



Duarte View

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

Building begins on Duarte High School's Field of Dreams



BREAKING GROUND for Duarte High School's Field of Dreams facility are, from left, Duarte Unified School District Board Members Frank Figueroa and Tom Reyes, Board President Reyna Diaz, Board Member Pam Kawasaki, Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols, Board Vice President Ken Bell, and Senior Facilities Director Brad Patterson.

By Jenny Owen

Members of the Duarte community gathered together on June 13 to commemorate the launch of construction on Duarte High School's new Stadium Facility. The Duarte School Board of Education and Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent of Schools, hosted

the official groundbreaking ceremony that was attended by representatives from the Duarte City Council, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Library, Duarte Education Foundation, Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council, Citizens' Oversight Committee, Duarte PTA and Duarte Unified School District administration, teachers, staff, parents, and students.

School Board President Reyna Diaz delivered the opening address and emphasized that this ceremony marks the fulfillment of a dream that was expounded upon by Board Member Frank Figueroa. In 2010, the voters of Duarte had the fortitude to pass Measure E in the wake of troubling economic times. Board member Pam Kawasaki was recognized for her work chairing the bond campaign that led to the passage of Measure E. In remarks from both Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Diaz, they expressed gratitude to the entire community for making the decision to support all of the schools in DUSD.

Mayor John Fasana and field staff from Supervisor Antonovich, Assemblymember Portantino, and State Senator Hernandez presented certificates in honor of the occasion and congratulated the DUSD community on the

achievement of this collaborative effort.

Dr. Nichols directed the Turning of the Soil Ceremony to commence the official start of the construction process for the Stadium. Each board member, Dr. Nichols and Mr. Patterson were

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Duarte helping businesses by easing temporary sign regulations

In a move to help support the success of local businesses in tough economic times, the Duarte City Council has voted to suspend enforcement of certain temporary signs for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2012.

It was just a year and a half ago that the City adopted an updated Development Code that included new regulations barring hand-held signs, inflatable signs, and limited the display of balloons and temporary banners. But last February, City staff met with the Chamber of Commerce's sign ordinance committee as well as attended a community-wide sign ordinance forum to gather input from businesses. It was determined that a short-term suspension of the enforcement of certain types of violations for temporary signs could help the business community at this time.

"We appreciate the Chamber of Commerce's efforts to facilitate the needs of local business here in Duarte," said Darrell George, Duarte City Manager, adding, "the sign ordinance committee was instrumental in making this amnesty period happen."

During the amnesty period, hand held signs will be permitted during daylight hours when not interfering with the safe flow of traffic. Small balloons up to 12 inches in diameter will be allowed with an approved temporary banner permit up to 105 days per year



and a maximum of 30 consecutive days at a time. The display of inflatable signs and identification devices that utilize airflow to operate will be permitted during daylight hours when not interfering with traffic flow.

Two other concerns businesses raised with the City are also being addressed. City code enforcement staff has refocused duties in the commercial zones of the city on property maintenance and aesthetic issues, and on serious sign violations that create clutter. Since the February meeting, the City has also developed sign information brochures that are available at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, on the City's website www.AccessDuarte.com and on the Chamber's website www.DuarteChamber.com.

Duarte approves lean budget for fiscal year 2012/2013

Following a fifth consecutive year of budget cuts in program, services and personnel expenses, the Duarte City Council has approved a \$12 million General Fund budget with over \$50,000 in projected deficit spending for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

It is projected that the General Fund will end the fiscal year with a reserve of \$12.5 million, or possibly drop to below \$5 million; 42% of the General Fund operating budget if the State decides to retroactively invalidate City/Redevelopment Agency debt repayments.

Total General Fund expenditures are projected to be \$12 million, an increase of \$601,500 more than the 2011/2012 budget.

This increase in General Fund expenses represents expenses that were previously funded with a portion of Redevelopment Funds that were seized by the State upon closure of the City's long standing Redevelopment Agency effective February 1st.

General Fund revenues are expected to increase to \$11.98 million with an increase of \$414,200 over the 2011/2012 budget. Total revenues and other resources received by the City and the Housing authority are estimated to be \$16.1 million.

According to sales tax projections, revenues are expected to increase \$120,000 or 2.7% over the mid year estimated actual. This is slower growth than last

year, which grew by 4% and continues to remain \$1 million below annual sales tax revenues from six years ago.

Over the past five years the City has made more than \$2 million in cuts that have resulted in reduced services and programs for the community.

Eight full time staff positions remain vacant due to budget limitations, representing a \$791,000 annual savings, but further impacting services to the community. Full and three-quarter time staffing for 2012/2013 is at 41.25, a 20% reduction since 2008/2009.

There also continues to be

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2012 Summer Concert Series

Come and enjoy four nights full of live entertainment, dancing, food, and games for the whole family. There will be a raffle held at every concert hosted by the Route 66 Parade Committee.

This summer's concert entertainment schedule includes: June 27 - "The Groove Classic Oldies Show," favorites from the 50's-80's, sponsored by California American Water; July 11 - "Artistic Measure," smooth jazz, R&B and Latin sponsored by Rutan & Tucker, LLP; July 25 - "Ghost in the Machine," Police and Sting tribute band, sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; and August 8 - "Los Mineros de Durango & Mariachi Poncitlan," sponsored by Duarte Soccer League and Burretec Waste. The City of Duarte actively seeks sponsors

for the summer concert series and would like to thank all this years sponsors including Foothill Transit for their financial contributions, support and commitment to helping provide safe, enjoyable community events.

Concerts will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street. Concession stands will open at 6 p.m. The City of Duarte Transit Department will be providing free transportation. For sponsorship information contact Lupe Valerio, Recreation Supervisor at (626) 357-7931.

Remember to bring your lawn chair or a blanket!

For information on this summer's Duarte Parks and Recreation Summer Concerts, programs, events and activities, please call (626) 357-7931.



CITY OF DUARTE CONCERTS in the Park series offer musical entertainment, vendor booths, fun intermission activities, kids games and guaranteed fun for all!

Betty R. McWilliams named Executive Director of Foothill Unity Center

Foothill Unity Center Deputy Director Betty R. McWilliams has been chosen from a field of over 20 candidates to assume leadership of the organization effective June 4. She succeeds Joan E. Whitenack, who is retiring after nearly 17 years as head of the agency.

As a key member of the Center's management team for 14 years, McWilliams has played a pivotal role in its growth into one of the most effective nonprofit agencies in the area.

In partnership with Whitenack, she led the expansion of its program service area from three cities to eleven, now providing services to more than 4,000 unduplicated very low income local families and homeless each year.

She was instrumental in securing the Center's federal designation as Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area and in the success of its major annual fundraising event, the Golden Plate Awards Dinner. In addition to overseeing the Center's day-to-day operations, McWilliams has helped to develop many of its client programs, including Health Services, Pet Food Bank, Senior/Disabled Home Delivery, case management and much more.

She has also been instrumental in the planning and execution of its annual Back to School, Thanksgiving and Holiday Distributions. Prior to joining the Center, McWilliams served as Executive Director of the Pasadena Senior Center for six years and held other administrative positions in the private sector.

"After a months-long search and the review of a strong field of final candidates, Betty emerged as the hands-down choice of our Executive Search Committee," said David Steinmeier, President of the Center's Board of Directors. "As Foothill Unity Center enters a new era of helping local families in need, we are fortunate and proud to have Betty's exceptional leadership skills, seasoned experience, caring and passion at the helm."

ABOUT FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER

Foothill Unity Center helps local low-income families and individuals get the food, health care and crisis assistance they need to survive, and hopefully get back on their feet. In 2011, the nonprofit Center, the Community Action Agency for the Foothill area, provided more than 35,000 family food services - including monthly groceries, weekly perishable foods, bag lunches for the homeless, homebound delivery and more. The organization also supplies access and referrals to health care services, plus referrals to over 100 local organizations and partners for other crisis services.



BETTY R. McWILLIAMS

Duarte's Magic Show a Smashing Success!

April 1st brought a lot of fun in Duarte this year. The Duarte Kiwanis club had the opportunity to present Master Magician, Garry Carson and his Magical Mystery Show.

The Club made it a truly community event by including many youth organizations. Renee Estephan, Duarte High School Key Club President, was instrumental in organizing volunteers from the Key Club to help the night of the event.

She also coordinated with Ryan Johnson, Advisor to the Northview Intermediate School new Builders Club. Together they were able to bring over 25 student volunteers to the event.

The volunteers helped in many ways ranging from ticket sales, and door monitoring to creating activities for kids prior to the show and finally clean up.

