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# Duarte View

A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 90th year of service to the community.

## Zippping up a celebration for Duarte 9.10.10

What's in a name? What's in a zip code? Beverly Hills' famed zip code 90210 may have a certain cachet that lends itself to the glitzy, star-studded celebration it had on 9.02.10. But Duarte 91010 believes that it too has a lot to be proud of as a city and with its coinciding date 9.10.10 just around the corner, reason to celebrate, with cake.

The City of Duarte is inviting the community to enjoy free cake and punch on Friday, 9.10.10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista St.

Duarte Chamber of Commerce offices at 1105 Oak Ave., usually closed on Friday, will be open for business on 9.10.10 and will also host a community reception offering free cake and punch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Chamber will also offer a few special 10% discounts on Duarte Route 66 T-shirts, Casino Night of Stars tickets, and 10% off coupons for the Chamber's tasty pulled pork sandwiches to be served at the City Picnic on Sept. 18.

"It's our way of letting the community know that we value our citizens and business stakeholders. We have one of the most

active and involved citizenries in the San Gabriel Valley," said Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera.

Chamber President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Kirchner agrees.

"Volunteerism is a way of life in Duarte with dozens of organizations that support the community providing services to ensure the welfare of those in need, to supporting our schools, helping to keep our youth safe and positively engaged, enhancing the cultural benefits of the community, and actively participating in government and civic affairs. It is precisely that which continues to make Duarte 91010 'Our Kind of Town'." said Kirchner.

Celebrating is also a way of life in Duarte with many events upcoming including 9.11.10, Casino Night of Stars, a benefit event for five nonprofit organizations: The Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Public Access

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## Casino Night of Stars Sept. 11 to benefit Duarte non profits

A sure bet for fun is on tap at the 3rd annual Casino Night of Stars set for Saturday, Sept. 11 in Duarte. Gaming will include tables offering roulette, poker and blackjack. Also featured will be Vegas style musical entertainment, an international buffet and prizes. The evening will take place at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr.

Vocalist Jordan Preston, who has been featured in such musicals as *The King and I*, *South Pacific* and *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, will perform on the Casino Night stage, while the outdoor Starlight Lounge will feature piano music.

Proceeds from Casino Night of Stars will benefit five Duarte nonprofit organizations: Duarte Route 66 Parade, Friends of the Duarte Library, Duarte Senior Center, Duarte Public Access Television (DCTV), and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

## Route 66 Parade, Picnic, Classic Cars set to go Sept. 18

Duarte's 15th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 18 will be a celebration of youth with 14 year-old mountain climbing adventurer Jordan Romero leading the way as the parade's grand marshal.

This year's parade will step off at 10 a.m. at the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Cotter St. and proceed east one mile along Duarte's historic Route 66.

Ten high school marching bands will participate and compete for trophies, according to parade committee band chairman, Tony Molina, including Duarte High School; Don Lugo High School, Chino; Pomona High School; Mountain View High School, El Monte; San Dimas High School; South El Monte High School; Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead; Diamond Bar High School; Beckman High School, Irvine; John Burroughs High School, Burbank;

In all, the parade will feature more than 1,000 kids of all ages from Duarte and neighboring communities representing schools, churches, and a variety of sports and recreation programs.

The theme of this year's parade is "Rockin' & Rollin' Down



JORDAN ROMERO  
2010 Route 66 Parade Grand Marshal

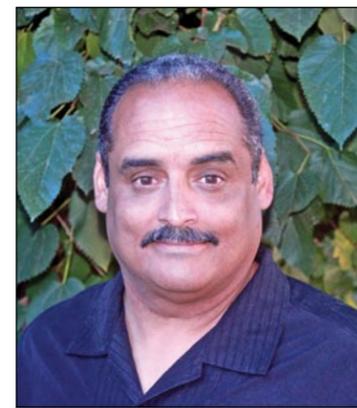
Route 66" and doing that in style will be dozens of antique and classic cars, equestrian units, and specialty entries with participants coming from throughout Southern California to join in the celebration of Route 66.

Ed Houlemarde, a longtime community volunteer, especially active with the Duarte Youth Athletic Club (DYAC) for which he currently serves as president, has been selected by the parade committee to be this year's Community Grand Marshal.

The parade will also welcome home our veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. All veterans are invited to march in the parade. Those interested in participating should contact Parade Chairperson Lisa Magno at (626) 437-7993.

Immediately following the parade, the public is invited to attend the City picnic at Royal Oaks Park celebrating Duarte's 53rd anniversary of incorporation from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Festivities surrounding the picnic include a Classic Car Show, where visitors can enjoy a close-up look at the many beautiful classic cars from the parade, Arts and Crafts Show, live entertainment throughout the day, and games, food, and exhibit booths sponsored by local nonprofit groups and organizations. Two live bands will entertain on the picnic main stage: Parkaimoon, playing Top 40 hits, and L.A. Hip Kidz featuring Colton B and the Brothers Lee. Mariachi Los Retonios del Norte will also perform. There will also be special entertainment for kids. On the Children's Stage will be

juggler, magician, and balloon artist Chumis the Clown; young guitarist, Randy Galarzo; and Polynesian dance and Folklorico dance performances. The Theater Parks and Recreation class will



ED HOULEMARDE  
2010 Route 66 Parade  
Community Grand Marshal

also entertain with skits. Grand Marshal Jordan Romero will be on hand to meet the public and sign autographs on the Car Show side of Royal Oaks Park between 12 and 1 p.m.

Leading the list of businesses helping to support the parade this year are Parade sponsors: City of Duarte, Southern California Edison, and StorAmerica. Breakfast sponsor is Royal Oaks Manor. Mother Road sponsors are: City of Hope, Home Depot, Jan's Towing, Sonic, Duarte Elks Lodge 1427, Performance Nissan, Burttec Waste, and Joe's Place. Other support for the parade is being provided by Simon Rents

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## Curves Members Give Back to the Duarte Community

“They are always so generous of their time and money, it’s amazing to me!!” brags Stacey Park, owner of Curves in Duarte, about the members of her fitness center. This time Park is talking about the Relay for Life event that was held on the City of Hope campus in May. A 24 hour event to benefit the American Cancer Society, it was the first one the city of Duarte has sponsored.

Park noted, “We had 19 registered participants, and another 10-15 of our members showed up to give support, walk the relay and support other booths. Team Curves raised \$2,000 and it was only our first year! I can’t wait to see what we can do next year!”

This is not the first time the power of Curves Community has shown its muscle. In March Park’s members donated over 3,000 pounds of food to the Foothill Unity Center for Curves annual food drive, bringing donations to over 12 tons in the seven years they have contributed.

And they are already getting ready to support the City of Hope again this year by joining with other Curves in the area to do the Walk for Hope on November 7. “My members love to comment that our Curves is more than a fitness club. They truly feel it is a community of women, supporting each other while getting healthier and feeling better about themselves. When they go out into the community to give back, it is just an extension of what they do for each other inside the club.”

Curves just celebrated its eighth year in Duarte. Curves offers a 30 minute workout especially designed for women and FREE weight management classes open to the public on the second Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. and then again the following Monday night at 7 p.m., with a different special topic every month. For a limited time join Curves for only \$30 initiation!

For more information please call Curves at (626) 303-4800.

## City of Duarte/City of Hope Rose Float Golf Tournament Nov. 5

“Building Dreams, Friendships & Memories,” is the theme of the 2011 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. This memorable event will be highlighted by the City of Duarte/City of Hope’s 38th annual float entry, featuring City of Hope pediatric patients riding on the float.

To fund the float, a golf tournament is being planned for Friday, November 5, at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. Residents and the business community are invited to support the event by playing in the tournament or becoming a sponsor. Some of the sponsors who have signed on already are: Image 2000, Title Sponsor; Advantage Ford, Hole in One Sponsor; and Burrtec, Golf Cart Sponsor.

Don’t miss out on this fun and worthwhile event. For further information about the tournament, call (626) 357-7931 or email [georginod@accessduarte.com](mailto:georginod@accessduarte.com).



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## Gold Line Foothill Extension Update

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) broke ground on June 26, 2010, initiating a four-year construction program to extend the light rail line east nearly 12 miles.

This program will also add six new stations in five cities (including one in the city of Duarte, just west of the intersection of Highland Avenue and Duarte Road).

The project will be built by the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.

This is the state transportation agency that completed Phase 1 (Union Station to Pasadena) in 2003 and was funded by Measure R (Los Angeles County's one-half cent sales tax increase for traffic relief that went into effect July 2009).

Local, county, state, and federal elected participated in the groundbreaking ceremony at Newcastle Park.

More than 700 people from all over the county joined the celebration.

The Authority will oversee three separate contracts for Phase 2A:

An \$18 million design-build contract for the Iconic Freeway Structure over the I-210 freeway that will allow connection between the existing Sierra Madre Villa station and the future Arcadia station;

A \$400+ million design-build contract to complete the track, crossings, stations, maintenance facility, utilities, and more;

And a final one to design and build six parking facilities.

Construction on the entire project is anticipated to be completed in late 2014.

Get Connected! To receive monthly e-mail updates, or updates on business opportunities with the project, sign up at [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org) or call (626) 471-9050.

## Young entrepreneurs inspire students to create their own jobs

On August 19, the Foothill Workforce Investment Board and Southern California Gas Company sponsored the Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour which featured successful young entrepreneurs from across the nation. The event was held at the Pasadena Convention Center. The goal of the event is to inspire youth and young adults to create their own path during one of the worst economic downturns in 80 years. Students will brainstorm with business professionals and meet like-minded students through networking events.

Approximately 200 youth and young adults attended the event. Students were able to brainstorm with business professionals and meet like-minded students through this networking event. There were three keynote speakers including Arel Moodie author of the bestselling book *Your Starting Point for Student Success*, and featured in USA Today, Young Money Magazine, and on ABC, NBC, and Fox News affiliates. Arel is an expert on helping this generation of students begin taking action to achieve their goals. Arel is living proof that, no matter what your background is, we all can have the life that we deserve. Arel began his life on welfare in the projects of Brooklyn, New York, where he witnessed those around him being murdered and imprisoned. Yet he went on to attend college where he started his first successful internet company and was named the most outstanding graduate of his school. The Extreme Entrepreneurship

Tour: Dream Big! is presented in partnership with the Free Enterprise Campaign with additional support from Inc. Magazine. The tour is comprised of many

of America's top young entrepreneurs who've made, earned, or sold a company for millions and/or made a huge impact before the age of 30!



## Celebrating 53 Years



THE CITY OF DUARTE celebrated its 53rd anniversary of incorporation with a community reception in council chambers prior to the Aug. 10 city council meeting. Joining in the celebration, from left: former mayor, now Duarte Chamber president/CEO, Jim Kirchner; Duarte Mayor Pro Tem Tzeitel Paras-Carraci; former Mayor Ginny Joyce-Belba; retired former Duarte City Manager Jesse Duff; Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay; Duarte City Manager Darrell George; Councilwoman Lois Gaston; Councilman John Fasana; and Councilman Phil Reyes. On Sept. 18, the City will continue anniversary festivities with a City Picnic at Royal Oaks Park following Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade.

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## CCCA Donates Books



DUARTE COUNCILWOMAN Lois Gaston (seated right) spearheaded a book donation project for the Duarte Library that garnered 100 books for teens and young adults. The books were donated by members of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) as a gesture of thanks to outgoing president Gaston. Teen librarian Eileen Penson and Duarte Library Volunteers present her with a certificate of appreciation.

# P.E.R.T.A.C. is quickly growing

By Jasmine Castro, Duarte High Interact President

It's summer time, and the weather is fine. Students are on vacation and for many, the hot weather means finding ways to relax and stay cool – except for the Duarte High School Interact Club.

This youth volunteer service organization has been extremely busy helping our community in various ways.

