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Magical Mystery Show at Duarte PAC April 27

Magic is on the menu when the Duarte Kiwanis Club and the City of Duarte present the second annual Magical Mystery Show starring Las Vegas magician, Garry Carson at the Duarte Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. The Duarte Performing Arts Center is located at 1401 Highland Ave. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door.

Dinner and refreshments will be available for purchase prior to the show beginning at 4:30 p.m., prepared and served by Duarte Youth Entrepreneur Groups, the Lemonade Brigade from Mt. Olive Alternative High School and the ROP Culinary Arts Catering from Duarte High School. Snacks and refreshments will also be available for purchase at intermission.

Master illusionist Garry Carson and his family provide shows for non-profit organizations around the country. Carson began his professional career at the age of 14. From the premiere open-



MASTER ILLUSIONIST
GARRY CARSON

ing of the MGM Grand Hotel and over 8,000 shows over a 2 1/2 year period, to appearances on national and international television shows including Good Morning America, Inside Edition and the Fox special Masters Of Illusion, Carson presents a family

friendly show.

Proceeds from the Magical Mystery Show will benefit the Duarte Kiwanis Club, which supports many philanthropic community activities, including donating scholarships for Duarte Senior Center activities and Duarte youth summer camp programs.

Duarte Kiwanis also provides support to the Foothill Unity Center, Duarte Service Council, Santa Anita Family YMCA, Duarte Education Foundation, and Friends of the Duarte Library.

In 2012, the Duarte Kiwanis provided \$3,500 in scholarships to local high school seniors, and donated financial support to various local youth organizations including the Duarte Area Resource, and Duarte's Promise -- The Alliance for Youth, and Duarte Teen Center. For further information and tickets, contact Filippo Fanara at 626-255-1124 (filippo@cibare.com). More information is available on the web at www.DuarteKiwanis.org.



CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY on the new Cafeteria Complex at Northview Intermediate School.

Raising the roof on Northview's cafeteria complex

The soaring steel structure and wooden framing of Northview's new cafeteria, kitchen and locker room complex is a thrilling site to all who pass by the school.

The construction of the building is on schedule, and within a few days, the roof will be nailed into place. The earthwork, concrete foundations and first steel columns were erected in mid-January.

Since this time, electricians and plumbers have been working alongside the framers, and installation of the plywood walls has begun.

Next, the exterior doors and window frames are slated to be installed and the exterior lath and plaster will follow shortly.

According to Northview Principal Dr. Chavez, "The best efforts have been made by the construction team and school staff during this time to ensure minimal interruption to student learning. We all are very excited to see the finished product!"

Current and future Cardinals will now have a comfortable place to eat their meals regardless of what the weather may bring, and the food service team is excited to get cooking in the new kitchen. The modern facility will also house a multi-purpose room and teachers' lounge.

The projected date for the completion of the project is set for mid-August.

Construction continues on the first phase of Duarte High School's new weight/wrestling room, culinary arts room, bio-tech lab and wood shop.

This project that began in January will be performed in four phases.

Additionally, construction started at Maxwell on January 7 and new classroom buildings and a remodeled drop-off area are currently underway.

To stay posted on the progress of these projects and those to come, please visit the DUSD website for the most current information <http://www.duarte.k12.ca.us/Bond/>.

Dreams are being built in Duarte Unified thanks to the commitment of our community.

Thank you for supporting these efforts and for investing in our "Shoulder-Tapped Graduates" of the future.

Duarte hosts NAACP's Olympics Competition

High school students from Duarte, Pasadena, and other San Gabriel Valley cities will participate in the local competition of the NAACP's Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) on Saturday, April 27 at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr.

ACT-SO offers 25 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, performing and visual arts, including biology, math, original essay, poetry, entrepreneurship, computer science, chemistry, physics, oratory, dance, dramatics, musical instrumental classic/contemporary, vocal, photography, painting and drawing.

The performing arts portion of the competition to be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. is open to the public. Admission is free.

Twenty-two local students, some participating in multiple categories, will vie for an opportunity to progress to the national finals in July during the 104th NAACP Convention in Orlando Florida.

ACT-SO was founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett. It is an enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among those self-identifying as African-American. The ACT-SO program is intended to be a learning experience. The focus is on enrichment and mentorship. Students work with ACT-SO volunteer mentors who are professionals in their field who serve as coaches in pro-

moting academic and artistic excellence among African-American youth. Famous ACT-SO alumni in the performing arts include John Singleton, Kanye West, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Roy Hargrove, Michael Bard, and Anthony Anderson.

Students interested in participating in the ACT-SO competition and adult professionals interested in serving as a volunteer mentor may contact Marilyn Mays (626) 303-0863, ext. 402, Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316, Lois Gaston (626) 827-6732, or Karen Herrera, (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

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City's financial picture stabilized for now, Duarte Mayor Finlay reports

Focusing her remarks on a theme of "moving forward," Duarte Mayor, Margaret Finlay told business, community leaders and residents that the City is on the

track of financial stability once again. Mayor Finlay had a fairly upbeat State of the City message for the more than 100 who attended the Duarte

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DUARTE MAYOR Margaret Finlay presents the community with an update on the City's progress, achievements, and challenges at the annual State of the City/Schools luncheon sponsored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Feb. 27 at City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium.



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DWC members prove to be crafty

Duarte Woman's Club members fared well in the annual craft contest sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley District's Women's Clubs' Birthday Council and Crafts Festival held recently at the Santa Fe Springs Community Center. The results were announced at the local Club's February meeting.

Luz Porlier earned second place in ceramics for the lazy Susan she crafted, and a first place for her large knitted shawl. She also took second for her hand-made doll and machine-stitched "Christmas Postcard" quilt and crocheted triangular shawl. She won a first place for the handbag she entered in the "Trash to Treasures" category. Sheri Uhlig's machine-stitched quilt earned her a first place while Claudia Heller took a third in the miscellaneous category for her decorated candle. Jean Glass earned a second place with her "Trash to Treasure" wrapping paper wreath.

Two new members, Janet Giles and Debi Bunting, were initiated at the meeting. Membership chair Jean Glass officiated the ceremony. Janet was born in Pasadena, relocating to Duarte at an early age. She graduated from Duarte High School, class of 1971, attended Citrus College and earned a B.A. Degree in Liberal

Arts at Cal State San Bernardino. She is a member of the Church of the Foothills and has volunteered at Foothill Unity. She keeps busy with walking, Curves, reading and is learning to knit and crochet.

Debi has lived in Duarte for fourteen months and is mom to two boys and a girl. She is an esthetician and manicurist and works in Monrovia. One of her passions is motorcycle riding with her fiancé. She has cycled throughout the Western U.S. Painting and crafts are her hobbies.

The Duarte Woman's Club is open to women over the age of eighteen and meets in the evening on the first Thursday of each month from October to June, normally at the Duarte Community Center. It was organized on March 25, 1949, federated with the California State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1956, and incorporated in 1967. Club projects are many including assisting at city functions, raising funds for and awarding scholarships to local college-bound seniors, helping with the Community Service Council Christmas Baskets, and donating fruit to the senior center, to name a few.

Prospective members may call Glass for more information. Her phone number is (626) 358-3718.

Duarte Teen Center, providing creative activities to local teens

The Duarte Kiwanis Club was pleasantly surprised to hear an update on the Duarte Teen Center from Teen Center Manager (and Duarte Kiwanian) Marilyn Mays. The Teen Center is open to all High School Kids and has an astounding amount of activities for the local youth.

They are renowned for their boxing program, coached by California Boxing Hall Of Fame member, Victor Valenzuela.

They also provide ongoing programs through their Drama Club, Nutrition and Cooking Class, and the Work it Out Fitness Program.

The Teen Center is also the home of the Mayor's Youth Council, those young people who provide input to the Mayor on the needs of the youth of the Duarte Community.

The Teen Center provides opportunities for special classes in Hip-Hop as well as hosting the NAACPACT-SO participants and their mentors.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club

has supported the Teen Center with a donation for the past few years. This year, the Teen Center received a check for \$750 for their programs.



PRESENTING A \$750 CHECK to the Teen Center from the Duarte Kiwanis Club are, from left, President Elect Pam Kawasaki, Treasurer Filippo Fanara, President Tina Carey, Teen Center Manager Marilyn Mays, and Secretary Kathy May.

Free spring Home Buyers Fair April 13

Potential home buyers can get a leg up on the home buying process at the Spring Home Buyers Fair, Saturday, April 13, hosted by the City of Duarte and the Arcadia Association of Realtors®. The free community event will provide valuable information and opportunities to connect with industry professionals, including Realtors®, lenders, non-profit housing and other agencies. The free Home Buyers Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte.

Learning sessions throughout the day will provide attendees with what they need to know to be successful in today's challenging home buying market. They can also learn about what the City of Duarte has to offer. Raffle prizes will be awarded at the event and a free lunch will be provided from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Arcadia Association of Realtors® at (626) 446-2115 or visit www.TheAAR.com and click "upcoming events".

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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.

Local business owner appointed to Citrus College Foundation Board

Brian Vosberg, of Duarte, has been named to the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors.

