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Finlay Elected Mayor, Reilly Mayor Pro-Tem

Duarte City Council members voted 4-1 to elect Margaret Finlay Mayor and 5-0 to re-elect Liz Reilly Mayor Pro Tem for 2012-2013 during the annual reorganization meeting of the Duarte City Council. Initially, Margaret Finlay nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Reilly for the position of Mayor. Reilly declined to accept the nomination at the time.

Finlay has been a member of the Duarte City Council since 1990. She has served as mayor four times previously. Finlay has been a resident of Duarte with her husband, Brad, for almost 30 years. They have raised five children, all graduates of Duarte public schools.

Finlay holds a B.B.A. in Marketing from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Long



MARGARET FINLAY

Beach. She did Doctoral work at Claremont Graduate University and has been an adjunct professor

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Bell elected Duarte School Board President, Figueroa Vice President

At the Organizational Meeting held on December 13, 2012, the DUSD Board of Education unanimously elected Kenneth Bell Board President for 2012-13 and Francisco Figueroa Vice President. Pam Kawasaki, Tom Reyes and last year's President Reyna Diaz will remain Board members.

Ken Bell is serving his fifth term as President. He was elected to the School Board in 1989 and served as Vice President in 1992, 2004 and 2011. This veteran school board member has developed a reputation throughout the area for his professionalism and his commitment to the students in the Duarte Unified School District. Ken is the recipient of the Top Investigator of the Year Award, from the California District Attorney Association, and twice named recipient for



KEN BELL

Outstanding Investigator Award, Los Angeles District Attorney. He is a faculty member of UC Davis, Golden West College and Fox Valley College. He served for 21 years with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and 15 years with the District Attorney's office. Ken is currently active as lecturer, consultant and trainer for law enforcement agencies on juvenile gangs.

Ken is an enthusiastic advocate for quality educational programs for all students and supporter of our culturally-rich and diverse community. He developed the "Yes We Can" transitional program designed to help 6th grade girls and boys feel more acclimated to the Northview Intermediate campus by creating supportive mentorships and student connections. Ken has enjoyed a very successful working relationship with his fellow school board members, which has accounted for the outstanding achievements of the Duarte

students. He is excited about the District's future, and looks forward to continuing to serve the community as President of the Duarte Unified School District.

Francisco Figueroa was elected Vice President of the School Board. He is a graduate of Duarte High School and was first elected to the Duarte Board of Education 17 years ago. In those 17 years, much has been accomplished in the district in the areas of technology, safety, facilities, instruction and performing arts. He served as Board President in 1998 and 2004, and as an elected representative of the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. Francisco is an active advocate for parent involvement and school leadership activities, the key initiator of the District's strategic plan and strong supporter for state and local accountability. He is excited to embark on his third term as Vice President, and feels that there is still significant work that needs to be done to prepare our Duarte students for success in life and vocation.



FRANCISCO FIGUEROA



LIZ REILLY

How you can help fulfill a dream

Northview Intermediate School students are planning to participate in an amazing educational program to Washington, D.C. this spring! They will spend a total of 6 days in D.C. learning really cool things about our country. Some of the awesome activities that are planned for them during our Discover D.C. program include:

- **The Capitol:** seeing the Rotunda and the Senate and House chambers where Congress meets.
- **White House:** visiting the most famous house in America - home to our president and the executive branch of our government.
- **Lincoln Memorial:** paying tribute to our 16th president and reading his famous Gettysburg Address.
- **Arlington National Cemetery:** seeing the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Eternal Flame at JFK's gravesite, and the Challenger Memorial.
- **Smithsonian Museums:** visiting the many Smithsonian museums located on the Mall in D.C., including the Air and Space Museum and Museum of Natural History.

We will also be visiting Williamsburg, Charlottesville and Jamestown, Virginia.

In order to take part in this totally unique adventure, each student needs to raise \$2,025. Please help us by sponsoring a portion of the trip. Any contribution you could make would bring the students that much closer to this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Please send your contribution to:

Northview Intermediate School, Attn: Nina Thompson, 1401 Highland Ave, Duarte, CA 91010

Please call or email if you have any questions or want to hear more about this really great learning opportunity. WorldStrides is the educational travel company organizing our trip, and you can check out the Student Center on www.worldstrides.org to see tons of photos and interviews with other kids who have already traveled. Thank you for your consideration.

- Nina Thompson - NThompson@duarte.k12.ca.us or (626) 599-5612

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Outstanding community volunteers recognized at 27th annual Duarte Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

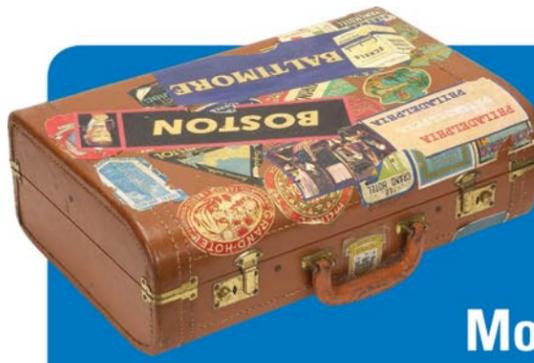
Duarte expressed its thanks to outstanding community volunteers and kicked off the holiday season at the 27th annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 25th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards. The event was held Nov. 21 at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium.

Outstanding community volunteers honored by the Chamber of

Commerce are: Kate Knight, Civic Service; Claudia Heller, Service to Senior Citizens/Disabled; Deputy Addi Sardar, Humanitarian; Tosh Clark, Service to Youth; Bernadette Chang, Business Person; and Nicholas Perez and Marina Paiz for Youth award.

Pastor Albert Tate of Monrovia

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS receiving awards from Duarte Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Rona Lunde are (from left): Nicholas Perez, Youth award; Board Chairman Lunde; Bernadette Chang, Business Person; Claudia Heller, Service to Senior Citizens/Disabled; Marina Paiz, Youth award; Deputy Addi Sardar, Humanitarian; and Tosh Clark, Service to Youth. Not pictured is Kate Knight, Civic Service.

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Bradbury City Council fighting for City independence, making tough choices

For the last several years the Bradbury City Council has continued to keep the City afloat making tough and difficult choices.

There have been painful cuts, employee furloughs, decreasing maintenance, delaying projects

and other reductions to keep spending in-line with declining City revenues. The City has also had to use reserves to complete some necessary projects and manage the budget shortfall.

If the City doesn't get the needed revenue, the City Council

will have to consider the option of disincorporation, making the City of Bradbury an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

Why? With the combined effects of the State borrowing money from the cities to pay for State deficits, increasing unfunded State mandates and the revenue losses due to the economic crisis, there is a great deal of pressure on the City's finances.

As such, the Bradbury City Council is again considering bring a Utility User Tax Measure to the voters of Bradbury this June.

Last year, upon the failure of Measure A, the City Council appointed an independent Finance Committee to review the City's budget, expenditures, revenues, review the five year financial forecast and provide options to the City Council on how to proceed.

The Committee met over the course of several months and determined it was in the City's best interest to take a revised UUT Measure back out to the residents. The new Measure would levy a 5.5% tax on gas, cable, electricity, trash and 3.25% on water in year one. The tax is estimated to bring in the \$360,000 needed to close the budget gap.

Source: City of Bradbury News publication, January 2013

Duarte businesses collect batteries making recycling easier

Two businesses in the City of Duarte are part of 38 establishments in the San Gabriel Valley participating in a pilot program that aims to increase battery recycling within the City and throughout the Valley.

The state of California banned batteries from disposal in landfills in 2006 in an effort to recycle more metals and to reduce groundwater contamination caused by the presence of batteries in landfills.

The following locations are participating in Duarte as battery take-back sites:

* Frontier Hardware, 2137 Huntington Dr.

* Route 66 Car Wash, 2110 Huntington Dr.