Additionally, the Duarte Kiwanis Club was able to partner with the Duarte High School ROP Culinary Arts Program to provide a delicious pasta dinner.

They also partnered with the Mt. Olive High School, Lemonade Brigade, who provided drinks for dinner and during intermission.

Finally, guests were entertained during dinner and waiting for the show to begin by the Duarte High School Jazz Band! Truly a full community event.

About 300 community members attended the show which included a lot of audience participation - including Deputy City Manager, and Kiwanis member, Karen Herrera who assisted in a card trick.

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

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

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Duarte Kiwanis Club visits MOOSE Program at Mt. Olive High School

When the Duarte Kiwanis Club made their first donation to the M.O.O.S.E. program at Mt. Olive High School, they really didn't know the extent of the vision and creativity of the students in the program.

The club took a "field trip" to see first hand what was happening in the program. Principal, Kevin Morris shared a great informational overview of the program.

It turns out that the M.O.O.S.E. program (Mt. Olive Outside Science Experience) was really born out of necessity. Since there wasn't enough classroom space for a science lab, they created a hands-on experiential program through M.O.O.S.E. The program really focuses on environmental opportunities and concerns, and provides a true career path for those interested in "green jobs".

Their current projects include Aquaponics – tilapia breeding,

Composting, Rain gauge studies, Vermiculture (worm farming), Production of worm tea as a pesticide, herbicide & fungicide, Vegetable beds, fruit trees and flower beds, Pond biome – fish and turtles studies, and Elementary school field trips. One of their future programs will be Garden to Lunch Table – providing fresh vegetables to go right into school lunches in the cafeteria!

Most recently, the M.O.O.S.E. program has been recognized as the second place winning school for the Huntington Gardens Fairchild Challenge.

The Challenge is a free contest for high school students that fosters interest in the environment by encouraging students to appreciate the beauty and value of nature, develop critical thinking skills, understand the need for biodiversity and conservation, tap community resources, become

actively engaged citizens, and recognize that individuals do indeed make a difference.

In addition to taking second place for Mt. Olive, four of the M.O.O.S.E students won 1st place awards in their categories - Xavier Delgado – Beautiful Science, Lionel Silva – Editorial Cartoon, Blanca Garcia – Play with Your Food, Nick Perez – Short Story.

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City of Hope, DUSD awarded \$1.3M grant

It's only a few blocks from City of Hope to classrooms in the Duarte Unified School District, yet for some Duarte students, the road to becoming a scientist can seem a world away. A new grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) promises to bring this world within their reach.

The partnership between City of Hope and the Duarte Unified School District is supported by a five-year, \$1.3 million grant from the NIH's Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) program.

"One of the things really lacking in the profession of science is a pipeline of students – particu-

larly under-represented minority students – who are enthusiastic about research," said Susan Kane, Ph.D., professor, Division of Tumor Cell Biology at City of Hope, who will oversee the SEPA grant. "Creating this pipeline is an attempt to help change the face of research," she continued.

"We're proud to work with City of Hope to promote science and encourage more of our students to enter this field," said Terry Nichols, Duarte Unified School District. "Thanks to this grant, we will be able to devote even more resources to fostering our future scientists."

Kane and other City of Hope faculty began forging a partnership with the Duarte School District about five years ago, visiting classrooms of high school students, and serving as resources for teachers and advisors on laboratory projects. They also invited biology and chemistry students to tour City of Hope labs every year.

"When I was that age I don't think I had a concept of what a scientist was or that research was something you could do as a career," recalled Kane. "We're eager to open the world up to these kids and potentially excite some of them to think about doing research as a career – and as a passion."

West Nile Virus found in San Gabriel Valley

A dead crow from the city of Sierra Madre has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This is the first indication of WNV activity in the San Gabriel Valley this year. Mosquitoes trapped in the area today will be tested for virus. Results from this test will be available Monday, June 11, 2012.

Warmer temperatures provide ideal conditions for WNV amplification and transmission. Mosquitoes pick up WNV from infected birds and spread it to other birds when they bite again. People can also get WNV if bitten by an infected mosquito.

Dead birds are often the first indication of WNV activity in an area. Residents are encouraged to report dead birds to the State hotline (877)WNV-BIRD (968-2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov and mosquito problems to their local District.

It is critical that residents survey their property and remove all standing water to prevent mosquito reproduction. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water sources such as neglected pools, buckets, misc. containers, puddles and ponds. Eggs can hatch and mature to biting adults in 5-7 days.

Since its introduction in 2003, there have been 3,146 reported infections and 110 deaths from WNV in California. West Nile virus is present and a risk to public health every year.

Throughout the summer, basic protective measures should be followed:

- DRAIN: Check properties weekly and remove all sources of standing water. Report 'green' inoperable pools or other sources of standing water to the District
- DAWN AND DUSK: Wear effective repellents if outdoors when mosquitoes are present (between dusk and dawn)
- DEFEND: Ensure doors and windows are properly screened

The District encourages the public to help identify WNV "hot spots" by reporting dead birds to the WNV Hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov. We also urge our residents to call the District to report any mosquito activity.

Dreams

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given white hard hats and gold shovels by Duarte High School athletes to symbolically represent all of the students who will benefit from the new Stadium. The group then moved to the simulated dig site set in front of the goal post on the west end of the current DHS field. Together, on the count of three, the shovels were thrust into the dirt as the crowd broke into applause and the DHS Band played the Falcon Fight Song.

The new Duarte High School Stadium is scheduled to be ready for the 2012 fall sports season. The completed state-of-the-art venue will include a synthetic track and field, press box with elevator access, ticket booth, stadium lighting, scoreboard, and seating for 3,000 Falcon fans.

Senior Facilities Director Brad Patterson provided an overview of the other modernization and refurbishment projects, in addition to the new Stadium, that Measure E will afford the students of DUSD. Mr. Patterson explained that the first phase of construction will include a culinary arts classroom, bio-tech lab, renovated woodshop facility, and new building for wrestling, weight room and team meeting area. At Northview Intermediate, a new cafeteria and locker room building will be constructed, and multiple projects will be underway at Maxwell Elementary including a new science lab/classroom, renovation of the Administration building, new drop-off zone, sports field lighting, and the expansion of the kitchen and cafeteria.

At the end of the event Dr. Nichols commented, "I know our students are champions both on and off the field, but I am really looking forward to Falcon home games this year, since our students will have a venue worthy of showcasing their talent. I thank the community of Duarte for making this possible."



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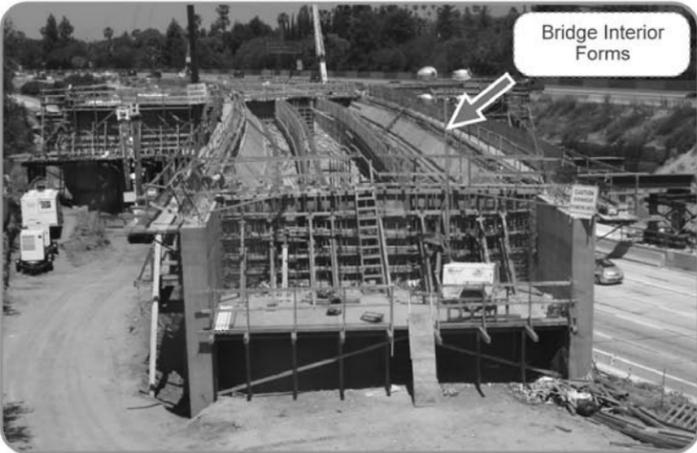
WHAT: Construction activity will require partial and full closures.

WHEN: One full closure of the eastbound I-210 Freeway is scheduled for this bi-weekly period. The full eastbound closure is scheduled to start on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at Midnight and will continue through to 5 a.m. the following morning. Partial lane closures will occur prior to and following this full eastbound closure. Additionally, occasional lane closures of up to three eastbound lanes may take place during this bi-weekly period. Partial lane closures will start no earlier than 10 p.m. and end by 1 p.m. the following day.

WHERE: Eastbound lanes of the I-210 Freeway, between Rosemead Blvd. and Santa Anita Ave.

WHAT TO EXPECT: During the next two weeks, crews will remove the interior forms for the bridge superstructure and begin to set the forms and reinforcing steel for the bridge deck, which will be poured sometime in the late July / early August timeframe. Additionally, on the evening of June 27, 2012, crews will pour concrete to build foundations for the bridge's 5 overhead catenary system poles, which will eventually carry the overhead cables which power the trains.

Construction schedules are subject to change for various reasons including but not limited to weather conditions and unforeseen delays. Please note that other construction projects are also affecting the Arcadia stretch of the I-210 Freeway. To learn more about upcoming ramp and lane closures from these projects, be sure to visit the websites listed below.