To start off, Interact has made tremendous strides with the program P.E.R.T.A.C. (Personal Emergency Response Team Ambassadors Corps.)

Even though P.E.R.T.A.C. is only five months old, it is growing quickly. It has received the approval of the City of Duarte and has obtained a business license. Currently, P.E.R.T.A.C. is working on finding funding to support the program.

The Duarte Rotary Club has helped make P.E.R.T.A.C. a reality. As president of Interact, I along with the vice president, were invited to a special Rotary meeting, held on a Wednesday morning.

The District Governor of Rotary Clubs, Mr. Roger J. Schulte, along with his fiancée, Paulette Gregg, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Schulte shared with us inspiring stories of how he helped the fight against polio and other diseases. His story greatly touched my heart and inspired me to reach out and help others even more.

After the meeting, we were given the opportunity to talk with Paulette Gregg about the purpose of P.E.R.T.A.C. She enthusiastically agreed with the program, as emergency preparedness is something that should be important to all people.

On August 19, P.E.R.T.A.C. had a successful meeting with Westminster Gardens and Diana Burckhard of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. They loved the program and they gave us an emergency preparedness booklet to help guide us in our journey to create one of our own.

Then, on August 25, P.E.R.T.A.C. held its latest staff meeting at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

After all the business was said and done, P.E.R.T.A.C. had a tour of this awe inspiring and breathtaking Cathedral.

From the chapels, to the Mausoleum, to the beautiful scenery, its modern architectural design creates a welcoming and sanctified space, leaving every visitor speechless.

However, Interact hasn't only been involved with P.E.R.T.A.C. We also had the pleasure of working closely with the Duarte Senior Center, an amazing facility for anyone over the age of 55+.

The center has many activities in which the seniors can participate, and many like to go there to relax, play a game of chess, take one of the many classes held there, or converse with the friendly and courteous staff.

Interact has helped out with various events, such as the Food Bank held there the last Thursday of every month and with events such as dinners or breakfasts. We serve the seniors and then help clean up once the event is over.

In addition, we help set up for the upcoming events.

Next on our schedule is to help set up for the Duarte Senior Center's Casino Night. Interact is very grateful to be a part of the Senior Center.

The people we meet there are some of the kindest we have ever had the pleasure to meet.

To reach out and help the world, Interact decided to financially support a child in Haiti. We found a close-by business to help us with our endeavor.

Poppy's Bake Shop located here in Duarte is a delicious bakery that regularly serves up sweet treats.

They have agreed to help support this child in Haiti so that she can hopefully, after their heart breaking disaster, have a better future.

This summer 2010, Interact has worked incredibly hard. As president of Interact, I am honored to work with teens my age that have the same eagerness to help their community and help make their future a brighter one.

Even though the summer is ending and school will soon be back in session, Interact will not stop helping because we are determined to make a difference within our community.

# More West Nile Virus in the San Gabriel Valley

On August 19, 2010, a dead bird picked up in the City of La Puente tested positive for West Nile virus.

In addition, a chicken from a sentinel flock in the City of Claremont was also positive on initial screening and has been submitted to the California Department of Public Health Vector-Borne Disease Laboratory for confirmation.

These results signify that WNV is continuing to circulate in the San Gabriel Valley and serves to remind residents to take necessary precautions against mosquito bites and mosquito breeding.

The District recently reported WNV-positive dead birds from the cities of Covina, West Covina, and Glendora. The District regularly tests dead birds and sentinel chickens from flocks located throughout the San Gabriel Valley as part of its ongoing surveillance program.

Viruses like WNV and St. Louis encephalitis are transmitted to the chickens and other birds when they are bitten by infected mosquitoes.

West Nile virus activity has been lower in Southern California compared to prior years; however, in recent weeks WNV activity has increased. "We were lucky to have had cooler weather this spring and summer," said Steve West, General Manager of the District. "But with the onset of higher temperatures and increasing WNV activity, it's important that residents stay alert to the threat of mosquito-transmitted

disease for the rest of the summer."

West Nile virus is endemic to California, and has been a public health problem every year since it was introduced in 2003.

Kenn Fujioka, Assistant Manager states, "This virus changes the playing field. Prior to WNV, we never identified mosquitoes infected with encephalitis-causing virus. We now find it each and every year."

In response, the District has augmented its field operations and surveillance programs to include hiring more seasonal personnel earlier and keeping them on staff longer each year.

The District inspects an average of 1,300 potential breeding sources each week for mosquitoes and treats them as necessary.

The District recently completed its highly successful annual helicopter surveillance program with the Pasadena Police Department's Foothill Air Support Team (FAST).

From the air, technicians documented 528 stagnant swimming pools – more than any year prior. The ongoing foreclosure crisis is continuing to make the battle against WNV challenging.

Many sources of standing water are difficult to find, such as above-ground pools, inoperable fountains, and ponds.

And underground, urban runoff collects behind trash and leaf litter that collects in gutters and conveyances for stormwater.

"Residents are often unaware of this hidden risk," notes Fujioka. "Preventing overwatering and sprinkler runoff not only saves water, but it can save lives."

Residents are also encouraged to sweep up yard waste and keep lids on trash cans to ensure debris doesn't blow into street gutters.

Throughout the summer, basic protective measures should be followed:

- Check properties weekly and remove all sources of standing water
- Report 'green' inoperable pools or other sources of standing water to the District
- Wear effective repellents if outdoors when mosquitoes are present (between dusk and dawn)
- 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](http://www.westnile.ca.gov).

We also urge our residents to call the District to report any mosquito activity.

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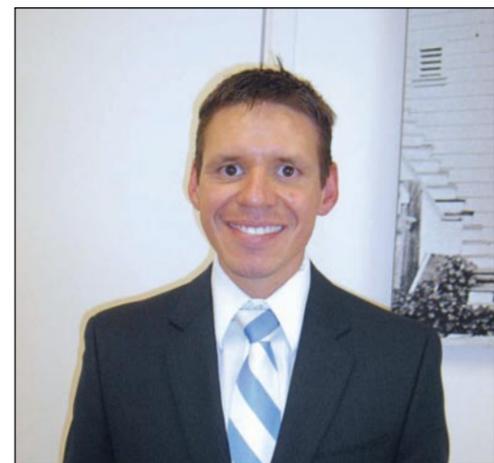
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# Citrus College shines as a star in higher education

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell,  
Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees  
Duarte/Arcadia/Azusa/Monrovia Representative

The national spotlight is shining on community colleges. In recent months, business leaders and government officials have acknowledged the important role two-year colleges play in developing a well-educated citizenry and a highly-qualified workforce. At a time in which the community college system is being considered the key to America's economic recovery, Citrus College has emerged as a leader.

A series of recent successes supports the premise that Citrus College is one of the top community colleges in the nation. Community College Week magazine lists the college as one of the top degree and certificate producing two-year institutions in the United States. The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education ranked Citrus College among the top 50 community colleges awarding the most associate degrees to Hispanic students, as well as one of the top 50 community colleges in the Hispanic student full-time enrollment and number of full-time Hispanic faculty categories. In addition, GI Jobs Magazine recently named Citrus College a "Military Friendly School" for 2011.

National publications have not been the only area where Citrus College has received recognition. In the most recent Accountability Reporting for the California Community Colleges (ARCC), a report to the Legislature from the California Community College System, Citrus College ranked above its peer groups in all seven accountability indicators or levels of achievement related to student persistence, course completion, and improvement. The report also noted the college's annual successful completion rate for basic skills courses, which gained nearly 6 percentage points over the past year.

Not surprisingly, our students have been achieving success as well. During a special reception held on campus in August, nearly 200 Citrus College students received scholarships from the Citrus College Foundation. Among the honorees were Duarte residents and recent high school graduates Kayla Griffin, Danielle Lara, Candy Vargas, and Edgar Zuniga who each received Bright Futures Scholarships of \$500. Several Duarte residents were also among those recognized during the 2010 Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. In fact, Duarte's own Christian Ramirez received one of the evening's top honors when he was named Citrus College's Man of the Year for 2010.

In the months ahead, Citrus College will continue its high level of student achievement and progress as we establish a new strategic plan focusing on the areas of academic excellence, student support and success, college resources, learning environment, institutional effectiveness, and community/college relations. This process will not only help us outline the direction in which Citrus College is heading, but it will also positively impact our students and the communities we serve for years to come.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Citrus College community. As Duarte's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am extremely proud and honored to share the college's success with you. I invite you to visit the campus and experience Citrus College's advancement and evolution for yourself as we dedicate two new buildings this fall. First, our new Technology Engineering/Technician Development Facility will be dedicated on September 14 at 3 p.m. Later in the semester, our Campus Safety Building will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on November 16.

As always, I extend my most sincere gratitude to the citizens of Duarte for their continued support of Citrus College's efforts to empower students. Your commitment to our beautiful city and its young people is truly making a difference and ensuring a brighter future for all.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL



PICTURED IS AN artist's rendering of finished facility.

# What looks like a new building is really a tool for community service

By Pastor Doug Spriggs,  
Grace Fellowship

If you have driven down Huntington Drive recently, you couldn't help but notice the beautiful new building that is going up across the street from City Hall. As the building nears completion, there is no doubt that the new structure will add beauty to the community. Replacing a 50 year old, outdated building in need of repair is this new, architecturally beautiful worship center and office suite that will serve as the home base for Grace Fellowship. The church came to Duarte in 2006, acquiring the property formerly owned by the now defunct Duarte Fellowship Church. Since then, the church has made a splash in our community and outgrown the old facility. So, a new facility was necessary and has finally been constructed.

As you might expect, the new worship center will be used to house Sunday morning worship services. There will be a state of the art sound and video system and other amenities that will make this one of the most modern and functional church facilities in the area. The new office complex will provide a beautiful setting for the church's counseling and other ministries. But that is only a small part of the story. You see, the building was not merely built for the church, it was built for the community. This church is about three things: loving God, loving people, and changing the world. So we are building a building that will help us do all three. The worship center will offer a beautiful, modern, yet worshipful atmosphere for those seeking to connect with God on a personal level. The offices, patio and gardens will be a place where people gather to connect with one another. The existing education building,

which is tied in beautifully with the new buildings, will allow the church to minister to children and teens. But beyond that, the church will use the building to invest in the community.

Already in the planning stages are some new ministries aimed at serving those who may not even be a part of the church. There will be a no cost tutoring center where qualified tutors will help community students to get the most out of their education. There will be a music program, offering free music lessons to students (many of whom have lost their school music programs). Counseling services will be available in the new building. And it will be available for use for weddings and funerals and other community events. The goal is for the church to serve the community in many ways. We don't see this church as a building so much as we see it as a tool for loving God, loving people and changing the world for the better. We want to be a light and a bless-

ing to the people of Duarte and the surrounding communities. Our hope is that people will visit Grace Fellowship to see what all of the buzz is about and that we will be able to find ways to serve them. Together, we can make Duarte an even better community.

During the construction project, Grace Fellowship is holding its worship service on the campus of New Creation Fellowship, located at 308 S. Alta Vista Ave., in Monrovia. The weekly worship service is held Sundays at 9 a.m. The community is invited to join the church for its services, both during the building project (in Monrovia) and after its completion, in the new buildings on the Duarte campus. Worship services will take place at 10 a.m. on the new campus. The project is scheduled for completion this fall. So watch for more information about a Grand Opening very soon. You can learn more about Grace Fellowship by visiting the website at GraceDuarte.com.

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# Red Ribbon Week 2010: A Drug Free Life Rocks!

The City of Duarte has proclaimed the week of October 25-29 as RED RIBBON WEEK in Duarte, and encourages all citizens of Duarte to participate in drug awareness activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to healthy lives.

This year's theme "A Drug Free Life Rocks" will be emphasized at the Duarte Schools the last week of October.