Residents can conveniently bring any household batteries (rechargeable or alkaline that weigh less than 11 lbs.) and cell phones to the take-back locations. This means that old lithium-ion cell phone and camera batteries along with traditional AAA-D batteries can be brought to the same convenient take-back location. Signs on store windows identify take-back locations. Customers can turn in their batteries at the marked battery recycling boxes inside the store. Simple instructions on how to safely recycle batteries are located on each take-back box. Full boxes of batteries are mailed to recycling facilities

at no charge to the participating businesses.

Thanks to an approximate \$396,000 grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) has been able to facilitate a pilot-recycling program for household batteries. The SGVCOG is working to make battery recycling more convenient by partnering with local businesses to become battery take-back locations.

The Call2Recycle® program is paying for all disposal costs associated with the battery recycling. This take-back process reduces costs to the public because battery producers pay for the shipping and recycling.

Furthermore, recycling is more convenient for consumers because local retailers throughout the San Gabriel Valley host collection locations.

For more information about the battery-recycling program or to find a take-back location near you go to www.SGVCOG.org/batteryrecycling or contact Nicholas Conway, SGVCOG Executive Director at (626) 457-1800.

It's Girl Scout Cookie time!

There was a Girl Scout Cookie Kick-off at the Holy Angels Church on January 12 by Mayors MaryAnn Lutz (Monrovia), Bob Harbicht (Arcadia) and Margaret Finlay (Duarte). The Mayors' words of encouragement to over 400 girl scouts supported this year's cookie theme, "What Can A Girl Do?" - "A World of Good". The girls were reminded that "by putting their mind and energies to something, a Girl Scout can overcome any challenge. There are no limits. She can be anything. She can do anything."

The event was put together by Joyce Santillan, Monrovia/Duarte Service Unit Manager, and Judy Lee, Arcadia Service Unit Manager, who decided that bringing more girls together would provide an opportunity for girls to "meet new friends and have fun with their sister scouts."

Girls attended Cookie University where they learned about goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—aspects essential to leadership, to success, and to life. Girls are building a lifetime of skills and confidence.

So remember, when a girl scout is selling you a box of cookies, you are helping her to reach her goals. Cookie Sales initial orders began January 13 and booth sales will begin February 12. For more information about cookies or if you are interested in joining Girl Scouts, please contact the local Arcadia Council at (626) 677-2000 or look at the website girlscoutsla.org.

Military Banner recognition

Honoring military service to the nation is at the heart of a Military Banner Recognition Program. Duarte residents with family members currently serving in the military will have the opportunity to honor their loved one's service in the United States Armed Forces with a Military Recognition banner placed along the City's main corridor, Huntington Dr.

City of Hope has partnered with the City of Duarte to launch the banner program and has provided funding to underwrite the first 30 Military Recognition banners. These banners will be made available at no-cost to the first 30 military personnel who complete a program application, provide necessary verification documents and are deemed eligible. Additional banners are available for purchase or sponsorship at a cost of \$155 each.

The program is designed to honor current military personnel who reside in the City or unincorporated county area of Duarte, or an immediate family member of a Duarte resident.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.

Students receive scholarships from Duarte Kiwanis Club

It's great when a plan comes together! Last June, the Duarte Kiwanis Club budgeted \$3500.00 for scholarships for graduating seniors. In January, they were able to provide two more checks to two deserving students. Israel Torres and Sarah Perez are both graduates of Mt. Olive High School in Duarte. They got in touch with Susan Huthmacher, Secretary at Mt. Olive and provided their registration information (both are now students at Citrus College). Susan was persistent and as soon as the Holidays were over scheduled the check presentations with Duarte Kiwanis President, Tina Carey.

Both students were able to attend the Kiwanis meeting – along with Principal Kevin Morris and the checks were presented. Seems a perfect opportunity for the Kiwanis Club – since their motto is "changing the world one child, and one community at a time".

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 are Mt. Olive Principal Kevin Morris, Duarte Kiwanis scholarship recipients Sarah Perez and Israel Torres, and Duarte Kiwanis President, Tina Carey.



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Tips for starting your home design projects in 2013

By Nadine Reyes Schmidt, CID, LEED AP

With each new year comes a fresh start – a time to plan the goals we hope to accomplish in the next 12 months. Once the holidays are over and the decorations are put away, everyone is eager to make changes and get their lives (and homes) organized.

When it comes to home improvement and interior design projects, taking the time to set goals and plan early on is important in achieving the best results. Even if you are not ready to actually start your project until spring or summer, now is the perfect time to plan so you'll be ready when the time comes.

In my 17-year career as an interior designer, I've helped many homeowners kick start their projects, so I'd like to share 4 helpful tips to help you get started on yours.

1. PRIORITIZE – In my experience, I've found that many homeowners hesitate in starting their projects because they feel overwhelmed and don't know where to start. Several areas may need improvement, but how do you determine where to begin?

First, decide on your goals – what are the results you'd most like to achieve, and by when? Perhaps you have a party coming up, so you'd like to entertain in a new family room or have the guest bathroom updated. Or maybe you want to put your house up for sale, but you need to replace the floors and do a few other upgrades to attract potential buyers.

Think of what matters most to you, and how your life might instantly improve once these changes are complete and off of your to-do list. Some improvements will stand out as being more urgent than others. Three important factors to consider are: the size and complexity of the project,

how soon you need it done, and how much money you are willing to spend. By determining the scope, schedule, and budget for your project, you'll begin to see where the priority lies.

2. PLAN – Planning the vision for your space is the next important step. The vision will keep you on track by guiding your design decisions, reducing the risk of mistakes and buyer's remorse.

Think of it this way: if you go to the grocery store without a shopping list you might wander the aisles, buy items you don't need, forget items you do need, and likely spend more time and money than if you had a well-planned shopping list to guide you. The same thing can happen if you approach your design project without a clear plan. Think about the feeling you want to create in your home and the styles that you prefer. Collect images of furniture, colors, and other design elements that illustrate your vision. Write a "wish list" of what you'd like to see in the room. Even if you weren't quite

sure of your vision at first, these exercises will begin to reveal the direction of your plan. If you feel unsure about how to tie your ideas together, you might consider an in-home consultation with a qualified design professional to help you get started.

3. PREPARE – Once you've planned your vision, it's time to start preparing for the changes ahead. Depending on the nature of your project, this might mean asking around for contractor referrals, getting estimates, and becoming familiar with current prices for items on your wish list (such as furniture, flooring, or accessories).

The sooner you set aside money to fund your project, the better off you'll be. If you've ever seen an unfinished project left in "limbo", it is often due to a lack of planning and preparation, which leads to unexpected problems and expenses. To avoid this, some of my clients have a separate bank account strictly for home improvements, so that project expenditures never interfere with their normal living expenses.

Other ways you might prepare for an upcoming project are: doing minor repairs before the major work begins, or de-cluttering the space by purging items that you no longer use or enjoy.

4. PROCEED – Now that you have prioritized, planned, and prepared, you are ready to proceed with your project! Depending on your schedule and the work involved, you might be a "Do-It-Yourselfer" and tackle this project on your own. You'll need to invest a great deal of time researching, shopping, making decisions, placing orders, scheduling deliveries, and managing or doing the work yourself.

If you have a busy lifestyle and very little free time, it may take longer than expected – so be aware of that if your project has a specific deadline. I've seen many DIY'ers get in over their heads and it ends up costing them more in the long run, unfortunately. If the design results you desire seem

too daunting to handle on your own, consider working with an interior designer to help guide you along the way. Our job is to bring your vision to life and help you complete your project sooner, within budget, and with less stress. Whether you decide to go it alone or get help from a pro, the important thing is to *get started* – don't lose the momentum you've built so far!