Toll-Free Project Hotline: 855-446-1160

For I-210 Bridge information:

- www.foothillextension.org

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Citrus College – Still a great opportunity for high school seniors

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

As a member of the Citrus College Board of Trustees, one of the most enjoyable tasks I have each semester is signing letters of congratulations to students from the Duarte area who have earned a place on the President's List and Dean's List. The majority of these outstanding students graduated from Duarte High School and are well on their way to earning a college degree or a career/technical certificate that will enable them to get good paying jobs and become contributing members of our community.

This is the time of year when hundreds of high school seniors across our region are contemplating the next step in their educational pathway. Whether they are considering a career that requires an associate or bachelor's degree, or they opt for a more direct path

to employment via career/technical education, these young people are at a very important crossroad in their lives. The decisions they make now will not only determine their level of satisfaction in their chosen career field, but also how much they will earn over the course of their lifetime.

What is the potential value of higher education? Many factors contribute to how much a person will earn in their lifetime. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that over an adult's working life, high school graduates can expect, on average, to earn \$1.2 million; those with a bachelor's degree, \$2.1 million; and people who earn a master's degree, \$2.5 million. For students who are planning for careers in "middle-skill jobs" – those that require more education than high school, but less than a four-year degree – salaries vary, but are significantly above those for jobs requiring a high school diploma. According

to the National Skills Coalition, middle-skills jobs, such as healthcare workers and automotive technicians, make up the largest part of California's labor market. About 47 percent of all jobs in California in 2009, the last year for which data is available, were in middle-skill occupations.

I am sure you are aware that the state's public colleges and universities, including the University of California, the California State University and California's community colleges, are dealing with budget cuts of historic proportions, and as a result, have been forced to downsize their course offerings. At Citrus College, while enrollment is limited, there are still opportunities for graduating high school seniors. One important program for students attending high schools in our district is the Early Decision Program. Early Decision sets aside 100 seats for seniors from our six feeder high schools and 20 seats for seniors in our continuation/alternative high schools. Students who participate in the program attend a college assessment and orientation and are offered priority registration for the fall semester.

For those who were not eligible or missed the opportunity to participate in Early Decision, Citrus College is still a viable choice and a great place to embark on a higher education path. The college continues to uphold its reputation as one of the finest institutions of higher learning in our region. This spring, Citrus College students and staff received recognition on the national, state and local levels, winning a number of prestigious awards and competitions. In its annual issue, "Top 50 Community Colleges," The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education ranked Citrus College in the top 50 in each of its three ranked categories, out of more than 1,100 community colleges nationally. In April, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors selected Citrus College as one of three winners of the inaugural Energy and Sustainability Awards competition, presenting the college with the District Leadership Award for its sustainability project. The project is a partnership with the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the California Energy Commission to create a "template" that will be used as a guide for sustainability on the campuses of the state's 112 community colleges.

Citrus College currently offers associate degrees in 35 programs of study and certificates of achievement and skill awards in 42 career/technical programs. For high school seniors and others who are willing to work hard and persist in order to achieve their dream of a college education, opportunity is still here and the dream is still alive at Citrus College.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

Budget

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an imbalance in the Citywide Landscape and Lighting District, as costs to operate and maintain continue to rise, but revenues do not adjust accordingly.

Despite implementing cost-saving measures including longer periods between mowing, watering and tree trimming, the District will still require a subsidy from the City's General Fund of \$227,000.

"While every attempt has been made to achieve a balanced budget and preserve a healthy reserve, this has not come without significant impacts to residents of Duarte," said Darrell George, City Manager.

"As difficult as this budget was to put together, Duarte will still be able to offer many long standing programs and services; unfortunately, many at reduced levels. We will continue to monitor the State budget situation and economic trends and forecast their impact on Duarte resources so that we continue to remain ahead of the curve and retain our reserve," said George.

Duarte is working to plug some of the gaps by re-inventing programs, utilizing community partnerships, and looking at ways to increase revenues.

For example, the City Council will soon consider final approval to exchange CDBG funds for General Funds, which would net approximately \$41,000 in General Fund revenue and another \$20,000 that could be set aside for low income youth programming previously funded utilizing a portion of CDBG funds.

The Council is also considering increasing annual and temporary parking fees and a future public hearing. With the adoption of the budget, Council approved staff marketing and renting out City facilities including the Teen Center, gazebos in Encanto and Royal Oaks parks, Otis Gordon Park for soccer, in addition to selling a City Picnic executive sponsorship to generate approximately \$103,000 in additional General Fund revenues.

As an example of the outstanding partnership between the City and the Duarte Unified School District, the District has offered to host the Junior Olympic track meet which the City has traditionally funded. This results in a \$5,800 savings to the General Fund while retaining this outstanding youth program for the community.

D.U.S.D. will also pay the entire cost of a Sheriff's Special Assignment Deputy School Resource Officer, a cost of \$162,300 previously shared by the City.

Due to the magnitude of cuts and the City's desire to restore many, if not all, of these programs and services, the City Council retained Willdan Financial Services to conduct a survey and analysis of Duarte voters' willingness to support one of several new revenue options being considered to be placed on the November 2012 ballot.

The telephone surveys recently concluded and are now being analyzed to determine if a Utility Tax, 1/2 % supplemental sales tax, or public safety parcel tax would be acceptable to voters in order to restore vital City services.

Roar

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has already generously donated a box full of books for us and the Rotary Club members are helping as well.

The members themselves are donating their old books to help the project. We will be distributing boxes throughout our high school's campus, in the office and English classrooms, to hold any books that any other students or teachers/adults, want to donate to help our cause.

Through fundraising and hard work, our club has been able to help the Duarte community in as many ways as possible. The members sell candy to raise money for the international project.

We recently had an event at Rancho's Restaurant that yielded a profit of \$79 for our international project. Interact is working tirelessly to better the community, however, we have had help from Rotary Club. They have been providing assistance, guidance, and even funds to help us out.

With the help of our dedicated members and Rotary Club, we hope to see our projects succeed to help our community.



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Adventure Club Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two week-long camps for kids and teens ages 8 through 17. Camp dates for Session I are Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17 and Session II Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 24. Both are held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Royal Oaks Park. The fee

is \$120 per session. Each camp day will be highlighted by a daily trip to fun and exciting places, such as the beach, theme parks, water parks, or the movies. Registration starts Monday, June 11, at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. For more information on Adventure Club, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.



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Cal Poly Pomona students, Inland Community Bank win first place in CME competition

ONTARIO, CA – On Tuesday, June 5, Inland Community Bank (ICB) was honored with the 1st place award “Competitive Marketing Edge”. This is the fourteenth annual awards ceremony for Competitive Marketing Edge, and the second year sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. Daniel Lien, 1st Vice President, San Gabriel Valley Regional Manager, and Nathan Kirschenbaum, Assistant Vice President, Regional Relationship Manager of Inland Community Bank, participated in the annual Competitive Marketing Edge (CME) competition hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. This year six companies from various industries were invited to participate in the program including; Pacific Palms Resort/Industry Hills, Westfield Mall/Arcadia, Buena Vista Foods Manufacturing/Azusa, Bentley Prince Street Manufacturing/City of Industry, YWCA/San Gabriel Valley/Covina, Foothill Vocational Opportunities/Pasadena and Inland Community Bank/Ontario. Mr. Kirschenbaum was assigned as the project manager for team ICB, the project team consisted of four graduate and post-graduate students from the Cal Poly Pomona College of Business Administration, Shayna Brooks, Sean Dugan, Robert Torres and Jonathan Wong. Team members held a series of meetings with ICB Senior Management & Sales Team Members; the students learned the company strengths, weakness, challenges, opportunities and culture from assigned ICB staff members. They produced an 89 page strategic marketing plan to ICB Bank President Jim Cooper, and after review by the Cal Poly professors of business the 1st place award was presented to the students and team members. Founded in 1990 Inland Community Bank, National Association is headquartered in Ontario, California and currently operates five offices in Duarte, Los Angeles, Ontario, Rialto and Pasadena. You can reach Mr. Lien at (626) 644-3045.