Vosberg, a Certified Financial Planner™, is president of Vosberg & Associates, an independent financial planning and wealth management firm located in Glendora.

He studied at Citrus College, UCLA and The American College, and earned a bachelor's degree in finance and real estate from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

"The Citrus College Foundation welcomes Brian to its board of directors," said Citrus College Foundation President Tom Gerfen. "The fact that he attended Citrus College and is now giving back to his community makes him an excellent ambassador for the college."

Vosberg also serves on the boards of the Duarte Educational Foundation and Foothill Unity Center.

As one of the newest members of the Citrus College Foundation, he joins 21 directors who raise funds for scholarships and academic support programs that assist Citrus College students in their efforts to complete their college education, enter the work-



BRIAN VOSBERG

force, and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

"Brian Vosberg's extensive knowledge of financial planning and investment strategies will strengthen the Citrus College Foundation's ability to provide opportunities for Citrus College students," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College and executive director of the Foundation. "I am confident he will contribute greatly to the college's efforts to ensure that students complete their education at Citrus College and become successful and productive members of society."

Duarte Senior Center to offer presentation on Disaster Preparedness Wed., April 17

Learn how to prepare for Mother Nature's worst, the perils of earthquakes, windstorms and fire at a special community presentation at the Duarte Senior Center on Wednesday, April 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

April Kelcy, chief executive officer of Earthquake Solutions, will offer important information and practical tips on "powering up a smarter preparedness plan".

City of Duarte Public Safety Manager, Larry Breceda will provide an overview of the City's disaster preparedness plan and

information on useful City resources, evacuation planning, and how to secure the safety of pets in event of an earthquake, wind or fire emergency.

The event is free. Preparedness items will be available for purchase.

For more information, call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-7931.

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Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium on Feb. 27.

Following five years and more than \$2 million in program, services and personnel budget cuts, the City is poised to end fiscal year 2012-2013 with a surplus of \$588,000 and a General Fund reserve of \$13.4 million, although she cautioned that any future takeaway actions by the State could undo the City's hard work and progress and set it back once again.

Despite the state's dissolution of redevelopment agencies, the mayor said the City is committed to moving forward on economic development. Duarte recently received "The Most Business Friendly City" award from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation in recognition of the City's outstanding efforts in proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services.

Also, an ad hoc committee comprised of the Economic Development Commission and Council appointed representatives have been meeting to discuss and review new opportunities for the Town Center Plan. The ad hoc committee will present their report at the March 12 Duarte City Council meeting.

The City has garnered more than \$5 million in grant dollars since 2009, most recently a \$334,000 grant from the State under the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevent (CalGRIP) program. The monies are directed to Duarte youth programs in addition to helping pay for a special assignment deputy and a L.A. County probation officer. A \$25,000 Public Safety Prevention and Intervention grant from the L.A. County Chief Administrator's Office will assist in funding programs including the City's recreational financial assistance program and youth programs.

The Gold Line Authority awarded Duarte \$100,000 in funds for the hiring of consultants, engineering and other services in conjunction with the design and development of the Duarte Gold Line Station.

Violent crime is down but Prison Realignment is creating

new challenges for communities throughout California, including Duarte, said the mayor. Property crimes including home burglaries are on the rise throughout the state.

Felony prisoners are being transferred from state prisons to already overcrowded city and county jails and to alleviate the problem, many are being released after serving a fraction of their sentences, inflicting a major burden on communities.

Duarte and Monrovia county, city, school and community leaders, law enforcement agencies and community nonprofits are working together as members of the Community Mediation Team to help ensure that when former prisoners come back into the community, programs and services are active to assist in their transition, prevent further unlawful incursions, and maintain public safety.

Of major importance to Duarte is protecting the environment. "Although many of the City's legal options have been exhausted in regard to preventing Vulcan from expanding mining operations that would seriously affect the quality of life and health of our citizens, we as a community may not be done yet," said Mayor Finlay. "We (the residents) may have other non-legal paths we want to pursue and new positions that we can take," she said.

Improving communication with citizens through various means of community outreach is a priority for the City. In addition to the City website, www.accessduarte.com, the City also publishes the quarterly Duarte City News mailed directly to Duarte homes, regularly posts updates on twitter.com/cityofduarte, and last year launched the community private social network, Nextdoor.com, to foster neighbor to neighbor and citywide communication.

Duarte's motto is the City of Health and the mayor wants residents to get on the bandwagon, or in this case, get on the bike. Every second Saturday, beginning April 13, residents are invited to join in "Bike Rides with Mayor Finlay". Riders will meet up at Royal Oaks Park at 8:45 a.m. for the bike ride along the Duarte Trail starting at 9 a.m. sharp. Bicycle safety gear is required to participate in the approximately 3.2 mile round trip ride.

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

Duarte decides not to pursue further appeal to save Van Tassel Ridge

The City of Duarte will not be filing a petition with the California Supreme Court seeking a further appeal of Duarte's challenge to the City of Azusa/Vulcan Materials' Environmental Impact Report for Vulcan's mining expansion project. A State Court of Appeals recently sided with Azusa/Vulcan and found the EIR to be sufficient. Duarte's challenge to the Azusa/Vulcan EIR was part of its effort to save Van Tassel Ridge from being destroyed by Vulcan's extensive mining expansion project.

Even though it did not prevail in the lawsuit, Duarte intends to monitor Azusa and Vulcan's implementation of the mining expansion project to insure the project is pursued in a manner consistent with the now-final EIR so that the health of all San Gabriel Valley residents and the preservation of our mountains can be protected to the greatest extent possible.

As approved by the Azusa City Council and upheld in court, the Vulcan mining expansion project is poised to extract 105.6 million tons of aggregate from the mountain between now and 2038 and in the process destroy Van Tassel Ridge. Over that same period, the City of Azusa stands to make more than \$65 million in mining fees and incentives from Vulcan.

Duarte's lawsuit was originally filed in August 2010 and now, two and a half years later, has come to a conclusion. "Even though the courts sided with Azu-

sa and Vulcan in this matter we feel our challenge to the EIR was well worth the effort," said Duarte City Manager Darrell George. "We hope, of course, that Vulcan

and Azusa will be open to further dialogue on the implementation of the project so that ongoing issues of concern to Duarte and its residents may be addressed."

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Duarte Community Clean-up Day Sat., April 13

It's spring cleaning time in Duarte and the City will hold its bi-annual Duarte Community Clean-Up Day on Sat., April 13.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Burrtec Waste Industries, Duarte's licensed trash hauler, will provide two convenient drop-off locations in the city where residents can dispose of large refuse items and E-waste. Drop-off locations are at Duarte Performing Arts Center, 1401 Highland Ave., and at the former Buena Vista Pavilion property at 2144 Buena Vista St.

To assist local residents with various clean-up tasks, Torre de Alabanza (tower of praise) Christian Church Youth Ministry has invited other local churches and local youth groups including the City of Duarte's (D.A.R.T.) Duarte Area Resource Team and (C.H.Y.L.L.) Cardinals Helping Youth Leading in Life to participate in an "Adopt-A-Block" project.

Adopt-A-Block will focus on a variety of pre-selected homes and blocks in and around Lena Valenzuela Park. Approximately 80 youth and adult volunteers will work alongside Duarte city staff and L. A. County Sheriff's deputies. Volunteers will meet at Lena Valenzuela Park at 2120 Mountain Ave. starting at 8 a.m.

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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.

HOT LUNCHES

The Duarte Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. You must call 24/48 hours in advance to reserve space for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

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AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older and there will be two different classes offered: 4-hour refresher course on Thursday, March 21, July 18 and November 7 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; 8-hour class on Tuesday & Thursday, May 14 & 16, September 17 & 19, November 21 & 14 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. If you take the 8-hour course your attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$12 for members (AARP card required at registration) and \$14 for non-members. Reservations are required prior to class. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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

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CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center is currently taking registration for the spring session of classes, and classes will begin the week of April 2. Registration hours are Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Classes are for 10 weeks unless otherwise noted. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Fee classes include: Art Appreciation, Cardio Dance, Chair Yoga and Meditation, Cross Fit, Exercise with Shelly, Get Fit, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Music Appreciation, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training Program, Western Line Dance; (Beginning), and Yoga.

Ongoing free classes include: Ceramics, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish Level I, Spanish Level II, Tai Chi, Walking Group, and Watercolor.

EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will start taking registration for Spring excursions on March 11 at Duarte City Hall. Registration is held 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted for purchases over \$25. Brochures are available at City Hall or the Senior Center to receive in-depth information about the following trips:

Carpenteria: Including the Salt Marshes and Sea Lions on Wednesday, April 3 from 8 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. for \$28; Lotusland in Santa Barbara on Wednesday, May 22 from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. for \$56; and USS Midway Museum in San Diego on Tuesday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. for \$37.