These are just a few tips to help you get started. Of course every project is unique, but the sooner you begin planning, the closer you will be to starting (and finishing) that project you've been dreaming about. Just remember the **4 P's: Prioritize, Plan, Prepare...then Proceed!**

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August 9-12, 2012, saw the gathering of Zumba instructors from all over the world in Orlando, Florida for the only official Zumba convention in the United States. Kinesio was well represented by Maggie Pezeshkian, DC, CKTP, who traveled from California to help the convention participants with their aches and strains.

Dr. Maggie is a Zumba instructor herself, so she knows what these energetic individuals go through on a daily basis. "I know that Zumba instructors suffer from repetitive injuries as does the program's creator, Beto Perez," Dr. Maggie reports. How was the Kinesio taping received? "Boy, did they need it!"

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Kiwanians learn about Affordable Health Care Act

All of us have been a bit overwhelmed learning about the ins and outs of the new Affordable Health Care Regulations. Cliff Daniels, Chief Strategy Officer of Methodist Hospital, was the perfect guy to share information with the Duarte Kiwanis Club. His explanations were clear and concise and even elicited not only questions, but requests for further information from various members.

Additionally, Daniels was able to share the many ways that Methodist Hospital is partnering with other facilities in the area and expanding their services.

For further information about the Duarte Kiwanis Club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



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Rotary Club of Duarte hosts "Breakfast with Santa"

By Carlos Manrique

Ho, Ho, Ho...members of the Rotary Club of Duarte were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Santa at

the annual Breakfast with Santa traditionally held each year on the first Saturday in December at the community center. Families enjoyed a hearty pancake

breakfast and the opportunity to take pictures with Santa. Our warmest thanks to the DuPont's for their continuing support of this event.

One of the main goals of this Rotary event is to provide families an opportunity to build memories that will last a life time.

The other goal of the Rotary Club of Duarte is to increase the literacy of the children of the community. At this event each child under the age of 8 selected a book to take home. The books are a small holiday gift to the children of Duarte to encourage children to read and develop a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Supporting this event were members of the Interact Club from Duarte High School who assisted with the set-up, serving, and clean up. Thank you

too, to Parks and Recreation for providing a Santa's Workshop where children made special holiday crafts.

Please mark your calendars on March 30, 2013 for the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Families can bring their cameras to capture a special moment with the Easter Bunny and books will again be given to our young readers. Rotary: service above self.



Duarte City Manager's Update

The Duarte City Manager's update is a news source designed to update the Council, staff and community on the various issues that Departments are working on in addition to the status of items raised by the City Council during regular meetings. Note: Information included in this report is only "new" and/or "updated" and as a result it does not repeat the background information that was given in previous reports.

Editor's Note: This is an excerpt of the City Manager's January 7, 2013 Update. For the copy of the full update please contact Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Best Buy Center – Staff has been in communication with prospective new owners of the Best Buy Shopping Center. It is anticipated that escrow will close this month, whereby the new owners will take control of the property occupied by Best Buy, Staples, and 10,000 sq. ft. of outlying shops.

Community Garden – Staff has met with representative of the City of Hope to lay the foundation of a future Community Garden on property at the City of Hope. This Community Garden will allow resident to lease a portion of the garden to create opportunities to grow fruits and vegetables.

Business Friendly Marketing Banners – In response to the City recently being named as the "Most Business Friendly City" by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, banners reflecting this will be hung across Buena Vista Street and from the clock tower at City Hall.

Vulcan Mining Lawsuit – The appeal hearing was held in downtown Los Angeles on December 11, 2012, in the case between the City of Duarte and the City of Azusa. Attorneys from both sides presented their case, and a 3-judge panel is expected to render decision within the next two months.

Fireworks Applications – The application deadline for the 2013 firework process is Thursday, January 17, at 5:00 p.m. Per the Duarte Municipal Code, the City can issue a maximum of five permits.

Santa Fe Basin Gateway

See Update on page 14

Duarte Park and Facility Rentals

FACILITY RENTALS

The City of Duarte has various size buildings, including the Community Center, Royal Oaks Park Building and the Duarte Teen Center that are available for rent for private or non-profit functions. Additionally, picnic gazebos can now be rented.

DUARTE TEEN CENTER

1400 Buena Vista Street

The Teen Center is available to rent for parties, events and activities on Saturdays and Sundays. This is the perfect setting for a birthday party or a fun meeting! Renters will be able to enjoy a game room with pool tables, foosball, Ping-Pong, arcade games, a wide screen TV and a large outdoor patio with gas barbecue grill. Also included is a large 80 person capacity multi-purpose meeting room, perfect for retreats, meetings, or parties. Take your event to another level!

COMMUNITY CENTER

1600 Huntington Drive

The beautiful Duarte Community Center at City Hall is available to rent for receptions, parties and more. This 150 person capacity facility includes a stage, kitchen, dance floor, ice

machine, and portable mini bar.

ROYAL OAKS PARK BUILDING

2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This recently restored beautiful facility has an 80-person capacity and includes AC/Heating, a private restroom, and is located within the beautiful, tree shaded Royal Oaks Park that includes tennis and basketball courts and a large playground. This facility is perfect for birthdays, showers, meetings, and more.

ENCANTO PARK AND ROYAL OAKS PARK PICNIC GAZEBOS

Gazebos at Royal Oaks and Encanto Parks are available for rent. Small gazebos include a small barbecue grill, gazebo shelter and picnic table. One larger

gazebo is located at the Royal Oaks Park Extension and includes a large gazebo shelter, two picnic tables and a dual picnic barbecue grill. These are perfect settings for a birthday party or picnic. Don't get left without a spot for your event! Rent one or more gazebos now!

Also available on a rental basis are lighted softball and baseball fields, lighted tennis courts, multi-purpose fields and the Duarte Fitness Center pools.

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



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27th annual Duarte Rotary Club Golf Tournament

*By Carlos G. Manrique,
Rotary Club of Duarte*

The Rotary Club of Duarte held its annual golf tournament in October at the Rancho Duarte Golf Course.

The Rotary Club of Duarte extends a special thank you to the many merchants and individuals that contributed to the success of the event.

Proceeds from this event benefit the club's scholarship programs, public safety volunteer dinner, red ribbon week and recreation assistance programs and book giveaways.

In addition to enjoying a wonderful afternoon of golf, players had opportunities to win over 50 prizes of cash and merchandize which included passes to

the Turf Club at Santa Anita, a variety of certificates for local restaurants, and iPod Nano and shuffle.

Rotary President Brian Villalobos recognized individual golfers and teams with plaques donated by Shaffer Awards, Monrovia.

Everyone was a winner as they enjoyed a delicious dinner featuring barbecued ribs, chicken and corn on the cob.

If you missed this great event, plan to join your friends and neighbors at the Rotary Golf Tournament next year.

The Rotary Club of Duarte meets every Wednesday at Denny's in the Target Shopping Center at 7:45 a.m.

We welcome members of our community to join us.



DANCING SPARKS STUDIO
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We are a new Dance Studio in Duarte, promoting health, fitness, and dance on Zumba music platform to the community. We will also have limited classes for Jazz and Hip-Hop. It's a fun place for all to enjoy Zumba Dance and achieve fitness goals and enjoy the whole class! Our classes help with stress and make you feel good afterwards. Our jazz and Hip-Hop classes youth active and Happy! Don't take our word for it, come see for yourself how helpful and fun our classes are.



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Mt. Sierra College has been operating since 1992, has offered bachelor degrees since 1997. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Special programs to assist veterans and their families are also available. The winter quarter begins on January 7th and applications are available now. To learn more about Mt. Sierra, please visit www.mtsierra.edu, or give them a call at (626) 873-2100.



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Friends of the Duarte Library

BOARD MEMBERS of the Friends of the Duarte Library are shown celebrating the end of a great year at Villa Italia Ristorante. Pictured on the left are: Jan Wight, Steve Baker, Milinda Branch, and Lisa Stone. On the right are Joanna Gee (Librarian), Pat De Rose, Wendy Wright and Cindy Croyle.