Parks and Recreation Swim Program Begins

The City of Duarte Fitness Center’s summer swim program will begin on June 18. Come enjoy lap swim, open swim, water aerobics, or swimming lessons. The Fitness Center offers American Red Cross swimming lessons for only \$30 per two-week session, Monday-Thursday. Water aerobics will be offered for \$5 per class. Lap swim and open swim will be offered for \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors. Children 12 and under can enjoy open swim for only \$1. Registration for the first session of swim lessons begins Monday, June 11 at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents with proof of residency, and 8 a.m. for all others. Swim lessons will be offered in the mornings and evenings. Open swim will be held weekdays from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Water aerobics will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Family swim will be offered every Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (children must be with an adult). Lap swim is available for adults at convenient hours every day. For more information call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

Park Programs

Duarte Parks and Recreation will conduct supervised park programs at four sites this summer, Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., June 18 through August 10. Royal Oaks Park, Encanto Park, Beardslee Park and Andres Duarte School/Otis Gordon Sports Park will offer arts and crafts, sports, games, and special events, all supervised by trained recreation leaders. This is a drop-in program where children are allowed to come and go as they wish. Activities are for children 5 to 12 years of age. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

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The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer this fun, beginner's league for boys and girls 4-7 years of age as of September 1, 2012.

Registration begins Monday, June 11.
Introductory practice will be held July 11.
Games will be held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings July 14-August 11. The fee is only \$25 and includes a tee shirt uniform.
The league is limited to 80 players.
For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

Summer Health Camp

"It is clear that healthy eating patterns and regular physical activity are essential for normal growth and development and for reducing risk of chronic disease" (Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010).

It is especially important to learn healthy habits early because children who eat healthy and exercise at a young age are more likely to continue those habits into adulthood.

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department Summer Health Camp will teach your child(ren) how to stay healthy and be active through FUN interactive lessons, field trips, and activities. Youth

will also learn how to prepare (and taste!) healthy meals and snacks in class.

Camp will be under the direction of City of Duarte and City of Hope staff and volunteers. Camp will run for one week only: Monday through Friday, August 6-10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration will begin on June 11 at City Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. Only \$20 per child (maximum 2 children per household).

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



THERE'S FUN IN THE SUN for Duarte Discovery Nature Campers!

Discovery Nature Camp

Duarte Parks and Recreation is offering its annual Duarte Discovery Nature Camp. Nature Camp participants will explore our region's natural environment and participate in daily activities including games, crafts, and lessons on nature. Campers will also participate in twice-weekly excursions to local trails, nature/science centers, beaches, museums, zoos, and other interesting locations.

The Duarte Discovery Nature Camp's motto is: "For Duarte's Kids, Discovering Nature Comes Naturally!"

The Discovery Nature Camp will consist of three 2-week sessions, offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Session I: June 25 through July 6, Session II: July 9 through July 20, and Session III: July 23 through August 3. The camp is open to children 6-12 years of age. The fee is \$180 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions. Registration begins Monday, June 11.

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Learn how to prevent, recognize and care for summer-heat and water emergencies for safe summer fun. First Aid and CPR classes are available through the American Red Cross.

All fireworks are dangerous and illegal in the Bradbury as well as north of Royal Oaks Drive in Duarte. Fireworks can cause burns, injuries and fires. Violators can be criminally charged and held financially responsible for injuries or damage to property. Instead, attend a community fireworks program.

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Duarte Seniors visit the Wild West, Integratron, and Orchid Factory

By Claudia Heller

More than 45 seniors headed out recently to stroll through a wild west town, rejuvenate themselves in an extra terrestrial inspired dome, and tour an orchid factory.

The Senior Center sponsored trip's first stop was Pioneertown, some four miles east of Yucca Valley. The wooden buildings along the dusty "Main Street" were a project of Roy Rogers, Dick Curtis and Russell Hayden, built in the 1940s as a movie set. The set is unique because the buildings are not facades, but rather provided a place in which movie stars and crews could live during filming. Even today they are occupied by residents of this town.

For years Pioneertown was utilized by Gene Autry and other western stars and was used for filming such movies as The Cisco Kid and Judge Roy Bean. Also, built for the crews to enjoy is the six-lane Pioneer Bowl where Roy Rogers himself rolled



out the first ball in 1949. School age children were hired as pinsetters until the eventual installation of automatic pinsetting equipment in the 1950s. It is one of the oldest in continuous use in California.

After lunch at the nearby cowboy-biker bar-restaurant known as Pappy & Harriet's, the group took a look at the Scarlett Lady, a railroad car with a fascinating history. It sits in among the Joshua Trees of Pioneertown,

victim of the 2006 wildfire that ravaged the area.

The brave group of senior Duarteans continued on to the Integratron in Landers. Many were familiar with this strange dome from Huell Howser's California Gold. The structure was built by George Van Tassell, an aeronautical engineer and test pilot, to the specifications relayed by an extra terrestrial. It is a high-voltage electrostatic building serving as a sound chamber with a powerful vortex for physical and spiritual healing.



The group then reclined on blankets and pillows in the sound chamber and melted into the vibes emanating from pure quartz crystal singing bowls keyed harmonically to the body.

"I could feel the vibrations and definitely feel rejuvenated," said Mariellen Staller. Her husband, Bruce, looked a little skeptical. "I loved it!" exclaimed Carolina Flores-Helizon, "what a fun experience."

Before turning homebound, the group toured the Gubler Orchid Factory, owned by the Swedish Gubler family that developed the concept of a packaged orchid seedling. They are known as one of the top quality orchid growers in the world.



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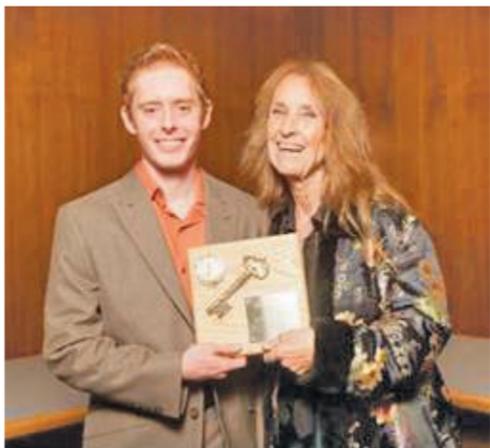
KEY OF KNOWLEDGE



From left: Sara Khair, Citrus College Key of Knowledge recipient, and Dale Salwak, Citrus College literature instructor.

Sara Khair, a 21-year-old Duarte resident, was one of three students from the area recently presented with a Citrus College Key of Knowledge during the college's Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. The mathematics major was honored for achieving the highest overall academic performance at the college. The Key of Knowledge award is the highest academic honor granted by Citrus College. Khair, who is graduating from Citrus College this fall, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She hopes to realize her dream of becoming a math professor.

ENGINEERING HIS FUTURE



From left: Key of Knowledge recipient Wesley Gunter and Citrus College Fine Arts Instructor MaryAnn Rachford.

Wesley Gunter, a 20-year-old Duarte resident, was also presented with a Citrus College Key of Knowledge during the college's Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. Gunter, who transferred from Citrus College to Cal Poly Pomona in 2011, plans to earn his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. His goal is to continue his education and pursue a master's degree in Systems and Control Engineering.

DOUBLE SUCCESS



From left: Key of Knowledge Award recipient Carey Gunter and Citrus College Computer Science and Information Systems instructor Robert Solis.

Carey Gunter, an 18-year-old resident of Duarte, was awarded a Key of Knowledge Award alongside his older brother, Wesley. The computer engineering major will pursue a double major in computer engineering and computer science.

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The Mouse that Roared

By Kristy Plaza

For as long as I've lived in Duarte, I have been amazed by the genuine sense of community that this town possesses.

In the hopes of adding to this community, I joined the Interact club when I started high school—that was four years ago. Now, as a senior, I am a member of the officers (the Sergeant of Arms), under the leadership of a fantastic president, Sarah Segobia.

Through her leadership and the help of our "parent" club, Rotary Club, we have soared to new heights.

From a humble start of only \$20 in our budget, we have worked and fundraised to now have a budget of \$900!

Recently, all of the offices got sweatshirts for having completed 35 hours of community service. The design on our sweatshirts depicted a little brown mouse roaring. We officers were confused about this until Rotary Club, our "parent" club, told us the story behind this little mouse.

Rotary Club has been in existence since 1905. Its members were all male. It wasn't until 1976 that two women were admitted into the Duarte Rotary Club.

However, when Rotary International discovered that there were women members in the Duarte chapter, they were given an ultimatum: expel the women or lose their chapter. This was quite the moral dilemma for the club.

Despite this, they refused to get rid of the women. This decision resulted in the Duarte chapter being expelled from Rotary International.

Based on this decision, the club's members came together to form a new club: the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte.

In June of 1978, they filed a suit in Los Angeles Superior Court against Rotary International. Many lower court trials ensued, until in 1986 the case was appealed to the California Supreme Court. Shortly after, the case was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Enter Sylvia Whitlock: she was the president of Duarte Ex-Rotary Club from 1987-1988. She became the president when the case hit the U.S. Supreme Court. She was the very first female club president in the world. She helped work against the injustice.