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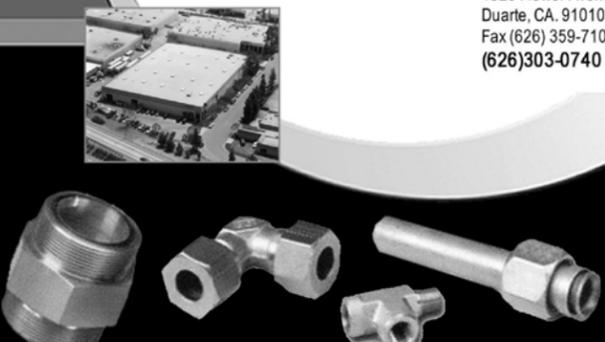
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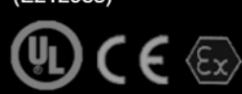
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The annual all Los Angeles County Libraries Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27.

The sale will be held at all County Libraries, and the closest one is our own Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista Avenue.

Books of all kinds will be available to purchase in the meeting room at the library hosted by the

Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL). All hard back and trade books are sold for \$1 each, except for a few that are considered collectable. One of those collectable books is an 1892 publication of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poems. Paperbacks are 4/\$1, children's books are 50 cents each,

DVD's – 2/\$1 and VHS are 4/\$1. The sale will be held April 27 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista Ave.

DHS Choir performing at Walt Disney Concert Hall Friday, April 26, 1 p.m.

"It is with great excitement that we announce that out of hundreds of applicants, our show choir, Cantabile (pronounced cahn-tah-bee-lay), has been selected to participate in the High School Choral Festival, hosted by the Los Angeles Master Chorale, at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles on Friday, April 26, at 1 p.m.," said Claire A. Hsu, Duarte High School Choral Director.

900 Southern California high school singers will fill Walt Disney Concert Hall with powerful sound as LAMC Music Director Grant Gershon takes the stage to conduct this one hour event celebrating community, diversity, and choral excellence among high school students. This free concert includes the Festival Honor Choir, talented students hand-picked by each participating choral director and includes four DHS students: William Glover, Sergio Witrago, Arianna Cano and Viane Escobar. See the notice below for details.



April 26, 2013
Walt Disney Concert Hall

11 AM
Master Chorale Chamber Singers Concert

The LAMC Chamber Singers, under the direction of Associate Conductor, Lesley Leighton, will dazzle the audience with a special showcase designed to inspire the participating students of the High School Choir Festival. This 45-minute concert is free and will feature a demonstration of the mighty Disney Hall pipe organ! Not to be missed!

General admission seating will begin at approximately 10:40 am

1 PM
High School Choir Festival Concert

Join us to hear 900 Southern California high school singers fill Walt Disney Concert Hall with a powerful sound as LAMC Music Director Grant Gershon takes the stage to conduct this one hour concert celebrating community, diversity, and choral excellence among high school students. This free concert includes the Festival Honor Choir - talented singers hand-picked by their own choir directors to perform center stage.

General admission seating will begin at 12:30 pm

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Walk-up: General admission tickets for both concerts will be available on Festival Day, in the Lobby of Walt Disney Concert Hall beginning at 10 am, April 26, 2013; tickets available on a first-come-first-served basis.

For more information contact: Lesli Beard, Education Programs Manager
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Easy room makeover ideas for spring

By Nadine Reyes Schmidt,
Certified Interior Designer,
LEED AP

As a designer, I absolutely love the springtime – it's a season of renewal and transformation, a time to welcome warmth and color back into our surroundings. In nature, everything seems to reemerge with beauty, and our homes should be no different. Fortunately there are easy, inexpensive ways to bring a breath of fresh air to your home décor.

Below are some of my favorite design tips to give your room a quick "mini-makeover" this spring:

De-Clutter. Nothing makes a room instantly feel lighter and fresher than reducing the amount of stuff that fills it. Too many knick-knacks, paperwork, furniture pieces, and other miscellaneous items can take over a room, making it feel cramped and uninviting. Spring cleaning is the perfect time to re-evaluate whether the objects you have are helping or hurting the look you want for your home. When you're able to let some things go, you'll free yourself from the burdens of clutter and your room will feel more open.

Rearrange. Once you've de-cluttered, you'll hopefully have gained some space here and there. Why not shift things around? Usually when I am hired to design a room, one of the first problems I must solve for clients is the furniture layout. Homeowners grow accustomed to having furniture in the same location for years, so they never see the potential for new possibilities. Examine the "flow" of the room and experiment with placement. It doesn't have to be a drastic change – sometimes a little goes a long way. Even swapping items from different rooms can sometimes add a nice unexpected twist. You never know what kind of clever combination you might come up with!

Focus. Consider where the focal point of the room is, or should be. It might be a scenic window, a cozy fireplace, or a beautiful piece of artwork. Everything else in the room should enhance that area by drawing your eye towards it, rather than competing with it. In some instances, a room can have too many focal points; this

causes visual clutter and makes a room feel busy. Limit the focus to no more than two important features in each room. A room that is dull or boring typically lacks a focal point altogether, so take this opportunity to create one that catches (and pleases) your eye.

Improvise. When decorating on a budget, look for creative ways to re-use items you already have. It can be simple: use a framed mirror as a decorative tray or a ceramic pitcher as a flower vase. If you're crafty or handy around the house, even better! There are tons of ways to give tired furniture a facelift: reupholster old chair seats in a new fabric, paint your lamp table a bright color, or change the knobs on that old dresser. It takes a little more time and patience, but the results can add a really nice conversation piece to your decor.

Accessorize. In fashion, an outfit is incomplete without the proper accessories; likewise, every room needs that finishing touch of style and personality to make it look complete. Accessories such as pillows, candles, vases, even an area rug, can brighten up a room with color or pattern. The key is to strike a balance so it's not too much and not too little, but rather "just right". Accessories are the easiest way to update your interior decor, or just re-vamp it from time to time. It's my absolute favorite method of changing styles each season, and a great way to incorporate current design trends without making a room look "dated" over time.

If the interior of your home has been stuck in a wintery rut the last few months (or even years), now is the perfect time to spring into action. Don't be afraid to try something new with your decor – have fun

with it! I hope these ideas inspire you to make your home warm and welcoming this spring... and of course, don't forget to stop and smell the roses.

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Duarte City Council sets series of Neighborhood Community Meetings

The Duarte City Council will take to the road for a series of community meetings this spring and summer in addition to holding to its regular schedule of City Council meetings.

Topics of discussion will include the City budget, development update, community outreach, public safety, and Gold Line construction.

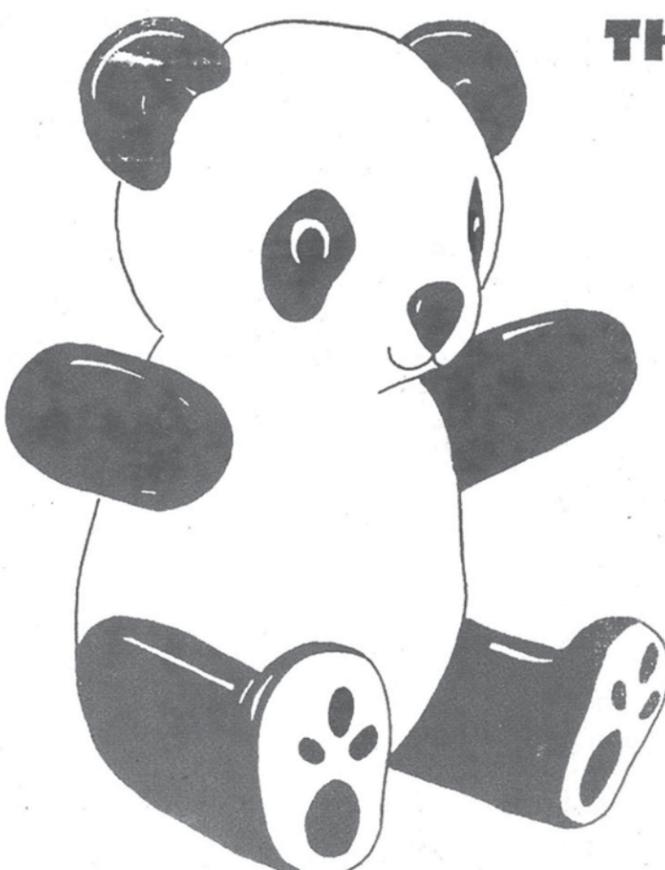
"As a public servant charged with improving the quality of life in the City of Duarte, I want to make sure that we are spending the people's money as efficiently and effectively as possible. Receiving input from the citizens in locations around the city that encourage participation, is a positive approach to responsible stewardship in our community," said Mayor Margaret Finlay.

The first of the community meetings, all to begin at 7 p.m., will take place on Tuesday, April 30, in the Andres Duarte School Cafeteria, 1433 Crestfield Dr.