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Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

Today is a new day for learning. Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) is aware of and responding to the challenges in American education. As a district we believe that leadership, collaboration and innovation are essential components of an ideal organization, and it is our desire to design and implement a new system that responds to the convergence of these ideas for change in education. DUSD, in the spirit of servant leadership, has collaboratively defined its commitments to students, employees, parents and our community members. We have identified 4 *Corner Stones* for the foundation of our District-level priorities – Student Success, High Quality Service, 21st Century Learning Environment, and Commitment to Service from Parent and Community. These *Corner Stones* are the foundation to our commitment to align our work and facilitate the transition from an excellent 20th century school district to a world class 21st century school district. In addition, our 4 *Corner Stones* are designed to move DUSD toward our desired state of creating an environment where learning is engaging and adapted to each student's passion. All of these priorities uphold the commitments DUSD is making to its students, parents, educators, staff, and the community of Duarte. DUSD will provide the necessary skills, knowledge and inspiration for students to have success in career and life for a world we cannot fully predict.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

Duarte Unified School District students are competing on a world stage. As stated by Thomas Friedman, the world is indeed “hot, flat and crowded.” This matters to the American education system for many important reasons. First, the pay for “routine” work has plummeted as companies outsource this work to other countries where workers require far lower wages. As I have stated before, it is imperative that as a nation we realize that if our country wishes to retain the quality of life that we have enjoyed over the past 100 years we can no longer depend on only compliant graduates who have memorized a set of facts, who believe every answer is found in a book, or who have perfected the game of school – to memorize, regurgitate and dump. Instead, to accommodate the careers in this new day, our country, society and democracy demand graduates who are globally aware, financially literate, creative, adaptable and resilient, collaborative, ethical, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and communicators with a sense of entrepreneurship. WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE! In order for DUSD graduates to be the most qualified and highly sought after in the world, or as we would recognize as *Shoulder Tapped Graduates*, they will need your help. Each person in our community can provide support and influence with a child in our schools. In the near future, we will be asking the community to share what “gifts they bring” and how these gifts wrap around our commitments to each child to be recognized as a “Shoulder Tapped Graduate.”

Duarte's commitment and devotion to the students in our schools is why I am able to say that there is not a better place to raise your children than Duarte, California. It is a pleasure to be your Superintendent.

Beardslee celebrations

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

The month of December brought many different events to the families, students, and staff at Beardslee Elementary School. We began with our annual Winter Performance. Hosted by our 6th grade student emcees, Meghan DeJonge, Daniel Vera, Gissell Gomez, and Elizabeth Escobar, all of our classes in grades 2 through

6 performed songs and poems for their families. This special event was held in the Performing Arts Center and was widely attended by our students' families and friends. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday season and to give our students an opportunity to perform for their families.

Other special events that took place in December were our first



ELIZABETH ESCOBAR and Christopher Baez scored 100% on the Math CSTs in 2011! Congratulations to both of them!!!!

2012 Andres Duarte highlights

By Rick Crosby, Principal

As we close the first trimester at Andres Duarte Elementary School, I want to thank all of our families, students, and staff for an outstanding start to the school year.

We have accomplished so much in such a little time but we have a lot farther to go. I have faith in my staff and students that we will accomplish our goals for every student.

To look back at the first trimester, I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments we have had at Andres Duarte.

Andres Duarte has had some inspiring moments this school year; our school wide field trip to the LA County Fair, Hispanic Heritage Day, “Think Pink,” donating almost \$700 dollars to fight cancer to the City of Hope, D'VEAL Family and Youth services joining the Andres Duarte team, Red Ribbon Week, every fifth grade student visiting City of Hope, Andres Duarte being highlighted on the Channel 7 news and the Pasadena Star News paper, our participation in the “Holiday of Promise 2012”, and



ANDRES DUARTE students at the City of Hope.

finally the accomplishments in the classroom!

I have seen kindergarten students learn to read, lower grade students writing a paragraph for the first time and upper grade students presenting and defending their projects in front of their

peers.

Students at Andres Duarte are achieving at a high level because of the dedication from parents, teachers and staff.

As the holiday season transitions to the New Year, I always tend to reflect on what I am thankful for.

What comes to mind is that I am most thankful to have the opportunity to be in the lives of every student at Andres Duarte Elementary School and to see a child learn to do something that they once believed to be too difficult.

I am looking forward to see the great accomplishments the rest of the school year will provide. I hope every one of our families have a safe, joyful, and restful holiday.



ALL THE FIFTH GRADE Andres Duarte students visited the City of Hope.

Parent Education Workshops at Royal Oaks

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Royal Oaks takes seriously the partnership with parents to address the needs of the whole child and the family. To this end, the school is hosting the 5th Annual “Parent Education Workshop Night,” organized by

trimester Awards Assemblies. Students were honored for their improvement and excellence in math, reading, and writing, for displaying exceptional citizenship, and for having perfect attendance. Over 350 different students were recognized during these award ceremonies.

The Beardslee Staff was also proud to announce the continuation of a Beardslee tradition honoring students for their performance on the California Standards Tests (CSTs). We want to recognize our students for their hard work and their achievement on these tests each year. To do this, we give shiny gold medals to students who scored proficient or advanced in Language Arts, Math, or Science. We also give stunning bronze medals that say “I Did My Best on the Test” to students who improved their scores from 2010 to 2011. We are especially proud of 6th grader Elizabeth Escobar and 3rd grader Christopher Baez who both scored a perfect score on the Math CSTs last spring! They were honored with a special gold and blue medal in recognition of their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of our Beardslee students for their accomplishments on the CSTs!

Krysty Leckrone, the Teaching and Learning Coach.

The event this year will be on Thursday, January 29, 2012, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The full list of workshop offerings includes:

- Mrs. Kathy Covert will talk about Cognitive Guided Instruction for math problem solving. She will demonstrate the process with 1st -3rd graders

- Mrs. Rasheedah Gates will take a look at the grade level expectations for writing and how to motivate your child to write.

- Mrs. Tina Quick and Dr. Tatiana White will look at the grade level expectations in Math.

- Terri Helberg from Pacific Clinics will present on how to communicate with your child and the 3T's of parenting.

- Dr. Lisa Cain will present on

12 Powerful Words.

- Ms. GiGi Kan will also present on “How money works for children”. She will also present on “Strategies for College Planning”.

- Mrs. Deb Ogden will present an overview of the Common Core Standards, the national standards that were adopted by the state of California and 55 other states.

- Mrs. Janice Kolodinski, principal will share strategies for helping students and parents with organization at home.

The event is not restricted to the Royal Oaks community. Families throughout the district are welcome to attend. Spanish translation will be provided and free childcare will be available in the cafeteria. For questions, contact Krysty Leckrone at (626) 259-5400.



PARENTS LISTEN to a presentation about Study Island Program at Parent Education Night at Royal Oaks.

Duarte Head Start and State Preschool

By Erica Robledo, Family Community Liaison

Winter Family Fun Night

On December 13, 2012 Duarte Head Start and State Preschool hosted its annual Winter Family Fun Night!

Our Family Fun Night event was successful with over 140 parents, families and children in attendance. The Duarte Head Start and State Preschool program continues to make efforts to strengthen the families through parent engagements and activities such as Family Fun Nights. We uphold a consistent philosophy to provide opportunities for growth and learning and maintain a visible approach to reaching out to our parents.

Our "Winter Family Fun Night" is just the first events in our program school year to engage children and families. We will be celebrating our Science Family Night with Andres Duarte elementary school on Friday, January 11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact Andres Duarte elementary at (626) 599-5100 or Duarte Child Development at (626) 599-5174 if you would like to contribute to this event!

ESL PROGRAM

As an essential component of efforts in the Duarte Head Start and State Preschool program, we have partnered with the Maryvale Family Resource Center located in Duarte as a community based outpatient mental health program that offers a variety of clinical and community based services.