In 1987 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that women must be allowed to join Rotary International. This ruling helped the Duarte club become reinstated, thus losing the "Ex" and regaining its chapter as a part of Rotary International. Duarte Rotary won and women had the right to join.

Later, Whitlock attended a training seminar in which she met the District 530 governor, Tim Keen Siu. He spoke of the Supreme Court case and made a reference to the club's small number of members. He said, "This is the case of the mouse that roared."

Despite Duarte's small number of members, they had the courage to stand up and fight for what was

right. And through dedication and passion, they made it possible for women to join not only Rotary Club, but all forms of service clubs.

This story demonstrated to us current officers—all women—that size doesn't matter, but the value of the lengths we are willing to go to in order to overcome opposition. It doesn't matter what obstacles are in our way, only how we choose to tackle the challenge and succeed.

The story of the mouse that roared motivated us to reach to new levels of community involvement in order to help out in the best way possible. We want to use the \$900 we raised to fund all of our rather ambitious goals/projects.

We have taken on an international project that allows us to donate money in order to build wells for people in Vietnam. The

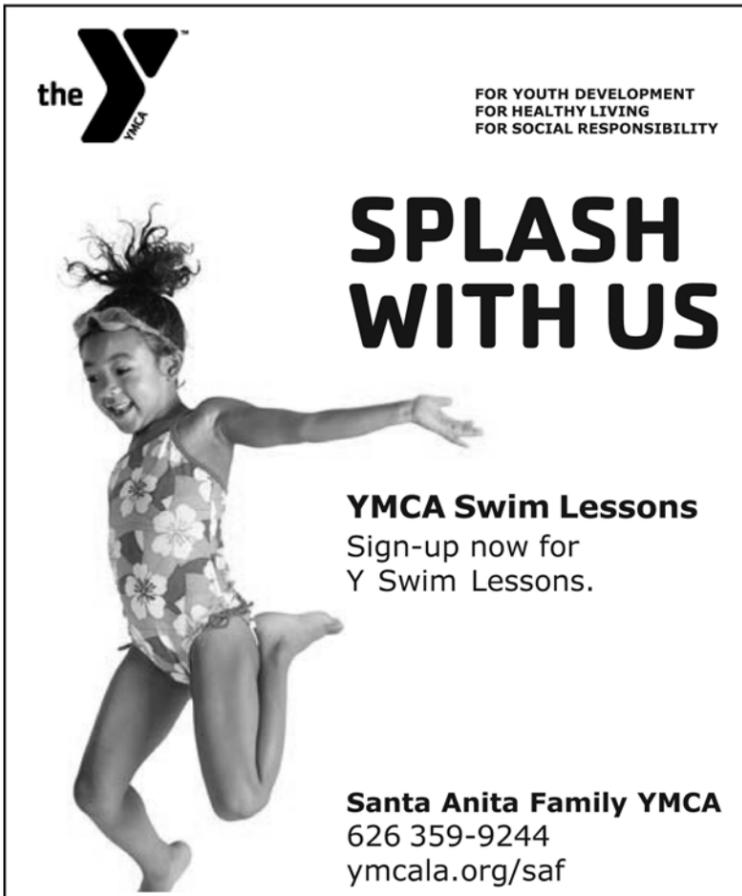
organization is called the Franciscan Charity. Each well costs about \$140, and will provide clean water for a village of 200 people for 20 years.

Our vice president Stacy Le was the one to propose this idea. After discussing it with the officers and then the rest of the members of the club, we took on this project. We hope to fund three wells; we have already funded one.

We also have a community project to assist some of the under-funded elementary schools. We are going to donate 300 gently-used children books to three separate elementary schools: Andres Duarte, Maxwell, and Beardslee.

By doing this, we hope that the students will be able to enjoy reading more books. Duarte Library

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Bradbury welcomes new LASD Lieutenant Paula Tokar

Paula L. Tokar, a 22-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in April 2004.

She is currently the Operations Lieutenant for Temple Sheriff's Station, responsible for law enforcement operations in the Temple City, South El Monte, Rosemead, Bradbury, Duarte, and unincorporated Pasadena and San Gabriel patrol areas.

Lt. Tokar's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1990. After graduating from the Training Academy as a Deputy Sheriff, she held assignments at Pitchess Detention Center South Facility, Court Services Central Bureau and Century Sheriff's Station.

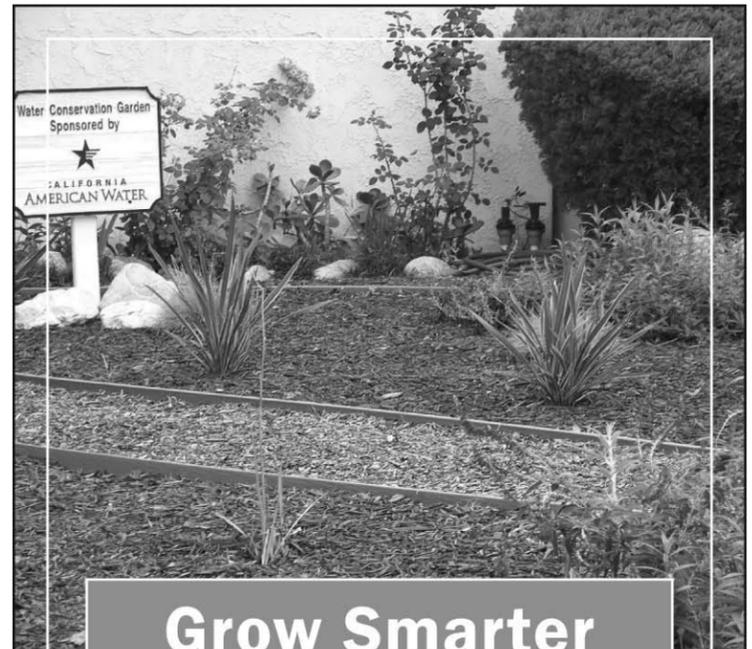
She became a Detective in January 2000, and was assigned to Narcotics Bureau. In December 2000, she was promoted to Sergeant and held positions at Pitchess Detention Center East Facility, Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station, and the Respect-based Leadership Training Unit.

Since her promotion to Lieutenant to 2004, Lieutenant Tokar has held positions in Custody and Patrol (Lancaster Station), as well as being assigned to several administrative posts. She was the Operations Lieutenant for Personnel Administration and the Executive Aide for Administrative Services Division.

Lieutenant Tokar earned her Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Los Angeles.

She has been married to her husband Michael Wright, a Sergeant at Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station for 16 years. They have two children, James 14 and Caitlin 9.

In her spare time, Lieutenant Tokar enjoys photography, reading, and playing word games with family and friends.



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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Special summer hours of 10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. will be held June 18 – July 27.

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! SUMMER THEME WEEKS! Wacky World of Sports Week!

Beginning Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host Wacky World of Sports Week. Teams will compete all week long in basketball, softball, flag football, soccer, relays, dodge ball, kickball, etc. for team points. There will be prizes for the winning teams!



Aloha Hawaii Week!

July 9 through July 13 will be Aloha Hawaii Week. Activities will be held from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. with traditional island theme, games, decorations, music, a limbo contest, and more. The week ends with a fabulous luau!

Splash Madness Week!

From July 23 through July 27, come hang out at the Teen Center for water games, contests, super soaker fun, and more. Highlight the week with an excursion to the beach Tuesday, July 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for \$10 and to Knott's Soak City on Thursday, July 26 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for a fee of \$30.

Pool Kings Tournament

On Wednesday, July 18 at 3 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host teen centers from other cities in a Pool Kings Tournament. Come represent your Teen Center with the best hot shots! Prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Free!

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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 participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. The membership fee is \$5 every 6 months.

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

Girls Night Out – This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. The group will meet Tuesdays: June 12 & 26 and July 10 & 17.

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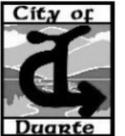
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Register at the Duarte Teen Center. Call 303-0863 for more information or stop by for a visit.

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Duarte Unified School District's mission is to provide our students the necessary **skills, knowledge** and **inspiration** for success in career and life. Upon graduation, Duarte Unified students are recruited as "Shoulder Tapped Graduates." It is the desire of the Duarte Board of Education and Community to provide the type of educational system that supports this type of outcome. The Board of Education's foundation for this 20/20 Vision is the four cornerstones: 1) Students prepared for success, 2) 21st Century learning environment, 3) Staff provides high quality service, and 4) Community and parent actively participate. High quality service includes not only teaching and support but also leadership. Duarte Unified has historically asserted that leadership extends beyond the position of district office administrators, Board of Education, and administrators who interact with our students on a daily basis. Leadership skills are evident at all levels of the organization spearheaded by our outstanding teachers, support staff and administrators at the schools sites. We practice the theory that "you can lead from any chair."