Other community meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, at Beardslee Elementary School Cafeteria, 1212 E. Kelwill Way, and at Valley View School, 237 Melcanyon on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

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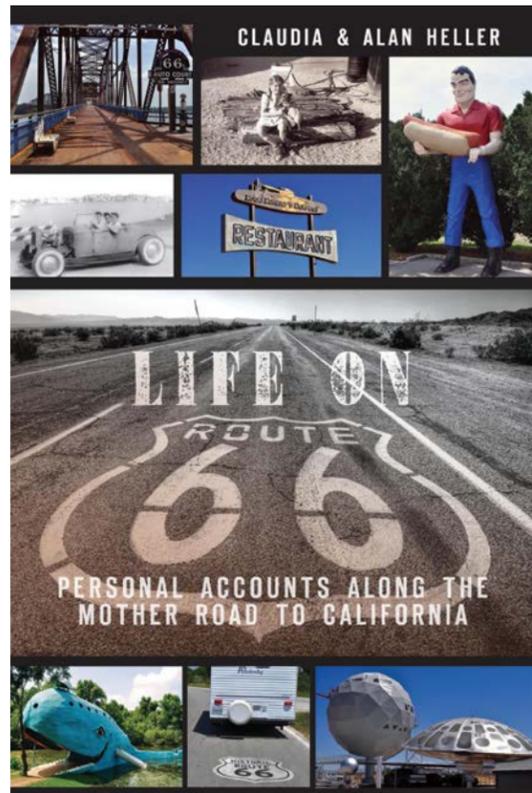
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Life on Route 66: personal accounts of life on the Mother Road to California, by Claudia and Alan Heller, chronicles their recent journey on Route 66 and sets forth personal experiences along the Road by those who traveled it in its fledgling years. The book, published by HistoryPress, sells for \$20 and may be purchased at book stores, on line, or by sending a check payable to Claudia Heller to P.O. Box 1251, Duarte 91009 (add \$3 for postage).



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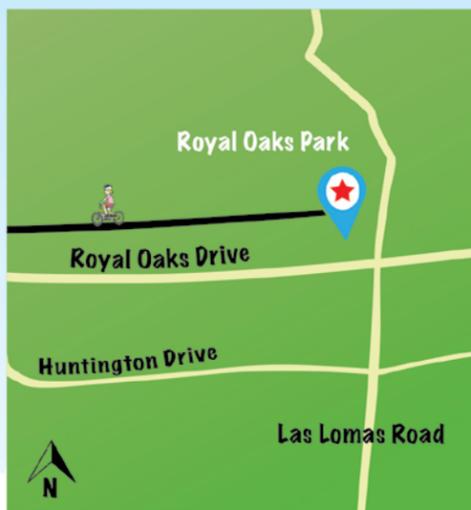
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Date: Starting **Saturday, April 13, 2013**
Time: Meet at **8:45 a.m.** and ride starts at **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **Royal Oaks Park**
2627 Royal Oaks Drive
Duarte, CA 91010
Cost: **FREE—No registration required**

Participants involved are required to wear bike safety gear. The City of Duarte is not responsible for any and all liability which may include injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property. Any participants involved are subject to the use of photographs depicting them or dependents for City use on any printed materials and/or website. The City of Duarte may use photographs without an obligation to provide compensation to those photographed.

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Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

As you are aware, year after year school districts across the state of California have been forced to plan for possible reductions in state funding by seeking concessions from employees that include furlough days, salary roll backs and layoffs of certificated and classified employees. The state legislature has shirked their responsibility to properly fund public education. We currently receive only 78 cents of every dollar we should receive for our students' education. In spite of these limitations, as a district, Duarte Unified has been very fortunate in our ability to weather this financial storm.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

While Proposition 30 provided some relief and the Governor's Budget proposes increased per student funding, Local Education Agencies (LEA), which include Duarte Unified Schools, find themselves facing the possibility of an additional round of reductions. The cost-of-living adjustment (1.65%) is small, and like many districts, we continue to deficit spend, which is further compounded by declining enrollment that is occurring in many districts as a result of the mass exodus from the entire state of California.

In addition, the possibility of federal sequestration creates even more uncertainty as LEAs contemplate the need for reductions in classified and certificated service. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) has the potential to significantly alter how LEAs think about the instructional program, project their staffing needs, and plan their budgets.

But, in spite of this distressing news and the fact that the past few years have been some of the most troubling economic times since the Great Depression, our district has continued to excel. Through the creativity and ingenuity of our staff, support of our school families, commitment from our community and the passion of our students, Duarte Unified can be proud of the accomplishments we have worked hard to achieve together.

We continue to succeed academically and are publically recognized for our scholarship merits. Duarte Unified attained the greatest API score growth in the history of our district by earning a gain of 156 points. Our schools can proudly boast both local and national recognition, and have earned numerous honors that include winning California Distinguished School, Title I Achievement School, Model Continuation School, Golden Bell, and nominations for the National Blue Ribbon awards.

Duarte Unified has continued to provide exemplary programs that include an unparalleled Early College partnership with Citrus College, full-day and transitional kindergarten classes, free child care K-8, a premier Head Start and State Preschool program, advanced placement classes, an International Baccalaureate Elementary program, state of the art technology in every classroom, an expanded mentor program, academic competitions such as Mathletes, mock trials, speech and debate, championship athletics and award winning choral and band programs. Next year we will even begin implementation of a district-wide comprehensive K-12 music education program. For our efforts, we have also been recognized by the community as both Wal-Mart School of the Year and a Los Angeles Regional Agency Award winner.

I am convinced that there is not a better place to raise a child than in the community of Duarte. We believe that each student, when connected to their passion, will have the necessary knowledge, skills and inspiration for success in career and life. What we now fondly refer to as our “Shoulder-Tapped Graduates.” The uncertainty of the economy can become a distractor if we so choose. As you can see, the Duarte Unified School District has not chosen that path, and will not allow these obstacles to interfere with our belief that the success of our students is vital. The necessity to meet their educational needs is our first priority. Thank you for supporting our efforts and for your continued commitment to our schools.



ANDRES DUARTE Second Grade students singing during Black History Celebration.

Great things are happening at Andres Duarte

By Mr. Rick Crosby, Principal

Great things are happening at Andres Duarte Elementary! After coming back from the holidays, Andres Duarte students were off and running with their studies. Never missing a beat, students are busy working on their grade level standards and exceeding district benchmarks. All Andres Duarte students are preparing to write for Andres Duarte's “All Write Day” on March 5th, especially our 4th grade students who will be taking the California State Writing Test. I have great faith that our students will be successful because I see every student doing the hard work every day.

The month of February is nationally known as Black History month and at Andres Duarte we held our 23rd Annual Black History Celebration on February 28th.

During this day each grade level participated in a performance that related to Black History or about students' own family histories. This was a time to reflect about who we are and where we have come from. After all these years, Andres Duarte recognizes the importance and relevance of learning about the many cultures of its students and staff.

On March 1st, Andres Duarte Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by having “Read Across Andres Duarte”. We had many influential people from Duarte come to our school to read to our classes. Our guest readers read a Dr. Seuss book and then spoke about the importance of reading and how the ability of being a good reader has helped them with their life endeavors.

Among our readers were Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay; Duarte City Councilmembers: Phil Reyes and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Duarte School Board President Ken Bell; Duarte School Board Member Tom Reyes; Duarte Education Foundation, Lois Gaston; Chairman of MAD Town Council, Dave Hall; Duarte Unified Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols; Duarte Administrators: Kevin Morris, Dr. Michael Chavez, and Alicia Fields; Former Andres Duarte Principal Lydia Carswell; City of Hope's, Dr. Gerri Cole; School Resource Officer, Deputy Maclean and three repre-



FAMILIES HAVING LUNCH at Andres Duarte's Family Picnic.

sentatives from the Los Angeles County Fire Department Station 44. Thank you, all that came out and made our day so special.

I believe after all of this news, you will agree with me that great things are happening at Andres Duarte Elementary!

DHS speaks!

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Duarte High School students had the opportunity to embrace poetry and the spoken word at an interactive assembly. “Get Lit” in partnership with our Poetry Club presented a Schoolwide assembly featuring classic poems and original poetry. Founded in 2006 in Los Angeles, GET LIT is LA's leading nonprofit presenter of literary performance, education, and teen poetry programs. The organization has started a movement of young people, picking up a book, often, for the first time in their lives. At Get Lit they are committed to providing youth with as many opportunities as possible to develop a love of literature, poetry and language, and to present their voices in a variety of ways, including public performance, printed anthologies, and on line. They believe that by inspiring a

nation of teens to read, we are leveling the playing field between rich and poor, mainstream and marginalized, bringing previously unheard voices to the front.

The Duarte High School SPEAK (Sharing Poetic Expression and Knowledge) poetry club is a dream come true for advisors Lisa Smith and Linda Alfred. The poetry club offers our students the opportunity to tell their stories, stories of struggles, joys, sorrows and triumphs. The SPEAK poets study the classics and then write original response material. GET LIT has trained our teachers in their poetry curriculum empowering them to address the common core standards using literary devices, figurative language and critical thinking. DHS is buzzing about poetry, students laughed, cried and identified with the GET LIT poets and our own SPEAK poets.



SUPERINTENDENT DR. NICHOLS reading to Andres Duarte 1st grade students.



GET LIT reception at DHS.



EMILIA GARCIA and her mom decorate cupcakes for dessert.

Girls' Night Out at Beardslee School!

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

On February 6th, our Beardslee Parent Staff Association sponsored the first ever "Mother Daughter Night" and it was a tremendous success! Over 100 Beardslee young ladies brought their mom, grandma, aunt, or other adult female role model to school for some good, quality "girl time"!