Students will participate in Essay contests, Classroom Poster Contests, Art contests, and Guitar Hero Contests.

Since 1985, communities around the country set aside one week out of the year to celebrate

the cause and acknowledge what DEA agent Enrique Camarena died fighting for, putting a stop to drugs!

Red Ribbon Week has been an ongoing campaign to raise awareness about substance abuse among youth.

This year once again, the Duarte Public Safety Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will team up with Duarte schools and promote activities to educate the youth of Duarte to the dangers of drugs.

The City of Duarte would like to Thank and Recognize 2009 RRW Winners:

Northview Intermediate Essay Contest Winners Reine



VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL students gather during Red Ribbon Week.

Nakamura & Lorelei Near, Northview Intermediate Art Contest Winners Jared Evangelista & Mariano Parra.



RED RIBBON WEEK at Beardslee School.

# Duarte Elks' charity season kicks into gear

People join the Duarte Elks Lodge for a variety of reasons. Whether it's to support the veterans and the country; to provide help disabled children; to be a part of a large community organization; or to provide assistance to needy families in the community, the Elks is a charitable organization that works hard to support many causes.

Many of their charitable causes begin with the new school year. Each year the Duarte Lodge launches their annual dictionary distribution program. The Elks will deliver approximately 800 dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the Duarte and Monrovia school districts.

They have also begun work on their Bikes For Kids program. The Elks membership are donating bikes and any repair work necessary in order to provide reliable bicycles to needy school children in Duarte to assist them in travelling back and forth to school.

"Kid's Dreams Come True" is a program the Duarte Elks started to provide special needs children with educational supplies. They are currently working with the Duarte School District to determine this year's needs.

Also coming this fall is the Elk's Most Valuable Scholarship Program at the Duarte and Monrovia High Schools. Students may compete for scholarships based on grades, community service, and a written essay. Last year's recipients from the Duarte Lodge were Sergio Esparza and Erica Christian.

The Route 66 Parade and Picnic on Saturday, September 18 will find the Elks in the park with a booth distributing Drug Awareness information. So stop by and see what they have to offer.

The Elks Lodge, located at 2436 Huntington Dr. in Duarte, is hosting an Open House to kick off Monday Night Football on Monday, September 13, starting at 4 p.m. They will be offering \$2.00 tap beer and free hot dogs. It's a great opportunity to get to know the Elks and find out what the organization is all about, and about giving back to your community.

# Duarte Rotary Golf Tourney Sept. 16

The Duarte Rotary Club will hold its 25th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 16, at Rancho Duarte Golf Club, 1000 Las Lomas Rd., Duarte.

It will be an 18 Hole, 4 Person Scramble. The Entry Fee is \$80 per player. Check in at noon with a Shotgun Start at 1 p.m.

Reservations must be accompanied by a check made out to Duarte Rotary Club, and mailed to the Club at P.O. Box 13, Duarte, CA 91009.

In order to keep play moving, the tournament will be limited to 14 foursome teams.

Entry Fee includes refreshments on the course and BBQ dinner afterward.

# Route 66

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in Monrovia; 7-Eleven; Auto Zone; Duarte Public Access, Inc. (DCTV); Von's, and Meguiar's.

Opened in 1926, Route 66 was the first highway to connect Chicago to Los Angeles. It was nicknamed the Main Street of America because it passed through the heart of communities, including Duarte, for more than 2,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean. Route 66 was decommissioned in 1973 when the interstate highway was completed, but the love and lore of Route 66 lives on.

For more information about the parade, visit [www.duarte-oute66parade.com](http://www.duarte-oute66parade.com). For more information about the City Picnic call (626) 357-7931.

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(DCTV), Route 66 Parade, Duarte Senior Center, and Friends of the Duarte Library. On 9.18.10, Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade celebrates Duarte's heritage on the historic highway, followed by the City Picnic and Classic Car Show, celebrating Duarte's 53rd anniversary of incorporation. The 8th annual Duarte Festival of Authors featuring more than 50 authors in talks, panels and book signings takes place at Westminster Gardens on 10.2.10.

For more information about the Duarte 91010 celebration, contact the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or visit [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com).

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## Duarte Elks Lodge

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# LULAC visits Acapulco Restaurant

The League of United Latin American Citizens, Duarte Council, recently enjoyed Sunday Brunch with their family and friends at the Acapulco Restaurant in Monrovia.

They participated in Acapulco's program offering fundraisers for non-profit groups in the community.

It was such a successful and delicious way to raise needed funds for the youth program that they scheduled a second LULAC visit on Sunday, September 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The community is invited. For additional information, please call (626) 221-5880.

# National Night Out 2010

By Talia Leon

On Tuesday, August 3, Deputies and Firemen conversed with residents at Duarte's 27th National Night Out celebrations throughout the city.

Twenty-three Neighborhood Watch Blocks gathered in a relaxed setting to listen to city officials report on crime statistics and crime prevention tips. The gatherings took various forms including pool parties, block parties, pot lucks, and ice cream socials.

Residents of all ages interacted with the Deputies, Fire Fighters, City Staff, Target staff, and Government Officials who presented Block Captains with certificates of recognition and a raffle prizes from Target.

Duarte's Target was a generous sponsor who personally involved itself in the citywide event by sending five wonderful representatives to support our emergency preparedness efforts by raffling Emergency Kits at each party. This collaborative effort wouldn't have been possible without our Neighborhood Watch Volunteers, Duarte Target, Performance Nissan, LA County Fire and our greatest supporter, the LA County Sheriff Department. Our caring Neighborhood Watch volunteers are greatly appreciated for having involved their neighbors in the City's National Night Out Celebration despite their busy schedules. This year's festivities would not have been possible without them.

Thank you Duarte Neighborhood Watch Blocks!

Special Thanks to this year's participants:

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200 Block of Melcanyon Road  
2500 Block of Millbrae Ave.  
2600 Block of San Pablo Way  
1600 Block of Second Street  
800 Block of Swiss Trails  
3200 Block of Tannencrest

The ninth annual Foothill Cities College Fair will take place on Tuesday, September 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Duarte High School Quad, 1565 E. Central

Drive  
400 Block of Tocino Drive  
2900 Block of Treefern Dr.  
900 Block of Vista Verde Circle

## SAFYMCA Youth and Government Program invites teens to learn and take skills to Sacramento

High school age teens 9th through 12th grade are invited to sign up to participate in the Santa Anita Family YMCA's Youth and Government program which kicks off Sept. 13.

During a nine-month period, teens will write bills, select governmental positions to role-play, attend statewide training conferences in Paso Robles, and run for various elected offices. The program reaches its peak in Sacramento at the State Capitol with the convening of the five-day Model Legislature and Court in February.

When the "real" legislators and other state governmental officials take off for the long President's Day weekend, more than 2,000 students from across the state will move-in to put their newfound knowledge and skills to the test, using the historic halls, chambers, and offices of the State Capitol, Supreme Court, and Governor's Office. Each delegation is responsible for writing a piece of legislation that will be presented in Sacramento.

They will play out their roles, lobbying, attending meetings, presenting and passing bills, and

arguing cases in the State Supreme Court. Other participants will produce a daily newspaper and close-circuit television news programs reporting on the day's events, according to Nancy Rosa, advisor to the SAFYMCA Youth and Government Program.

The California YMCA Youth and Government program is the only program of its kind in California that allows youth delegates to use the desks and chairs and offices of the real legislators.

"Youth and Government encourages and helps to develop citizen leaders who will build and sustain our communities in the future," said SAFYMCA Executive Director Damon Colaluca.

Cost of the program, that includes the trips to Paso Robles and Sacramento, is approximately \$1,250 per participant, but no interested student is denied because of a lack of financial resources. Students earn YMCA dollars to pay for the program by participating in fund-raising and volunteer opportunities. Financial assistance is also available through the YMCA.

For more information call the YMCA at (626) 359-9244.

Ave. Admission is free.

Students and their parents can compare the programs and opportunities offered by more than 30 colleges and universities from throughout California and the United States. Some of the colleges will offer on-site registration opportunities.

Among the many learning institutions already confirmed will be local community colleges, private and state universities, and career colleges, including: University of California-Los Angeles, La Sierra University, California State University, Na-

tional University, Azusa Pacific University, Art Center of College and Design, Patten University, Concordia University and many more to come.

The Foothill Cities College Fair is presented by the Duarte Unified School District, the City of Duarte, Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth in collaboration with other foothill cities school districts.

For more information about the ninth annual Foothill Cities College Fair, please call Duarte's Promise at Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

## Oh! Leaves, leaves, leaves on the tree!

Duarte High School Sophomore Laura Cortez wrote and recited this poem at the Duarte Teen Center during their week of amazing acts. She would like to remind Duarte to please recycle.

Oh! Leaves, leaves, leaves on the tree!  
My Mom Ernestina has watched me grow  
and has taught me everything I know  
That you help out earth by giving us air  
Us girls we like it when it blows in our hair  
It's the only time we can fly our kite  
For thee I promise to limit the paper I write  
You accompany birds within their wings  
And carry on the music they sing  
Crack open a window to the bright  
When you leave a room turn off the light  
Wow! ! five cents for every bottle or can!  
For now and forever, I offer you my hand  
I'll buy more bottle for repeated use  
The plastic ones, I'll refuse  
That someone would dirty the plant, I can't believe  
To clean it up, I'll for sure succeed  
When there's no need I won't flush  
The use of water has no rush  
I'll save the water of which I rinse  
To water the roses that match my lips  
Plant a tree and watch it grow  
For the leaves fall with just a blow  
Let's hope for that life to have no end  
With just a little help from a friend  
Oh! Leaves, leaves, leaves on the tree!

### Duarte Chamber Upcoming Networking Events

September 21 / 7-8:30 a.m.

**Good Morning Duarte**, A Networking Breakfast at Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine  
1856 Huntington Dr., Duarte

September 23 / 5-7 p.m.

**A Networking Mixer**  
Hosted by Friends of the Duarte Library and Carbera's Mexican Cuisine at the Duarte Library  
1301 Buena Vista St., Duarte

September 30 / 3-6:30 p.m.

**Community Health Fair at City of Hope**  
Co-Hosted by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce  
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# Duarte Library and Friends of the Duarte Library

**Duarte City Council to Honor the 2010 Library Volunteers.** This extraordinary group of 8th-12th grade young adults were an awesome group of who each completed 20 or more hours of Community Service Experience assisting primarily with the Summer Reading Program youths. They will be acknowledged and thanked by Mayor Finlay and Council members Tues., Sept 14.

**Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon**

On Aug. 5, 31 Volunteers who kept busy helping younger readers during the SRP were treated to an Appreciation Luncheon organized by Kay Pearlman, Children's Librarian and attended by councilmember Lois Gaston and Pat De Rose, Friends of the Duarte Library. Several Volunteers were praised for having volunteered at the library in previous years. Some also worked with the leadership of Librarian Eileen Penson on technology projects for 6 weeks.

**Watch for coming Programs**

**School Aged Story time - Thursday evening, Oct. 14, 6 to 6:45 p.m.**

**Halloween Party - Friday, Oct. 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Elementary through 6th grade.**

**Attention Teens - SAT & ACT Practice Test - Sat., Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** Deadline Sept. 23. Receive Score Back Seminar Oct. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sign up.

**Bookmark Contest Month of October - Kay Pearlman,** Watch for future announcements

**Summer Reading Program and Carnival**

Many young readers, over 400 participated in the SRP directed

by Kay Pearlman, Children's Librarian.

A portion of the expenses were funded in part by a grant from Target received by the Friends of the Duarte Library.

These students read daily for an average of 20 minutes to enhance their reading skills and earned credits which were used at the Carnival.

