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## Duarte named "Most Business- Friendly City"



**THIRD TIME WAS A CHARM** for three-time finalist City of Duarte named "Most Business Friendly City" in Los Angeles County with a population of under 60,000. From l to r, front row: Robert Hertzberg, event emcee, former Speaker of the House, California State Assembly; Rona Lunde, Chairman of the Board, Duarte Chamber; Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager; Irma Hernandez, Senior Planner; Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Mayor Pro Tem Liz Reilly; Christopher Carey, Chairman of the Board, L.A.E.D.C.; Mayor John Fasana; Joe Allen, President and CEO, L.A.E.D.C.; Karen Herrera, Deputy City Manager. Back row from left: Darrell George, City Manager; and Craig Hensley, Community Development Director.

The City of Duarte has been named the "Most Business Friendly City" with a population of 60,000 and under in Los Angeles County.

Duarte was awarded the distinction by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) during its 17th Annual Eddy Awards on

Nov. 8 at the Beverly Hilton.

The award was presented in recognition of the City's outstanding efforts in proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services. Duarte, competing as a finalist for the third consecutive year, was selected for the top honor over four other finalists in the competition, besting the cities of Commerce, El Segundo, Glendora, and La Mirada.

"It is very exciting to receive this recognition from the LAEDC. Duarte has worked hard to foster a business-friendly atmosphere while maintaining a 'small town' feel. We are proud that our success in attracting, retaining and growing businesses has helped create much-needed jobs and generate necessary tax revenue for important public programs," said City Manager Darrell George. "Business retention, expansion, and attraction has been and will remain at the top of our priority list even as we confront the challenges of difficult economic times, staff reductions, and the State's abolishment of redevelopment agencies."

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## Duarte High Sports Stadium grand opening

A grand celebration was hosted by the Duarte Unified School District Board of Education for the greater Duarte community November 2 to officially mark the opening of the Duarte High School Sports Stadium. The new "Home of the Falcons" glittered in the setting sun as the band and color guard played for the large number of fans seated in the Home Team bleachers to kick off the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Robin Nelson, Principal of Duarte High School, served as the Master of Ceremonies and welcomed dignitaries, community partners, and distinguished guests.

Fifty yards of royal blue ribbon was held in place by representatives of the entire Duarte Unified School District and all of the schools to symbolize that the stadium is a source of pride for the entire learning community. Also among the Ribbon Holder Honorees were the people and organizations instrumental in making the dream of the new stadium a reality, the architects, construction

in its General Plan and a hands-on City Council regularly in touch with businesses. Duarte's incentives include free business seminars, no utility users tax, business, residential, and youth surveys, a low crime rate and distinguished schools.

LAEDC created the "business-friendly" award category in 2006. LAEDC is an economic development leadership organization dedicated to promoting job growth, economic expansion, and the overall global competitiveness of Los Angeles County, its surrounding regions, and the state of California.

team, and District Facilities and Operations Department directed by Brad Patterson.

Additionally, helping hold the ceremonial ribbon were those who will directly benefit from the this project for generations to come including members of the Band, Color Guard, cheer team, athletics department, coaching staff, and students from the track, soccer, and football programs. Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols, DUSD Board President Reyna Diaz and DUSD Board Member Frank Figueroa each delivered heartfelt remarks focusing on the community's commitment and perseverance in getting the stadium built.

Mayor John Fasana, Mayor Pro Tem Liz Reilly, Field Representative for Supervisor Antonovich Brain Mejia, Assemblymember Anthony Portantino, and Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez shared their congratulations and presented certificates to commemorate this momentous occasion. Special tribute was paid to the hard work undertaken by DUSD Board Member Pam Kawasaki.

Ken Bell, Vice President of the DUSD Board, honored former Falcon Football players who

had graduated from DHS and gone on to have successful NFL careers and collegiate positions. The alumni recognized included Michael Harris, Nathaniel Jaquet, Daimon Shelton, Charles Pauley, Dennis Weathersby, and Tino Dominguez.

The Board Members then each stood before the DHS Stadium Grand Opening Ribbon, raised oversized scissors, and with the help of the cheering crowd in the stands, and a drum roll from the Band, cut the ribbon together.

Superintendent Nichols remarked, "Our students and community deserve this type of world class facility. The former field served its purpose but the new field will provide and represent the quality and excellence of our popular marching band program and athletics department and provide the appropriate venue to showcase their talents."

"The entire community now has a beautiful location for our celebrations and graduations, and it is a source of pride for us all. We thank the residents of Duarte, Bradbury and the County for helping make this dream possible and for supporting our schools through Measure E."



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## \$1,000 prize winner at Performance Nissan



PERFORMANCE NISSAN Service Director Marcos Fernandez (left) is with Valerie Martinez-Lopez (center), the winner of the Fall Service Clinic \$1,000 drawing at Performance Nissan in Duarte. Valerie is surrounded by her family and Performance Nissan friends. There were more than 350 entries over the 2-weekend event. She has been a loyal Performance Nissan customer since she purchased her 2005 Nissan Altima. She was living in Azusa at the time and has since moved to Los Angeles and still continues to make the drive because of the excellent customer service Performance Nissan provides. Valerie is married to a wonderful husband, John, and also has a 15-year-old son, Jesus, and a 2-year-old daughter, Gianna. In recent years Valerie has been battling cancer. During this time she has been concentrating on being a stay at home mother to her wonderful children, and enjoying her passion for cooking. Everyone at Performance Nissan wishes her a speedy recovery and hope that this gift will help make for a pleasant holiday season. We thank her and her family for their continued support and look forward to seeing them again very soon. We invite everyone to come down and join our family at The New Performance Nissan, 1434 Buena Vista St., in Duarte. Feel free to ask for Marcos Fernandez (Service Director), or Chris Van Roekel (Parts Manager), for a warm welcome and pleasant experience.

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## Duarte and National Employment Council partner to help Veterans get back to work

The City of Duarte and Duarte businesses will partner with the National Employment Council to offer a free six-week training program beginning on Dec. 5, to help unemployed military veterans connect with employers and get back to work.

Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor men and women who have served our country in the military, but beyond the ceremonies and parades, the reality is that hundreds of thousands of veterans return home from the service can't find a job. The unemployment rate among Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans increased to 10 percent in October, up from 9.7 percent in September, and well above the national unemployment rate of 7.9 percent.

"As a community, we see the National Employment Council's Get Back to Work Now program as a truly meaningful way to thank our veterans by providing them with the tools, guidance, and support needed to connect with employers and rejoin the workforce," said Duarte Mayor, John Fasana.

On Nov. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., a reception will be held at the Community Center where local businesses can learn about the program.

The six-week training co-sponsored by Best Jobs Magazine will be begin on Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. Next will be an online class on Dec. 12. The following four classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Community Center on Dec. 19, Jan. 2, Jan. 9, and Jan. 16. Training will be provided by Farhad (Fred) Omidar (Omid), director of the National Employment Council.

Participants in the program learn to use five steps to connect with employers in their field. Each step is accompanied with a guide to be used as a reference to speed up the job finding process for graduates of the program. Upon completion, graduates are assisted with the job matching process. Employers enrolled in the program and eager to interview the graduates, have the option to hire qualified applicants directly from the program or to try-out the graduates as interns. Graduates can choose internship with a company or start to apply to other jobs in their field. Each person's marketable skills are matched with open positions offered by employers. The program assigns each applicant to a career coach until employment is realized by the applicant.

The Get Back to Work Now service is free to both job seekers and employers. It is financed by private corporations and businesses committed to improving our communities.

For more information about the program, contact: Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221, or Fred Omid at (949) 870-0201.

## Duarte awarded \$334,332 Cal-GRIP Grant for Gang Prevention and Intervention

The City of Duarte has been awarded a \$334,332 competitive state grant under the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program to sustain its gang prevention and intervention programs. The grant period is from January, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

A portion of the grant will provide the Duarte Prevention and Intervention Program with the funds necessary to continue the services of Los Angeles County Probation and the Sheriff's departments despite recent budget cuts that threatened the program.

Funds will also support the Duarte Public Safety and Teen Center youth outreach programs, including the Duarte Boxing Gym, and two Duarte partner organizations, the Santa Anita Family YMCA and THINK Together.

The organizations support Duarte families with after-school care and positive summer programs and assist law enforcement in prevention efforts by providing youth with close supervision and positive alternatives.

The grant funds will enable the YMCA and THINK Together to expand their services and provide even more positive pro-social activities to Duarte youth.

Focus of the Duarte Prevention and Intervention Program is to reduce gangs and gang violence by working closely with at-risk youth, parents, and teachers, with the goal of reducing gang membership and violence by 50% during the life of the grant.

In 2009-2010 Duarte was awarded a Cal-GRIP grant of \$191,312 which positively impacted the City's prevention efforts with a 65% reduction in juvenile arrests. L.A. County Probation also reported a significant reduction in gang recruitment with fewer of Duarte's minors being institutionalized in probation camps.

The City of Duarte's Special Assignment Team handles gang identification and intervention. They also work with residents that are affected by gang-related activity and serve in special operations pertaining to narcotic and

## Duarte Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Nov. 21 to honor Outstanding Community Volunteers, kick off "Holiday of Promise" Project

Duarte will express its thanks to outstanding community volunteers and kick off the holiday season at the 27th annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 25th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards. The event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium, 1500

E. Duarte Rd. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for children and seniors, and can be purchased at the door or in advance from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, at Duarte City Hall, or online at [www.duarte-chamber.com](http://www.duarte-chamber.com). A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door.

Outstanding community volunteers being 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 Fellowship Monrovia, will be 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 is co-sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries, Du-

arte 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 will also launch 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. Gift donations can be dropped off from Nov. 19 to Dec. 10 at locations including Duarte City Hall, the Duarte Chamber, and the Duarte Public Safety office in the Target Center.

For more information on the event, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

other gang related crimes. Duarte's Probation Officer focus is on early prevention, intervention, and coordinates services with parents, schools, probation, law enforcement and community partners.

## If you change your own motor oil, this information is for you

FACT: Just one gallon of used motor oil can contaminate 1,000,000 gallons of fresh water.

By volume, used motor oil is one of the largest hazardous waste streams in California. While about 70% is recovered and recycled, the remaining 30% remains unaccounted for and poses a significant threat to the environment due to its insoluble nature and heavy metal content. Disposing of used motor oil or filters into the trash is illegal. Also, pouring used motor oil onto the ground

or into storm drains contaminates our soil, our waterways, and our groundwater supply. Do your part to protect the environment, and conserve a valuable natural resource...always recycle used motor oil and filters.

Duarte residents have two convenient options for proper disposal of used motor oil and filters.