In January 2013 The Family

Resource Center will be providing FREE one-to-one English as a Second Language ("ESL") tutoring to adults (parents, grandparents, Uncles/Aunts, etc.) for the Duarte Head Start and State Preschool program to enhance the communications within the family as children are being schooled in English.

The ESL Program focuses on the literacy needs of non-English speaking adult immigrants as well as people who want to improve their English language skills.

Particularly in this economy, adults need literacy to help them be competitive for jobs and to help keep themselves and their families self sufficient and thriving by helping these adults gain the education they deserve, we are helping them and their children come together to solve problems and create stronger neighborhoods and communities.

This program is unique in that it offers a "lifeline" to adults who are unable to attend formal classroom settings due to physical disabilities, limited or no transportation, lack of funds for childcare, job constraints, or intimidation.

The program is volunteer-based and utilizes the well known Laubach Method of teaching. After we train community volunteers they become tutors and teach on a one-on-one basis, providing the opportunity for the student to progress at a faster pace by giving personalized attention.

A volunteer tutor and student must commit to at minimum of

once a week for 1-2 hours of tutoring. Tutoring takes place in the student's home or at public sites at mutually convenient times for tutor and student.

In the future our ESL program will also assist in tutoring on Workplace Communication, GED preparation and U.S. Citizenship study. **There is no cost to the student.**

With the acquisition of English, adults have a greater opportunity to find gainful employment, advance in current jobs, become independent of social service programs, enter higher education institutions, reduce their social isolation and cultural separation, become more engaged in their children's educational life, and become contributing members of their community.

When parents and grandparents learn English with us, they are then able to help their children and grandchildren with homework and communicate with their teachers, making our program intergenerational. This helps our schools run smoother, our communities are more cohesive, and teachers can better teach all students.

The Family Resource Center will be providing a FREE Orientation and Initial Tutor workshop on Saturday January 26, 2013 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Materials will be provided. For further information and/or to RSVP for this Tutoring Training and Orientation please RSVP to: **Janice Garcia, MSW-I at 626.263.9133 x 236**

The Maryvale Family Resource Center is located at 2502 Huntington Drive, Duarte.

Male Involvement-Parent Support Group for Dad's

DAD'S GROUP at Andres Duarte Head Start/State Preschool Center starting Tuesday, January 15, 2013 from 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Please call Maryvale's Family Resource Center for further information (626) 263-9133.

Free Dad's Support Group to spend time with other dads and hear about:

- Activities for kids
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 - Ways to keep children active
 - Balancing work life and family
 - Improving my relationship with my child/children
 - Parenting
- Facilitated by Mr. Vince Bonilla, MFT

Head Start State Preschool

Duarte is now accepting applications for Head Start and State Preschool!

Duarte Head Start and State Preschool program offers a wide variety of comprehensive services that prepares children and families for the future. Selecting a preschool for your child is one of the most important things that you, as a parent, will have to do. If you are interested in enrolling your 2 to 5 year old child into our program please contact us at (626) 599-5174. Our main office is at the Andres Duarte school site located at 1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA 91010.



NORTHVIEW CARDINAL MATHLETES proved to be tough competitors in the annual Bishop Amat High School Math Competition as our 7th grade team won 4th place for average scores in their grade level. The entire school team took home 3rd place for schools in our division.

You Matter!

By Heidi Quirk, Counselor

November 26-30, Northview participated in its annual bullying and suicide prevention awareness campaign entitled "You Matter Week." In each subject throughout the week, students learned that who they are and what they do matters to the school, the community and even the world.

Themes included: Gratitude Matters, Respect for Differences Matters, Your Legacy Matters, How You Treat the Environment Matters, Your Health Matters, and Your Behavior Online Matters.

Students participated in activities such as writing thank you letters, learning about the homeless, picking up trash on

campus, recycling, and fun exercise games.

A highlight activity was inviting seniors from the local Westminster Gardens to share their legacy with students during lunch time.

The week culminated in a school-wide assembly featuring student speakers on the topics of bullying, self-harm, and suicide prevention, a student-made video and a guest speaker from Think Together, who partnered with us in the planning of this week. Remember, YOU MATTER!!!

NORTHVIEW DEBATE TEAM ROCKS!

On Saturday, December 15,

See You Matter! on page 11

Duarte Head Start/State Preschool Winter Family Fun Night December 13:



LOVIN' the Reindeers!



NICE teamwork on the snowflakes Mom and Dad!



MOM WILL LOVE the Holiday purse!



FAMILY, Food, Fun!



A FEATURE of "You Matter Week" was inviting seniors from the local Westminster Gardens to share their legacy with students during lunch time.

Boxtops for Education



Thank you for your continued support of the annual fund raising efforts for Duarte students by saving your BoxTops for Education and turning them in to the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. BoxTops for Education is a year round fund raiser, with **\$8.30**

earned from Chamber collections during November/December 2012.

Please continue to save your *BoxTops for Education* tops and turn them into the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, 1634 Third St., Duarte, anytime as a year round fund raiser. Schools earn 10 cents for each box top. Visit btfe.com for list of participating products.

Fresh & Easy Education Fund Raiser

Thank you for your support of our Duarte students as **\$17** in fund raising was earned from *Fresh & Easy* receipts turned in to the Duarte Chamber of Commerce during the months of November & December 2012.

Please save the receipts and turn them into the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, 1634 Third St., or any K-12 school office. Thank you for your support of our Duarte students.



STUDENTS tending to their herb and vegetable gardens.

Environmental Sustainability & Responsibility through M.O.O.S.E.

By Kevin Morris, Principal

Weaved into the Mt. Olive High School cultural fabric is the obligation of the staff to teach students the importance of being viable members of a global society in the 21st century and to teach the importance of environmental sustainability and responsibility. That's where Mt. Olive's MOOSE takes center stage. MOOSE is an acronym for the "Mt. Olive Outdoor Science Experience." MOOSE was born 4 years ago out of the necessity for a science lab at Mt. Olive due to very limited classroom space. Through the leadership of science and math teacher, Stephen Clayton and Laurent Lanuquette, MOOSE facilitates the teaching of 75% of the state standards in science and math through our elective environmental science course. MOOSE teaches students how to approach some of the current environmental challenges in this era, through the hands-on approach of project-based learning which is rigorous, relevant and engaging.

MOOSE provides students with a foundation of understanding, knowledge and skills to deal effectively with today's environmental challenges. Students learn a variety of basic laboratory and field techniques, including specimen sampling and processing, site monitoring documentation, and inspection. When possible, students have the opportunity to work with, or consult, experts in various environmental fields. MOOSE incorporates both academic and applied studies. Students gain a broad awareness of environmental science and career opportunities while a strong emphasis is placed on students making a positive impact on the

environment.

MOOSE is an exemplary environmental science program that has been featured in local San Gabriel Valley newspapers like the Mid-Valley News and the Duarte View. MOOSE was a recipient of the Los Angeles Regional Agency Environmental Award in 2010 and 2011. In addition, MOOSE was recognized by Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera and Duarte's Promise for its participation in the 2011 Global Youth Service Week. During the event students helped design gardens, plant native foliage and coordinate the location of the plants. This was done in collaboration with two elementary schools and one middle school at their sites.

The innovativeness of MOOSE can be observed in the projects in which students are involved. The students are engaged in the planting of native foliage and drought tolerant flora, the planting of herb and vegetable gardens, the performance of on-going upkeep of the pond ecosystem and various gardens, composting of green organic matter and paper, conducting soil experiments and observations, the construction of raised beds and solar water features, vermiculture (worm farming), the construction of drip irrigation systems, and the training of students for green careers. More advanced are the numerous projects like algae studies for the development of biobutanol through the A.B.E. (acetone, butanol & ethanol) process, the development and use of natural pesticides, herbicides, fungicides made from worm tea, warm season turf grass research and development, pond fauna studies, aquaponics, and compan-

See M.O.O.S.E. on page 11



THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY Department of Public Works donated this new rain gauge to MOOSE so students can conduct precipitation studies.