Aug. 7 Participants along with their parents came to exchange the tickets they had earned by reading over 6-8 weeks of the summer. There was a Cake Walk, Water Balloon Toss, "Go Fishing", customized face painting by Tina Cortez, of Endless Fun, gifts to be won and lunch treats served by the Friends of the Duarte Library who were serving at the Snack Table.

Monthly calendar of events and programs is available on the Library website at [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org) or at [www.friendsoftheduartelibrary.com](http://www.friendsoftheduartelibrary.com).

**Beginning Computer-Adult Classes by Reed Strege**

Check the library to sign up. The next session of classes will be in the fall - the last two Saturdays in October and the first three Saturdays in November. They are from 9:30-11 a.m. People should come to the library or call to sign up.

- In order, the classes are
- 1) Computer Basics
- 2) Word Processing
- 3) Excel and PowerPoint
- 4) The Internet
- 5) Email

**Friends of the Duarte Library**

The FDL and Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine will host a joint Duarte Chamber mixer Thursday, Sept. 23, 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is

\$10 per person with food being provided by Cabrera's.

Reed Strege, Community Library Manager, will give a tour of the library and demonstrate the many resources available online. It's simply amazing what all one can borrow from the Duarte Library with their free LA County Library Card.

**Casino Night - Sat., Sept. 11, 6 to 11 p.m. Duarte Senior Center**

Back by popular demand and all for the same low price as last year \$25pp, \$30 at the door. This once a year evening of being among friends, enjoying a beautiful buffet, gaming non stop for over 4 hours, professional lounge singer Preston Jordon for 3 hours, relax in the patio with live piano musician, prizes, and free parking.

Your good time will go directly in support of non profits: Duarte Sr. Center, Rt.66 Parade, Duarte Cable TV/Internet, Friends of the Duarte Library and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. We thank you!

**Rt. 66 Parade, Sat., Sept 18, 10 a.m. and the City Picnic at 11**

**a.m. Royal Oaks Park**

Watch for the **Volunteers** marching in the parade to advertise the 8th annual Duarte Festival of Authors, Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the FDL major fundraiser and looks to be our best.

**FDL** will greet you at the **City Picnic** where children of all ages find it hard to resist the Wheel of Fortune (READ). You can buy of a cold soda, water, watermelon, a gently used book & see how you can win a prize to the **Scholastic Book Fair**, where it's Buy one Get one FREE.

**8th annual Duarte Festival of Authors, Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo, Duarte**

It's our celebration to reading, and we have a great line-up of more than 50 authors who are anxious to meet you, speak on panels and sign their books available at the festival.

Main speaker include Fr. Gregory Boyle, known for his work over the past two decades for helping gang members to turn their lives around by giving them jobs in Homeboy Industries. He

will tell his stories from his book, "Tattoos on the Heart" - *The Power of Boundless Compassion.* He will speak at 3 p.m.

On stage at 11:30 a.m., the highly regarded nonprofit Pasadena arts organization, **Indelible Ink** will present a program of performance poets whose original work is avant-garde: courageous, entertaining and thought-provoking. Performers include Monica Lee Copeland, one of the early instigators in the Slam Poetry Movement and Jerry Quickley, one of the most well-known and well-regarded performance poets in the United States.

At 1 p.m., psychiatrist/author Dr. Gary Small, featured frequently on the Today Show, Good Morning America and Dr. Oz for his insights on aging, memory and more will speak, answer questions and sign his new book, *The Naked Lady Who Stood on Her Head.*

Hope to see you there for a few hours or the entire day.

All proceeds from the festival will go directly to the purchase of new books for your Library. Thank you for your support, Friends of the Duarte Library.

## City of Hope receives \$3.3 million grant to investigate breast cancer prevention

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has awarded City of Hope a five-year, \$3.3 million grant to investigate whether a low daily dose of tamoxifen will decrease the risk of breast cancer among women who have been treated for Hodgkin's lymphoma in childhood, adolescence or early adulthood. Melanie Palomares, M.D., M.S.,

assistant professor in the departments of Population Sciences and Medical Oncology & Therapeutics Research, will lead the study. Young women whose treatment for lymphoma included radiation therapy to the chest have a 20- to 55-fold increased risk for developing breast cancer. The average woman has a 10 percent cumulative risk of developing breast cancer by age 80, but these women have a 20 percent cumulative risk of developing breast cancer by the much younger age of 45.

"Hodgkin's lymphoma patients frequently get high-dose radiation to the chest, which is critical to the cure of their cancer - but it also contributes to the development of breast cancer," said Palomares. Tamoxifen interferes with estrogen in the body, and most breast cancers depend on estrogen to grow. Physicians already prescribe the drug to prevent breast cancer in other women at high risk, including women found to have precancerous lesions of the breast and those with breast cancer-related genetic mutations.

Although this drug is very

effective, fear of side effects often keeps women from taking it. This study will look at a much lower dose, which has been shown to have promise, with fewer side effects. Palomares and her colleagues will monitor mammographic density and levels of IGF-1, both markers associated with breast cancer risk, as well as reported symptoms and measures of blood and bone health among women in their study. Women also may choose to undergo random fine-needle aspiration, a procedure that samples breast cells so that researchers may look for evidence of abnormalities that might lead to cancer. The study involves 300 healthy, female Hodgkin's lymphoma survivors at five institutions across the U.S. and Canada who received radiotherapy for lymphoma before age 30. Other institutions participating in the study include St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Other City of Hope investigators in this study include Smita Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., Ruth Ziegler Chair in Populations Sciences, and Lennie Wong, Ph.D., associate research scientist in the Department of Population Sciences.

**About City of Hope**

City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation. City of Hope is located in Duarte, Calif., just northeast of Los Angeles, and is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer and urology by *U.S. News & World Report*. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics. For more information, visit [www.cityofhope.org](http://www.cityofhope.org).



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# SET for LIFE salutes care givers

“Salute to the Care Givers...It’s a Family Affair” will be held on Saturday, September 11, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., during the free 6th annual SET for LIFE Expo 50+ at 925 S. Shamrock Ave., Monrovia. The event will also offer free health screenings and over 30 vendors from around Southern California will be on hand to provide resources to families.

It’s a fact... Care Givers are the Backbone to Americans are living longer! Therefore, SET for LIFE will be honoring 10 caregivers from the San Gabriel Valley during the Expo.

Do you know an exceptional Care Giver? To nominate them, go to [www.setforlifeneeds.org](http://www.setforlifeneeds.org) and download the form. The deadline is September 5, 2010.

“During the Annual SET Expo 50+, families will have access to numerous resources under one roof, giving seniors and their families’ access to the latest education and information to make informed choices. New this year are free screenings and activities for grandchildren,” said BaLinda Dillard, SET for LIFE Board President.

SET for LIFE Expo 50+ is co-sponsored by Arcadia Chiropractic Center, City of Hope, Foothill Dental Center, Foothill Transit, Nex’s Herbs and Acupuncture, Southern California Edison and Wells Fargo and Jump 2 It Party Rentals.

Sponsorships opportunities and a limited number of vendor spaces are still available.

For more information and registration materials visit [www.setforlifeneeds.org](http://www.setforlifeneeds.org). Free lunch will be provided to attendees on a first come basis.

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# Neighborhood Watch Alerts!

On Wednesday, August 11, at approximately 1 a.m., Deputies responded to a call on Vineyard Avenue at Royal Oaks Drive regarding possible car burglaries in progress.

Two neighbors had called Temple Station to report that four male Hispanics had been spotted walking in the area wearing hooded dark sweatshirts attempting to open vehicle doors.

Deputies responded to the potential car burglary call and made contact with the suspects prior to any break in, as they did not find them in possession of any stolen property either on their person or their getaway vehicle.

The getaway vehicle was a 4 door 1997 white Nissan Sentra and the driver was communicating with the suspects via text.

The suspects contacted by Deputies were all Duarte residents, 1 juvenile and 4 young adults operated by texting their driver when they needed to be picked up from each street they were casing.

Deputies contained the area and questioned all suspects. The suspects had no warrants or stolen property, therefore no arrests were

made, but possible crimes were prevented.

Neighborhood Watch Works! If you see something, Say something.

Please report all suspicious activity.

To receive this information via e-mail, simply email us at [DuarteCrimeTips@lasd.org](mailto:DuarteCrimeTips@lasd.org) with the following information: Name, Home Address, Phone Number,

E-mail Address.

For immediate Deputy assistance and dispatch call Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 285-7171. To report suspicious activity to Duarte Sergeant Tony Haynes (626) 359-5671 ext. 304.

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## Walk for Hope supporting City of Hope's women's cancers program

City of Hope knows that fighting one woman's cancer at a time is not enough. To advance lifesaving research and ensure women everywhere benefit from new and improved therapies, City of Hope's Los Angeles Walk for Hope is expanding to fund research for breast and gynecological cancers. On Sunday, November 7, at City of Hope in Duarte, thousands of survivors and supporters take steps to support lifesaving research at City of Hope, one of the nation's leading cancer research and treatment centers. To register for the Walk or donate, visit [www.walk4hope.org](http://www.walk4hope.org).

On the day of the event, Walkers will celebrate their success. Together, these committed individuals plan to raise \$1 million in support of City of Hope's women's cancers program.

The 5K and Leisure Walk routes wind through the beautiful City of Hope campus, where discoveries of tomorrow happen today. Event festivities include sponsor giveaways, a survivor's pavilion, live music and entertainment, a kids area, team photos and more. Registration for the Walk opens at 8 a.m. The Walk begins at 10 a.m.

This year, the Los Angeles Walk for Hope is locally presented by Albertsons/Sav-on Pharmacy. The Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association, Wells Fargo and Papermate are also local sponsors. Walk for Hope is nationally presented by Staples, and nationally sponsored by Farmer's Insurance Group and Ladies' Home Journal.

Walk for Hope is the nation's only series of walks that that directly benefits research, treatment and education program for cancers unique to women.

In 2010, more than 207,000 new cases of women's breast cancer and more than 84,000 new cases of gynecological cancers are expected to be diagnosed in the U.S. Walk for Hope's expanded focus on gynecological cancers will deepen researchers' understanding of the biology of women's cancers to enhance treatment.

"Research at City of Hope not only focuses on developing new treatments for women with breast and gynecological cancers, but also addresses ways to improve these patients' quality of life," said Joanne Mortimer, M.D., Director of City of Hope's Women's Cancers Program. "These cancers attack the body and the soul, undermining how women see themselves at their very core and how they relate to their families and friends. We are committed to both curing and healing the whole patient."

As part of this commitment, City of Hope's Women's Cancers Program, an interdisciplinary effort that brings together researchers and clinicians to improve outcomes for these cancers. Researchers are investigating risk factors for breast, ovarian and endometrial cancers as well as interventions that could reduce those risks. Researchers also are identifying potential therapies, including targeted treatments, and prevention methods, and exploring the challenges experienced by women to help ease the complications survivors may face.

"We're thrilled to have the support of Walk for Hope. The money our walkers and their donors provide will give us the boost we need to help even more women live longer, healthier lives," said Mortimer.

In its 16-year history, Walk for Hope has raised more than \$29 million for breast cancer research, treatment and education.

About City of Hope  
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## Duarte Museum needs you!!

We have lost several of our dedicated docents recently because of health issues. We would like to remain open 2 days a week but cannot do so without additional volunteers. Docents work about once every other month either on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. or the first or third Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. New docents will be paired with experienced docents.

It is educational, fun and it is important to our community. If you are able to volunteer, please call Sheri Uhlig at (626) 358-2380.

Claudia Heller, President  
Duarte Historical Museum

## Are you ready for some Foothill?

It's hard to believe that college football is just around the corner. But we're ready to get you to your UCLA home games, saving you from the fuss and hassle of Arroyo parking.