1) Request curbside pick-up through Burrtec Waste Services. Used motor oil and filter pick-ups take place on trash day, and must be scheduled at least one day in advance. This service is available to single family homes. Up to three free collections may be re-

quested per calendar year. Contact Burrtec at 800-325-9417.

2) Deliver used motor oil and filters to a certified collection center. Four collection centers exist in Duarte. Be sure to contact the centers for hours of operation and quantities accepted.

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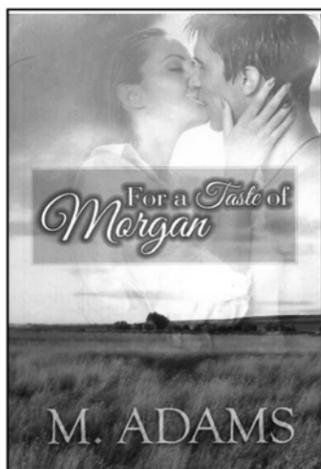
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Free drain containers are available to Duarte residents. Containers are reusable, and have a capacity of 10 quarts. To obtain a container, stop by Duarte City Hall, or contact Burrtec at 800-325-9417.

For proper disposal of other hazardous wastes, please call 1-888-CleanLA, or visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com), for information on upcoming hazardous waste roundups. Roundups are free to all LA County residents. Items accepted include auto fluids, paint, household cleaning products, pool chemicals, fertilizers, unused medication, and obsolete electronics.



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# City Manager's Update

The 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 November 1, 2012 Update. For the copy of the full update please contact Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.*

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Southern California Edison (SCE) Update** – As a follow up to the last SCE update at the October 23rd City Council meeting, the City Manager's Office is collecting specific areas of concern from the City Council to ensure that Edison will have the staff present to be well versed in that specific area. This presentation will be an upcoming business item on the City Council agenda scheduled for November 13.

**Nextdoor Update** – To help increase membership in the recently launched Nextdoor.com private social network for Duarte neighborhoods, the City and Nextdoor.com are sponsoring a membership promotion contest in November. Neighborhoods that increase membership by the most percentage starting November 1st through December 15th, will win a block party.

A total of 14 Duarte neighborhoods are already taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with their neighbors through the Nextdoor.com network. More than 300 residents have signed on as members of their neighborhood website.

Reminder: The Nextdoor.com privacy policy allows only those people verified in a neighborhood and who actually reside in the neighborhood to have access to posted information. Any information posted between neighborhoods or in an established neighborhood is not verified as factual or monitored by the City of Duarte. Through Nextdoor.com, the City of Duarte is only able to broadcast posts to one or all the established Duarte neighborhoods and see replies to these posts (and only these posts) from across the network. Otherwise, the City is not able to see any of the activity, profiles, or any other information that is shared within Duarte Nextdoor.com neighborhoods.

• **Holiday of Promise/Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive** – The public is being invited to take part in one of the City's two ways of ensuring a joyous holiday season for all Duarte families. For eleven years Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth has conducted its successful "Holiday of Promise" Project. Together, Duarte's Promise, the Duarte Church and

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# Nextdoor membership promotion offers \$500 Block Party to winning neighborhood network

Want to win a \$500 block party for your neighborhood? Here's how you can do it.

To promote increased membership in the recently launched Nextdoor.com private social network for Duarte neighborhoods, the City and Nextdoor.com are co-sponsoring a membership contest now through Dec. 31.

Neighborhoods that increase membership by a set target based on current membership will win the \$500 block party grand prize. The top inviter in each neighborhood will get a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

A total of 12 Duarte neighborhoods are already taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with their neighbors through the Nextdoor network.

More than 360 residents have signed on as members of their

neighborhood website.

Nextdoor is the first private social network for neighborhoods to foster neighbor-to-neighbor and citywide communication.

The network launched in Duarte on Aug. 7 in conjunction with the City's annual National Night Out event.

Duarte residents are using Nextdoor to create private websites for their neighborhoods where they can get to know their neighbors, ask questions, obtain timely City updates and exchange local advice and recommendations.

All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot

be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on search engines.

Topics of discussion on Nextdoor are as varied as local events, school activities, plumber, babysitter and other recommendations, disaster preparedness, recent crime activity, upcoming garage sales, or event lost pets.

For additional information about Nextdoor visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) or contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext 221.

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Clergy Association, the Duarte Community Service Council, the Foothill Unity Center, the City of Duarte and local businesses will collect food, toys, personal care, clothing and household items at their respective locations.

The other City program is the "Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive" that encourages residents to give through neighborhood parties. The drive creates the perfect opportunity to have a gathering, get to know your new and long time neighbors, collect for those in need while sharing neighborhood information. Deputies can also attend your gathering and collect toys while providing important information on the Citywide Neighborhood Watch program.

Both projects will officially be launched at this year's "Mayor's Prayer Breakfast" on November 21 at City of Hope's Cooper

Auditorium and run through December 10.

• **Veteran's Day 2012** – Veterans, families of those currently serving, and the general public are invited to attend a special Veteran's Day ceremony sponsored by the City of Duarte at Thorsen Park on Monday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. Thorsen Park is located at 2800 Huntington Drive, on the corner of Huntington Drive and Encanto Parkway. Duarte Kiwanis Club and Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf will be donating refreshments. World War II veterans Miguel Vallejos and Otto Schreiter will be the featured guest speakers. Local veterans from American Legion Post 44 will assist with the Posting of the Colors.

A special thank you presentation will be made to Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich for a grant, which has enabled the City to purchase a portable ramp to improve accessibility for the physically challenged, to attend the Veterans Day ceremony and other City

events. City of Hope will also be honored for partnering with the City of Duarte on a Military Banner Recognition Program to be launched in conjunction with this year's Veteran's Day ceremony as well.

• **Community Garden** – The City of Duarte and City of Hope are in discussions regarding the possible placement of a "Community Garden" on the City of Hope campus. Details are being worked out at the staff level and a new budget is being developed based on this new rendition. As before, City staff will reach out to both the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and Cal American Water to fund the endeavor.

• **Vulcan Update** – The City of Duarte filed an appeal on August 5, 2011 with the State Court of Appeals in the ongoing battle to save Van Tassel Ridge from being destroyed by a massive Vulcan Materials Company mining expansion. The project was first approved by the City of Azusa in 2010. Duarte's lawsuit, filed in August 2010 and originally heard in late March 2011, was denied by the Superior Court on May 9, 2011. The City has recently received notice through our City Attorney's Office, that the oral argument for the City's ongoing appeal will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the 2nd District Court of Appeal located in downtown Los Angeles. Staff will be in attendance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Finance Division**

• **Successor Agency** – Staff continues to deal with the State

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# Institutional goals plus strategic plans equal student success

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



**DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL**

In response to the changing environment for community college education in our state and a recent paradigm shift in the mission of California's community colleges, Citrus College is evolving and responding to the new focus on student completion and success. While student success has always been a top priority for Citrus College, today's economic realities demand that community colleges step up their efforts to shorten the time students take to earn a degree or certificate, transfer to a university and ultimately enter the workforce.

Guided by this new paradigm, this fall the Citrus College Board of Trustees adopted Board Goals for 2012-2013. These goals reflect the college's mission and support the initiatives contained in its recently updated strategic planning documents. I am pleased to say that the board's goals for this year will also make a positive impact on Duarte students and the Duarte community.

One of the most important ways to align the college with the new education environment is by supporting the college's "College of Completion" agenda. By adopting a goal "...to support and encourage collegewide efforts to facilitate students in meeting their educational goals," the board demonstrated its commitment to this new college initiative. This goal fits well with another goal for the year, one that encourages "...innovative strategies and practices which support the aims and goals of the California Community Colleges Student Success Initiative." SB 1456 (Lowenthal), which incorporates the Student Success Initiative into law, was signed by the Governor in September. Also known as "The Student Success Act of 2012, the focus of SB 1456 is to help more California community college students reach their educational goals. It sets ambitious targets for student success, and it will help the state keep pace with the increasing demand for college-educated workers.

In these challenging times, the importance of legislation favorable to education cannot be understated. I was therefore

pleased to accept my colleagues' nomination to serve on Citrus College's Board Legislative Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee for 2012-2013. I believe this committee will be instrumental in achieving another board goal, which is to "advocate for key legislative actions that will advance the mission of California's community colleges," such as SB 1456.

Community colleges have long understood the importance of serving both students and the communities in which they live. Citrus College has done a good job in each of these areas and earned widespread recognition over the years. In that regard, I am pleased that the board has pledged support for the Foothill Extension of the Gold Line eastward to Ontario. The board is also committed to developing safety strategies for individuals who go to and from the college by way of the Citrus Avenue Gold Line station. In addition, the board has renewed its commitment to promoting a college culture that supports sustainability and the effective use of resources. These goals will be of great benefit to the residents of Duarte, adding to the quality of life and the environment in our city for many years to come.

As a lifelong community college educator and a board member for many years, I am hard pressed to find a cause more worthwhile than education. There are few other causes that can so positively impact large numbers of people and even change the world. A Chinese proverb says, "When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people."

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## Senior Center Activities

The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to all residents 55 years of age and older and offers a variety of services and programs. The phone number is (626) 357-3513.

### COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Duarte Senior Center has published its own cookbook! The Center has the best cooks that you can find anywhere. This is one book you do not want to be without. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center, \$8 for one or \$15 for two.

### LUNCH

The Senior Center serves lunch Monday thru Friday at 12 p.m. to individuals over 60 years of age or the spouse of someone over age 60 for a suggested donation of \$2 per person. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Call (626) 357-3513 for

reservations.

### ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for individuals with disabilities is provided by Access Transportation. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

### MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

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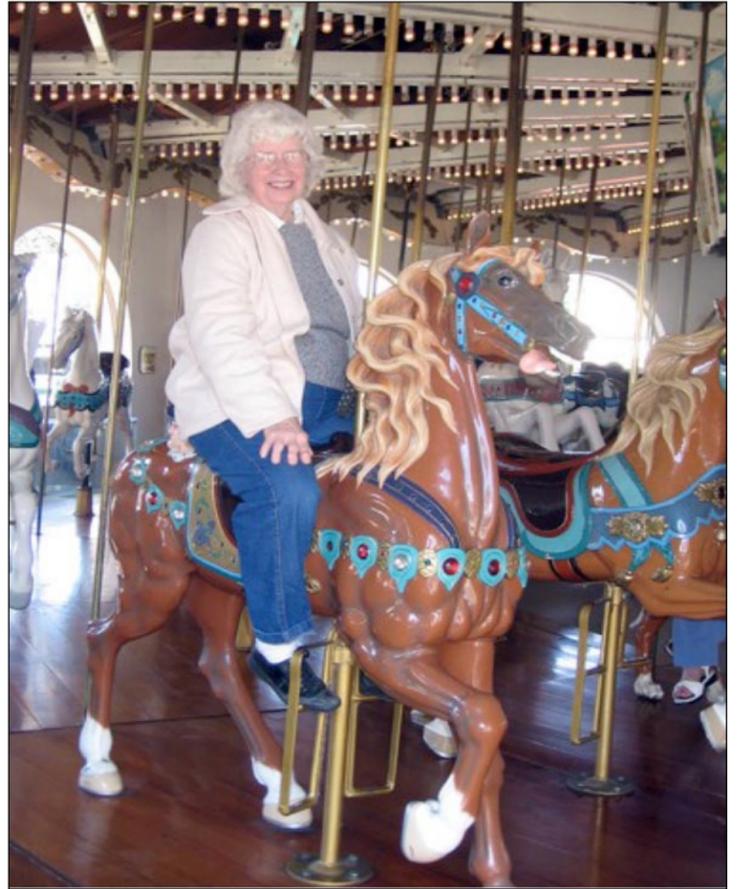
Every 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday at the Duarte Senior Center (by appointment only) the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor will provide unbiased

information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage including: Medicare Part D, "Extra Help" for Medicare Part D, Medicare HMOs, Medicare PPOs, Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Insurance, Long Term Care, Medi-Cal & Medicare Savings Programs. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to schedule an appointment.

### VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS NEEDED

Would you like to be an AARP volunteer in preparing income tax returns for seniors of low to middle income?

AARP volunteers are required to attend training classes in January. Volunteers are asked to spend at least 4 hours per week during the tax season, beginning February 4 and continuing through April 12. Volunteers work as a team and are not expected to work alone. All equipment will be provided and training materials will



be available at no charge. If interested, contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

### CLASSES

The Senior Center offers a variety of classes for adults 55 years and older. Classes offered this winter will include:

Classes with Fee: Art Appreciation, Cardio Dance, Chair Yoga, Cross Fit, Exercise with Shelly, Get Fit, How to Write Your Own Life Story, Music Appreciation, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance (Beginner), Western Line Dance (Intermediate), Yoga.

Classes Ongoing: Ceramics, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish – Level I (Beginner), Spanish 2 (Advance Beginner) Tai Chi, Walking Group and Watercolor.

### DINNER WITH US

The Duarte Senior Center partners with many local restaurants to provide an evening meal at the Duarte Senior Center. Participants have an opportunity to enjoy a restaurant menu while dining at the Center. Seniors and their adult family members are welcome to participate. For more information, call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

### HMO SYMPOSIUM Understanding Your Medicare Advantage HMO Options Fri., Nov. 16, 1 p.m.

A program specialist from the non-profit consumer organization, HICAP, will present the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to a Medicare "risk-contract" Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

Discussion will include: important questions to ask before enrolling: how to enroll or cancel; how to appeal HMO decisions; and the difference between joining an HMO and buying supplemental insurance.

You will be provided with Medicare requirements for the HMO's and then hear from each of the HMO providers. Reservations requested (626) 357-3513.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM (4-hour refresher course)

Date: Tuesday, November 27  
Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

Fee: \$12 for AARP members & \$14 for non-members

All Driver Safety programs in November are offered free to Veterans and their dependents.

If you have already taken an 8-hour AARP Driver Safety class in the last 4 years, then you can take the 4-hour refresher course. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older.

Please check with your insurance company to see if they accept the 4-hour refresher course. Reservations and payment are required. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment at (626) 357-3513.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM (8-hour course)

Date: Tuesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 8  
Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

Fee: \$12 for AARP members & \$14 for non-members

All Driver Safety programs in November are

offered free to Veterans and their dependents.

Conducted by AARP at the Duarte Senior Center. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Reservations and payment are required please call the Senior Center to make an appointment for this event at (626) 357-3513.

### EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte will begin taking registration for the following excursions at Duarte City Hall on Monday, December 3, 2012. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover for purchases over \$25.

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Presents "An American Christmas" & "Treasures of Walt Disney Archives" exhibition, Thursday, January 3, 8:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., lunch on your own, \$42;

Covina Center for the Performing Arts Presents "Honky Tonk Angels", Friday, February 1, 4:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., dinner included, \$65;

Laughlin Riverside Resort and Casino (3 days & 2 nights) Tuesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. through Thursday, March 14, approximate arrival 6:00 p.m., \$110 double occupancy/\$140 single occupancy (MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.) One breakfast and one choice buffet included.

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### A TASTE OF TRAVEL Tues., Dec. 4, 1:00 p.m.

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on issues related to the unwinding of the former Redevelopment Agency. Various reports continue to be required along with supporting documentation. Currently, the City of Duarte has a Low Mod Housing Asset Form pending a Meet and Confer, a ROPSIII pending a Meet and Confer, a Low Mod Housing DDR pending a response and a non-housing DDR currently being conducted by an Independent Auditor.

**Year End Closing** – Finance staff continues preparing for the annual audits. Our City auditors began the onsite visit on October 22. This process will continue until the completed fiscal year 2011/12 audit is finalized and will be presented to City Council in December.

**Credit Card Policy** – Council approved a Credit Card Processing and Security Policy at the October 23 meeting. This new policy will bring the City of Duarte into compliance with Payment Card Industry (PCI) guidelines as well as continue to respect and protect the financial information of our residents and customers.

**Public Safety** – In order to offer a higher level of customer service, Finance staff installed a credit card terminal at the Public Safety office, located in the Mountain Vista Shopping Plaza. This new device will allow customers to pay with Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards, in addition to the forms of payment currently accepted.

**Film Permits** – One film permit was issued in September. Filming took place at the Duarte Sonic location.

**Business License Activity** – The table below shows a total of 145 business licenses (39 new and 106 renewed) processed during the month of September 2012.

New License	
Fixed Location	12
Home Occupation	0
Rental Complex	0
Other Businesses	0
Outside Service	1
Contractors	26
Total New	39

Renewed	
Fixed Location	37
Home Occupation	8
Rental Complex	5
Other Businesses	1
Outside Service	14
Contractors	41
Total Renewed	106

The new fixed location businesses in September are:

First Mountain (USA) Corp, 1070 Hamilton Road (Import/Export Cellphone Cases)

Pho Time, 1362 Huntington Dr. (Restaurant)

Del's Pharmacy II, 931 Buena Vista St, #14 (Pharmacy)

Four P's Health Services Inc., 1217 Buena Vista St, 103-C (Home Health Services, Office only)

Covenant Hospice & Palliative, 1217 Buena Vista St, 103-B (Hospice Services, Office Only)

Accu Health Center, 2138 Huntington Dr. (Massage, 1 Technician)

Dancing Sparks, 1428 Huntington Dr., #D (Dance Studio)

Asian A Spa, 1163 Huntington Dr. (Massage – New Ownership and 2 Technicians)

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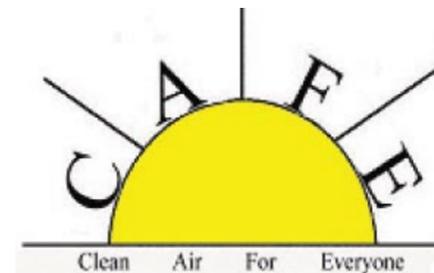
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# Margaret Finlay honored as State Mother of Achievement

Margaret Ferguson Finlay, a resident and City Councilmember in the City of Duarte, was honored as the 2012 California State Mother of Achievement by American Mothers, Inc., at their recent annual Gala at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club in La Canada. This honor is given to a mother who has given outstanding service in the community. Margaret was flown back to Washington D.C. to be honored at the annual national convention.

Finlay was born in Monrovia Hospital to Ed and Helen Ferguson. Due to her father's occupation, she moved to 7 different cities in the West before she turned 16. She graduated with a BBA in Marketing from St. Mary's College at Notre Dame and shortly after married Brad Finlay. They moved to Denver, Colorado, and 10 years later moved to Southern California. They have now been married for 37 years and are the parents of 5 children, ranging in age from 22 to 33, and 4 grandchildren. Four of the five children have earned bachelor's degrees with the fifth still in college. Two have graduated with a law degree and a veterinary medicine degree, with one doing his residency and PhD at the City of Hope. Another is pursuing a MBA at UCLA. Finlay has always been an advocate for education and to prove to her children that a person never stops learning, she returned to college and graduated with her Master's Degree in Public Administration from CSU, Long Beach, when she was 47 years old. She has done doctoral work at Claremont Graduate University, was educated at Harvard University in the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program, received the prestigious Coro Executive Fellowship and was an Adjunct Professor at CSU, Long Beach.

She and her husband have instilled their love for adventure and public service in their children by organizing humanitarian aid trips to many countries in Central America and Mexico, many times delivering ambulances as part of their service in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Furthermore, they have had 15 foreign exchange students live with them from China, Italy, the Czech Republic, Poland, Brazil, and Holland. Their children have lived abroad, studying, working for the European Parliament, or serving church missions. All three of their boys have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts program.

Finlay started out by volunteering in her children's schools and then became more involved as she became aware of changes she felt needed to be made. She is currently serving her 22nd year on the Duarte City Council and



**HONORED BY AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC. at a recent banquet were Beverly Price Nelson (left), 2012 California Mother of the Year; Darcy Spencer Ure (center), 2012 California Young Mother of the Year; and Margaret Ferguson Finlay (second from right), 2012 California State Mother of Achievement.**

has served 4 terms as Mayor. Her list of government and civic activities is extensive including serving as a commissioner on the board the LA County LAFCO, Southern California Association of Governments, League of California Cities, National League of Cities, NLC Small Cities Council, NLC International Council, NLC Program Chair for the Congress of Cities, California Contract Cities Association President, California Joint powers Insurance Authority, San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District, L A County Sanitation District, LA County Library Commission, Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee, Ettie Lee Family Services Foundation Board of Directors, City of Duarte Route 66 Parade Committee.

Her public education activities include Duarte Education Foundation, Measure B School Bond Chairperson, PTA President Monrovia-Duarte PTA Council and Royal Oaks Elementary School, Duarte High School Academic Decathlon Team Parent, Edison Afterschool Program Coordinator and teacher and starting the Junior Paramedic Program. Under her leadership thousands of dollars have been raised to return to the community in college scholarships to students and grants to teachers to develop creative programs.



**MARGARET FERGUSON FINLAY is holding her State Mother of Achievement Award with her husband, Brad.**

Finlay has also given service in her church as a girls' camp leader for 12 years, leader in the women's and children's organizations, a teacher in an early-morning scripture class for youth and Sunday School, and she is the government liaison on the Public Affairs Council.