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

As a district, we embrace the concept of empowering and building our leaders from within as was evident by the development of a Leadership Seminar created in 2000. This group was responsible for multiple changes in the district that included improving the A thru G University of California and Cal State University requirement completion, college admission rates, identification of "best practices" for English Language Learners, online standards-based lesson plans development, and publicizing the success of our school district graduates (banners on Huntington Drive). The Leadership Seminar's final cohort completed their action research activities in 2008, which included a trip to Gettysburg Battle Field, the Army War College and the Center for Strategic International Studies.

We recently began working and designing the Creativity and Innovation Team (CIT) in the next step for our leadership development. The CIT is a district wide team comprised of both classified and certificated members that have come together to assist in the development of a directional strategy for the future of our schools and students, to address the ever changing world in which we live in. They will be able to create an environment where we are abreast of the latest **knowledge** and **skills** students need for success in career and life. Students of the 21st century must be adaptable, have a sense of entrepreneurship and develop an understanding that success will be determined by their ability to continually learn. The CIT will focus on these issues and the systems in which we live to create an environment for learning that is sustainable and promotes productive change.

This type of work extends beyond the members of the CIT and will include all the stakeholders in the system in which we live. During the next few months there will be multiple informational meetings focused on what it is kids should know and be able to do, and the kind of organization we need in order to meet the identified needs. Together, we will be able to ensure our mission: to "provide the essential skills, knowledge and inspiration for success in career and life," our "shoulder tapped graduates."

End-of-Year Celebrations at Beardslee School

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

The last month of school kept us very busy as we celebrated our students' success, honored four retiring staff members, and thanked our many volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

We began the celebrations with our Beardslee Parent Staff Association honoring more than fifty volunteers at a lovely dinner at Max's Mexican Restaurant. These volunteers have served our school by volunteering in classrooms, selling snacks on Friday, and attending field trips with our students. Our BPSA President, Ana Urias, thanked all of the volunteers for their commitment to the Beardslee students. Each volunteer was honored with a special gift and a certificate recognizing them for their hard work. These volunteers are greatly appreciated by the staff and the families at Beardslee, and this dinner was just one small way to say thank you for their dedication.

Another way to rejoice in all our hard work is to play hard!

This is exactly what we did on Play Day. We ran races, got wet, and most assuredly, laughed a great deal! Following Play Day, our traditional Family Picnic was held. Members of the Beardslee community joined us for fellowship and food on the lawn of the school. It was a perfect day to spend time outside having fun together as a school family.

Other end of the year celebrations included our 3rd trimester awards assemblies. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 were recognized for their academic achievement, perfect attendance and citizenship during these assemblies. Our 6th grade accomplishments were celebrated during their promotion ceremony on the last day of school. We would like to say a special thank you to the Burns family, the American Legion, and the Duarte Unified Education Association for providing special awards for our 6th graders. It was wonderful to celebrate our successes in so many fantastic ways!

Duarte Head Start and State Preschool Program



By Kaye Ekstrand, Program Director

Wow, what a year! To better state that- what a GREAT 2011-2012 school-year! Our children, parents and families, teachers and staff have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting activities. We started using SMART Boards to enhance learning in the classrooms and implemented the GLAD curriculum. We also painted murals and added new playground equipment to our school sites.

Each child has brought such delight, happiness and an eagerness to learn - which is a reflection of the parent support received throughout the school year! Our program is thankful for parent volunteers who gave their time and themselves to make the program

work and many were supportive behind the scenes, too. A big THANK YOU!!!

The Duarte Head Start and State Preschool program offers parent involvement activities such as the Head Start Policy Committee, SPS Parent Advisory Committee, Male/Female Role Model Day, Family Fun Nights and Day of the Child, which have been organized by our classroom parents and Family Service Team. Pam Kawasaki, DUSD School Board; Mr. Bill Peters, Foothill Family Services; Rancho's Mexican Restaurant and many others community members have contributed to making the program a successful year, thanks to all of you.

Our teachers and staff have been dedicated to serving our

Valley View

By Robin Nelson, Principal

As the 2011-2012 school comes to an end, I am, as always, amazed that the year flies by so quickly. We had an exceptional year celebrating our students and ending the year with fun activities.

Our promotion ceremony was a huge success; we had a full house! Our cafeteria was jam-packed with proud families, colorful balloons, beautiful flowers, lots of laughter and some tears.

The theme of our ceremony was "The Gift of Education". The students were honored for their academic achievements and service contributions to the school.

Thanks to **Alicia Chapjian, Ani Yousofian, Kim Alshoushi, Tiffany Johnson and Heather Klindworth** for supporting our 6th grade class with planning and hard work. **Hank Chapjian** created a dvd of 6th grade memories for each child; I know they will treasure those fond memories.

We had some exciting and fun

end of year activities. Manpower Day was an enormous triumph; we had over 170 men on campus to support our kids.

The PTA and staff had some wonderful activities for our visitors starting with our Student of the Month Ceremony, the Annual Sixth Grade vs. Dads/Staff Softball Game (the kids won, Woo-Hoo), and our elective classes.

Play Day and the Family Picnic were awesome as always! We started the morning with over 20 stations of fun for the children. It was wet and wild. A good time was had by one and all. We are grateful to **Shauna Pierce, Laura and Tom Silverman** and a whole slew of parent volunteers for making this a delightful day.

To honor our students with Perfect Attendance, we took 22 students to Jump n' Jammin to celebrate.

They climbed, slid and jumped the day away. We ate pizza and had a fantastic time.

Thanks to **Krista Juarez and Kim Pearson**, with special thanks

Dear Andres Duarte Family

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Another amazing school year has come and gone. I would like to thank our parents for providing us the opportunity to teach your amazing children. Our students have made tremendous growth this year and I expect great things when our CST scores arrive next fall. I have challenged the students to regain our status as an 800 API school. Our current API is 789 and I am confident we can bring it back up to 800. If our students do indeed reach 800, I have promised to come to school dressed as a duck and do a duck dance! I even promised to go to Northview and to see our former sixth graders, dressed as a duck and ready to dance!

Summer is always a wonderful opportunity for families to spend time together after a long and busy school year. Take every opportunity you have to talk with your child. Childhood only lasts a few precious years, you don't want to miss a thing! Next time you are waiting in line, at the doctor's office or for a bus, and you reach for your phone, think about putting the phone away and talking with your children instead. Times like these, away from the noise and distractions of the television are perfect time to talk with your child about their thoughts and dreams.

Enjoy your summer. I will see you again next year on August 27th, ready for a new year!

Head Start and State Preschool program for many years, and this year we honor and recognize Elizabeth Delgado, 10 years of service; Sofia Valdez, 10 years of service; Laura Anguiano, 15 years of service; Dr. Patricia Lakatos, 17 years of service; Sylvia Torres, 20 years of service; Rose Berry, 30 years of service and Annabelle Lopez, our Classified Staff Member of the Year.

We welcome and encourage and your interest in our program for the 2012-2013 school-year. We are a non-profit agency that provides comprehensive services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. You can pick up an application year-round at our Andres Duarte school site located at 1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA 91010 or call directly to (626) 599-5123.

to **Zoe Chapjian** for planning.

Over the summer, we will be preparing for the 2012-2013 school year. We look forward to all the excitement of starting a new year. See you August 27!





MAXWELL STUDENTS, staff and parents model various cultural garments to the Max!

Maxwell celebrates multiculturalism to the Max!

Maxwell students, staff, parents and community members showed up in large numbers to celebrate and appreciate the rich cultural diversity that exists at Maxwell. Children and adults participated in a fashion show where they modeled clothing from various regions in Mexico, India, Sweden and Asia. Food booths lined the field and families were able to indulge in "A Taste of Maxwell." People were seen enjoying Enchiladas, nachos, Spanish tapas, Swedish desserts, jerk chicken, pizza and much more. The evening featured performances from the capers, ballet folkloric dancing, impersonations, modeling, Polynesian dancing and hip hop dancing. Maxwell Elementary School is a very special place where cultural diversity is celebrated and appreciated.

Parents and community support are key component in the success of the activities and



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programs at Maxwell. This successful event was made possible by the support of Duarte Unified School District, Maxwell's Parents Faculty Association, Team Maxwell, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, City of Duarte, Performance Nissan and a host of parents and community members.