The evening began with a lasagna dinner and a photo opportunity with Hello Kitty and Mickey Mouse. Moms and their daughters sat together to eat dinner, enjoying each other's company and the company of other Beardslee ladies and their daughters!

Dinner included lasagna,

salad, rolls, and lemonade all thoughtfully prepared and served by willing parent volunteers!

After dinner, it was time for dessert! This was no ordinary dessert however!!!! Bowls of frosting and sprinkles were passed out along with unfrosted cupcakes and spoons. The moms and daughters then went to town decorating their own cupcakes! It was fun to watch the girls pile on the frosting and then try and eat them without getting frosting all over their faces!

After dessert, it was time for some fun! At Beardslee, this means dancing to songs like "Cha Cha Slide", "Macarena", and the ever-popular chicken dance!

The girls all had a fabulous time singing and dancing along with the music and many of the moms even joined in the fun!

At the end of the evening, the moms enjoyed a wild game of hot potato trying to win a gift card to Toys R Us for their daughter.

This event was a such a huge success that we're going to try it again in April but next time the focus will be on the Beardslee dads and their sons for "Father Son Night".

Stay tuned for an update this spring on what the guys do to have a fun time together!!!



KATHERINE TALAVERA shows off her cupcake for the camera.

Confidence for the 21st Century

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Royal Oaks is proud to be under the larger focus of Duarte Unified School District's vision and mission of preparing students for college and careers in the 21st Century.

As such, Royal Oaks is committed to developing student confidence 21st Century Skills of critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication. An excellent example of this is the recent original production of Southland Opera by 6th grade students at Royal Oaks and other elementary schools in the district.

Southland Opera, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation, is dedicated to providing live opera and musical theatre productions, educational assemblies and music composition workshops for chil-

dren and adults of all ages. They understand and believe in the value of arts enhanced learning and work directly with teachers and students to bring collaborative, hands-on workshops to Southern California schools and communities.

Their programs not only teach the arts, but also creatively integrate core curriculum with the arts to develop and support critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication.

In this third year of partnership, the Southland Opera began working with four Royal Oaks classes in October.

While meeting for ten sessions with each class, the Southland Opera instructor coached the students in working together (collaboration) to develop their

Duarte Head Start and State Preschool

By Erica Robledo, Family Community Liaison

Please take a moment to share our "good news" ...the positive things, the good things that our children, parents and staff are involved with at the Duarte Child Development Center! If you are interested in enrolling a child, please contact us at 626-599-5123!

Calling all dads! "Daddy and Me" Night!!: Duarte Head Start hosted it's 1st Daddy and Me Night on Tuesday, February 19th at the Andres Duarte Cafeteria. We had 39 Dad's and 40 children attend, for a total of 79 participants!!!! Along with the support factor, we strive to bring high level, mindfulness oriented, research based information to our parenting dad's, grandparents and caregivers, with dinner, too. Our dads are just as hungry to learn and discuss topics for Dad's!

NICE JOB DAD'S!

Teaching with Technology: Our teacher's are right track, and incorporating technology into each classroom. Duarte Head Start and State Preschool children are learning firsthand the joy and excitement of using amazing technology tools with Interactive Smart Boards and iPad's.

In their easy-to-follow guides, Sofia Valdez, Education Coordinator and Francie Stepp-Billing, Education Consultant lay down a path for teachers with helpful tips, their own classroom experiences, and a glossary of teaching terms to help teachers with embracing teaching with technology! Our teachers continue to impress everyone with their interactive classrooms!

Computer Literacy Lab: The Child Development program is excited to host California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Psychology/Sociology interns for the 3rd year. Our interns are continuing to incorporate technology through parent education projects such as the "Computer Literacy Lab".

The "Computer Literacy Lab" provides parents the opportunity every Friday at the Andres Duarte school site to access laptop computers to enhance and prepare parents with technology tools that their children will use as future leaders and problem solvers.

For more information, please contact Child Development at (626) 599-5123.

LISETH A., Cal Poly Pomona intern, leading Computer Literacy Lab, Friday, March 1st. Parents at work with learning how to use a computer, how to create a word document and much more!



DADDY and family arriving and placing their name tags. They are ready to have fun!



FATHERS CONSTRUCTING with their children and learning new ways to be creative!



ENJOYING some delicious pizza and having "quality" time with family.



THE CANDY KNIGHT, played by Emmett Herrera, encounters the Vampire-Dragon-Uni-Cow, played by Garrett Crain, in the Southland Opera Production at Royal Oaks.

own story plot (creativity) with a problem, climax and resolution (critical thinking). The culmination of their time together was a performance of their story in narrative form (communication) as well as musically (creativity again!).

Royal Oaks teacher Tina Quick and her class worked with the Southland Opera, and she herself is experienced in community theater productions. She loves Southland Opera, "Because every student gets a chance to show their creative side and get a stage experience."

Sixth grader Alexi Corona said, "We had to create our own lyrics and music. I liked that we got to perform on a stage. It was really cool!"

Southland Opera General

Director, Ann Noriel has been responsible for securing funding and offering the program.

When asked about the partnership with Royal Oaks she says, "I am so honored to work with Duarte Unified, to work with a district that holds arts in such high regard. In an age of budget cuts, where arts are the first to go, Duarte has stood firm and continues to make arts a priority.

"Working with Royal Oaks is such a pleasure, the teachers and students are so committed to the arts, you are an example to be followed."

Royal Oaks would like to thank Ms. Noriel and her organization for their commitment to developing students at Royal Oaks and in Duarte with confidence for the 21st Century.

Maxwell students raising funds and doing more

By Dr. Kelly Buckley, Principal

Maxwell Elementary students participated in Pasta for Pennies. Our goal was \$600. I am so proud of our students because they donated \$1,436.36 in coins. The money donated will benefit children with Leukemia and Lymphoma. This charitable activity was a great opportunity for our students to practice caring and empathy.

“PLEASE AND THANK YOU”

Thanks to the support of school board member, Mrs. Reyna Diaz, 30 fifth and sixth grade boys and girls were able to participate in a 6-week etiquette class. They learned the ABCs of etiquette.

Some of the content our students learned were how to set a table, proper table manners, how to write thank you letters and how to conduct themselves at a formal event.

In the words of one of our sixth



MAXWELL Elementary students donate \$1,436.36 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

grade boys, “I learned how to treat a girl like a lady.” Priceless! As a culminating event our students were invited to formal dinner hosted by The Leven Oaks.

The boys and girls enjoyed an evening of fine dining and socializing.



MAXWELL ELEMENTARY students at the Etiquette Class celebration dinner.

Valley View Activities

By Angie Salas, Principal

The Daddy/Daughter Dance, the annual Talent Show and Founder’s Day Celebration were three exciting and fun events that

brightened up the winter and early spring at Valley View.

We had our Daddy/Daughter

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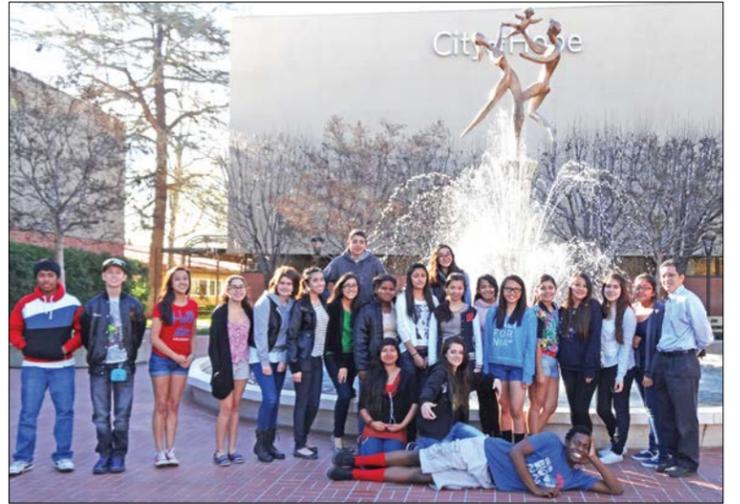
VALLEY VIEW celebrating the 100th day in school.

Northview Intermediate School: taking it to the next level through collaboration and community partnerships

By Alicia Fields, Assistant Vice Principal

On January 25, in collaboration with Duarte High School, Northview students thoroughly enjoyed their “night” at a recent Duarte High School basketball game. The DHS drum line, cheerleaders and the girls & boys basketball teams visited NV prior to the game and our NV students were pumped to show their support. It was a really fun night and Northview students appreciated being included in the excitement and had an opportunity to see a glimpse of high school life!

On Sat., Feb. 2, the Northview Debate Team traveled to Upland to compete in the Carden Arbor Private School Winter Debate Tournament. Northview teams collaborated to win 16 debates. There was some fierce competition with over 20 schools competing, but as a result of their



MR. HATA and his Period 1 Science class visits the City of Hope for a morning of scientific discovery at the City of Hope.

hard work Sebastian Sandvol, Jonathon Colacion and Caitlin Lozano won 11th place team award. Alyson Sann, JC Amistoso and Jocelyn Santillan won an 8th

place team award. The following debaters won Speaker awards: Jocelyn Santillan (12th place), Alyson Sann (7th place), Ronnel Rosales (6th place), JC Amistoso (3rd place) and Patricia Morris was the 2nd best speaker in the Inland Valley Debate League. Northview placed 3rd in Overall wins. Congratulations to the Northview Debate team!!!!