Finlay notes, "My philosophy on parenting is fairly simple: Be strict with your children but let them know that they are the dearest treasures in the world to you. The "tough" part of me knew that accountability was all-important in raising responsible adults. I was aware that the world wasn't going to be easy on them so I had to prepare them to face this reality. But I also wanted them to understand that they always had a home of love and kindness to return to."

Others honored on April 14 were Darcy Spencer Ure, 2012 California Young Mother of the Year, and Beverly Price Nelson, 2012 California Mother of the Year.

Finlay, Nelson and Ure represented California at the annual American Mothers, Inc., National Convention held May 3-6, 2012, at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors also honored them on October 9.

American Mothers, Inc., (americanmothers.org) is an interfaith, non-political, non-profit organization for women and men who identify with their purpose of strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of the family. For over 75 years, AMI has strived to reach, teach and honor mothers across the nation. Under the leadership of Honorary Chairman, Mamie Eisenhower, American Mothers became a strong presence at the United Nations. American Mothers continues to be recognized as a non-governmental organization at the U.N. and is currently working on relevant issues with the Commission on the Status of Women. Many outstanding individuals have served as officers, leaders, supporters and members of American Mothers, including Sara Delano Roosevelt, J.C. Penney, Norman Vincent Peale, Phyllis Marriott and Lindy Boggs. Hillary Clinton was a Young Mother of the Year for the state of Arkansas in 1984.

# Duarte Kiwanian Casper Glenn presented with Tablet of Honor

Rev. Casper Glenn has been an inspiration to the Duarte Kiwanis Club since 1994. Casper had been a Presbyterian Minister, serving in Tucson Arizona and even a Missionary serving in Africa during his tenure. His tenure as a member of the Duarte Kiwanis has always been a highlight for the club. Casper has provided a number of programs inspired by his own experiences, along with his wife, Vernilla. For many years, Casper and Vernilla served as volunteer tutors for local kids needing help with their schoolwork and served as inspirational leaders in the act of "servant leadership".

This year, the Duarte Kiwanis Club wanted to honor Casper's service with a Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation Tablet of Honor. This award honors individuals that have "exemplified service to Kiwanis, their club or their community." Casper is certainly an appropriate reflection for this

honor. Dr. Diane Hernandez presented the award at the annual Installation Dinner. When researching Casper's background for personal anecdotes, Diane was surprised to find a letter from Casper to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. listed in the archives of The King Center. Casper's letter was in response to hearing Dr. King's speech at the Lincoln Memorial in August of 1963 and ends with the note, "You may recall me as the Presbyterian minister who took you around (Tucson) in his station wagon when you were here in 1958."

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 WITH CASPER GLENN are Dr. Diane Hernandez (left), Duarte Kiwanis Board Member, and Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis President.**

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# Duarte Senior Center takes a ride on Route 66



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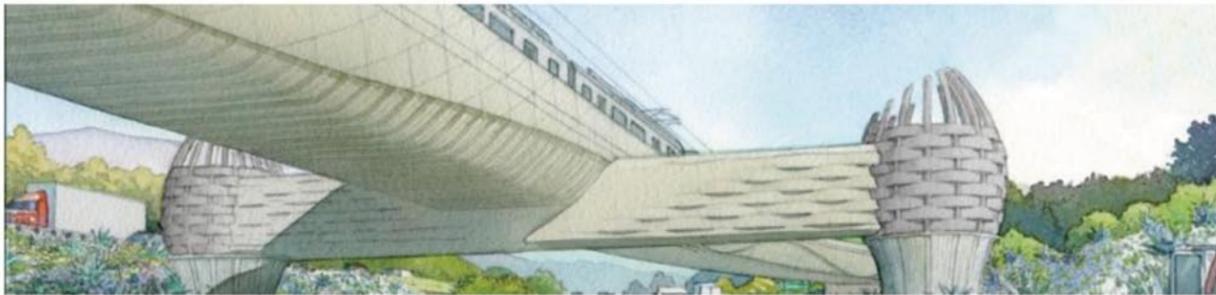
ENJOYING A MOCK UP of an old 50s diner at the Victorville Historical Museum are L-R Ana Maria Burbano, Mariellen Staller, Bruce Staller and Dee Gemmill.



SENIORS HAVING a good time on the bus.



ANA MARIA BURBANO (left) and Dee Gemmill take an imaginary trip in an old VW bus at the Victorville Route 66 Museum.



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Please join us as we mark the completion of the Gold Line Bridge, the first element of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa to be completed.

The December 15th ceremony will commemorate completion of work by Skanska USA and transfer of the bridge to the next team, who will incorporate the bridge as part of its ongoing construction of the 11.5-mile Foothill Extension light rail project.

**HONORING THE DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS**

Please plan to join the Construction Authority at this ceremony, as we honor the men and women who helped design and build the Gold Line Bridge and enjoy a unique opportunity to view the bridge up close in a way that will not be possible in the future.

Intrigued by the facts and myths of the Mother Road, more than 45 Duarte Senior Center members boarded a bus on October 3 and set out to discover for themselves why fabled Route 66 continues to draw travelers worldwide.

Leaving the Center which is located on a stretch of Route 66 in Duarte, the group was led by Alan and Claudia Heller, authors of the newly released book "Life on 66." By the day's end they had visited several iconic spots along the Route, some viable today, others only remnants of the Road's heyday.

"We learned a lot at the California Route 66 Museum in Barstow," said Anna Maria Burbano. "And there we could load up on Route 66 memorabilia in the gift shop."

The group was treated to a tour of Barstow's Del Desierto Santa Fe Depot built in 1910, an ornate former Harvey House Restaurant where once Santa Fe passengers could disembark and enjoy a gourmet meal served by the famed Harvey Girls. Now under the care of the Barstow Chamber of Commerce, the recently renovated building features some of the original furnishings, including bedrooms and sitting rooms upstairs, where passengers could stay for the night.

The Casa Del Desierto complex also houses the Western America Railway Museum. "The displays, including the enormous collection of date nails, are fascinating," exclaimed John West. The group also toured the outdoor display of rolling stock; rail cars, locomotive and railway equipment.

Following lunch at the Idle Spurs Restaurant in Barstow, the bus rolled along the "Sagebrush Annie" stretch of Route 66, a 35-mile corridor which was once The Old Trails Highway. This area's history is rife with stories about Prohibition, the Depression and World War II. The bus made several stops to allow the group to photograph points along the way including remnants of 1926 Burden's store and Post office, the Sagebrush Inn which was once a roadhouse owned by Sagebrush Annie, the Polly Gas Station sign, the photogenic bottle sculptures and the Iron Hog Saloon. After traveling over the Mojave River on the famed 1930 steel truss bridge, the group made a last stop at the Victorville Route 66 Museum.

"We learned a lot about Route 66 and it was exciting to witness these famous icons while traveling the Road," said Mariellen Armas, carrying an armful of memorabilia she purchased at the Route 66 Antique Station.



DUARTE SENIOR CENTER Travel Coordinator Kelly Barnes and friend during lunch at the Idle Spurs Restaurant.



Questions can be directed to: Lisa Levy Buch, Director of Public Affairs - llevybuch@foothillextension.org (626) 305-7004

## City of Hope, City of Duarte partner to launch Military Recognition Banner 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, which will celebrate its Centennial in 2013, 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 may be purchased or sponsored for \$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. The military banner program will be launched on Veterans Day, Nov.

12, in conjunction with the City's annual Veterans Day ceremony at Thorsen Park. The public ceremony honors both veterans and those currently serving in the military.

Each banner will have the name and branch of the serviceperson and the current sponsor's name or logo. Upon completion of active duty, the banner will be presented to the honoree. The City website [accessduarte.com](http://accessduarte.com) will also feature a special military banner program section and list its participants.

Applications are available on the City's website, [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com), and at City Hall. Completed applications must include a copy of the military personnel I.D. along with a California I.D. or a utility bill showing a Duarte address of the military service member or his or her immediate family member. Immediate family members are considered wife, husband, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter.

For additional information, call Karen Herrera at Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Duarte Kiwanis Club hears of upcoming Field of Valor event

The Covina Rotary Club has taken on quite a task. They were inspired to create a "Field of Valor" to honor veterans and active duty military members this year with an expansive field of 2000 American Flags! This will be a week long event beginning November 3rd and will take place at Sierra Vista Middle School in Covina.

Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Division 35 area have been invited to participate, so Wayne

Partee of the Covina Rotary Club came to share their vision and partnership opportunities with the Duarte Kiwanis Club. People can "adopt" a flag and honor a veteran or a person serving currently for \$35.00. The Duarte Club will be sharing lunch with the Covina Rotary Club – and with all the other Kiwanis Clubs in the Division, on November 8th. Coordination and logistics for such an event are quite daunting, but with community support, the

Covina Rotary Club is up to the task. Pictured are Wayne Partee of the Covina Rotary and Tina Carey – President of the Duarte Kiwanis Club.

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@drhermandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhermandezoptometry.com).





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DUARTE FAMILIES will be able to honor family members serving in the armed forces with a soon-to-launch Military Banner Recognition program along Huntington Dr. City of Hope will underwrite the cost of the first 30 banners.

# CM Update

Continued from page 8

Great Onion Restaurant, 2150 Huntington Dr. (New Ownership)

41 entities purchased business licenses for construction activity within the City limits in September.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Planning

**Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Update** – Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC) has grubbed and cleared shrubs and removed the old railroad communication lines and poles from Highland east to the City boundary with Irwindale. They will be completing the rest of this work for areas west of Highland within the next several months.

**GE Aviation (1700 Business Center Drive)** – GE has obtained permits to install decorative entrance awnings and new signage on the east and west sides of their building.

**Best Buy** – Bank of America, the new owners of the Best Buy Development, are currently working on irrigation repair and replacement landscaping throughout the shopping center. Other improvements, including sewer line repair and revised plans and legal documents, must be completed before the Notice of Default related to the Disposition and Development Agreement is addressed and building permits finalized.

**Mike's Food Shopping Center** – The City recently performed field surveys of portions of the Mike's Food Shopping Center. The initial focus of these visits was to identify and recommend the appropriate level of repair to the driveways and parking areas. Since then, staff has been asked to identify additional items that should be included as part of a comprehensive code enforcement action at the center to address much needed repairs and deferred maintenance items. Code Enforcement, Building and Planning Divisions staff will be performing those inspections in the next several weeks.