STAFF AND CHILDREN proudly represent their culture.



First Ever Family Campout at Royal Oaks

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Folks passing by Royal Oaks School on the evening of Friday, May 18th saw something they had never seen before. The school's campus was dotted with camping tents and families hanging out together and making new friends.

Duarte's first family campout was an outstanding example of the collaboration between the City of Duarte's Parks and Recreation Department and one of our schools as an outreach of the Youth and Family Master Plan.

The idea was conceived and mostly facilitated by Lupe Valerio and Teesha Tarr, working together with PTA president, Tracy McCullough and principal, Janice Kolodinski.

Upon registration, each family received a personalized sign for their camping spot, along with a goodie bag of various glow items and a flashlight.

The tents quickly popped up across the east end of the field. Many families who participated indicated they are long-time campers.

But others, such as the Cantu family said they had been looking to start camping and the event was a great way to get started. The rest of the field became a huge backyard as kids and parents played together.

The group enjoyed a good old-fashioned cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs followed by a sunset hike along the walking trail.

New connections and friendships were made by kids and adults alike.

After the sun went down, folks got cozy in their PJs and moved their lawn chairs to the outdoor cinema created with the backstop of the handball court and the sloping lawn.

Parks and Rec staff provided a safe (and permitted) fire for keeping warm, and for roasting marshmallows to make s'mores. The screening of, "The Adventures of Tintin," provided satisfying entertainment for all.

Like any camping adventure, folks were rising with the sun the next morning.

Parks and recreation staff put on a pancake breakfast to start the day off right.

And, like good campers, the families did a great job of cleaning up all of the area before leaving the site.

The overall feedback from participants was outstanding. Everyone had a fabulous time and looked forward to the event becoming an institution at Royal Oaks.

Several volunteers indicated they would be thrilled to participate in the planning and facilitation of the event next year, furthering the collaboration between the school district, families and the community.

KINDERGARTENER Elijah and first grade buddies, Robbie and Alex at the Royal Oaks Family Campout.

Northview Intermediate

By Dr. Michael Chavez, Principal, Northview Intermediate

Northview Intermediate School's spring and end-of-the-

year activities provided students with a wealth of learning opportunities and student recognitions.



In April, Northview was excited to be able to take 26 8th graders across the country on its first official school-wide trip to Washington D.C.

Our 8th graders students, in conjunction with California State Standards, study U.S. History from early settlement through the Industrial Revolution. Our trip to Washington D.C. enabled students to experience firsthand those things they had studied in class.

Whether it was visiting Colonial Williamsburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial or the Capitol Building, students were able to see "up-close and personal" sites of importance to the historical beginnings, foundational ideals, and current political structure of the United States, as well as participate in an exciting adventure with their friends!



Northview wants to thank Rotary, Kiwanis and the other community and personal partners who gave to support special students on their trip.

In addition, students were able to participate in other field trips and activities which enhanced their learning, such as the Museum of Tolerance and Los Angeles Zoo trips, and a Civil War reenactment right in their own classroom.

"Cardinal Star Students" were also recognized for outstanding achievement and awarded an opportunity for a trip to Disneyland.

On May 11th, the Northview Debate Team participated in a national debate competition. Once again our Northview debaters did an outstanding job of taking on the issues while taking 3rd place cumulatively as they competed against schools from the Los Angeles region.

New incoming students enjoyed the "Yes, We Can" event on June 6th. Sixth grade students

from every elementary school came together at Northview for a full day of learning, fun and relationship building.

They learned what to expect as intermediate school students, and were fortunate to hear from a host of speakers talking about a variety of topics that impact the lives of young people today.

There was an emphasis on students creating a vision for their future and how to be prepared for intermediate school and beyond.

Thanks to Northview teachers and staff, counselor Ms. Quirk, Mr. Tuner, Assistant Principal Ms. Randall and 6th grade teachers from Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell, Royal Oaks and Valley View for making it happen.



BOARD MEMBER Ken Bell speaking to students.

In addition, special thanks to school board member Ken Bell and the speakers who volunteered their time to work with Northview students.

The event was a great success!

In June, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce recognized and honored eight students for their academic excellence, outstanding displays of citizenship, perfect attendance and overall improvement.



CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVE Rona Lunde recognizes NV students with Principal Dr. Chavez.

Special thanks to chamber members Pat Miller (New York Life Insurance), Rona Lunde (Jan's Towing Services), and Dr. Maggie Pezeshkian (Duarte Family Chiropractic) for the chamber's inaugural student recognition.

The success of our students and staff in the 2011-2012 school year is the result of the support provided by our whole school community working together with the singular goal of providing a high quality education and fostering the academic, social and emotional growth and success of every Northview student.

Thank you to all our parents and community members for helping to make Northview's motto a reality for our students: "Believe, Achieve, and Succeed."

Free Summer Lunch Program

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

children ages 18 years and under beginning June 18, 2012. Lunches are served Monday through Friday and there are no limits on the number of participants served.

Lunches will be offered at several local Duarte elementary schools. For Summer Lunch Program locations and more information, please call (626) 357-7931 or the DUSD Food Services Department at (626) 599-5000.

Mt. Olive High School: Q & A

Mt. Olive is Duarte's own California Model School with a Six Year Clear WASC Accreditation. We offer a free public education to 9th -12th grade student residents within the Duarte Unified School District. The school provides a structured, yet flexible, individualized alternative setting designed to meet each student's academic needs and the opportunity to earn a high school diploma. We incorporate direct-instruction and Project Based Learning emphasizing differentiation. The non-competitive, atmosphere promotes individual achievement, self-responsibility, and developing self-esteem. Our educational objective is to provide effective primary dropout and retention programs for students who are at risk of not receiving a high school diploma. Below you will find questions and answers that Mt. Olive has been presented with over the years.

Q. What are indicators that a student may be in danger of not earning a high school diploma? How would someone know if a student should be referred to Mt. Olive?

A. The student fits one or more of the following indicators:

1. Sophomores
 - a) At the end of the first semester (January) the student has less than 90 credits.
 - b) At the end of the sophomore year (June) the student has less than 115 credits.
2. Juniors
 - a) At the beginning of the junior year (September) the student has less than 115 credits.
 - b) At the end of the first semester (January) the student has less than 140 credits.
 - c) At the end of the junior year (June) the student has less than 165 credits.
3. Seniors
 - a) At the beginning of the senior year (September) the student has less than 165 credits.
 - b) At the end of the first semester (January) the student has less than 190 credits.
4. Chronic truancy
5. Excessive absences
6. Cuts class regularly
7. Doesn't feel as though she/he fits in or can work well on a traditional campus
8. Needs an individualized program in a smaller setting due to medical, emotional or other problem
9. At-risk of becoming a drop-out or not graduating for any reason

Q. Does a student have to be credit deficient or in crisis to attend Mt. Olive?

A. No, some of our students have already met credit requirements. They just want a smaller setting with a more individualized program. Other students enroll because they want a course of study which will lead to early graduation. In addition, through a modified Independent Studies program, Mt. Olive serves high school students who are unable to attend school regularly due to an illness, childcare commitments, or other extenuating circumstances.

Q. What courses does Mt. Olive offer?

A. Mt. Olive offers courses required for graduation in the DUSD. The courses are approved by the Duarte Board of Education and textbooks are District adopted. All teachers have developed an Academic Course Syllabus, aligned with the ESLRs and Standards for each course. Each Academic Course Syllabus

outlines course requirements, assignments, and deadlines. Just as at a traditional high school, students are enrolled in five courses or more at a time. All classes are taught by highly qualified, credentialed, high school teachers.

Q. How is a student able to make up failed or missing courses?

A. Mt. Olive offers all courses required for graduation throughout the year. By comparison, traditional high schools offer fall semester classes only in the fall and spring semester classes only in the spring. We also run on a trimester system, so students have an extra semester to earn credits.

Q. How can a student earn credits faster at Mt. Olive than at a traditional high school?

A. Mt. Olive students can earn credits through direct instruction classes, independent work contracts, PLATO Web online classes, ROP (Regional Occupational Program), and CVE (Cooperative Vocational Education). Many traditional high schools only allow students to earn credits in a classroom, or through ROP, and CVE.

Q. May a student take courses in addition to those offered at Mt. Olive?

A. Many students take courses at the local community colleges. Students may also take a course not offered at Mt. Olive (i.e. ROP, CVE) at Duarte High School, subject to authorization, during 1st period, 6th period, and summer school.