As a result of a wonderful partnership with City of Hope, our 8th grade students have begun field trips to some of the research facilities at City of Hope. The students have the chance to visit and experience the science and cancer research labs. During their visit, they have hands-on fun while extracting DNA from a banana, as well as learning about the applications and uses of scientific research. Who knows? A Northview student may discover the cure for cancer!



DR. LUCY BROWN shows Sarah Edelman and Kentrell Davis the Flow Cytometry machine.

DUSD parents graduate with high-tech honors

In the high-tech world we live in, computer literacy and broadband access are necessities for success in the 21st Century. Many of us take this and our wi-fi for granted. These days, most people are fortunate to have several digital devices on-hand for personal and professional use from smart phones to tablets to lap tops. However, large portions of our population are trapped in the digital divide due to economic hardships, limited training opportunities, and/or language barriers. As such, it is a primary goal of the Duarte Unified School District to seek ways we can provide access to technology for our DUSD families who otherwise do not have the financial resources or

linguistic skills needed to do so without our support.

For this reason, the Parent Engagement Through Technology (PE + T) Graduation Ceremony, held on March 4, 2013 at the Performing Arts Center, was an especially proud moment for all involved. At this special event, 54 parents of students who attend Duarte Unified Schools were honored for their completion of an extensive 4 week computer training seminar provided by Community Union, Incorporated under the One Million New Internet Users (NIU) Initiative in collaboration with the Duarte Unified School District.

Founded by Larry Ortega 20 years ago, the One Million NIU

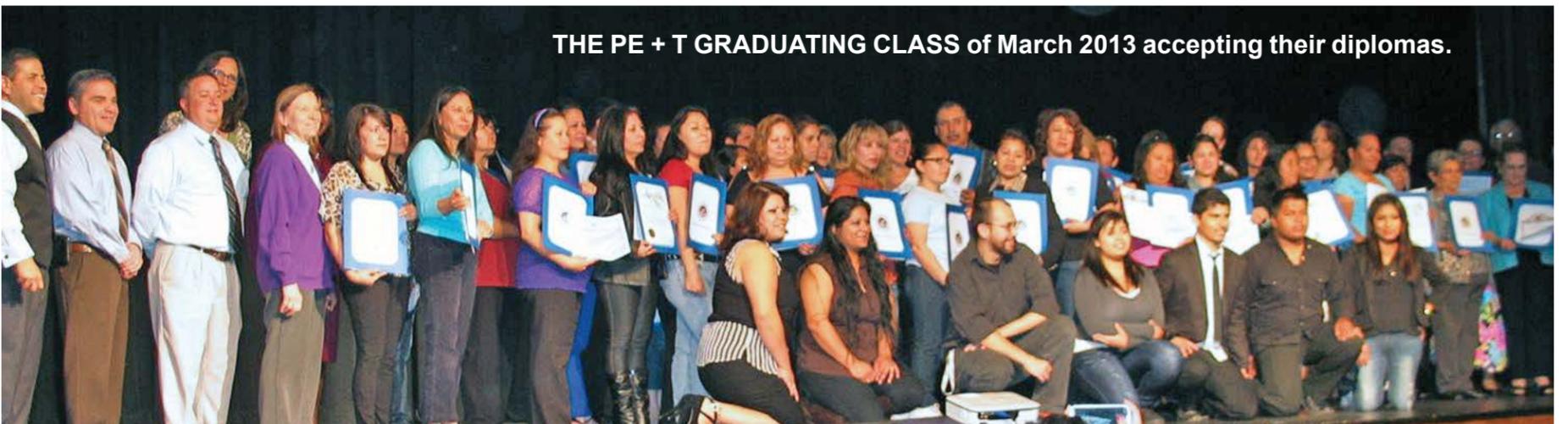


FLOW CYTOMETRY FACILITY where they add different dyes to identify parts of cells and measure its amount.

project is a direct response to a study that revealed over 3 million potential Internet users in California have yet to explore the World Wide Web. Run by a co-founded

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THE PE + T GRADUATING CLASS of March 2013 accepting their diplomas.



Valley View Parents

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Western Dance in February. It was so tender to watch Valley View dads with their daughters.

It was a fun filled evening of great activities like square dancing and tasty delights, who could resist a delicious root beer float.

Our PTA did another great job organizing the event. The cafeteria was decorated, and the music was loud.

Tiffany Johnson was an awesome DJ that kept it entertaining and fun. It is a wonderful Dolphin tradition.

The annual Valley View Talent Show was an amazing show. The PTA sponsors this annual event to showcase our children's performance abilities.

The event was hosted by our own **Tommy Silverman and Alexis Carroll**.

The cafeteria was jam-packed and the parents were beaming with pride. **Cici Carroll and Florencia Ponce** did a phenomenal job.

A school year would not be complete without the celebration of our 100th day of school at Valley View.

Our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students celebrated the day with a variety of activities all around the number 100. It was a fun day for our students.

Our faithful and fabulous PTA did a fantastic job at our annual Founder's Day celebration.

This year **Denise Figueroa** was the Founder's Day Chair. Denise did an extraordinary job. **Denise Figueroa and the PTA** planned and worked hard to make this year's Silent Auction and raffle another huge triumph.

Founder's Day is a tradition at Valley View.

Our families and staff come together to eat, enjoy the performances, honor our school community and support the classroom teachers.

As always, a good time was had by all. The Valley View Chorus and some of the talent show acts performed several numbers that delighted the audience. We appreciate the support of our parents, teachers, and staff for rising to every occasion for our school community.

We sure know how to have a good time at Valley View.

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coalition of various non-profits called Community Union, the One Million NIU project aims to get one third of those potential users online through free computer training programs funded by a grant from the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account of the California Advanced Services Fund.

It is hard to imagine, but many of the graduating parents had never touched a computer before due to language and/or economic barriers.

However, by the end of the training, each participant mastered the PE + T curriculum that included basic computer skills, preparing resumes/documents in WORD, creating Power Point presentations, formulating their own education/graduation plans as well as the necessary skills needed to guide their children to college and the ability to offer homework help, and navigate e-mail, Facebook & the internet safely. Their work culminated in a group portfolio of each student's final PowerPoint presentation and a segment was displayed at the graduation ceremony.

In addition to Community Union President, Larry Ortega, district and city officials were in attendance to offer their congratulations to the graduates and their families including Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols, Duarte School Board President Ken Bell, School Board Member Tom Reyes, Duarte Mayor Pro Temp Liz Reilly, and School Principals: Rick Crosby (Andres Duarte), Kelly Buckley (Maxwell), Janice Kolodinsky (Royal Oaks), and Dr. Michael Chavez (Northview). All agree the program has made a positive impact by providing vital technical skills & resources necessary to give these families a greater chance at success. Congratulations to all of the parents in the March 2013 PE + T Graduating Class! Their names are listed here:

Andres Duarte Elementary School Parents:

Concepcion Meza, Aurora Scott, Maria Lopez, Ana Estrada, Gemma Nanez, Maria Luisa Arellano, Josefa Diaz, Marina Romero, Martha Rodriguez, Rosaura Gomez

Maxwell Elementary Parents:



GIRLS NIGHT OUT participants enjoy everything the program has to offer.

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 - 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center registration packets must be filled out and returned.

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

Special Events and Activities NEW!

Hip Hop Dance Classes (6-Week Sessions)

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays, March 11-April 17

(No classes on the 1st Monday and Wednesday of the month.)

Time: 3:30-5 p.m. Fee: \$40

Come learn the latest dance moves, hip hop techniques, meet new friends and showcase your

Blanca Pena, Jenobeba Renteria, Maria Lourdes Lopez, Filiberta Leyva, Fatima Huizache, Leticia Rivera, Marina Mujica, Ida Buchanan, Antonia Cortez, Eva Murillo

Royal Oaks Elementary School Parents:

Teresa Robles, Maria Herrera Robeck, Maria Gonzalez, Concepcion Pina, Gregorio Robles, Monica Calderon, Teresita Aguilar, Maria Aguilar, Flor Velazquez, Carmen Vallejo, Luis F. Ramirez, Sheila Moreno, Maria De La Luz Santiago, Maria Rodriguez, Yolanda Bautista, Ana Torres, Susana Garcia, Yolanda Herrera

Northview Intermediate School Parents:

Mabel Schmidt, Lydia Garcia, Graciela Arias, Luz Garcia, Maria Dolores Garcia, Rosalyn Adolphus, Gladis Martinez, Maria Alvarez, Antonio Garcia, Martha Estrada, Celia Faliti, Rosaura Gutierrez, Maria Galindo, Andres Aguilera, Rachel Velasco, Maria Guadalupe Magallanes, Julia Cortez, Maria Robles, Lourdes Palacios

For further information about the NIU Initiative visit www.onemillionNIU.org.

talent!

ADVANCED HIP HOP CLASS

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays, March 11 - April 17

(No classes on the 1st Mon & Wed of the months)

Time: 5-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$40

Must have prior dance experience or prior Hip Hop class attendance.

