry passion and emotional responses and really challenge our students to research, understand and prepare them to take a stand.

At the Canyon Hills Tournament Northview was awarded two school awards for 2nd place overall and 2nd place for Best in Tournament. The also won 5 team awards and individual speaker

awards were given to Vanessa Sandoval (18th), Nicole Avila (10th), Sandra Martinez (8th) and David Gardner (2nd). Thank you to all the parents who attended and a special shout out to those who act as debate judges, who couldn't do without you our participation would not be possible.

Also on that Saturday with the assistance of Math teacher, Mr. Ramos, our Northview Mathletes attended and participated in a math competition hosted by Bishop Amat. Over 30 schools and 500+ students competed. Northview snatched the rest returning home with a 1st place our division, 2nd place for our 8th grade team and student, J.C. Amistoso received 2nd place overall!!! Our NV Mathletes were 7th grade: Juan Garcia and J.C. Amistoso and 8th grade: Teresa Sanchez, Sam Tung, Rossana Rico, Byron Beasley, Isabelle Cruz, Kris Carmona, Giselle Del Rio, Michael Figueroa, Jada Richards, Rohini Vyas, Trent White and Michelle Liem. Special thanks to Mr. Eric Ramos and Cindy Weiss for working so diligently with our

Mathletes and for bringing the love of math to their classrooms every day.

On December 6, our Cardinal Choir performed under the direction of Mrs. Claire Hsu singing a variety of holiday favorites. Over the last couple of years the focus on our performing arts programs is evident as our choir has grown to include beginning and advanced choral classes of over 55 students, which introduce and prepare our students to excel at the high school. Solos and group performances showed off our talent in conjunction with the high school performances.

Ending the night all joined together students and the audience raising their voices in song. December will also highlight our Northview band, under the direction of Mr. Rich Torres, which has grown to include 80 beginning and advanced band students. Their performances are a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Lastly, Northview hosted our 1st Annual Extravaganza including a car show, holiday boutique

and kids carnival. It was an exciting event that showcased approximately 20 classic cars, 25 holiday vendors, as well as food, raffles, carnival games and jumpers. This event was organized and hosted entirely by our Washington D.C. families. These families are raising funds which will benefit and support our students going to Washington D. C. this April during Spring Break. Students are very excited to have the opportunity to go to Washington D. C. where they will walk in the footsteps of our founding fathers, interact with our government and be enriched by cultural activities. On the trip students will visit Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg and Washington D. C. If you are interested in sponsoring or funding a scholarship for a student (s), please contact us at (626) 599-5612. Thank you, your contributions will make a difference.

As you can see the flurry of activities has kept us busy as the 2011 comes to an end. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2012.



NORTHVIEW MATHLETES stretched their mental muscles coming home victorious



AUTUMN KNIGHT, Veronica Panameno, Brittney Robinson, and Brandon Nojin volunteer at the Extravaganza earning their way to Washington D.C.



NV MATHLETES with Math Teacher and Coach Mr. Eric Ramos.



MS. GOMEZ-ROMAN, NV teacher, sold her handmade jewelry at the Extravaganza



NV EXTRAVAGANZA and Carnival helped raise funds for Washington D.C.



NORTHVIEW 8TH GRADE Link Crew brought bullying awareness alive and work daily to "link" students to each other, their school and the community.



MRS. HSU and the Cardinal Choir performing holiday classics



THE NORTHVIEW DEBATE TEAM preps for their next round of verbal battles.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Northview Debate Team. Love the smiles, trophies and so very much proud of you.



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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Cesar Chavez Essay Contest

Students grades 9-12 can compete in an essay-writing contest describing why they are inspired by the life of Cesar Chavez. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry Deadline is March 23. Winners will be announced March 29.

LA Fan Night

On Friday, March 16, from 7-9 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host LA Fan Night! Come join us for Lakers basketball on the big screen TV, food, and half time mini games. Wear a Lakers T-shirt, hat, anything with a Lakers logo on it and get free admission into the event. If you are not wearing Lakers gear, admission is \$2 including snacks!

Youth Employment Workshop

On Wednesday, April 25, from 3:30-5 p.m. youth between the ages 15-18 can participate in a free employment workshop. The workshop will include tips on finding a job, gaining employment experience, resume writing, filling out job applications, interview tips, and how to be successful once you land a job. Local employers will be on site to speak with the participants about employment opportunities. Please register in advance at the Teen Center. Space is limited!

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center on Thursday, May 3, at 3:30 p.m. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy for \$1 per person.