Q. Is Mt. Olive accredited?

A. Mt. Olive is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), just like Duarte High School. The Mt. Olive diploma looks just like Duarte's diploma. Only the school name and logo are different, and it reads, "Mt. Olive High School."

Q. What is the teacher-student ratio?

A. Mt. Olive maintains an average teacher-student ratio of 1:15 or less. Enrollment fluctuates during the year as students enter and leave. Some students graduate early; some catch up and return to Duarte High School. The counselors and administration at Duarte continually review student records, actions and needs to identify potential transfers. Mt. Olive also serves some students temporarily until a final appropriate placement is identified, as well as other students in their outside placement through a cooperative effort with the juvenile authorities and facility counselors.

Q. What are the graduation requirements? Is there a graduation ceremony?

A. The graduation requirements at Mt. Olive are 220 credits, identical to the requirements at Duarte High School.

Mt. Olive has a Senior Scholarship Luncheon and a cap & gown graduation ceremony at the Performing Arts Center. We also attend Grad Night at Disneyland. In addition, we can attend Homecoming, Winter Formal and the Senior Prom with Duarte High School.

Q. Is a student able to continue his/her education after graduating from Mt. Olive?

A. Most of our students continue their education by attending community college or vocational school. Others enter the military or the job market.

Q. At what time of the year may a student enroll at Mt. Olive?

A. Mt. Olive accepts students

at any time throughout the school year, except in extenuating circumstances.

Q. What is the procedure for referral to Mt. Olive?

A. Mt. Olive's principal works in close cooperation with the Duarte High School counselors and the following is the usual procedure, although parents may call directly:

1. The Duarte counselor or administrator notifies the Mt. Olive principal of a potential student placement. The student is then recommended to the Student Placement Committee (SPC).

2. The Duarte counselor sets up a pre-admission conference with the student and parents. If the student has an active IEP, a transition IEP meeting is scheduled.

3. SPC then reviews student transcripts, grades, graduation progress, attendance, and discipline record.

4. After the conference, the Mt. Olive principal requests formal transfer of the student, cum records, and IEP from Duarte High School.

5. When appropriate, the Mt. Olive principal will attend Student Study Team, IEP or disciplinary meetings at Duarte High School to assist with program development, placement and student options.

Q. What happens during the pre-admission conference?

A. The Mt. Olive principal spends 1 hour or more with each student and parent in a pre-admission conference to discuss Mt. Olive's education strategies, program, rules and policies, as well as student goals. The student and parent receive a copy of the Mt. Olive Handbook. The student's transcripts, grades, graduation progress, attendance, and discipline are reviewed and a course of study, which will lead to a high school diploma, is planned. Upon enrollment, the student meets with the principal to discuss courses, requirements, post secondary plans and take a tour of the campus.

Q. Is a student permitted to return to Duarte High School?

A. Students who have attended Mt. Olive for at least one full semester, have completed required courses and credits, have passed both portions of the CAHSEE, have good attendance and no disciplinary problems may request a return to a traditional high school at the semester break. The transfer is subject to a positive recommendation from the Mt. Olive principal and acceptance by the receiving high school.

Q. What about extra-curricular activities?

A. The students at Mt. Olive are welcome to attend sports events, dances, proms and student activities offered by Duarte High School. Mt. Olive also competes in a continuation sports league in basketball, softball, soccer, and



Duarte High School Graduation

On June 14th Duarte High School graduated 284 students. Academically, this is the highest achieving class in the history of Duarte High School. There were a record number of 42 students receiving California Golden State Merit Diplomas. In addition, 48 students received California Scholarship Federation (CSF) honors. There were also 34 students completing the early college program with most completing 1 year's worth of college credit. One

flag-football.

It is important to remember that alternative high schools are NOT alternatives to learning. Rather they provide an alternative method to accomplish the exact same thing as the traditional high schools, and that is to help students earn a diploma, enroll in post secondary education, gain meaningful employment, and prepare for life's challenges as emerging adults.

student Elizabeth Tannous completed two years' worth of college credit at Citrus College and will receive her B.S. from UCLA in just two short years.

Many of Duarte High School Graduates will be enrolling in college this summer and fall. The following are some of the Colleges and Universities that they will be attending:

UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Biola University, USC, CSU Pomona, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Fullerton, CSU San Diego, La Sierra University, CSU Los Angeles, Point Loma Nazarene University, CSU San Bernardino, Southern Utah University, Case Western Reserve University, Arizona State University, University of Hawaii, Citrus CC, Rio Hondo CC, Pasadena CC, Mount San Antonio CC, Le Cordon Bleu, CSU Bakersfield, UC Davis, CSU Long Beach, North-West College, University of La Verne, Occidental College, CSU Humboldt, University of Arkansas, UTI, BYU, CSU San Marcos, CSU San Francisco, Emory University, and San Diego Christian College.

Congratulations to the class of 2012!

Transition Kindergarten August 27, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kindergarten registration began on March 1, 2012.

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

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



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SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

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The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. Space is very limited. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

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New Instructor! English As A Second Language – Wednesdays, 9 – 10 a.m. Instructor is Shannon Elliot.

Guitar – Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Knitting – Mondays, 9 – 10 a.m.

Race Walk – Wednesdays, 9 a.m.

Sewing – Mondays, 12:30 – 2 p.m. Limited to the first 6 people to arrive. \$2 per class.

Spanish (Beginning) – Mondays & Wednesdays, 1 – 2:30

p.m.
Tai Chi – Fridays, 9 – 10 a.m.

Watercolor – Mondays, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Students must purchase their own supplies.

CLASSES

Registration began June 11 and classes began the week of June 25.

Aquatic Exercise – Tuesdays & Fridays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Held at the Duarte Fitness Center Pool. Session 2, July 31 – August 10; Session 3, August 14 – 24. \$20 per two-week session.

Art Appreciation – Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. \$40 per 10-week session

New! Cardio Dance – Tuesdays, 90 – 10 a.m. \$12 per 10-week session

Chair Yoga – Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. \$24 per 8-week session

Cross Fit – Wednesdays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. \$12 per 10-week session

Exercise With Shelly – Mondays & Fridays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. \$20 per 10-week session

Get Fit – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Class combines Cross Fit and Exercise with Shelly. \$27 per 10-week session

How To Write Your Own Life's Story – Mondays, 9 – 10:45 a.m. \$40 per 10-week session

Music Appreciation – Fridays, 11:30am – 2 p.m. \$40 per 10-week session

Piano/Keyboard – Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m. \$50 per 10-week session

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Northview students report back on trip to DC



This year, Northview Intermediate School took 26 eighth graders to visit our Nation's Capitol. The Duarte Kiwanis Club was able to help this effort with a donation of \$1000.

Four of the students, and their teacher and chaperone, Mr. Turner, provided an excellent review of their trip.

Four students, including Raul Pereida shared their experiences in Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, and of course, Washington DC. One of the students shared that she was very surprised to learn that Arlington National Cemetery's site was chosen as an insult to General Robert E. Lee, whose home overlooks the site.

Another student shared that he

was most impressed and moved by the Vietnam War Memorial – and that he was able to bring back a rubbing from the wall – it lists the name of one of his family members.

The students presented the Duarte Kiwanis Club with a certificate of appreciation that includes a photo of all the kids who went this year in front of the capitol.

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

What's Nextdoor?

The Duarte City Council recently approved Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the first private social network for neighborhoods, to foster neighbor-to-neighbor and citywide communication.

The City has already been mapped into 12 neighborhoods based on active neighborhood watch groups and 8 neighborhoods have already started building their Nextdoor sites.

With a targeted launch date of August 7, in conjunction with the city's "National Night Out", Duarte residents will be able to use 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.

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

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another to help build stronger communities and building stronger communities is a huge priority for our City.

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 Google or other search engines.

In addition, Nextdoor never shares personal information with any third parties.

Unlike an email listserve or other online group, neighbor posts are organized and archived for future reference.

For additional information on Nextdoor visit www.nextdoor.com or contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.



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Pack 188 does a good turn for Royal Oaks Elementary

Royal Oaks Elementary is the Charter Organization for the Cub Scouts Pack 188 and allows the Pack to have meetings at their facility. To demonstrate their appreciation, the Cub Scouts of Pack 188 built a specially design bench for the students of Royal Oaks Elementary. The Pack spent a full day in the fall of 2011, working hard, building and assembling the bench. The bench was dedicated to the entire school at a Friday assembly in March.

For more information, please visit a meeting or email duartepack188@gmail.com. Meetings are typically held at 6:30 p.m. in the Royal Oaks Elementary Cafeteria the first, second and third Monday of each month. Boys 1st thru 5th grade from all schools are invited!





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