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In the end, we here at Foothill Transit are not really allowed to take sides. Why? Because the bus knows only one team – The Customers.

This year, Foothill Transit will be offering the usual Pasadena Rose Bowl service from Old Town Pasadena down to the Rose

Bowl gates. Totally free, too.

To get to the shuttle, take Line 187 to Fair Oaks and Walnut – it drops you off right on the corner across from where you board the buses down to the gates – or walk a few blocks over from the Memorial Park Gold Line Station.

Or you could always drive to the Parson's lot at Fair Oaks and Walnut in Old Town Pasadena and pay the \$12 parking fee.

But considering that parking down by the Rose Bowl is easily double that and that you would have to deal with that snail-slow traffic heading out of your parking spot down there, taking Foothill Transit to your game becomes a no-brainer.

Shuttles start moving three hours before game time and start bringing people back out of the Arroyo at halftime.

All games are held on Saturday.

The schedule is as follows:

09/11/10 vs. Stanford  
09/18/10 vs. Houston  
10/02/10 vs. Washington State  
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11/06/10 vs. Oregon State  
12/04/10 vs. USC

Game schedule details are also available at [uclabruins.com](http://uclabruins.com). See you there!

For more information call (800) 743-3463.

## Duarte's Huntington Drive Street Pavement Project completed



The long awaited asphalt overlay on Huntington Drive is now complete. The \$1.4 million project was funded with \$679,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the remainder with State Transportation funds, Proposition C (1/2 cent County sales tax) and Proposition 1B (State Transportation Bond) funds.

During the process of construction, 262,000 cubic feet of existing pavement was removed and 17,190 tons of new asphalt concrete was placed on the street.

Silvia Construction, Inc. of Rancho Cucamonga, completed the work in less than 8 weeks. This 2-month time frame included all survey work, lowering and raising manholes, grinding and paving, new pavement striping and markings, new "botts dots" lane lines, and new traffic signal detector loops.

The City of Duarte appreciates the patience of our residents as well as the commuters who encountered the typical traffic delays due to the construction on this nearly 3 mile stretch of arterial roadway.

For more information on the Huntington Drive street rehabilitation project, call Engineering Division Manager, Steve Esbenschade at (626) 357-7931, ext. 233.

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# Duarte Festival of Authors – A Feast for Booklovers

## MORE THAN 50 AUTHORS TO SPEAK, SIGN BOOKS OCT. 2

More than 50 authors will participate in talks, panel discussions and book signings at the 8th annual Duarte Festival of Authors, Saturday, Oct. 2. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the park at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. Admission is free.

Fr. Gregory Boyle, author of "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion," and founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention agency in the country, will be among the day's featured speakers at 3 p.m.

Also headlining the event will be bestselling author, leading neuroscientist and frequent TV guest authority on the mind, aging, and memory, Dr. Gary Small. Dr. Small will discuss his most recent book, "The Naked Lady Who Stood on Her Head," recounting some of his most unusual cases at 1 p.m.

Presented by The Friends of the Duarte Library, the Duarte

Festival of Authors offers a feast for book lovers of all ages and tastes. Once again the festival will showcase a rich sampling of the diversity of literary talent who live and work in Southern California.

With the growing popularity of performance poetry, this year's festival will feature Indelible Ink, a showcase of performance artists whose original work is avant garde, courageous, entertaining and thought provoking.

Showcase host, Monica Lee Copeland, one of the early instigators in the Slam Poetry movement and Jerry Quickley, award-winning poet, storyteller, hip-hop artist, and political activist, will be among those who perform their work at 11:30 a.m.

Among the numerous authors scheduled to appear and sign their books are mystery writers, Dennis Palumbo, "Mirror Image;" Jeff Sherratt, "Detour to Murder;" Joel Fox, "Lincoln's Hand;" Gayle Carline, "Freezer Burn;" Alice

Zogg, "Revamp Camp," and Ann Carter, "Cape Seduction."

Pulitzer prize winning journalist turned award-winning author, Jesse Katz will present his father/son baseball memoir, "The Opposite Field," which was a 2010 summer reading pick by *Westways*.

In tune with the headlines of troubled young stars, author C. B. Shiepe's offers his fiction novel, "Cliff Falls." Gerald Schiller, the author of nine books and a performing magician will talk about his latest, "It Happened in Hollywood," and Thelma T. Reyna, offers up a collection of short stories in "The Heavens Weep for Us and Other Stories."

Readers can draw inspiration from authors Philip Ostergard, "The Inspired Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln," Scott Glabb, "A Saint in the City," Judie O'Neill, "The Lazy Woman's Guide to Just About Everything," Marja Meijers, "Breath of Life," Brenda Winner, "Ten Perfect Fingers,"

and Chuck Robertson, "A Simple Man's Study of Esther."

A window on the beauty and adventure to be found in and around the outdoors of Southern California is chronicled in the works of Elizabeth Pomeroy, "Lost and Found," "John Muir in Southern California," and Lahla Keiser, "Glendora's Backyard: Big Dalton Canyon," while author/photographer Mike Torrey offers a glimpse into "Machu Picchu's Terraces of Enlightenment."

James Aguirre shares the story of "William Henninger, His Native American Wife, Teresa and Their Legacy," and Bert W. Colima, "Gentleman of the Ring: The Bert Colima Story," relates the story about the life of his middleweight champion father.

Author/decorated Pasadena police officer, Victor Cass will appear with his new novel, "Telenovela," set in Pasadena that alternates the plot of a Mexican soap opera, the fictitious "Sofia de

Amor," with the love lives of two beautiful, sophisticated Latinas who happen to be the daughters of immigrants.

Authors of children's and young adult books include Ann Stalcup, "Leo Politi: Artist of the Angels," Jean Blasiar, "Emmy Budd and the Hijacked Train," Lois Carlson, "Shadows of the Past," and Jenny Hughes, "The Journeys of Jeff and Jessie."

Other authors who will be on hand to talk, meet the public and sign their books include: Ann Garrett and Nancy Goodell, "TLC for Frazzled Kids," Janie Speare, "ABC's for Christ," Loa Blasucci, "All Health's Breaking Loose," Debbie Madison, "Rider Down," and Ron Oberon, "Our Earth and Beyond."

There will also be a host of other treats awaiting festival-goers, including a fine art exhibit by local artists.

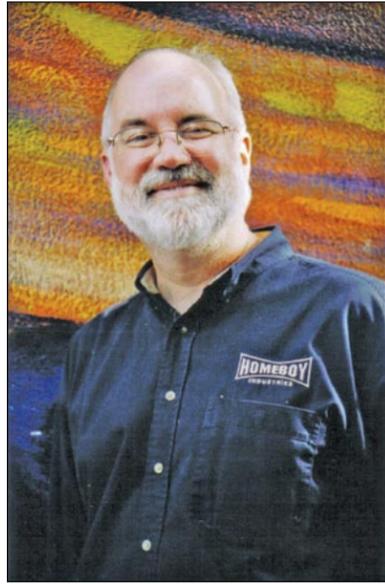
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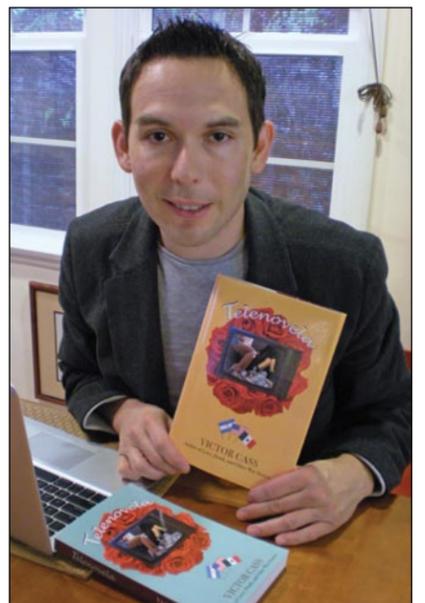
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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

“A good education is the best way to help Duarte children prepare for success in life – whether they pursue college and careers, or high demand technical jobs directly after graduation. This is the goal of Measure E, a Duarte school improvement measure.

Duarte schools are performing today under the enormous threat of devastating State budget cuts. Measure E provides relief by authorizing stable local funding for needed school facility upgrades and educational technology – projects that will keep the best teachers in Duarte, facilitate academic achievement, and protect the quality of Duarte neighborhood schools.”

Thus states the official ‘Argument in Favor of Measure E’ which will be coming before the community of Duarte on the November 2nd, 2010 ballot.

More than ever, our children require a solid education to lead productive lives and contribute to a 21st century knowledge-based economy and excel in a global market. A high achieving school district benefits the entire community by maintaining higher property values, attracting/retaining quality educators and preserving a quality of life. Devastating cuts in state funding for public education has not only threatened to topple the best public education has to offer, but have actually done so. It is no longer business as usual, but rather change is constant. Many key educational programs are in jeopardy.

Developing computer skills to master the changing technology in both the college classroom and work environments is mandatory. This bond will provide the funding to create a technology endowment that will sustain ongoing technology improvements in the classroom for years to come.

Project based lessons, which connect to the 21st Century work environment are a must. This bond will build a bio-technology/environmental lab, at Duarte High School, for career, vocational and technical education where students will receive instruction in biotechnology and health sciences while partnering with businesses and colleges as well as enhancing our current ROP/Career pathways programs.

**Some background:** The Duarte Unified School District is always looking for ways to partner with our local businesses and surrounding colleges. At a recent joint meeting at Cal Tech, DUSD personnel along with individuals from Pasadena City College, City of Hope and Oak Crest Institute gathered to exchange information and strategies for participating in, and the enhancement of, STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). STEM education places strong emphasis in the fields of Science and Technology, all done with an eye to preparing our students for a future work force that will create innovative scientists and engineers.

At the Beckman Research Center located in the City of Hope facilities, we are always searching out ways to strengthen our ties. Their summer internship program has been a source of invaluable training and direction for some of our science minded students throughout the years. Some of these students have furthered their studies by continuing on to study molecular biology, genetics, etc., at higher institutions. Other collaborations are being discussed with City of Hope personnel, such as a single subject project in coordination with City of Hope personnel both here and at their facility, career days throughout the year and many more exciting opportunities are in the planning stages.

This bond will also provide for a state-of-the-art automotive facility which will service students interested in the automotive/engineering career pathway in partnership with colleges and local businesses.

**Some background:** In the field of ROP/Career Pathways, Duarte High School is a leader. Two of our specialized and unique programs are television production and culinary arts. Television Production is taught by Levon Yotnakhparian, in association with DCTV and has proudly garnered several awards. This career pathway is housed in the new applied and performing arts wing, and is equipped with industry current equipment and a state of the art studio.

Our Culinary Arts program prepares students for careers in the food industry. This pathway is taught in a state of the art culinary classroom in coordination with the Summer Cooking Academy.

Our entire ‘in-house’ ROP program prepares our students to be leaders in the fields of business, arts media and entertainment, health, building trades and construction and engineering and design. These classes are done with business partnerships, Citrus College, City of Hope, etc., and all the classes are linked to post high school majors and meet A-G requirements. They are a stepping-stone to exploring all available options for our emerging adults, and a conduit to college in order to enhance the skills they have acquired here at Duarte High School.

This bond will provide for a new cafeteria which will be built to house all students (650) as Northview Intermediate transitions into a single lunch session within the new school year.

This bond will also improve school libraries, modernize inadequate, outdated educational equipment, upgrade/replace deteriorated and outdated electrical systems/wiring, replace aging restrooms and plumbing and improve school security/safety systems and drop-off/pick-up zones for safety.