Club Duarte (Intermediate School Students)

Dates: Friday, March 15 & Friday May 17

Time: 7:30-10 p.m. Fee: \$5

The Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth. Live DJ, dancing, food and game room activities.

CESAR CHAVEZ ESSAY CONTEST

Students grades 9-12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Cesar Chavez. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry Deadline is Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

LA FAN NIGHT

On Wednesday, April 10 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host LA Fan night. Come join us for Lakers basketball on the big screen TVs, food, and half time mini games! Wear a Lakers t-shirt, hat, anything with Lakers on it, and get free admission into the event. If you are not wearing Lakers gear admission is \$2 and includes snacks.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Youth between the ages 15-18 will participate in an employment workshop on Wednesday, April 16 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. The workshop will include tips on finding a job, gaining employment experience, resume writing, filling out job applications, interview tips, and how to be successful once you land a job. There will also be local employers on site to speak with the participants about employment opportunities. Please register in advance at the Teen Center. Space is limited. Free!

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center on Thursday, May 2 at 3:30 p.m. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy for \$1 per person.

SUMMER KICK OFF BBQ/ GRADUATION PARTY!

On Tuesday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. the Teen Center will have a Summer Kick Off BBQ/Graduation Party. Enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit, and a beverage for only \$1. Graduates eat free!

TEEN EXCURSION

Six Flags Magic Mountain Excursion

On Thursday, April 4 the Duarte Teen Center will be heading to the mountain for plenty of excitement and thrill rides! Trip leaves the Teen Center at 8:30 a.m. and returns to the Teen Center at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$35. Meals on your own.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Tuesdays: March 19, April 9 & 23, and May 7 & 21 from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

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

You will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Mon.-Thurs. 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 4-7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.



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Opportunities and change ahead for California's community colleges

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

For California's community colleges, these are times of great change, and equally great opportunity. Since the recession began in late 2007, many major institutions in the state, the nation and around the world have been reinventing themselves to become leaner, more efficient and more responsive to the needs of society. During this time, California's community colleges have undergone some of the most significant changes in the system's history, including a rebalancing of the core mission of community colleges to focus on transfer, awarding degrees and certificates, workforce preparation, and basic skills. In addition, the California Legislature has passed legislation that changes the priorities of the state's community colleges, as well as the opportunities for our students. One such bill, the Student Success Act of 2012, places greater emphasis on entering students and is focused on helping more students reach their educational goals. Another piece of ground-breaking legislation, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2010, guarantees junior status in the California State University system to qualified community college transfer students.

The impetus for change in higher education was also apparent in Governor Brown's proposed budget for 2013-2014. The Governor's budget demonstrates confidence in the important role community colleges will play in the state's economic recovery while proposing major changes in community college policy and funding. For example, the Governor has expressed his belief in the importance of online courses and included \$16.9 million in funding to increase online edu-



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL cation in community colleges. This has sparked a great deal of discussion as to the potential impact on student success, since these courses have historically had low completion rates. The Governor also proposed \$300 million for shifting the responsibility for adult education from K12 to community colleges. However, this amount is about one-third of what many community college leaders believe would actually be required to run the program. In addition, Governor Brown has proposed a 90-unit cap on the number of taxpayer-subsidized credit units that students may earn. Once a student passes the 90 unit limit, the student would be charged the full fee, which is more than \$200 per unit at many community colleges.

As California's community colleges have responded to the need for change that will improve student success and achievement, so too has Citrus College. To achieve the new core mission of the California Community Colleges system and comply with the mandates of the Student Success Act and the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, Citrus College has been working diligently and successfully to develop new associate in arts and associate

in science transfer degrees. Last fall, Citrus College was named one of the "strongest leaders across the California Community College system" in fulfilling the requirements established by the new legislation in a report published by the Campaign for College Opportunity. I am pleased to say that the college is currently working to develop additional AA-T and AS-T degrees. Two new AA-T degrees—kinesiology and elementary education—have been recently submitted to the Chancellor's Office for final approval. In addition, a transfer degree for journalism is currently under review by the college's curriculum committee, a preliminary step in the approval process.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the Citrus College community embraced a student-led initiative to increase the number of students who complete their studies and continue to pursue higher education and career opportunities by adopting "Citrus College: a College of Completion" as our theme for the year. Governor Brown has put forth goals for community colleges to decrease time-to-completion and improve completion and transfer rates, and the college's completion initiative will further those statewide goals.

With the spring semester well underway, it appears that Citrus College has navigated the tremendous financial challenges of the last five years. The college has not only survived, but it has done very well. This spring, Citrus College added more than 150 sections to its schedule of classes, and we are at nearly 93 percent capacity—good news for both students and the communities we serve.

I would like to applaud the efforts of the Citrus College faculty, staff and students for their willingness to embrace the change that is taking place in higher education in the state and nation and to seize upon the many exciting opportunities it affords. As Citrus College moves from a great college that has always strived for student success to an even greater college that strives to be a "College of Completion," I know we will see increased opportunities for Duarte students to be successful in reaching their higher education goals.



DUARTE TEEN CENTER is available to rent.

Park, facility rentals

FACILITY RENTALS

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

DUARTE TEEN CENTER 1400 Buena Vista Street

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

COMMUNITY CENTER 1600 Huntington Drive

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

ROYAL OAKS PARK BUILDING

2627 Royal Oaks Drive

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

ENCANTO PARK AND ROYAL OAKS PARK PICNIC GAZEBOS

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

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

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



MINI SOCCER is a fun team sport for Duarte Kids.

Youth Recreation Mini-Soccer

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will be taking registration at Duarte City Hall and at all local supervised playgrounds for youth mini soccer leagues starting Monday, March 11th. The fee is \$30 per child and includes a jersey shirt. Practices are scheduled to begin the week of April 8th. Children born in 2000 - 2004 (in a grade no higher than 6th) will play in separate boys and girls leagues. Practices will be conducted during the week, after school, and will be held at local supervised parks. Games will be held on Saturdays at Otis Gordon Sports Park. The field size for league games is about half the size of a normal field and the goals are also smaller. This fun and exciting 6 on 6-player league is perfect for all skill levels. For more information

call (626) 357-7931.

Little All Stars Soccer for Boys and Girls

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

DATES: Introductory practice Wednesday, April 17

Games will be held Wednesdays and Saturdays, April 20 - May 18

LOCATION: Otis Gordon Sports Park, 2351 Central Ave., Duarte

AGES: Group 1: Children born in 2004 & 2005 (6 & 7 years of age)

Group 2: Children born in 2006 & 2007 (4 & 5 years of age)

Child must be 4 years of age by April 17, 2013.

SIGN UP: Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive

FEE: \$30 (Includes a jersey shirt uniform)



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Duarte Fitness Center spring membership sale and aquatics program

It is time to get into shape. Save 20% during the Spring Sale at the City of Duarte Fitness Center. Sale prices are available March 23 through April 2. During the sale, Duarte residents can enjoy one full year of exercise, aerobics and aquatics or racquetball for only \$128. Non-resident rates start as low as \$176, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall.

At the Fitness Center you can choose from a wide variety of activities including strength training equipment, Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes, and Elliptical Trainers. The Fitness Center also has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic and Zumba classes are offered at various times daily.

The spring aquatics program will begin March 30. The pool will be available Monday through Friday for lap swimming from 6:30

a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends. Recreational swim will be held during spring break (April 2 – 5) from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on weekends from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for all ages. The Fitness Center and pools will be closed March 31 and April 1.

Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered this spring. Session 1 will run from May 6 – May 16, with registration beginning April 29. Session 2 will run from May 20 – May 31, and registration begins May 13. Priority registration will be available to City of Duarte residents with valid ID at 6 a.m. the first day of registration. All non-residents may register beginning at 8 a.m. Check with the Fitness Center for class times and levels being offered.

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



DUARTE LIFEGUARDS are ready to teach your children how to swim at the Duarte Fitness Center pool!

Duarte Outdoor Family Movie Nights set for Fridays, April 19 and May 31

Duarte Family Movie Night under the stars is making an encore with two free, fun movie night events scheduled this spring. DreamWorks' Madagascar 3 is the animated feature set for Friday, April 19 at Maxwell Elementary School, 733 Euclid Ave. On Friday, May 31, families can enjoy the Disney feature, Wreck it Ralph at Beardslee Park, 2000 Buena Vista St..

Family Movie Night is a Duarte Cal-Grip event, sponsored by the City of Duarte Public Safety Department, Duarte School District, THINK Together, SCE Federal Credit Union, and Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth. The movie evenings include a complimentary BBQ dinner and an opportunity to connect with Duarte City Council members and City staff, along with representatives of many community non-profit organizations that will be on site with information on their programs, services

and activities.

Nonprofit service organization, Marvell West will be grilling up ribs, hot links, and hot dogs for dinner which will be served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the April 19 movie night at Maxwell School. The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For the May 31 movie night at Beardslee Park, dinner will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the movie beginning at 8 p.m.

For more information, call Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.



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Duarte Recreation Spring Classes

The Duarte Recreation Department is offering classes for adults, teens, children and families.