**City of Hope Building Activities** – The City of Hope (COH) will be starting the Parking Lot 'B' project on the east side of campus (in the City of Irwindale), beginning in early November and lasting for several weeks. The project will include a complete parking lot rebuild, new striping orientation and ADA compliance. Parking in this area will be very limited during construction. Staff is also working on plans for sidewalks, electronic gates and landscaping at the Northwest Building (Radiation Therapy) project. These items, along with the new, one-way road, are expected to reopen within the next several months. The 11,000 sq. ft. Familiar Research Building has been demolished and will make way for an extension of the Beckman landscaped quad and a LN2 tank over the next several months.

**Andres Duarte Terrace II (1700 Huntington)** – The Andres Duarte Terrace senior apartments phase II expansion is scheduled at the November 19th Planning Commission meeting. The project is a new 43-unit senior apartment building on the vacant property at the southeast corner of Huntington Drive and Pops Road. The project also helps the City reach their affordable housing goals.

**El Salvadoreno Restaurant**

See CM Update on page 18

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## “The Great Conversation”

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

What should kids know and be able to do in order to be successful in career and life? This question permeates all conversations that are conducted in regards to school and education. The parents whose children attend DUSD have entrusted the school district to devise a Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) to provide the skills for their children to be successful in career and life. Duarte Unified is unique in the fact that our LEAP extends beyond a document gathering dust on some shelf we reference to demonstrate compliance. The DUSD LEAP strives to develop an educational plan that is personalized and customized with the understanding that *Learning is Engaging and Adapted to Our Students' Passion*. It is the DUSD Board of Education's desire that ALL students who graduate will be “shoulder-tapped graduates.” In order for this to occur, the adults in our organization - teachers, classified staff and administration, must provide **Leadership**, create an atmosphere of **Entrepreneurship**, accept **Accountability** for students learning and provide a vivid connection to **Purpose**.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

A commitment of this magnitude starts with a *Vision*: *The Duarte Unified School District is committed to providing a quality education exemplified by high performing schools that equip our students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for an ever-changing global economy*, as established by a “high impact governance board” for the schools and community. At the October 25<sup>th</sup> DUSD school board meeting, the Duarte Board of Education approved a revisited and revised *Vision* and *Mission* for the Duarte Unified School District: *The mission of the Duarte Unified School District is to provide the knowledge, skills and inspiration for each student to be successful in career and life*. This culminating activity was made possible by over a year's worth of discussion with staff, community and parents. This information assisted in the alignment of the vision to continue to ensure we have exemplary schools as an indicator, AND to include our desire to provide students with the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary to compete globally in an ever-changing economy.

Parents and the community are imperative components in the success of our children's education and in creating 21<sup>st</sup> century learners! To instill *passion* and provide *purpose* it requires commitment from our *people*. In the upcoming year we will be reaching out to the staff, parents and community with “The Great Conversation” in order that everyone in the community **Understands** the need for change, **Trust** in our collective expertise to accomplish this change, provide **Permission** to move forward with necessary change and **Support** our ability with necessary resources of time and commitment to success.

What should our children know and be able to do? We are not sure about what jobs or expert skills everyone will need for the future but we do know that DUSD is the school system that is ready to provide the skills, knowledge and inspiration for success in career and life. Our unified purpose allows for ALL of our students to acquire the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to compete internationally and be recruited as a result of their abilities to work, lead and make positive contributions to the world as “shoulder-tapped graduates.” Public schools have never been more important to the success of our country and society. We need your assistance.

## Student Leadership at Beardslee

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

What do you do when you have a group of upper grade students who want to develop their leadership skills and also want to serve our school in a meaningful way? At Beardslee, we sign them up for a group called the Peer Mediators! This group of 5th and 6th graders willingly gives up their recess times to serve our school in a wide variety of ways. One of the main ways they serve our school is by helping with our lunch schedule on rainy days. They escort classes to and from the cafeteria, help open ketchup packets and milk pouches, plan games and activities for the classes to play after they are done eating, and even play games with the younger students if they need a playmate!

On non-rainy days, our Peer Mediators can be seen tutoring Kindergarten and first grade students, assisting teachers with paperwork, delivering items to classrooms, looking up lexile levels for classroom library books, and passing out prizes to students who earned them. Each Peer Mediator is assigned to a team and the teams rotate jobs each month. The best part is that these students have been so well-trained in each of the jobs that they simply check the job board and off they go to complete their assigned task! They need very little support



PEER MEDIATOR KEVIN HUERTA reads a story to Kindergartener Julian Anguiano.



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## Duarte Head Start

By Erica Robledo, Family Community Liaison

The Family Service Department is recruiting for eligible 2 to 5 year-old preschool-aged children for The Duarte Head Start and State Preschool Programs. Any interested families can contact the Andres Duarte office at (626) 599-5123 and obtain information regarding eligibility and enrollment requirements.

The Duarte Head Start and State Preschool children, families and school staff proudly participated in the Route 66 Parade celebrating “Get Fit on Route 66”. Also, the Family Service Team

## Andres Duarte Cougars



By Rick Crosby, Principal

Andres Duarte Elementary has started off another great school year. We had great news with the release of our CST API score. Andres Duarte Elementary rose 30 points from 790 to 820! This achievement is attributed to the hard work every student does here at Andres Duarte. Andres Duarte Elementary teachers concentrate on the individual student and the individual student's needs to help every student reach proficiency in English language arts and mathematics. We celebrated this achievement with students, parents and staff on October 12th with a special guest return of last year's principal, Mrs. Campitiello.

from the office and take their jobs seriously each day!

In addition to Peer Mediators, Beardslee also elicits the help of a group of students who are elected by their peers to serve in Student Council. Led by Mr. Ellison, this group of students meets regularly to discuss fun events for our school, to plan for fundraisers, and to volunteer to support the adults on campus whenever a task needs to be completed. Through these activities, our students build leadership skills and demonstrate their willingness and ability to take initiative and give back to our school community.

Thank you, Peer Mediators and Student Council, for all you do to help Beardslee Elementary School!

Andres Duarte is having our Fall Halloween Carnival on Friday, October 26th, from 3 to 5 p.m. Other upcoming events include our Hispanic Heritage Day on November 1st with a dance festival at 9 a.m. and then our family lunch celebration at noon. Also our Fresh and Easy holiday fundraiser is on November 1st from 4 to 8 p.m. And finally our Holiday Gift Shoppe will run the week of December 10th thru the 14th. If you would like to see all of the events here at Andres Duarte, like us on Facebook at Andres Duarte Elementary.

As with our motto, “Semper Supra Nitens”, Andres Duarte Cougars are ALWAYS STRIVING FORWARD!

## Maxwell Elementary School

By Dr. Kelly Buckley, Principal

Each morning Maxwell Elementary students begin their day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the Maxwell School Song.

The entire school community is united and demonstrates their school pride by singing the song with zeal, excitement and passion. The students are convinced that we can climb any mountain with Mountain Lion Pride. Every boy and girl believes with all the power inside that they are learning to be leaders.

Maxwell is Mountain Lion territory and everyone here is one big family. We strive to do our best. We are proud to be “Mighty Mountain Lions”.

### LET'S CELEBRATE!

Maxwell was selected as School of the Year by the Wal Mart Foundation. The school received a \$1000 donation. Each teacher received a gift bag and a \$50 rewards card. Team Maxwell salutes the Wal-Mart foundation and thanks them for recognizing our commitment to making a difference in the lives of children.



TEAM MAXWELL and Wal Mart Staff

## Duarte Unified supports 2012 Holiday of Promise

By Jenny Owens & Lisa Stone

The Duarte Unified School District is helping make sure this year is full of holiday cheer especially for Duarte families in need.

DUSD is working in collaboration with the City of Duarte, Duarte Community Service Council, Foothill Unity, and local businesses to collect gift and food items to help these families enjoy the spirit of the season. Last year over 155 families were helped by this effort, and with your support, we are hoping to reach even more people this year.

We welcome donations that can bring a smile to our Duarte children and families. Please refer to the list below for specific items. Donations can be brought to the collection boxes that will be located at each DUSD school site and the district office between November 14th and December 10th.

On Saturday, December 15th, the Duarte Community Service Council will host a distribution event to allocate the gifts and food baskets to the families referred by Duarte Unified. Foothill Unity will also distribute donated items to families between December 16-19th at designated locations throughout the area. With your help, we can make wishes come true! Please contact Lisa Stone, DUSD liaison for this project, for further information, (626) 599-5013 email lstone@duarte.k12.ca.us.

### SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Athletic bags, soccer, tennis and basket balls, board games, frisbees, \$5.00 gift cards to local food establishments and stores, knit scarves & beanie hats, movie & phone gift cards, chapstick and lip gloss, warm socks, throw blankets, t-shirts, headphones, gas gift cards, purses, baseball gloves, etc.

will be holding our first Family Fun Night at 6 p.m. at Andres Duarte Cafeteria. Please join us for a night of fun!





ALEXANDREA, SAMANTHA & CAROLINA enjoying the Distinguished Speakers Series.

## Duarte High School

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Sixty plus Falcons enjoyed an unforgettable evening with Steve Wozniak at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

Through the support of the Share the Vision program, Duarte High School has been awarded 60 student and 7 adult tickets for all seven events in the Distinguished Speaker Series of Southern California.

This will provide our learners with an opportunity to enjoy seven candid and relaxed evenings with inventors, world leaders, philanthropists and scientists.

The series started with Steve Wozniak, Co-Founder of Apple Computers.

In November we will see Vicente Fox, former President of Mexico, and in January we will enjoy Sir Ken Robinson,

Internationally Acclaimed Expert on Creativity, Innovation and Education.

In February we will be dazzled by Caroline Kennedy, Philanthropist, Author and American Royalty, followed by Louise Leakey, Paleontologist & National Geographic Explorer in March.

The series will conclude with Robert Gates, Former Secretary of Defense, in April and Lance Armstrong, Cyclist & LIVESTRONG Foundation, in May.

Thanks to Jenny Owen for making the arrangements for these tickets for our students.

The support of our teachers, Joe Kenney, Jennifer Elrod, Assistant Principal Michelle Randall and Chef Rice helped to facilitate and create this experience for our students. It was a memorable night for all of us.

## Fall fun at Valley View!

By Angie Salas, Principal

We welcomed autumn at Valley View with our Annual Back to School Carnival and the Route 66 Parade.

One of our most popular traditions is our Carnival and this year was no exception.

Another tradition the dolphins look forward to is the Route 66 Parade.

Our back-to-school carnival was an example of Valley View families coming together to support our school.

The Valley View community had the opportunity to enjoy good music, decorate a cupcake, win a fish, make a deal, paint your hair, win a cake, get a raffle ticket, eat hamburgers, hot dogs and snow cones, play miniature golf AND

see a staff work hard for their students.

A fabulous time was had by one and all.

All the proceeds from the carnival go directly to classroom needs.