A complete list of our facility needs and projects are included in the Master Plan. The Master Plan is now ready for perusal and will be made available to the public within the coming weeks. Based upon cost estimates and a healthy technology endowment the Board of Education approved the resolution to place this 40 year bond initiative, for \$62 million, at a tax rate of \$36/\$100,000 of assessed property value, on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

For those of you who don’t remember, a previous school bond was passed in 1998. The bond amount was \$48 million dollars, at a tax rate of \$59/\$100,000 of assessed property value. This bond was also for a term of 40 years of which 28 years are left. Why then the difference in tax rates and at such divergent amounts? In 1998, the assessed valuation of the Duarte Unified School District was \$1.4 billion. In 2010, it is almost \$2.8 billion, virtually double what it was in 2008. This is how we can pass a much higher bond amount at a much lower tax rate.

Measure E must be approved by 55 percent of voters. In two surveys, early spring and summer of 2010, 70 and 68 percent of respondents, respectively, agreed that there was some need or a great need for additional funding. About 61 and 64 percent of the respondents, respectively, supported the need for a bond to offset the need. We are confident, based upon these findings, along with a significant amount of community input that this bond measure will pass with the required 55% voter approval rate.

As a side note, Prop 39 School Facility Bonds were approved in the state of California, in the year 2000, for a 55% voter approval rate as opposed to the previous 2/3 voter approval rate. Along with this change are tough taxpayer safeguards. Specifically, it is mandated that every penny of the bond measure is to be spent on improving schools and learning. There is to be an independent citizens’ oversight committee and strict annual audits by both the committee and an independent auditor.

Considerable time, energy, and serious thought went into this decision. It was not an issue taken neither lightly by our Board of Education, nor by myself as Superintendent. Much anguish was experienced in light of the economic crisis that is only slightly less than it was two years previously when the thought of a bond was first broached. However, more than ever before, the changing face of the business climate, the technological advances that are moving faster than the speed of light, and the global community interacting in ways never before imagined make it imperative that our children, future children, have every available advantage to move in, and face head on, this changing environment.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

## Valley View



By Robin Nelson, Principal

Valley View is leading the way. Technology is growing and thriving on our beautiful campus. We are very proud of the variety of ways children are exposed to technology every day. Laptop carts are available to classrooms for children to have hands-on access to both Window-based and Macbook laptops. Movies, podcasts, powerpoints and published works abound through the availability of these laptops. Every general education grade classroom at Valley View is equipped with a mounted overhead projector, document camera, laptop computer, surround-sound, and wireless microphones.

Teachers are able to offer engaging and creative lessons leading to improve student achievement. English learners and fragile students are able to access the curriculum more quickly and efficiently. GATE students have powerful resources at their fingertips. Teachers are able to

take students on virtual field trips and they are afforded the opportunity to “travel” the world. Our school-wide wireless access to the internet connects teachers to web-based programs like Brain Pop, Reading Counts, and teacher resources. We believe that the use of technology to deliver instruction has been integral to our soaring test scores.

Student Leadership is fostered through our Geek Squad, 6th grade students are our laptop experts. They set up the carts for teachers and make sure the laptops are charged. **Sheri Callen**, Technology Director and her team, **Rene Cardona** and **Max Ung** have been instrumental in assisting us in wise purchasing, staff training and maintenance. We have committed ourselves as a staff to invest in technology in several ways: financially, with professional development and training. Our investment has paid off; our students are ready for their future.

## Cardinal success: top ten words of advice

By Eric Barba, Principal

I can still remember my first day of Jr. High School. Every detail is fresh in my mind from the long walk to school, the feeling of confusion looking for my homeroom and the fear of fitting in. I was wearing stone washed jeans, a blue shirt and high-top Reebok shoes, untied with the tongue hanging out. Silly boy. I can clearly recall those two years as being the most difficult years of adolescence, not because school was hard but because of the development of self-identify, group affiliation and puberty. Not to mention peer-pressure.

As parents, each of you has your own fond memories of your adolescent days and now you have the task to care and nurture your own child through their journey.

To assist you in getting your mind focused on intermediate school issues I devised the following list.

I hope it provides some insight that will help you through these in-between years.

10. Attendance counts. Poor attendance affects grades and confidence with academic material.

9. We don’t require school uniforms but we do have a strict dress code. If your child does not abide by the dress code feel free to send them to school in a uniform.

8. Be aware of who your child’s friends are. Take note of changes in friends and friend groups.

7. There is no such thing as privacy for teens. Their room is your room. Feel free to check around.

6. Love your child even when it seems hard. Back talking and rebellion are normal at this age. Adhering to strict discipline at home under the umbrella of love goes a long way. Remember the baby you held in your arms when things get tough. Be firm.

5. Question when your child says “it’s the teachers fault” or “the teacher is picking on me.” While adults are not perfect, the best way to resolve those types of inconsistencies is to meet with the teacher directly.

4. There is no such thing as being too involved in your child’s school. While your child may say it is not cool for you to be involved in school after elementary, they actually love it. The most successful students are those whose parents are not afraid to get involved or ask for help.

3. Talk to your child everyday about school. Have them explain to you periodically what they are learning. When they explain concepts to you, their conceptual understanding goes from their short-term memory to their long-term memory.

2. Yes, they do have homework. If they say they don’t, check ed-line first. One of most common reasons for intermediate school failure is students not keeping up with their homework. Practice makes perfect.

1. Have high expectations of your school! We are here to serve Duarte and provide the best education in an atmosphere of caring and respect. When something doesn’t seem right, call or e-mail the principal, assistant principal or teachers. We are here for you.

## What's New at Duarte High?

By Eric Barba, Principal

Duarte High School welcomes the new school year with several changes in the works for our students. These changes include new staff members, courses and academies. These changes are intentional strategies to make the DHS experience the best college preparatory experience.

DHS announces the following administrative and teacher changes and additions:

Miss Alicia Fields was promoted to assistant principal. She formally served as the Outreach Consultant.

Mrs. Pat Kramer was promoted to Educational Support Specialist. She formally held the position of Outreach Consultant at Andres Duarte Elementary School.

Mrs. Sitlaly Avena was hired as the new advanced Spanish teacher. She formerly was a long term substitute at DHS last year. Miss Jessica Converse was hired as the new math teacher. She is a graduate student at Claremont Graduate University and recently received her B.A. from Azusa Pacific University.

Each year DHS looks to add courses that will both prepare students for college and career options. The following courses were added for the 2010-2011 school year:

- ROP Advanced Multimedia Design (will create the new school website)

- ROP Culinary Arts II
- ROP Careers in Education
- AP Statistics
- AP Physics (pending approval from College Board)
- Applied Physics

Since the last Duarte View article titled "the Academies are coming," several steps have been taken in the implementation process. Originally the plan was to implement four academies, three career academies and one freshman academy. Students signed up for their top three choices and overwhelmingly they flocked to two career academies, leaving little interest in the third. Therefore, DHS will launch a total of three academies this fall.

The first academy is the Freshman Academy. All freshmen will enter this academy. The purpose of the freshman academy is for teachers to work together to keep students credit current and teach the necessary skills for high school success. This year the freshman will primarily take courses with other freshman.

The second academy is the Business of Arts, Media and Entertainment. Students interested in related career fields signed up for this academy.

The last academy is the Health, Science and Engineering Academy. Students interested in related careers signed up for this academy.

Following are some frequently asked questions about academies.

### Will academies limit my child's choices in courses?

No. Elective courses are open to all students. In addition, AP courses are open to all students.

### How will academies benefit my child?

Relevance of high school courses is often a complaint among high school students. Academies allow teachers to understand what careers the students have an interest in. They can then adjust their teaching to engage student interest. There is also substantial grant money available to school's pursuing

academies. So DHS will be in a position to apply when applications become available.

### How will senior project change?

Each student will conduct a senior project in their senior English class. The senior project will be based on a career or issue related to their academy. Senior English teachers met in the summer to modify the senior project.

### What other opportunities will academies bring?

We are working with partners on developing internships for students in the areas of interest. This past summer DHS placed several students in internships at The City of Hope.

## Excellence begins here!

By Jennifer Janetzke, Beardslee Principal

After a restful summer break, what an honor it is to return to Beardslee to begin another year working with outstanding staff, amazing parents, and enthusiastic children!

Many thanks go out to our custodial staff for all of the hard work they have put into cleaning our school from top to bottom! Special thanks also go out to the office staff, teachers, and other support staff for all of the energy and effort they put into preparing for the upcoming school year. It is a privilege to be a part of Duarte Unified School District and to serve the Duarte community and its families!

I am please to announce that we have received three teachers from other elementary schools here in Duarte who will now be serving the students here at Beardslee! I am proud to introduce to you our three new classroom teachers for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Amber Gonzales – Teaching our 4th and 5th grade combination class, Amber comes to us from Maxwell Elementary School. She has a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and is a great addition to our staff!

- Pattie Scherer – Pattie will be teaching our 4th grade class this year. She comes to us from Andres Duarte and has a lot of creative ideas which have already started to motivate those around her!

- Analen Sykeh – Also from Andres Duarte, Analen will be teaching 2nd grade at Beardslee this year. She has many years of experience at 2nd grade and is eager to get to know our staff, parents, and students!

The staff at Beardslee is thrilled to welcome these three new members to our team and cannot wait for you, the Duarte community, to get to know them throughout the school year.

In addition to our new staff members, we are pleased to announce that our preliminary test scores from the California Standards Test indicate that our API score went up by 23 points! We are so proud of the hard word our students and staff put in to make this improvement in our scores! The hard work will continue this year as we strive to improve even more in 2011!

Once again, it is a privilege to be here as part of the Duarte community! Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement as we work together to educate the future members of our city!



### Royal Oaks School

## Doing more with less

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Despite limitations in state funding for education, Royal Oaks was able to make significant gains in student achievement last year.

The school has received the Title I Academic Achievement Award for the past two years and anticipates recognition for continued growth in student achievement this year.

Recently released STAR results indicate increases in the percent of students who are proficient and advanced in both English Language Arts and Mathematics with 66% and 77% respectively.

Academic Performance Index (API) data will not be published until early September, however preliminary calculations indicate we are maintaining the strong, steady rate of increase that has been experienced over the past few years.

Clearly, we are learning to maintain and continue to grow with fewer resources, both human and material.

Thanks to the hard work of our PTA, we are able to continue with our MIND music program, provide field trips, purchase classroom supplies and continue to increase our technology instructional resources. Personnel are learning to work more efficiently and adjust schedules to maximize effectiveness.

Royal Oaks is fortunate that all parents and staff have an attitude that is both, "Can do," as well as, "Whatever it takes!"

This year we have planned a variety of ways to bring resources to Royal Oaks.

Families were given shopping lists of the supplies of basic items such as glue sticks, dry erase markers, watercolor markers, etc.

Throughout the year, students will be awarded free dress for bringing in reams of copier paper. We are recycling computer and copier toner ink cartridge to buy office supplies.

Our PTA will continue with their amazing support through catalog sales, Founders Day Silent Auction, and general donations.

Currently we are working on a grant to fund a garden for science instruction as well as our after school program, THINK together.

Furthermore, we are also researching other grant opportunities to continue enhancement of our technology resources and support instruction in the arts.

Schools in Duarte, including Royal Oaks will persevere through this financial crisis. We will work hard to find creative solutions to the financial challenges we are in and face in the future.

We will continue to reflect on instruction, partner with parents and community, and do whatever it takes to ensure that every student, in every classroom has a high quality learning experience.

## Welcome to DUSD Child Development Programs

By Kaye Ekstrand

The Duarte Unified School District Child Development Program staff are proud to provide service to Duarte's youngest students through our Head Start and State Preschool programs.

We also proudly serve to the children of Duarte's working parents through our Extended Day Care Program at Valley View and Royal Oak Elementary Schools.

Our dedicated early childhood teachers and early childhood instructional aides provide classroom instruction to children from families with low income in the city of Duarte through our federally funded Head Start and state-funded State Preschool programs.