Spring recreation classes include Amazing Arts, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Chess, Computer Training, Cooking the Fun & Healthy Way, Critical Reading and Written Expression, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Introduction to Journalism, Math Workshop, Mini Boot Camp, Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Sewing, Tennis, Tumbling, Vocals, Watercolor Workshop, Yoga and Zumba.

Registration for the spring session of classes begins March 11. Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$25. Classes begin the week of March 25.

For information on how to register, please contact the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or visit www.accessduarte.com.



ART STUDENTS work to create masterpieces they can take home!

Duarte and Bradbury join hands in Earth Day 2013 activities April 20

Duarte and Bradbury will honor Earth Day 2013 with a variety of joint community volunteer projects starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. Volunteers will plant trees and drought tolerant plants, and clean up trails throughout both communities.

Some 70 volunteers including 50 teens from the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), Teen Nutrition Council, and Share Mentoring Program will participate in the Earth Day activities. Participants will be treated to both breakfast and lunch. Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay and Bradbury Mayor Richard Pycz will kick off the luncheon at the Duarte Teen Center by thanking volunteers for their service. A speaker from the Los Angeles Regional Agency,

a consortium of 16 environmentally-conscious large and small member cities in the Los Angeles County committed to state mandated recycling, will also address the volunteers.

The community Earth Day project is made possible through the support of sponsors, the City of Bradbury, California America Water Company and Burrtec Waste Industries. For more information, or to volunteer, call Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

Key Club is growing

Duarte High Key Club President Adrian Diaz and Secretary Charlene Mendoza shared great news at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Club meeting. The Duarte High Key Club can now brag that they have 75 paid members so far this year – by far a record for DHS. The club's latest service project was sponsoring a blood drive for the City of Hope at DHS February 28. Plus, the club sent a total of 12 students to the Division Convention in Anaheim in March.

Duarteans invited to "Bike with the Mayor"

Family bike rides are a tradition for Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay and her family. Now, the Mayor would like to have other families join her on a monthly family bike ride on the Duarte Bike Trail.

On the second Saturday of every month, beginning April 13, families are invited to "Bike with the Mayor" along the City's scenic bike path, a 3.2 mile round trip.

Participants will meet at 8:45 a.m. at Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Dr. The bike ride will begin at 9 a.m.

No registration is required, just show up with a bike and required bike safety gear.

"I look forward to doing one of my favorite activities, riding a bike, on our beautiful bike path, talking with some of my favorite people, the citizens of Duarte, about their ideas on how we can make Duarte a better place to live and work for everyone," said Mayor Finlay.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall, Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931, ext. 201.



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THE FRIENDS of the Duarte Library by-laws were recently adopted and signed by President Jan Wight (R) and Secretary Lisa Stone. Other board members watching the signing are: (L-R) Cindy Croyle, Wendy Wright, Steve Baker and Pat De Rose.

FDL Board elects new officers

The Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) recently elected new officers for the 2013 year. In a unanimous ballot the following were elected: Jan Wight, President; Wendy Wright, Vice President; Lisa Stone, Secretary; Steve Baker, Treasurer; and Pat De Rose will serve with the elected officers as Immediate Past President. Those who serve on the Board as Members-At-Large are: Melinda Branch, Cindy Croyle, Mirna De Lira Lopez and Sandy Para.

The FDL has been extremely pleased to welcome two new members to the Board in the last two months. Ann Fleshman was accepted in February and Bobbi Wenrick in March. The Board is actively recruiting new Board members this year. Anyone interested in discussing the responsibilities of a Member-At-Large is welcome to attend a meeting on the second Monday, January-November, 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Duarte Library. For more information call Jan Wight at (626) 484-8959.

"FDL Board members enjoy reading and promote literacy throughout our community. If a child or adult can read the world is open to them," Jan Wight said. The FDL encourages reading for young people by giving away books, both new and used, at community events. The FDL also donates money to the County Public Library in Duarte for children's programs and activities, and programs for adults as well.

Planned projects for this year are: a fundraiser at Rancho Mexican Restaurant April 21-28; scholarship fundraiser; used book sales; and the FDL's major project the 11th annual Festival of Authors to be held October 5 at Westminster Gardens. You are always welcome to purchase used books and DVDs displayed in the Duarte Library at a cost of \$1 each. This money goes to funding library programs.

Friends of the Duarte Library are looking forward to an interesting, diverse and fun year bringing the love of reading to all of Duarte and Bradbury.

Monty Montgomery

Which was bigger, his booming voice or his kind heart?

When I first met former Mayor Monty Montgomery, it was in 1980, the year we moved to Duarte. He frightened me because he was such a bigger-than-life person. I resisted the temptation to curtsy or bow. He served as Mayor during that decade and was deeply involved in the city in a multitude of aspects. It was through the Duarte Historical Society that we later became friends and my admiration for him grew. Always with a hearty laugh, he was a joy to be around and his sense of humor was such that years later I planned a fundraising banquet for the museum where we roasted him relentlessly. He took it all in stride, even the part where former Mayor Ginny (Joyce) Belba took the mic and revealed to the crowd that this strapping man's real first name is actually "Joyce."

He served as president of the Duarte Historical Society for seven years (1983-1990), and it was largely because of his contacts and expertise as a contractor that the Society was able to purchase the historic house in which the museum is presently located. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints sold the house to the Society for the total price of \$1, rather than demolish it to clear the land for their Church. The deal was largely arranged by Monty. Through his knowledge and expertise, the house was cut in two and moved to its present location in Encanto Park. Where most homes are moved in the middle of the night in order to avoid traffic jams, Monty had his own ideas! The house was moved on a busy Saturday morning right down Huntington Drive leading a parade complete with high school bands, drill team, cheerleaders and banners. It was a sight to remember for all times. Monty had big dreams and a way of making them come true.

Monty was a classic family man. He and his wife, Dorothy, were married for sixty-eight years. They purchased a home on Cinco Robles in Duarte in 1957 and there raised their daughter and five sons, all of whom graduated from Duarte High School. Throughout the years, their Cinco Robles home was constantly opened to local

non-profit groups for fundraising events.

"With his hearty laugh and giant smile, Monty Montgomery volunteered throughout his life in Duarte to make this city a better place to live, work and play. His heart was full of love and compassion for all Duartean. He wanted nothing but the best for us and was always willing to put his hard work with all other volunteers to make our city the best it could be," says Jan Wight, former school board president and former Chamber of Commerce President/CEO.

Recognizing Monty for his steadfast dedication and contributions to the city, the upper sports field at Duarte Park is named "Montgomery Field."

In addition to the Museum, Monty actively supported several local organizations such as the Duarte Youth Acres and Falcon Booster Club. He served on several commissions during turbulent but important times in the shaping of our city. He fought against allowing poker parlors to move within our town, and actively championed Duarte's successful bid to become an incorporated city.

For several decades Monty was a big influence in town and fortunately his work and dedication was on the side of improving the quality of life for all Duartean. Because of his vision and actions, we enjoy many of the fruits of his labors today. He and Dorothy moved to Costa Mesa in 1987, but according to their daughter, Claudia, "they always thought of Duarte as their home." He passed away on February 18 this year, at the age of 92.

- Claudia Heller



DOROTHY AND MONTY MONTGOMERY with their daughter, Claudia.

Photo by Alan Heller

City of Duarte Community Meeting Series 2013

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Community Meetings Series 2013

April 30, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Andres Duarte School Cafeteria
1433 Crestfield Drive
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July 30, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Beardslee Elementary School Cafeteria
1212 East Kelwill Way
Duarte, CA 91010

September 17, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Valley View School Cafeteria
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Duarte, CA 91010

"As a public servant charged with improving the quality of life in the City of Duarte, I want to make sure that we are spending the people's money as efficiently and effectively as possible. Receiving input from the citizens in locations around the city that encourage participation, is a positive approach to responsible stewardship in our community."

- Margaret Finlay

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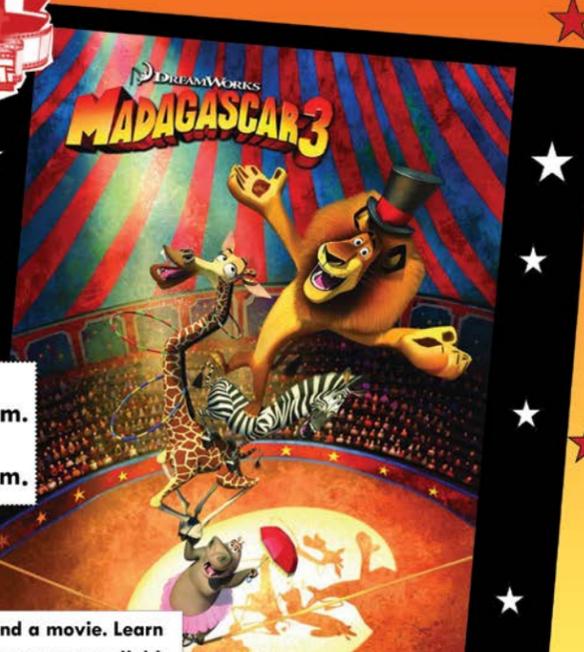
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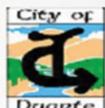
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