TEEN EXCURSIONS

Knott's Berry Farm Excursion

On Thursday, April 5, the Duarte Teen Center will take a trip to Knott's Berry Farm! Come and enjoy a great spring break trip. Trip leaves the Teen Center at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Birthday Tuesdays – On the first Tuesday of each month we'll celebrate the birthdays of all teens registered at the Teen Center. Come and enjoy cake for all!

Drama Club – The Drama Club will meet once a week. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Class meets Fridays from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Membership fee is \$5 every 6 months.

Nutrition/Cooking Class – 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.

Girls Night Out – This free program is for

teen girls grades 9-12. Participants will discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more. The group meets Tuesdays March 6, March 20, April 3 and April 17 from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

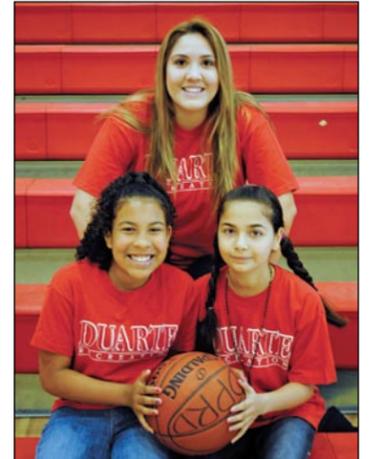
Youth Boxing Program

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome. You'll learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape. Make new friends, feel more confident about yourself and have lots of fun!

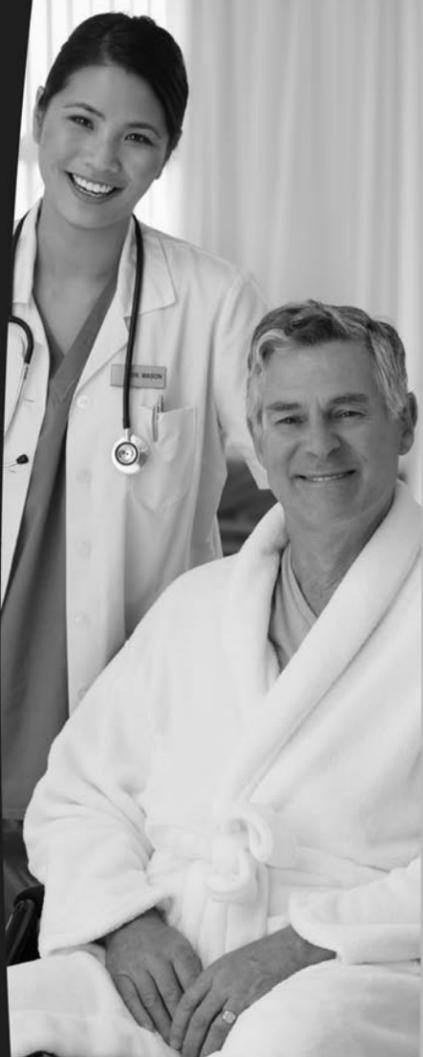
You will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our 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 now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call the Teen Center for more information at (626) 303-0863.

Youth Sports

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A membership to the Duarte Fitness Center allows members to participate in a wide variety of physical activities.

The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall. Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.



Duarte Kiwanis Club sponsors trip to D.C. for Northview students

On January 31, the Duarte Kiwanis Club presented a \$1000 check to Northview Middle School to support their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. The purpose of the trip is to offer students the opportunity to experience history first hand. By visiting Jamestown, Williamsburg and Washington D.C. students will be walking in the footsteps of our founding fathers and learning about U.S. History through hands-on experience. They will visit the U.S. Capital and other historical monuments, experience the Smithsonian Museums and observe the hardships of Jamestown, and colonial life in Williamsburg. The school is ex-

pecting to take up to 50 8th graders on this experiential trip.

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteer dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time – what better way to invest in our youth than to invest in hands-on educational experiences," shared Duarte Kiwanis President Elect, and School Board member, Pam Kawasaki.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on providing a program or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



PICTURED FROM THE LEFT – School Board Member and Duarte Kiwanis President Elect Pam Kawasaki, Northview Asst. Principal Michelle Randall, Duarte Kiwanis President Tina Carey, and School Board President and Duarte Kiwanis member Reyna Diaz.

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Certified Zumba in-
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swept the ladies of the
Duarte Woman's Club
off their feet at the Club's
February meeting. Sta-
cey, owner of Duarte-
Monrovia Curves, led
the Club in a Zumba
lesson after lecturing on
the importance of gain-
ing muscle mass and
overall health.



Group shot.



L-R Kathy Delker,
Gini Bickner, Ana
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Stacey Park

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