Our dedicated office staff includes a Family Service Specialist and two Family service Workers, one Nurse and Disabilities Coordinator, a Head Start- State Preschool Resource Teacher, one fiscal clerk as well as a Head Start and a State Preschool clerks who provide caring and comprehensive services to the families of our preschoolers.

It is not unusual for families to return to our caring office staff years after their children have transitioned into the elementary school to ask for advice and support.

Our Extended Day Care Program provides a valuable service to the working parents at Royal Oak and Valley View by giving their children safe haven with caring adults who ensure their homework is completed, then provide them with enjoyable activities to build their social, academic and motor skills in a comfortable and secure setting.

If you are a working parent of a Duarte USD elementary school-aged student, or if you are the parent of a preschool child, we invite you to give us a call.

Contact our office staff at (626) 599-5120.

## Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Great things are happening at Andres Duarte. Thanks to the amazing work of our teachers and our incredibly talented students, Andres Duarte made record gains on their API this year. Students and staff can be proud to show the world what they can do.

We look forward to another successful year with some exciting new additions.

The Southland Opera Company will be providing music workshops to primary students in writing lyrics and then performing the song they have created.

Money for this program was provided through a city grant and will be a terrific way to work on standards in writing, speaking and the arts.

Sixth grade teacher, Mr. Hamilton will be starting a new choir at Andres Duarte which will include singing and voice lessons followed by several performances.

Andres Duarte is also proud to unveil a new computer lab thanks to funding from the Title I Federal Stimulus Package.

## Maxwell Elementary

By Esther K. McDonald

Last school year Maxwell enjoyed having our parents join us by making use of the newly opened Parent Education Center.

Our parents participated by learning English, Cake Decorating, computer software programs such as Power Point, Parent Empowerment Workshops, Healthy Lifestyles, How to Plan for Your Child's College Education Now and many more.

We were partners or supported by Monrovia Community Adult School, Citrus College, City of Hope, School Board members and teachers, all folks who donated their time to make a difference here at Maxwell.

And at the end of the year Maxwell parents were rich in knowledge, skills and friendships enjoyed as a result of the Parent Center.

While we will continue to strengthen our Parent Education Center, this year we will be opening another center, one that is connected with our students.

This Center is called The Research and Development Center and is designed to give students authentic learning opportunities.

This will be a designated place on Maxwell's campus where students will research real problems in our school and community, develop interviewing skills in order to better understand all sides of an issues, create questions to further understand the more complex situations people exist in, learn how to facilitate meetings with adults and students who are working together to bring about resolutions or solutions and investigate projects or actions that all of us can do in order to give back, or "pay it forward" and thereby enriching everyone in our community.

We are seeking people in the community who are interested in becoming partners with us in either enterprise. We are not asking for \$\$ money! We are looking for people who are interested in participating in this Research and Development Center or the Parent Education Center.

You might have some talents or gifts in helping students learn how to plan an interview, you might have ideas about how we can "give back" in our community, or you might want to teach a class in Yoga.

We look forward to having the opportunity to serve our entire community and invite you to join us this year.

If you are interested in learning more about what we are doing at Maxwell, please give us a call at (626) 599-5302 and ask for Alex Sanchez, she will direct you to the people in charge.

Thirty-two computers and flat screen monitors will provide students with a 21st Century learning environment. Students will learn to use Microsoft WORD, PowerPoint and use the Internet as a research and learning tool.

As always, Andres Duarte is "always striving forward" and this year we've reached higher than ever before. Congratulations students, we knew you could do it!

"Individual commitment to a group effort, that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

— Vince Lombardi, football coach

# Mt. Olive High School Q & A

By Kevin Morris, Director

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 se-

mester (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?

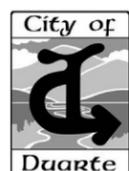
**A.** The Mt. Olive principal spends 1 hour or more with each student and parent in a pre-admission conference to discuss Mt. Olive's education strategies, program, rules and policies, as well as student goals. The student and parent receive a copy of the Mt.

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## City of Hope Community Health Fair



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# Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this fall! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Summer Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Teen Community Movie Night

The Mayor's Youth Council in Partnership with the Duarte Teen Center and the Public Safety Department will host a Teen Community Movie Night! The event will feature information booths, vendors and a Break Dance Competition!

Date: Friday, October 22

Time: 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Location: Duarte Park

Cost: Free

### Club Duarte (Middle School Students)

Date: Fridays, October 15 and December 3

Time: 7:30-10 p.m.

Fee: \$3

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

### Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Date: Tuesday, October 12

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

Fee: Free

This activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity, and examine personal attitudes in

regards to intolerance. Call the Teen Center for more information.

### Six Flags Magic Mountain - Halloween Frightfest!

The Duarte Teen Center is headed to the Mountain! There will be plenty of ghost and thrill rides! Get your scream on!

Date: Friday, October 29

Time: 4 p.m. - Bus Departs Teen Center, 1:30 a.m.

- Return to Teen Center

Fee: \$30

### Northview Day

Northview Students can come to the Teen Center for games, tournaments, snacks and music. Take a tour of the Center and hang out with friends. Free!

Date: Friday, September 24

Time: 3:30 p.m.

### COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab located in the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The lab is equipped with 12 computers and is a great place to enhance computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do school work, and

play various games. There is also a scanner and printer available for use.

### TOURNAMENTS

Challenge your friends to see who's the best. Tournaments begin at 3:30pm and are FREE.

- Yu-Gi-Oh, Tuesday, September 28

- Wii Tournament, Thursday, October 7

### ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

#### Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week. Club members participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Class meets Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. beginning September 23.

Membership Fee: \$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. Wednesdays from 3:30

p.m.-5 p.m. beginning September 15. \$2 per class

### Girls Night Out

This 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 Tuesday, September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26. Free

### Teen Book Club

Come join the Teen Book Club! The book club meets once a month to discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and find new adventures in the world of good books! Sign up now. Book purchase required. Club meets on the first Friday of the month from 4:30-6 p.m.

### Movie Mondays

Come relax and enjoy one of the latest movies at the Teen Center September 13 and 27 and October 11 and 25! No charge for viewing! 4 p.m.-6 p.m.



TEEN COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

## Mt. Olive

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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 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.



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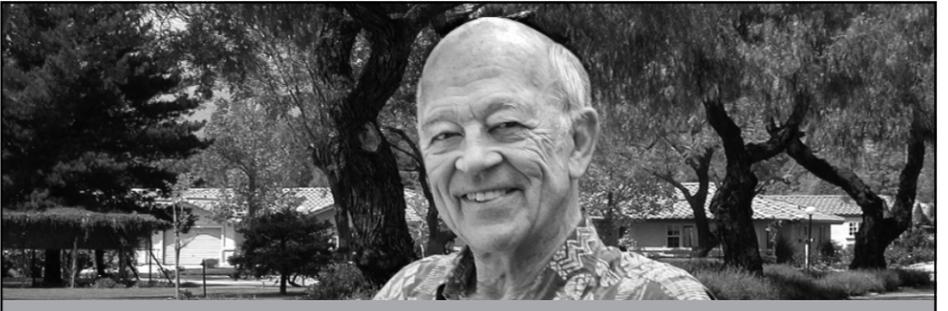
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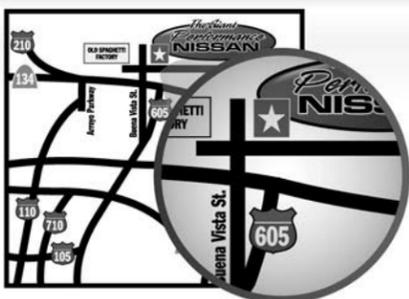
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# Assistance

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thing we can to immediately help families who are hurting the most during this recession," said Hal D. Snyder, vice president of Customer Solutions for The Gas Company. "Our priority is to make sure all of our customers are aware of the many kinds of assistance available to them."

The bill credits will be available to qualifying California utility customers from a grant made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, with additional funds from California's investor-owned utilities. SCE and The Gas Company each will have \$10 million to help their customers in need. Applications will only be accepted through Sept. 21, so customers should apply as soon as possible.

The grants are open to those customers of The Gas Company, SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and Pacific Gas and Electric Company who are in arrears and are parents or guardians of a child under 18 years old.

To learn more or to apply for

a grant, customers should contact The Salvation Army at 1 (800) 933-9677 or [www.tsagoldenstate.org](http://www.tsagoldenstate.org).

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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 Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. Lunch is served at 12 p.m. and you must be signed in by 11:45 a.m. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information on either of these programs, please contact the Senior Center (626) 357-3513 or YWCA Intervale at (626) 858-8382.

### "CASINO NIGHT OF STARS"

Saturday, September 11, from 6-11 p.m., \$25 with Dinner included (\$30 per ticket at the door). Don't miss this fun and exciting event that was a complete sellout last year. The evening will feature Las Vegas-style entertainment complete with gaming tables for craps, roulette, poker and blackjack; an international buffet; and big prizes that will include trips to Las Vegas casinos. Actor, singer, and impressionist Jordan Preston, who was a hit last year, will perform on the *Casino Night stage*, while the outdoor *Starlight Lounge* will offer a roving magician and karaoke for those who like to belt out a tune. Tickets are now on sale at the Senior Center. To purchase your tickets, please stop by the front desk. For more information, call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or please pick up a flyer at the front desk.

### IMMUNIZATIONS-FREE FLU SHOTS

It's that time again and don't get caught with the flu bug. This service, conducted at the Duarte Senior Center, is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services for seniors 55 years and older. The date for this year's flu shot clinic is November

9 from 9-11:30 a.m.

### ULTRASOUND STROKE PREVENTION TEST

HealthCare Partners is sponsoring a stroke prevention test on Tuesday, October 12. This is simple, non-invasive procedure will show you any plaque buildup in the carotid artery. For an appointment, please call the center at (626) 357-3513.

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE DMV/SAFE DRIVING TIPS FOR SENIORS

Information presented in this seminar will include the following: California Drivers License renewal rules, What to do before going to the DMV, making an appointment with the DMV, vision exam requirements, sample DMV class C written test, what is a restricted license, transportation alternatives, and other resources.

### DMV ID CARD

Renew your California ID card or change from a driver's license to a California ID card. DMV forms need to be filled out prior to departure. Reservations are required and are limited to the first 20 people. Please come into the Center to register & pick up the DMV forms.

### PARKING LOT SALE

Come join the Senior Center for fantastic bargains at the annual parking lot sale on Saturday, October 23, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Individuals and groups can come in to the Duarte Senior Center and pay \$10 to reserve a spot where they can sell their own goods. For any questions please feel free to call (626) 357-3513.

### HICAP

There's a lot to know about Medicare, and now there's someone to talk to about it at the Duarte Senior Center. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. For more information contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

### 55 ALIVE DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering a 55 Alive Driver Safety class for persons 55 and older on Tuesday and Thursday, October

19 and October 21, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This 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. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates. Attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members and reservations are required. For more information, please call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

### ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

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

### EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for fall trips. You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center to receive in-depth information about the following trips: California Avocado Festival in Carpinteria, Saturday, October 2, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., \$29; Flight Path Learning Center and Museum with lunch

at the Encounter Restaurant at LAX, Thursday, October 14, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$43; "Chocolate and Cultural Tour" with chocolate tasting by Curt Tucker Tours, Wednesday, November 10, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$66; "Plaid Tidings" at the Lewis Family Playhouse and shopping at Victoria Gardens, Saturday, November 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$46; Valley View Casino, Thursday, December 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$25; "Christmas Memories" Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater, Friday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., \$60.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. NO REFUNDS: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$25.

### SENIOR CENTER CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

Registration for the fall session of classes begins September 13. Classes begin the week of September 27 and are for 10 weeks unless otherwise noted. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Fee Classes: Piano/Keyboard,

Piano private lessons, Sewing, Strength Training Program, Western Line Dance and Yoga.