Thanks to our amazing staff for creating this fun and unforgettable event.

We had a fantastic turn-out for the Route 66 Parade. We had students and parents show up-put on our new T-Shirts and walk Huntington Drive.

Our group was led by Dan D. Dolphin.

Heather Klindworth did a fantastic job organizing and planning this fun event.

Dolphin Pride was clear and present!

## Northview Intermediate School

By Shannon DiFilippo, Education Support Specialist

Northview Intermediate is off to fantastic start! The students and staff have been very busy during the first two months of school.

We are proud of the following 12 students that received ribbons for their fabulous artwork at the LA County Fair: Christian Morris for photography, Evelyn Zarate for drawing, Mary Jane Guillen for drawing, Daniel Contreras for photography, Deja Stamps for drawing, Chrisley Banzuela for photography, Alexandra Coronado for poetry, Joel Godina for drawing, Jobie Wu for drawing, Marisol Ramirez for drawing, Carlos Velasco-Diaz for a soda can robot, and Aurora Gallegos-Rivas for a felt pillow. These same students joined AVID, Leadership and CJSF on a field trip to the LA County Fair, where they were able to view their artwork on display.

While at the fair, students visited a farm, explored an interactive inventions exhibit, and received art lessons from local professional artists.

On September 30th, our

place Team Award, Lisette Leon won a 3rd place Team Award and a 4th place Speaker Award, Alyson



Sann won an 8th place Speaker Award, Leslyn Nuevo won an 8th place Speaker Award, Alonso Beltran won a 2nd place Speaker Award, beating out 163 competitors. Thanks to Ms.

for 5th-8th grade girls from local schools. Our Cardinal Girls walked away empowered and ready to pursue their dreams.

For Breast Cancer Awareness Week, Ms. Rodriguez and the CJSF students put together a week of activities to raise money for the City of Hope. The activities included a pink bake sale and candy guessing game, along with daily announcements to the student body to raise everyone's awareness of breast cancer. The week culminated with all staff and students wearing pink and getting together to take a photo that will be given to City of Hope, along with our donation.

During Red Ribbon Week,



Thomas and the parent volunteers that made it a huge success. The Debate Team's next competition will

be held on October 27th in Chino Hills.

On October

the leadership students planned a week full of fun activities in connection with the national drug-free campaign, "I-Tune Out Drugs." Through fun activities they helped to spread the message



Debate Team received numerous awards at their first debate scrambler in Rialto. They competed against 165 debaters in the Inland Valley Debate League, at the Frisbee Middle School Debate

13th, 20 of our Cardinal girls attended the 6th annual Girl Power Conference in Monrovia. The theme



Competition. Northview won 17 debates. The following students won awards: Eli Faliti won a 10th

and Ms. Di Filippo, Educational Support Provider, facilitated a conflict resolution workshop

for this year's conference was "No Limits: If You Can Dream It, You Can Be It." The girls listened to inspirational speakers, including 5 time Olympian medalwinner, Kim Rhodes. Ms. Fields, Assistant Principal,

that Northview Cardinals are drug free and proud. The week ended with our first Renaissance Rally of the year, to honor 8th graders. The theme for this year's Fall Renaissance Rally was board games. Mrs. Lucha and her Leadership students, re-created a variety of the classic board games to transform the gym into a life-size game board. Over 140 8th grade students were honored during the award celebration. Our student of the year was 8th grader, Joshua Dorsey, who improved his GPA by 2.17 points.

Mr. Hata, 8th grade science teacher, was honored as Teacher of the Year; and Lourdes Palacios, Cafeteria Staff, was honored as Classified Staff Member of the year. Northview is taking it to the next level!

## Boxtops for Education



Please save your *BoxTops for Education* tops and turn them into the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, 1634 Third St., Duarte, or at the Andres Duarte school office anytime as a year round fund raiser. The school will earn 10 cents for each boxtop. Visit [btfec.com](http://btfec.com) for list of participating products.

## Fresh & Easy Education Fund Raiser

Our K-12 school sites are saving *Fresh & Easy* receipts that are \$20 or more now through December 31st. Our schools will earn \$1 for every \$20 spent. 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.

## Duarte Parks and Recreation Youth Sports



### BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration December 3 for Youth Basketball leagues for boys and girls. Children born in years 1999-2003 are eligible to play. Practice sites will include Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Valley View School, Andres Duarte School and Northview School. Games will begin in January. The fee is only \$30 and includes a T-shirt

uniform. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

### LITTLE ALL STAR BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Little All Stars is an exciting non-competitive variation of basketball especially suited for young players. Registration begins Monday, December 3 at City Hall. Fee is \$30 and includes a T-shirt uniform

**Group 1** ages 4 & 5 and **Group 2** ages 6 & 7

# Roots and Wings at Mt. Olive High School

By Kevin Morris, Principal

Roots and Wings is the first of its kind in the United States and Mt. Olive High School is one of three high schools in the country where the program will be piloted.

The program was created and designed by Charles Thomas Jr., Youth Programs Manager of the NPS Pacific West Region and Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, program director. Roots and Wings is a comprehensive, interactive, National Park Service (NPS) Program with curriculum designed around educating, training and employing underserved populations in the National Park Service.

After the 2012-13 pilot year of the program at Mt. Olive, NPS will be taking Roots and Wings across the country into other states.

The NPS wants to make parks relevant to this and the next generation of minorities, so it is understood that what NPS does is a necessity rather than a luxury.

The Roots and Wings Program was created to attract and expose more minorities as visitors and employees to the national parks. Roots and Wings wants to create deep connections between our younger generation and parks through a series of diverse park experiences while creating a pathway to employment with the parks and focus on diversifying the NPS workforce.

Roots and Wings specifically address the essential components in the NPS "Healthy Parks, Healthy People Initiative" where it is noted that work takes place both in and beyond park boundaries. The NPS is working to connect diverse communities to urban parks, trails, waterways and community green spaces that give people access to healthy outdoor experiences.

Roots and Wings incorporates existing interpretive programs, through the principle feature of longitudinal engagement; which will involve the youth over an extended period of time, beginning in their community and ending in their community culminating with seasonal employment for youths in the program.

Another unique feature of the program will be a youth facilitated, teacher directed continuity program taught by Mt. Olive science teacher, Stephen Clayton and math teacher, Laurent Lanuquette through the Mt. Olive Outdoor School Experience (MOOSE).

Roots and Wings will also provide qualified instructors to facilitate the program through the use of the Diverse Outdoor Leaders Institute (DOLI), an independent training institute facilitated by a network of collaborators, including the NPS.

The core of the program is a ten-week curriculum beginning in the classroom and ending in seasonal employment in the National Park Service.

**Below are the NPS activities Mt. Olive students will be engaged in over the 10-week training period:**

1) An in-class or community based introduction to types of parks, local regional, National and an introduction to the NPS.

2) A 3-hour curriculum, park mapping and identifying a service project in a local park.

3) A half-day curriculum, same as session 2 except activities

include a 1 to 2 hour interpretive hike carried out in a regional park.

4) A one-day visit to an **urban National Park**. Curriculum includes, a 2 hour service project, a NPS Ranger led interpretive hike, a discussion on seasonal positions, and a "lunch hunt" map and compass activity and a series of nature based teambuilding activities.

5) A one-day visit to a **natural resource based National Park**. Curriculum is same as session four except session 5 includes a 45-minute solo Individual Critical Thinking (ICT) exercise and a discussion on how to apply for a seasonal position.

6) A two-day visit to a **cultural resource based National Park**. Curriculum is same as session 5 except includes a two-hour interpretive/educational piece, the use of a discovery journal and a half-day service project and a discussion on permanent positions.

7) A three-day visit to a more **distant National Park**. Curriculum is the same as session six, except there is a Leave No Trace (LNT) activity and an activity on the GS scale and NPS organizational structure.

8) A four-day visit to a **remote National Park**. Curriculum includes learning about an **NPS visitor center, an NPS park map activity, camping skills, interpretive hike, full day service project and a reiteration and in depth LNT principle learning activity.**

9) In the same local park they had their second session in; ninth session is dedicated to completing a two-day beautification project in the local park.

10) The cohort returns to one of the 5 National Parks during winter and spring break to do a one-week volunteer service project. Youth are paid volunteer stipends for their service.

At the end of the Roots and Wings experience 10 students from the cohort will be hired for summer GS 1-3 positions in the 5 participating parks. In September, following the seasonal placement, youth create an in-school Natural Resource Conservation Leadership Club (NRCL) supported by Stephen Clayton and led by students from the Roots and Wings Program.

In addition, to connecting underrepresented communities to the NPS and advancing the NPS education mission, the Roots and Wings program also advances the NPS objective of building a diverse 21<sup>st</sup> century conservation corps. This falls right in line with the **Duarte Unified School District's mission of providing all students the skills, knowledge and inspiration for success in career and life.**

Additionally, preparing our students for successfully competing in today's 21<sup>st</sup> century global market through L.E.A.P. (Learning that's Engaging and Adapted for Passion).

The Roots and Wings Program begins in November 2012 and the Mt. Olive campus is buzzing with excitement about the opportunity to participate and earn employment in the National Park Service.

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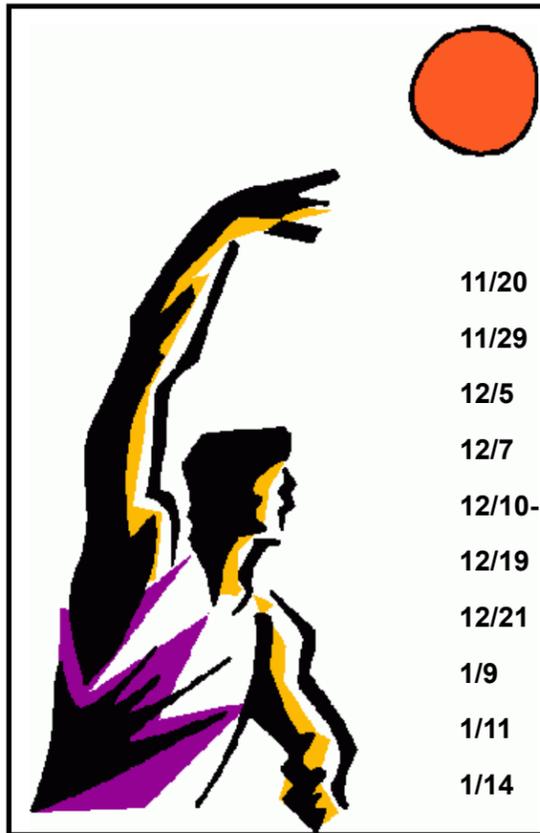
- Do not use decorative lighting with frayed cords and wires, broken fuses or broken light bulbs.
- Do not use staples, nails or tacks to hang electrical cords. These can pierce the protective insulation.
- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lighting and extension cords.
- Plug no more than three strands of lights into each electrical cord/outlet.
- Ensure live trees are well watered, and keep electric cords away from tree stands with water pans.
- Never use lighted candles on or near holiday trees or decorations.
- Remember to unplug decorative lights when you leave home and before going to bed.

We wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. For more safety tips, please visit [www.sce.com/holidaysafety](http://www.sce.com/holidaysafety)



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# Duarte High School Boys Basketball Schedule

Start Time 3:15/4:30/6 p.m.

11/20	JV/V vs Edgewood AWAY	1/16	F/JV/V vs Bassett HOME
11/29	F/JV/V vs Monrovia AWAY, 3:30/5/6:30 p.m.	1/18	F/JV/V vs Ganesha HOME
12/5	F/JV/V vs Mountain View HOME	1/23	F/JV/V vs Azusa AWAY
12/7	JV/V vs Blair HOME, 4:30/6 p.m.	1/25	F/JV/V vs Workman HOME
12/10-15	V at CSHM Tournament AWAY	1/28	F/JV/V vs Ganesha AWAY
12/19	F/JV/V vs Workman AWAY	1/30	F/JV/V vs Gladstone HOME
12/21	F/JV/V vs Arroyo AWAY	2/1	F/JV/V vs La Puente HOME
1/9	F/JV/V vs Gladstone AWAY	2/4	F/JV/V vs Azusa HOME
1/11	F/JV/V vs La Puente AWAY	2/6	F/JV/V vs Sierra Vista AWAY
1/14	F/JV/V vs Sierra Vista HOME	2/8	F/JV/V vs Bassett AWAY

## Grandparents hold a special place at Royal Oaks

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Grandparents are an important part of every family and every child's life.

The staff at Royal Oaks determined to recognize this by having a special day when grandparents could also be a part of school life.

Thursday, October 18th Royal Oaks held its first Grandparents Day in conjunction with the annual Community Read-in.

The Community Read-in is a special day when parents and community members read stories to students. It's a part of a larger theme and other events at Royal Oaks for the month of October, literacy.

This year grandparents were included in the invitation and asked to remain for special activities with their grandkids.

After reading stories, more grandparents arrived and all went to the school cafeteria to meet their grandchildren.

The first stop was to have a

photograph taken together. Then the two generations enjoyed cookies, milk and tea while students created a memory book about their grandparents.

Meanwhile, a wide variety of puzzles, games and activities were spread throughout the cafeteria. The children and their grandparents enjoyed just hanging out and connecting.

The participation in the event far exceeded expectations. About 130 students and their grandparents were involved. One student, Christian D'Amico, had four grandparents at the event with one of the couples visiting from Ohio.

Also at the event were Duarte City Councilwoman Margaret Finlay and Duarte Unified School Board President Reyna Diaz, both with grandchildren at Royal Oaks.

The event was a great example of the strong connections among the generations and families in the City of Duarte.



SAMANTHA RAMOS and her grandmother, Bertha Castellano, at Royal Oaks Grandparents Day.

## 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!

#### Turkey Shoot Contest!

Come and "wet" the hoop in the Turkey Shoot Contest! Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3-point shots for a total score. Top winners will receive turkeys to take home to their families for Thanksgiving. Come and get ya hoop on! Thursday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m. Free!

#### Winter Holiday Festival

Come join us at the Teen Center on Wednesday, December 19 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. for a celebration of the winter holidays! Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa! Musical choirs, food, cultural presentations, a holiday play, and much more! Fee is \$2.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Date: Entry deadline is January 10 at 7 p.m.

Students in grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will compete in an essay-writing contest describing why they are inspired by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 200-word and minimum – 500-word maximum. Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### 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 Wednesday, January 30.

### 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! 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

#### 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. November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18 and January 8 & 22.

#### 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.

### 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. Registration is held at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or stop by for a visit.

### JOIN THE NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL!

Open to all high school youth! The NAACP Youth Council is a training ground for young civil rights leaders. With the hard work and dedication of our youth members of the Youth Council will carry out its mission of developing an intelligent, and effective youth leadership program to ensure the political, educational, financial and social equality of rights for youth through training, organization and mobilization. Contact the Duarte Teen Center for more information!



STUDENTS HAD A GREAT TIME at the NAACP Freedom Fund dinner.

## CM Update

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**(1313 Huntington)** – All permits have been issued for the restaurant tenant improvement/expansion and construction has begun. The tenant improvement will also include construction of a new trash enclosure in the rear and a new wall sign. At its October 15 meeting, the Planning Commission approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine as an accessory to the restaurant operation.

**Tacos Ensenada (2171 Huntington)** – All permits have been issued for the restaurant tenant improvement/expansion and construction has begun.

**Duarte's Energy Action Plan/Green House Gas Inventory** – The City of Duarte's customized Energy Action Plan will be presented to the City Council on November 13, 2012. City Staff has worked closely with the San Gabriel Valley COG on this project that was funded by non-City funds. Duarte will be one of the first cities in the San Gabriel Valley to complete this process.

**Thorsen Park Bronze Plaque Replacement** – The veterans plaque at Thorsen Park was recently stolen. Staff is in the process of getting it replaced prior to this year's Veterans Day event. Staff has hired an excellent masonry contractor, Jonescape to construct a new stand for the plaque that will be more vandal-proof and will look nice also. Along with the plaque stand, a new concrete contemplation bench will also be built.

### Public Works

**Duarte Relief Trunk Sewer** – Los Angeles County Sanitation District has chosen Mike Bubalo Construction Company (MBCC) to install 1,500 feet of 18-inch diameter sewer and structures on Highland Avenue between Duarte Road and Central Ave. On October 8th, MBCC started the installation of the new sewer pipe and anticipate to be completed by early December.

**California American Water Mainline Relocation** – California American Water Company has contracted with Innocenti Construction to relocate an 8"-16" steel pipeline on Duarte Road from Highland Avenue to Buena Vista Street and at the intersection of

Duarte Road and Mountain Avenue. The water main relocation project is in conjunction with the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension scope of work. The project is under construction and anticipated to be completed by early December.

**Duarte Fitness Center Pool Improvements** – Sea Clear Pools, Inc. of Torrance was awarded the Capital Improvement Project to provide services to install a pool pump motor with a variable frequency drive (VFD), replace an electrical disconnect panel and change out the pole light standards. The project is eligible for partial reimbursement of material cost from a Southern California Edison's Energy Grant up to \$13,503.46. The contractor is in the process of providing material submittal for City approvals.

**1500 Duarte Road (City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital)** – The road improvements adjacent to the Helford Clinical Research Hospital are underway. The contractor has installed most of the walkways and curb and gutters along side of the roadway and is looking to pave the street within the next week.

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES-MS4)** – Staff continues to actively participate in the LA Permit Group to address the collaborative efforts to develop a permit that will improve and/or maintain water quality in a cost effective manner. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has revised the draft permit to reflect many comments and concerns that have been addressed by the L.A. Permit group. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has released the Revised Tentative Draft NPDESMS4 permit and will continue a public hearing and consider the adoption of the draft on November 8.

**Southern California Gas Company Advance Meters** – The Southern California Gas Company installed Data Collector Units (DCU) in various neighborhoods to support the advance meter communication network. The advance metering technology will upgrade SoCalGas ability to provide service to customers and enhance management of energy usage. The advance meters will transmit data to the SoCalGas through the use of DCU throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Southern California. SoCalGas identified DCU locations based on network infrastructure requirements; three DCUs were installed within the City of Duarte's jurisdiction.

**Pedestrian Safety Signs on Royal Oaks Bike Trail** – Staff is working on a plan to add pedestrian safety signs at the bike trail crosswalks on Vineyard Avenue and Mt. Olive Drive. The signs will be oriented for automobile traffic on these streets to have a better awareness of the presence of pedestrians in the area.

## Million-dollar gift establishes Dr. Norman and Melinda Payson Professorship in Medicine at City of Hope

DUARTE, Calif. — City of Hope received a \$1 million gift to establish the Dr. Norman & Melinda Payson Professorship in Medicine, which will support the office of the institution's chief medical officer, Alexandra Levine, M.D., M.A.C.P.

Norman Payson, M.D., is a member of City of Hope's board of directors and chair of the City of Hope Medical Foundation board. He and his wife, Melinda, have supported numerous City of Hope programs through their private foundation.

"We are excited to be able to support the work of Dr. Levine and the office of the chief medical officer," Norman Payson said. "She is committed to making sure that patients get high-quality care, and she exemplifies compassion and kindness every day. This compassion is what City of Hope is known for, and it's important that we ensure it remains a hallmark of this special place."

Levine is an internationally recognized expert in lymphoma, Hodgkin disease and AIDS-related malignancies. In 1995, Bill Clinton appointed her to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; she also chaired the council's research committee. As City of Hope's chief medical officer, Levine oversees all clinical and hospital care programs, including quality, patient safety, clinical research, clinical information management and professional education.

She praised the couple for their longstanding generosity to City of Hope. "The Paysons believe in City of Hope — they believe in our physicians and staff, and they clearly understand the culture of caring and expertise that has been the cornerstone of our success for almost 100 years. We are truly fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. Payson as our partners, and I am most grateful for this exceptional gift," she said.

Norman Payson is chief executive officer (CEO) of Apria Healthcare Group, which focuses on home health services and equipment. He previously was chairman and CEO of Oxford Health Plans Inc., a leading provider of health benefit plans,

and dynamically transformed the company during his 14 years of leadership. Earlier, he co-founded and served as CEO of Healthsource Inc. During his tenure, Healthsource became one of the nation's largest health plan companies. Payson was the CEO of a 120-member physician group, with more than 100,000 health plan members, before helping to establish Healthsource.

He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School. He practiced medicine as a board-certified family physician until 1982 and previously served in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps on a Native American reservation in Arizona.

Melinda Payson is a Los Angeles native who graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree

in kinesiology and a master's in education. She taught at the high school and college levels in dance and women's athletics.

City of Hope is a leading research, treatment and education center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a comprehensive cancer center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation. City of Hope is located in Duarte, Calif., just northeast of Los Angeles, with community practice sites in South Pasadena, Glendale, Santa Clarita, the Antelope Valley and Palm Springs. Its hospital is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer by U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics. For more information, visit [www.cityofhope.org](http://www.cityofhope.org) or follow City of Hope on facebook, twitter, youtube or flickr.



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A VARIETY OF ART CLASSES are offered through the Duarte Recreation Department.