El Salvador bands with Duarte High

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Students from Duarte, California and San Salvador, El Salvador both had once-in-a-lifetime moments this December. Banda El Salvador marched in the January 1, 2013 Tournament of Roses Parade. Some of the band members visited Duarte High School and spent some time with the Falcons. They had the opportunity to enjoy a 12th grade government class and play with both the Northview and Duarte High School band. Under the direction of Rich Torres, the 2 groups played together and had a terrific time. Banda El Salvador was able to watch a girls' soccer game while they were here and performed on the Falcon Field. The students from Duarte were able to spend some time with a couple of the band members at lunch to get acquainted.

In addition, our Youth2Youth Building Bridges program presented our new friends with 20 pairs of new shoes. Many of the shoes were personally decorated by our Fabulous Falcons. Both the Duarte High School Culinary Arts Program and Youth2Youth provided meals for Banda El Salvador during their stay in Duarte.

We want to thank our Board of Education President Reyna Diaz for giving our students this fantastic opportunity to connect with students from El Salvador.



YOUTH2YOUTH BUILDING BRIDGES program presented our new friends with 20 pairs of new shoes.



BANDA EL SALVADOR



DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Maxwell Elementary School

By Dr. Kelly Buckley, Principal

November and December have been busy months for the Maxwell Team as we continue to acquire the knowledge and training needed to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. Our students, staff and parents received training on the IB learner profile. The IB Learner Profile is comprised of ten attributes that are inherent in internationally minded people. IB learner strives to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. The students learned the definition of each profile and how they can exemplify the attributes at school. They parents learned how they can support and reinforce the attributes at home. The teachers learned how to develop these attributes in their students through their instruction.

Caring: Showing empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs of others and feelings of others.

KNOWLEDGEABLE: Exploring concepts and ideas that have local and global significance. Above, Mrs. Stalder is imparting knowledge to her kindergarteners and Mrs. Barrera (right) is demonstrating her knowledge of being balanced.



MAXWELL HOSTED ITS SECOND ANNUAL CAN FOOD DRIVE

Student Council hosted a can food drive. This was an opportunity for our students to practice being caring and show empathy, compassion and respect toward the needs and feelings of others. The students donated over 500 can food items. All of the food donated will be distributed to Maxwell families that need extra support during this holiday season.



FIRST GRADERS love to donate!

2012 was a Great Year at Valley View!

By Angelina Salas, Principal

As the school year began, the dolphins had a lot to celebrate. We increased our API (Academic Performance Index) score to 862.

In addition, we had an exciting fun filled fall season. Career Day, Family Game 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. A scientist from City of Hope, an FBI agent, our DUSD nurse, a Tae Kwon Do instructor, a newspaper reporter, our Sheriff's Department, 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. Thank you for all your hard work.

Our PTA hosted a Family Game Night that was held in November.

The evening was an opportunity for our families to come together for fun with exciting games of Bingo.

Our winter program was a big hit. The Performing Arts Center was filled with friends and families ready to kick-off the holiday season.

The evening started out with a "Nut Cracker" performance by our ballet company led by Ms. Arlene Titular.

The third grade team, Ms. Tami Cutler and Mr. Harvey Fenster, performed "It's a Small World" and "Od Yavo Shalom".

"My Favorite Things" and "All You Need is Love" were beautifully performed by the fourth grade team, Ms. Amparo Gomez-Paiz and Ms. Teri Mesko.

The Valley View Chorus delighted us with songs such as "Mary's Boy Child" under the direction of Ms. Carrie Brakebush.

Up next, Ms. Ruthie Cruz's fifth graders sang "All I Want for Christmas Is You" and "Sleigh Ride".

Ms. Ruth Munoz played the bells to "Silver Bells" and "Carol of the Bells". "Mele Kalikimaka" and "Christmas Island" as well as "Santa Claus is back in Town" were presented by the 6th grade, Leticia Robles and Scott Moses.

The committee, led by Ms. Ruth Munoz, worked hard to decorate, plan and perform an impressive program.

The evening ended with "Santa Got a Sunburn".

Thanks to all of the performers, teachers, staff and parents who made this a night to remember.

As you already know, Valley View is Really Special! We are prepared for a fun, challenging and successful 2013.

Valley View moves children forward.

M.O.O.S.E.

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ion planting. In addition, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works donated a new rain gauge to MOOSE so students can conduct precipitation studies. Mt. Olive High School is one of three schools in the county with a rain gauge; the other two are the University of Southern California and Los Angeles City College.

The vision of Duarte Unified School District is committed to providing a quality education exemplified by high performing schools.

The mission is to provide every student the essential skills, knowledge and inspiration for success in career and life. MOOSE embodies both the district vision and mission through the Mt. Olive school mission that states, "Mt. Olive provides a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment that encourages creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and risk taking as part of the learning process while building responsible and productive citizens."

Since its inception, over the past four years, MOOSE has received over \$30,000 in donations, grants, and school fundraisers. Support also came from Kellogg Garden Products, Rain Bird Corporation, CalAm Water, Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Toshiba, Fresh N' Easy, Bear Bees Honey, and the City of Duarte. In addition, MOOSE has a network of consulting green partners including Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

So, if you're in the neighborhood and want to see what MOOSE is all about...we'd love to see you!

Volunteers

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Fellowship inspired everyone as the keynote speaker. Pastor Tate also serves on the Advisory Council at the Fuller Youth Institute and on the Board of Directors at Forest Home Ministries.

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

The event launched the 10th annual "Holiday of Promise" project to collect food, personal items and gift donations to be distributed by the Duarte Community Service Council and Foothill Unity Center to needy families the week before Christmas. The project is sponsored by Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, and numerous area businesses.



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.

YOUTH @ WORK INTERN PROGRAM

Want work experience, on the job training, networking and relationship building with future employers?

Positions available with the City of Duarte. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Application deadline is Friday January 25. Interviews will be held on January 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Date: Wed., Feb. 6

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

Fee: Free

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

Duarte/Monrovia Youth Summit!

The cities of Duarte and Monrovia will co-host their annual Duarte/Monrovia Youth Leadership Summit on Saturday, February 23. The event will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Duarte Performing Arts Center, 1401 Highland Ave Duarte. Registration is free. Contact the Duarte Teen Center for more information.

Teen Excursion

Movie and Mall Trip

Date: Thursday, March 7 (early release DHS)

Time: 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Fee: \$10

Grab a friend and come enjoy one of the current movies! Title TBA

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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! Class is held Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.

Birthday Tuesdays - On the first Tuesday of each month the Teen Center celebrates the birthdays of all registered teens. Come and enjoy cake for all!

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

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

Girls Night Out - This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. February 19, March 5 and 19.

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.

You Matter!

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the Northview Debate Team traveled to Upland to compete in the St. Mark's Debate tournament and won a ton of awards including: 3 Best Team Awards, 10 Speaker Awards, 2nd place trophy for Most Wins and 2nd place trophy for Best Overall School.

Congratulations to the debaters, Coach Aisha Thomas, and the volunteers!

NORTHVIEW MATHLETES COMPETE!

On December 8, Northview students traveled to Bishop Amat High School for their 5th annual Math Competition. The 50 question test proved to be a challenge for the 600 participants from schools near and far, but our Cardinal Mathletes proved to be tough competitors.

Our 7th grade team won 4th place for average scores in their grade level. The entire school team took home the 3rd place for schools in our division.

The top two scores for Northview participants went to JC Amistoso and Eli Faliti.

Congratulations to all the participants!



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Partners in Education – Citrus College and Duarte Unified School District

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

For many years, Citrus College and our local K-12 school districts have been leveraging the power of partnerships. While collaboration is not new, in the past few years it has taken on a new emphasis, due to the substantial increase in the number of baccalaureate degree holders our nation will require by 2020, as well as an increased focus on time-to-completion of a college education.