Free Classes: Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Cross Fit, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Knitting, Music Appreciation, Spanish - Level I (beginning) and Level II (intermediate), and Tai Chi.

## SCE launches new circuit to curb outages in Duarte

Since September of 2008, Southern California Edison (SCE) has been replacing equipment within the city of Duarte to come up with a permanent solution to the challenging Honeywell Circuit that has been involved in more than 25 electrical outages over the last three years within the Fish Canyon area of the city.

As of early September, Edison completed the long awaited 16 kV Ambrus Circuit project designed to provide much needed additional power feeds into the Fish Canyon area.

Construction commenced in April on the project designed to provide parallel power points at three locations on the existing Honeywell Circuit and off-load approximately 180 amps of power.

It also provides needed load relief to the existing Payne and Bateman circuits that serve other areas of Duarte as well as create the capability to switch loads during emergency situations. Edison had previously announced at the beginning of the year that this project has been moved up in terms of pre-design and permit processing and would be completed by summer 2010.

For more information on Edison or other concerns with electrical service, visit [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com) or call 1-(800) 611-1911.



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# Previous Route 66 Parades



## Useful Information to Help You Enjoy Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade, Picnic and Car Show

### STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Saturday, September 18)

**6 a.m.-noon Saturday** No street parking permitted on Huntington Dr. between Buena Vista St. and Mt. Olive. Same restrictions apply to Cotter St. north of Huntington Dr. and Highland Ave. south of Huntington Dr.

### ROADBLOCKS (Parade Day)

**7 a.m.** Staging Area. Access to Cotter will be blocked at Royal Oaks Drive to Huntington Drive and at all adjoining side streets (First, Second and Third streets). Each neighborhood will be provided with alternate routes to and from their homes.

**8:15 a.m.** Huntington Drive will be closed to all east and west traffic between Buena Vista Street and Crestfield Drive. Eastbound traffic will be detoured north and south at Buena Vista Street. Westbound traffic will be detoured south to Central Avenue at Crestfield Drive. Side street access to Huntington Drive will be closed off from Highland, Oak, Bradbourne, Amberwood, Elmhurst, Santo Domingo and Pops Road. Mt. Olive access will be blocked at Royal Oaks Drive and from all adjoining side streets between there and Huntington Drive. Access to the 605 and the 210 freeways at Mt. Olive will also be closed. All Mt. Olive off ramp traffic will be detoured east on Huntington to Crestfield. *Access to Central Avenue and the Buena Vista on ramp may be reached by traveling south on Crestfield to Central*

*Avenue or one may travel east on Huntington Drive to the Irwindale on ramp.*

### PARADE START (Parade Route)

**10 a.m.** Three-quarter mile long parade to proceed east along Huntington Dr. from Cotter St. to Mt. Olive Dr., then north on Mt. Olive Dr. to disbursement area. **Special Note:** Parade will travel along the north side of Huntington Dr.

### PARADE PARKING

Highland Ave., north of Huntington Dr., and Santo Domingo Ave., south of Huntington Dr., offer some of the best parking options. Parking is also available at Royal Oaks School, adjacent to the City Picnic area at Royal Oaks Park. Bus shuttle service is available to the Park from Royal Oaks School.

### BEST PLACES TO VIEW THE PARADE

Anywhere along the north side of Huntington Drive. *Huntington Dr. across from City Hall:* parade announcers are located here. *Highland and Huntington Dr.* area for early birds. Duarte cable station DCTV will be taping the parade from this location. *Westminster Gardens* area: plenty of shade and space along this section. *Mt. Olive* area: one of the best areas to be, also one of the hardest to get to unless you are early. Curbside seating. Parade announcers here. Bring blankets, pillows or lawn chairs to add more comfort to your space.

### REFRESHMENTS

Many fast food places and restaurants will be open for business.

### CONVENIENCE FACILITIES

Portable toilets will be set up along the parade route.

### TRASH CONTAINERS

Please help keep our city clean. For your convenience, trash containers will be set up all along the route.

### ROADBLOCKS DOWN

All roadblocks will be removed as soon as possible once the parade comes to an end. Public safety is the first concern, so please be patient.

### ROUTE 66 CLASSIC CAR SHOW (DUARTE ANNIVERSARY PICNIC)

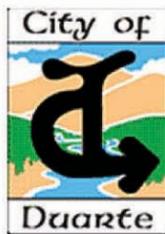
**11 a.m.-4 p.m.** Get more kicks at the *Route 66 Classic Car Show* and Duarte City Picnic at Royal Oaks Park, located on Royal Oaks, just north of Huntington Dr., at the corner of Las Lomas. Admission is free. See many of the antique and classic cars featured in the parade, along with Route 66 memorabilia on display and Route 66 T-shirts, commemorative lapel pins and related items for sale. Live entertainment throughout the day, food and refreshment booths, games, arts and crafts, petting zoo, and more. Parade awards will be announced at the picnic.

*Duarte's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Salute to Route 66 Parade, Classic Car Show, and Craft Show*



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**E**VER THOUGHT ABOUT getting your kicks on Route 66? If so, the trip from Duarte to Chicago could take 4 or 5 days, but you wouldn't have time to kick. Our recent trek on the Mother Road lasted a month, and still husband Alan and I felt cheated, passing by many of the sites along the way. Plan as much time as possible to travel this magical highway. Not counting side trips, the distance one-way is about 2400 miles. Remember, it is the journey, not the destination.

**Mode of travel:** Probably the best way to see the Country is by motorcycle, but few of us are willing to do so. Car travel is at the heart of the road and offers the experiences inherent in staying at motels typical of the Road's heyday. For our trip, we purchased a small used trailer which made over night stays more economical but sometimes makes it difficult to maneuver through towns and to park. We tended to bypass big cities or leave the trailer at a nearby RV park and drive our car to town. Whatever mode you choose, traveling Route 66 is not only a trip back in time, but offers slower-paced travel than negotiating Interstate Highways resulting in a more relaxed and scenic trip.

**Following the Road:** Jerry McClanahan's EZ Guide to Route 66 is a big help in following Route 66. There are old and new alignments, by-ways, by-passes and main routes which sometimes are confusing. At times the road completely disappears leaving travel on the Interstate the only option. If you are traveling east, you'll have to learn to read the guide backwards. Before take off, visit the Route 66 Museum in Victorville or Barstow to pick up maps, books, and guides. You'll want a CD with Route 66 songs, a Route 66 shield for your car, and other memorabilia of America's Highway just for fun.

**Roadside Attractions:** They will beckon you, as they are meant to do: The Blue Whale of Catoosa, the Nation's largest cross, the leaning water tower, the nation's largest totem pole, the round barn, the Cadillac Ranch, Henry's Ra66it Ranch. To further enjoy these outrageous attractions, one must appreciate their history. When the Mother Road was dedicated in 1926, small towns were flooded with travelers. Local families opened roadside cafes featuring mom's favorite recipes. Small gas stations grew into garages with the owners becoming skilled mechanics. Motels opened by the dozens and vied for patrons. These businesses not only boosted the town's economy, but provided much needed services for motorists. Creative business owners invented roadside attractions to draw customers who were simply curious or often times looking to entertain the kids. The day the Interstate opened, local traffic disappeared but many of these roadside attractions remain, some withering, some thriving.

# Kicking on



By Claudia Heller

**Photography:** Finding a focus will make the trip more meaningful. Whether you choose to concentrate on old cars, town clocks, water towers, statues, roadside attractions, etc., you will find plenty along the way. Write detailed notes when you take photos. At the end of the day the bridges or old cars will look alike and it is easy to forget their location and historical significance.

**Museums:** Many communities, even the smallest, have a museum with a docent just waiting for your visit. In New Mexico you can learn about Native American Culture, in Texas the effects of the Road on range land, in Oklahoma the flight from the devastating dust bowl, and in many towns the rock 'n roll era and classic cars. Visits to these unique museums and interpretative centers will enhance your knowledge of Americana and understanding of the changes Route 66 has sparked since its inception.

**Travel tips:** The accepted greeting when meeting fellow travelers is "Hi, where are you from?" Don't be surprised if they are visiting from another country. Take lots of quarters which come in handy for parking, tolls, showers, laundry, and slot machines. Keep a journal. Many of the towns and experiences may get confusing in time.

If you are over age 62, purchase a golden age pass which allows you to visit national parks, monuments, etc. free of charge. Arrange to pay bills on line and download skype to talk face to face with family while you are gone. Read or re-read Grapes of Wrath and other books which help understand the history of Route 66. If time allows, don't skip side trips. You may never come this way again. If something off the route peaks your interest, go for it! If possible, plan to stay in Chicago several days. Hire Chicagoland Route 66 guide Dave Clark for a personal walking tour: [www.windycityroadwarrior.com](http://www.windycityroadwarrior.com).

**The Route Home:** For our return trip we chose to loosely follow the Lewis and Clark Trail. Our visit to the Black Hills of South Dakota, Yellowstone, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon took us to many unique and memorable wonders of the United States.

A trip to Chicago via America's Highway is a trip into history and a good way to experience the heartland. You'll find that hundreds of towns along the way are preserving and revitalizing their Route 66 icons and welcome travelers who appreciate their efforts. We used our 66th birthdays as an excuse to "do the road." But don't wait for an excuse. If you have the time and interest, plan your trip and travel the Mother Road.

[Details on the Hellers' Route 66 trip and return journey may be found on [www.insidesocal.com/66](http://www.insidesocal.com/66). For suggestions about your trip or advice, email [famheller@msn.com](mailto:famheller@msn.com).]



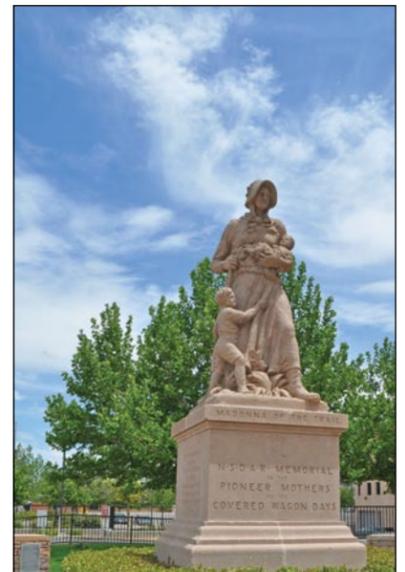
The general store in Hackberry Springs Arizona is typical of the memorabilia-laden establishments along America's Highway.



In some campgrounds, dinner is delivered right to your RV. Others featured such amenities as: all you can eat pancake breakfast, free bottled water on arrival, swimming pools and hot tubs, and a KOA in Texas provided a complimentary chauffeur for transport to the local steakhouse.



Typical of the roadside attractions, the "world's largest totem pole" in Foyil, Oklahoma is abundantly creative and the result of years of work. It has deteriorated over the decades, but is now under renovation.



Travelers along Route 66 who hail from the San Gabriel Valley will probably do a double take when traveling through downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico and spotting the Madonna of the Trail Statue, a mirror image of the one in Upland, CA.



Historic iron bridges along the route are photogenic and with little traffic in most places it is often possible to hop out of the car, take the photo, and continue on without stopping any traffic.



Seligman Arizona is a Route 66 Museum along the roadside through town.



In Seligman Arizona Route 66 buffs stop into the Route 66 Visitor Center to say hello to Angel Delgadillo, the town's former barber who is responsible for much of the reclamation of Mother Road memorabilia in the area.



The Big Texas Steak House in Amarillo Texas offers a free 72 ounce steak dinner. That is, it is free if you can eat the steak and all the trimmings in one hour's time. We watched a man make a valiant attempt, but he missed the mark by 3 shrimp. The price? \$72.

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