## Duarte Recreation Class Registration Begins Monday, December 3

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for Winter Recreation classes on Monday, December 3.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mail in registrations may be sent to the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592. Please include the participant's name, address, daytime telephone number, age, class, time, and class fee.

If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. (Registrations received prior to December 3 will be returned.)

You can also register by phone with Discover, Visa or MasterCard for purchases over \$25

beginning Tuesday, December 4, (626) 357-7931.

Classes will begin the week of January 7.

A variety of youth, family and adult classes will be offered including:

Amazing Arts, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Chess, Circuit Training, Computers, Dance Your Buns Off, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Healthy Cooking, Hip Hop, Karate, Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Sewing, Tennis, Tumbling, Vocals, Watercolor, Yoga and Zumba.

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

Gift Certificates for recreation classes are available, and they make great holiday gifts!

## Duarte Recreation Holiday Activities



ENJOY A VISIT WITH SANTA at one of the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department's holiday events.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP

On Saturday, December 1, the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast With Santa.

The event will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive from 8 to 11:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under.

All proceeds will benefit Rotary's local service projects. Those in attendance will be treated to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Rotary Club members. Santa Claus will be available for pictures. For more breakfast information, please call Brian Villalobos at (626) 357-7938.

Santa's Workshop is presented by the Duarte Recreation Department and will provide children an opportunity to make holiday crafts and decorations right after breakfast.

This event is free with the breakfast and is available from 8-11:00 a.m.

### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND FIESTA

Begin the holiday season with this fun family special event! The official City of Duarte Christmas Tree is a beautiful living Redwood tree located in front of the Duarte Senior Center.

Join the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department on Thursday, December 6 from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. (tree lighting at 8 p.m.) for this special holiday event.

We will celebrate the season with musical performances featuring cultural dancers, carolers and a few surprises.

Additionally, a traditional tamale dinner including two tamales, rice, beans, chips and a drink will be served for only \$6 per person.

Santa Claus will be in town at the tree lighting, so bring your little elves to play games, make holiday crafts, and talk to Santa Claus! The Duarte Senior Center is located in the Duarte Town Center at 1610 Huntington Drive. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

### SANTA'S MAILBOX/INBOX

Date: November 26 through December 13

Ages: Boys and Girls, Ages 10 and younger

Santa's Mailbox will be located in front of the Recreation

Department counter in City Hall. Letters may be deposited there Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am-6:00 pm or mailed to 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592, Attention: Santa Claus. Please include your address and phone number. Santa will also accept letters via email: [santa@access-duarte.com](mailto:santa@access-duarte.com).

All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and Santa will write back!

### SANTA'S HOTLINE

Children can talk to Santa Claus directly! Calls will be routed to the North Pole for children to enjoy a fun conversation with the one and only Santa Claus on Tuesday, December 18 from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Call 358-5425 to talk to Santa before he gets too busy getting ready for Christmas.

### SANTA'S VISIT AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Santa will visit Beardslee Park from 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. followed by a visit to Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12 before heading to the Duarte Community

Center at City Hall for Santa's Holiday Party.

The Duarte Recreation Department will get children into the holiday spirit with a very special event. Santa's Holiday Party will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive on Wednesday, December 12, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There will be holiday games, crafts, music, prizes, and refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus!

RSVP for this free event by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931. Limited to the first 90 participants.

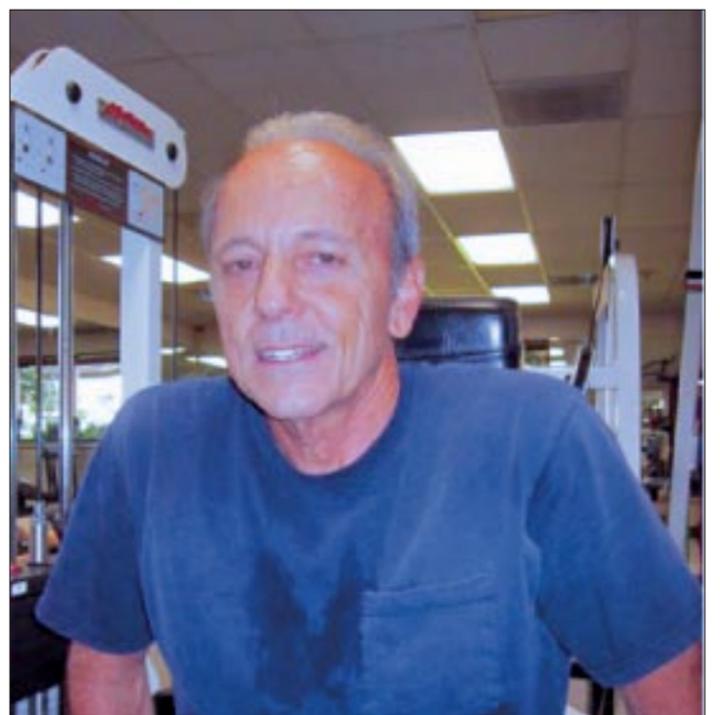
### HOLIDAY LIGHTS FREE EXCHANGE BEFORE SANTA'S PARTY!

SCE customers can exchange their incandescent holiday light strings for LED strings for free. At no cost, longer lasting, energy saving LED holiday lights! Bring your old incandescent holiday light strands from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Presented by the SGV Council of Governments.

## Costume Contest at E-Z Dog Wash



E-Z DOG WASH had a Halloween party Oct. 28 where we had about 25 dogs and 75 people participating in our party. We had tacos, refreshments for the guests and treats for the doggies. Prizes were awarded for best original costume, cuties and funniest. We gave first place to Bella, a poodle who was dressed as a Chia Pet; second place went to Pucca, a sheepdog that was dressed as a ballerina; and third place went to Daisy, a maltipo who was dressed as Jack Sparrow pirate. This is our 2nd annual doggie Halloween party. Celebrating our second anniversary, this party was our thanks to our customers and their doggies for supporting us for the past two years. You can see pictures of our Halloween party if you go to our FACEBOOK E-Z DOG WASH. We are located at 1748 Royal Oaks Dr., Duarte.



## Duarte Fitness Center

The City of Duarte Fitness Center will be having its biggest sale of the year for the month of December. Annual memberships for Duarte residents start as low as \$128 with no monthly fees and make great Christmas gifts! The

Fitness Center offers racquetball, swimming (seasonal), aerobic classes, and a fully equipped exercise room.

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



## DUARTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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

### Networking Events



**November 20 – 7 am-8:30 am**

**NETWORK BREAKFAST**

at Cuisine on the Green Restaurant  
(in Rancho Duarte Golf Course)  
1000 Las Lomas Rd., Duarte

Meets Third Tuesday of the month, will not meet in December

**November 27 – 12 pm-1 pm**

**LADIES BROWN BAG NETWORK LUNCH**

at SCE Federal Credit Union  
1175 Huntington Dr., Duarte

Meets last Tuesday of the month, will not meet in December

**December 5 – 5:30 pm-7:30 pm**

**Holiday Networking Mixer & Toy Drive**

At Sierra Fiat of Duarte  
1125 Central Ave., Duarte

Meet new business members and have fun networking!!!

Make your reservations through the online calendar at  
[www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com)

### Visionary Members ...

are those Members who contribute \$25 or more annually to the Duarte Chamber office equipment fund. With these donations we have purchased computer software, a projection screen, and a portable sound system. Next on our wish list is a video projector.

*The Duarte Chamber Thanks Our Valued  
VISIONARY MEMBERS since October 2011:*

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|---|---|
| Eyebrow Hollywood                       | City of Hope                            |
| Maryvale Family Resource Center         | Right At Home                           |
| Turner & Stevens Live Oak Mortuary      | Westminster Gardens                     |
| Judy Ann Blake                          | Podley Realtors, Rana Madain            |
| Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine               | Courtyard by Marriott                   |
| American Cancer Society                 | Heritage Park Apartments                |
| NRS Design Studio                       | Specialty Promotions                    |
| Duarte Education Foundation             | Shanghai Express                        |
| Ginny Joyce Belba                       | Ranchero Mexican Restaurant             |
| D'Aquino Italian Importing Co.          | B-Man's Teriyaki & Burgers              |
| Hometown Jewelry                        | Alex Romo Auto & Truck                  |
| School of Little Scholars               | New York Life Insurance, Patrick Miller |
| Citrus College                          | Bowden Development Inc.                 |
| Rotary Club of Duarte                   | Family Dentistry                        |
| McDonald's, 1122 Huntington Dr.         | Duarte Montessori School                |
| RCS Heating & Air Conditioning          | Welcome Aboard Cruise Agency            |
| Meridian Financial & Insurance Services | Old Town Sign Company                   |
| Burrtec Waste Services                  | Foothill Federal Credit Union           |
| Mel Cohen Insurance Services            | Dahon California, Inc.                  |
| DLL Business Solutions                  | Duarte-Azusa Animal Hospital            |
| New Life Assembly of God                | Bill & Nita Norgard                     |
| Accu-sembly, Inc.                       | Del Rio Pest Control                    |
| Mountain Vista Plaza                    | G.E. Private Security                   |
| Delafield Corporation                   |   |

Duarte Chamber of Commerce

## Holiday Networking Mixer & Toy Drive

At Sierra Fiat of Duarte

1125 Central Ave., Duarte

Wednesday, December 5

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meet new business members, Network, Food, and Raffle Prizes!

Entry fee: A toy for any age

The Duarte Community Service Council will be collecting the toys for local needy children.

RSVP to the Duarte Chamber 626.357.3333

### Duarte Chamber Ambassadors Testimonial...

Gabriel Elicerio, GE Private Security  
"Since I have been an Ambassador I have met many new people at Chamber functions and I have been able to network my own business. I am a small business owner and the chamber has really helped get my name out with providing a website traffic catcher page for me. I enjoy attending chamber events and being an ambassador for the chamber."

[www.geprivatesecurity.com](http://www.geprivatesecurity.com)

**GREAT GIFT IDEAS!!!!**

**Travel with the Chamber**

**Shades of Ireland**

March 25-April 3, 2013

\$3,049 (members pp dbl occ) reg. \$3,199  
10 Days \* 13 Meals (8 Breakfast, 5 Dinners)

**Russian River Cruise**

September 21- October 1, 2013

\$4,249 (members pp dbl occ)  
11 Days \* 26 Meals

Contact the Duarte Chamber 626 357-3333

**Look out for New BUSINESS**

**Chamber Member  
Grand Openings...**

**The Great Onion**

2150 Huntington Dr., Duarte

**Sparking Dance Studio**

1428-A Huntington Dr., Duarte

**Villari's Martial Arts**

1740 Huntington Dr., Ste.306, Duarte

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