All of this is set in the backdrop of one of the country's most critical education challenges – increasing the number of students who train for careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).

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

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

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

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

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



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

year of college level units by the time they graduate high school. The current cohort enrollment is 34 students.

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

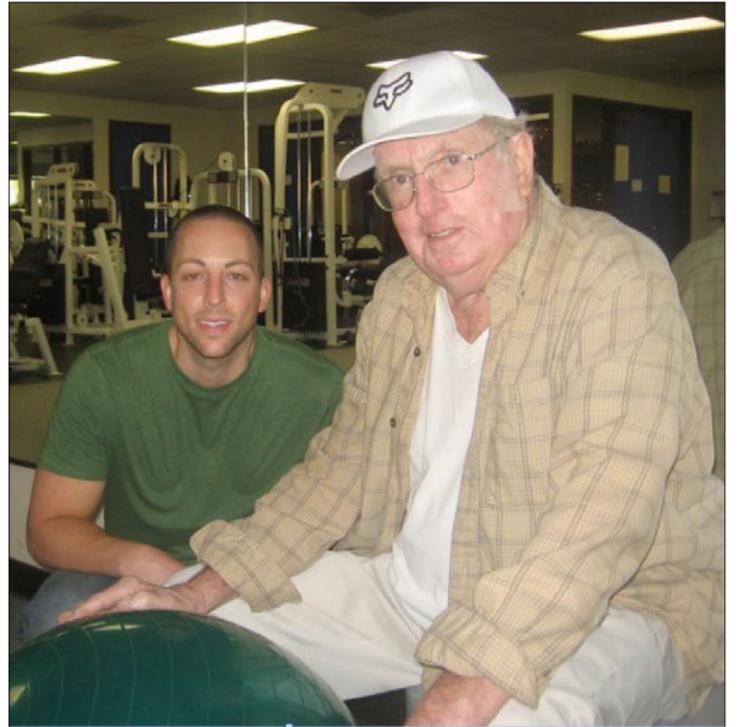
These programs are good ways to encourage students to begin their college careers and to be successful once they have started. However, there is another important transition point in the process of earning a baccalaureate degree. That step is the successful transfer to a four-year college or university. In fall 2012, 1,114 Citrus College students transferred to four-year colleges and universities. Of those students who transferred, 42 were among the first cohort of community college students to take advantage of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2010. This historic legislation creates a clear statewide preferred transfer pathway for California's community college students to transfer to the California State University System, enabling them to enter with junior status.

Citrus College was recently recognized for its exceptional progress in achieving the goals of the Student Achievement Reform Act of 2010. A report by Campaign for College Opportunity found that 49 out of the state's 112 community colleges had developed only 2-4 associate degrees for transfer.

In stark contrast, Citrus College was ranked among the state's top three colleges, with 13 associate degrees for transfer. The same report also recognized Citrus College as one of the top three colleges in the state for the number of students who earned the new transfer degree.

These excellent programs are only some of the ways in which Citrus College collaborates

with the Duarte Unified School District to help Duarte students achieve their college goals. I am confident that the college will continue to work with Duarte USD to develop exciting new partnerships in the years ahead.



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Duarte Fitness Center Membership Sale & Aquatics Program

It's SALE time at the Duarte Fitness Center where you can save 20% on memberships February 14 through February 17. A membership to the Duarte Fitness Center allows members to participate in a wide variety of physical activities. The Life Fitness strength equipment includes a Chest Press, Lat Pull-down, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor.

Also available are Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes and cross

trainers. In addition, the Fitness Center has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Zumba and aerobic classes are also offered.

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



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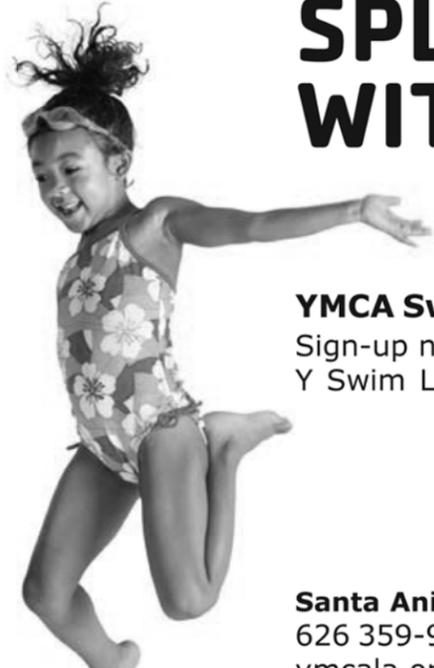
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City Council Clark, Barker honored

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at Cal State Long Beach in the Public Administration Graduate School. Margaret is President of the Duarte Education Foundation, serving the educational needs of all students in the school district. She has been PTA President at Royal Oaks Elementary School and also was the President of the Monrovia-Duarte PTA Council. She also currently is a member of the Duarte Rotary Club.

Outside of the City, Margaret has served on the Los Angeles County Library Commission, has been President of the California Contract Cities Association, is on the Executive Committee for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority for risk management for cities, is a Director on the County Sanitation Districts Board, is a member of the LA County Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Board, and is a member of the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council.

Nationally, Margaret was selected by her peers to sit on the National League of Cities Board of Directors. Her recent awards include the prestigious Coro Fellowship and being honored by American Mothers Inc. as the 2012 California State Mother of Achievement.

Reilly and her late husband moved to Duarte in 1987 to raise their two now grown daughters, Kate, a graduate of Northwestern University, and Beth, a graduate of U.S.C. As her children matriculated through the Duarte School system, Reilly became highly involved as a volunteer with school and community groups.

Over the 25 years, she served as president of Valley View PTA, Northview Intermediate and Duarte High School PTAs, and president of Monrovia-Duarte Council of PTAs. She also served as Chairman of the Duarte Unified School District Education Council. Reilly continues her support for Duarte schools in her current volunteer roles as Parliamentarian for the Duarte Council of PTAs and treasurer of the Duarte Falcon Booster Club.

Reilly graduated from the State University of New York with a degree in management and the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. degree in nutrition. She began her career as chief dietician for the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, and was food service director for Alhambra Community Hospital, and manager of the Tearoom for Bullock's Pasadena before leaving the workforce to raise her family.

As a Duarte Council member, her priorities are to create an economic environment that attracts new businesses, supports existing businesses, and brings tax revenue, sales, and jobs to Duarte.

Tosh Clark has become a well known supporter of youth in Duarte. The Duarte Kiwanis first heard of Tosh's good work in 2010. Tosh is the manager of the So Cal Stars Little League Team of 12 year olds. Tosh's unique vision is not only to win ball games, but to win the hearts of young men, and to inspire them to scholastic success. Tosh's vision is that each of his team members receive a scholarship to college – a scholarship based on grades not athletic ability. His team members are expected to carry a B average, and young men not meeting that goal are provided tutors (former team members) to ensure those grades are maintained. Currently all the young men are carrying a 3.2 or better average.

One of Tosh's coaches, Stafford Barker (mem-

ber of the Duarte Kiwanis), shares his vision, and with his unique athletic background, inspires excellence and service to the community. This year, the Duarte Kiwanis Club honored both Tosh and Stafford with Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award.



STAFFORD BARKER (left), Duarte Kiwanis President Tina Carey, and Tosh Clark.



THE DUARTE PARKS and Recreation Department's basketball programs are a great way for children to stay active while having fun.

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Little All Stars is an exciting non-competitive introduction to basketball especially suited for young players.

DATES: Introductory practice Saturday, February 16. Games will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 19-March 14

LOCATION: Northview Gym, 1433 Highland Avenue

AGES: Group 1: Children born in 2005 & 2006 (6 & 7 years of age)

Group 2: Children born in 2007 & 2008 (4 & 5 years of age) Child must be 4 years of age by February 16, 2013.

SIGN UP: Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive

FEE: \$30 (Includes a t-shirt uniform)

Duarte Kiwanis provides local holiday support

We all know of folks in our community who can use a hand – especially around the holidays. The Duarte Kiwanis Club has found a couple of ways to support folks in the Duarte area.

First of all, they were able to supply toys for kids who will be attending the Holiday Celebration at Pamela Park. Kids will be thrilled with the basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and volleyballs the Club was able to provide.

In working with Public Safety, the club was also able to provide support to three single moms in the area with Target Gift Cards to help in their Holiday Shopping. What better way to celebrate the holidays than by helping others?

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.



WITH TOYS are Duarte Kiwanis member Reyna Diaz and Irving Montenegro, Pamela Park Supervisor.



WITH MOMS (front left) is Duarte Kiwanis President Tina Carey, and in the back Deputy Addi Sardar and Duarte Kiwanis Board Member Aida Torres.

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Country Villa Monte Vista receives National Award for Achievements in Quality Care

Country Villa Monte Vista Healthcare Center is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility dedicated to continuous quality improvement. This year the 69 bed facility received the American Health Care Association's (AHCA) Silver Achievement in Quality award for its outstanding performance in the health care profession. The competitive award highlights select facilities across the nation that serve as models of excellence in providing high-quality long-term care. There are over sixteen thousand nursing facilities in the United States and only fifty two of them received the Silver award. Country Villa Monte Vista is one of just 4, out of twelve hundred nursing homes in California to earn this impressive achievement.

"This award is a benchmark of distinction in the journey to providing high quality care," said Governor Mark Parkinson, President and CEO of AHCA. "The long term and post-acute care community applauds Country Villa Monte Vista on this great achievement."

The program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Facilities begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level and must receive an award at each level before proceeding



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to the next. As a recipient of the Silver Achievement in Quality award, Country Villa Monte Vista has demonstrated systematic advancements in quality, plans for continual improvement, and sustainable organizational goals. Country Villa Monte Vista may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the Gold Excellence in Quality award, which they are currently striving to reach.

Country Villa Monte Vista worked hard, and continues to work hard every day, on its quality improvement programs, which is why they received this prestigious award. "We are proud of our achievements and we strive to continually improve our processes, so that we can be

confident in the care that we provide to our patients," said Country Villa Monte Vista's Administrator Dee Dee Japenga. Customers and employees of Country Villa Monte Vista share AHCA's view of the facility as evidenced by consistently high customer and employee satisfaction scores and low employee turnover rates compared to other nursing home providers. "All of our positive results were achieved by concerted planning and teamwork utilizing measurable quality improvement objectives," says Japenga.

"Receiving this award is evidence of the staff commitment and successful leadership at Country Villa Monte Vista and its ability to apply rigorous standards to operations and service," says Chick Stepahin, Chair, AHCA National Quality Award Board of Overseers. "Country Villa Monte Vista has been consistent in its performance and dedication to providing high-quality care."

The award was presented to Dee Dee Japenga and Meldy San Gabriel, Director of Nurses at Country Villa Monte Vista during AHCA's 63rd Annual Convention in October 2012 in Tampa, FL. Ms. Japenga recognizes all of the staff at Country Villa Monte Vista for their incredible dedication to quality care.

Route 66 experts visit Duarte Kiwanis

Alan and Claudia Heller are experts on the unique and eclectic roadside adventures found along Route 66. Route 66 was removed from the United States highway system in 1985 because the ex-

pansion of interstate highways made travel quicker and more efficient. But the attraction of the historic route remains high. Route 66 originally traversed Monrovia along Huntington Drive, Shamrock and Foothill before returning to Huntington. Today, markers for the route only line Huntington Drive.

Claudia's interest in Route 66 began with a series on newspaper articles she wrote on the historic "Mother Road." She and her husband, Alan, who did the photography for the book, embarked on a 2-month odyssey in 2010 to travel from Santa Monica to Chicago along "America's Highway." The

result of this journey and the 15-month series of articles she wrote was the book, *Life on Route 66: Personal Accounts along the Mother Road to California*. What makes this book unique among the numerous books written about the subject is that it contains Alan and Claudia Heller's stories and memories of those who experienced traveling Route 66 in their youth.

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



DUARTE KIWANIS President Tina Carey with Claudia and Alan Heller.

Update

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Project - On 12/24/12, County staff contacted David Sosa, the office chief of Caltrans District 7 and asked for his assistance in expediting the approval of the Caltrans Preliminary Environmental Studies (PES). David Sosa has promised to follow up with Caltrans Environmental Planning Division on this issue. Staff is also forwarding its 2nd submittal package to the Army Corp of Engineers once they have received Caltrans approval of the PES.

Upcoming tasks:

- 01/21/13 - Metro approval of extension of construction funds (E-76) through June 2014 (tentative)

- 01/21/13 - Caltrans approval of Preliminary Environmental Studies (tentative)

- 01/31/13 - 2nd submittal package to ACOE

- 02/11/13 - ACOE response to County's 1st submittal package

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- **Successor Agency** - Staff continues to deal with the State on issues related to the unwinding of the former Redevelopment Agency. Staff received word from the Department of Finance (DOF) on December 13th that they had rejected all of the items on the Low Mod Income Housing Fund DDR, which we had appealed in the meet and confer process, including the funds set aside for the SCPH affordable housing project.

Staff, legal counsel and SCPH representatives quickly filed a lawsuit including a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) due to our objections to their determination on the SCPH item. On December 20th, the City was contacted by DOF stating that the TRO hearing would be cancelled and the Attorney General was directing the DOF to reissue the opinion letter for the LMIHF DDR to show that Duarte could keep the \$1.2 million allocated to the SCPH project.

Staff received a new letter and the revised amount of \$9.4 million was paid to the County on December 27th. The non-housing DDR has been completed by an Independent Auditor and was open for public comment at the Oversight Board meeting held on December 3rd, received by the Successor Agency at the City Council meeting on December 11th and will be considered for approval by the Oversight Board on January 7th. Final submittal of the approved DDR is due to the DOF by January 15th, so we are right on schedule.

- **Mid Year Review** - Now that the fiscal year end audit for 2011/12 is complete, staff is analyzing the revenue and expenditures for 2012/13 and will be bringing the mid year review to Council on January 29th.

- **Film Permits** - One film permit was issued in November. The filming site was the Duarte Sonic on Huntington Drive.

- **Business License Activity** - The table below shows a total of 166 business licenses (26 new and 140 renewed) processed during the month of November 2012.

New License - November 2012

Fixed Location	4
Home Occupation	2
Rental Complex	0
Other Businesses	2
Outside Service	0
Contractors	10
Total New	18

Renewed License - November 2012

Fixed Location	33
Home Occupation	11
Rental Complex	3
Other Businesses	4
Outside Service	11
Contractors	20
Total Renewed	82

The new fixed location businesses in November are:

Nissan of Duarte, 1434 Buena Vista Street (New Ownership, New & Used Auto Sales)

Cable Source, LLC, 1850 Evergreen Street (Wholesale Dist. of Cable Supplies)

AmericanWest Bank, 1801 Huntington Drive (New Ownership - Formerly Inland Community Bank, Banking)

Lucky Star Massage, 2138 Huntington Drive (New Ownership - formerly AccuHealth Center, Massage)

Bo Lu, 2138 Huntington Drive (Lucky Star Massage, Owner and Therapist)

30 entities purchased business licenses for construction activity within the city limits in November.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

- **Part-Time New Hires** - Two new part time Community Service Officers were hired to fill vacancies and one part time bus driver was hired to act as a substitute when other drivers are unavailable or ill.

Recruitments - A volunteer Community Development Intern was recruited at local colleges and applications are currently being reviewed by staff.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Magellan Self-Storage (1727 Buena Vista) - The Architectural Review Board recommended approval of the project at a recent meeting and the conditional use permit and planned development permit are scheduled for public hearing in front of the Planning Commission at its January 14 meeting.

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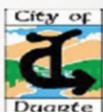
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