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Duarte View

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

NBC4'S CHUCK HENRY TO SERVE AS GRAND MARSHAL

Classic cars, marching bands, and more to celebrate 85th Anniversary of Route 66 in Duarte on Sept. 24

She's 85 years old and folks thought she was done years ago, but Mother Road is still kicking and on Saturday, Sept. 24, thousands will get their kicks on Route 66 celebrating America's fabled highway in Duarte's 16th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade.

A colorful cavalcade of antique and classic cars, marching bands, equestrian units, dancers and marchers, some 1,400 participants in all, will step off promptly

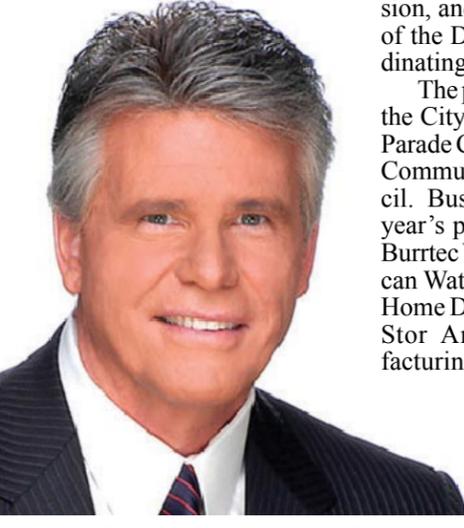
at 10 a.m. led by NBC4's Chuck Henry, this year's grand marshal. The parade will travel along a one-mile segment of Duarte's historic Route 66, Huntington Dr., from Cotter St. east to Mt. Olive Ave.

In addition to the many local school, church and community groups, the parade also attracts participants from throughout Southern California eager to share a role in the nation's only

annual parade to celebrate Route 66. Among the more than 1,400 participants will be seven marching bands from Diamond Ranch High School, Pomona; Don Lugo High School, Chino; Duarte High School; Rim of the World High School, San Bernardino; John Burroughs High School, Burbank; San Dimas High School; and Beckman High School, Irvine. Equestrian participants will include Jann of Sweden, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Temple City Posse, and the Nieto Family Equestrians. Herlinda Figueroa's Ballet Folklorico will perform along the parade route as well the Ontario Ovation Baton Twirlers. Every Duarte school will be represented in the parade as well as scout troops, the Duarte Boxing Club, and numerous community organizations.

Known for his versatility, Grand Marshal Chuck Henry has been lauded for both his hard news reports and for his lighter stories. In addition to his work in local news, Henry is the executive producer and host of the Emmy award-winning "Travel Café," a half-hour program that examines interesting places, cultures and cuisines. Following the parade, Henry will meet the community and sign autographs at the Car Show from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The parade will bestow special honors on two longtime, dedicated Duarte volunteers. Frank



GRAND MARSHAL CHUCK HENRY

Haynes and Dorothy Smith will be honored as Community Grand Marshals for their outstanding leadership of the nonprofit Duarte Community Service Council which provides emergency support and welfare services for needy Duarte families. Smith, a 52-year Duarte resident has been a volunteer with the Duarte Community Service Council since 1993 and has served as president since 2000. She also volunteers with the Duarte Senior Center monthly County food program and the Duarte Recreation Healthy Cities program. Haynes, an 18-year resident of Duarte, is treasurer of the Duarte Community Service Council and has volunteered with the organization since 2004. He also serves on the Duarte Public Services Commis-

sion, and is the current president of the Duarte Community Coordinating Council.

The parade is co-sponsored by the City of Duarte, the Route 66 Parade Committee and the Duarte Community Coordinating Council. Business sponsors for this year's parade are: City of Hope, Burttec Waste, California-American Water, Ranchero Restaurant, Home Depot, Frontier Hardware, Stor America, Grover Manufacturing, 7-11, Simon Rental, Jan's Towing, Bowden Development, Quality Inn, DCTV, Duarte Elks Lodge, The Leven Oaks Assisted Living, and Royal Oaks Manor.

Immediately following the parade, the fun will continue at the Duarte City Picnic and Classic Car Show at Royal Oaks Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrating the 54th anniversary of Duarte's incorporation, the picnic will offer a variety of food, craft and game booths sponsored by community nonprofit groups, a classic car show, and two stages featuring a variety of live entertainment beginning at 11 a.m. The main Celebration stage will feature performances by Rock band, Parkaimoon, and Pop group Colton B & the L.A. Hip Kidz with the Rage Crew world champion dance group. Youngsters can enjoy a variety of special entertainment performed on the Children's Stage, including children's Pop band, Perfect Opposite, and a show featuring Chumis the Clown. A free arts and crafts area will be located adjacent to the Children's Stage, along with a mini-carnival area with games for candy prizes, and a giant inflatable slide.

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 Duarte's Route 66 Parade and Classic Car Show, visit www.duarteroute66parade.com, or leave a message at (626) 260-0993. For additional information about the Picnic contact Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



COMMUNITY GRAND MARSHALS DOROTHY SMITH AND FRANK HAYNES



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Duarte Public Safety Telemarketing Fraud Alert

We'd like to tell you about a phone scam that has targeted some Duarte residents. If it has happened to them and it could happen to you.

Recently a Duarte resident received a phone scam. The caller told the resident that their computer was dangerously infected by virus. They asked the person to go the computer and were willing to call back later if it was not a convenient time. They directed the resident to an advanced setting the resident had never visited, where there was a list of items some of which were in red.

They alerted the resident and said the red highlighted items were corrupted which was not true.

Their toll free number was out of the Virgin Islands. They spoke with an accent. They offered the resident to clean the computer from the corrupt for \$80.

TELEMARKETING FRAUD IS COMMON

When you send money to people you do not know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud.

Here are some warning signs of telemarketing fraud – what a caller may tell you:

- "You must act 'now' or the offer won't be good."
- "You've won a 'free' gift, vacation, or prize." But you have to pay for "postage and handling" or other charges.
- "You must send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier." You may hear this before you have had a chance to consider the offer carefully.

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Margaret Viramontes

Throughout her life, Margaret Helena Viramontes weathered many a storm, but her passion remained resolute: it is all about the children. According to her daughters, Lisa Oldham and JoAnn Chiles, she adopted all Duarte's children and actively served them and their parents. She endured many hardships and racial discrimination throughout her life, according to her family, which only fueled her desire to instill cultural pride in the Duarte community. She was a tireless advocate for bilingual education and integration.



Born on April 27, 1924, she was raised by her mother, Otilia Vasquez, and her step father, Juan Lopez. She grew up in East Pasadena where she was affectionately called "Chihuahuita." In 1952 she married John Viramontes and moved to Duarte where she raised her daughters, both of whom are now teachers in the San Gabriel Valley.

Margaret worked as an instructional aide (ESL) for the Duarte Unified School District starting in 1974 and remained a dedicated employee until her retirement in 1985. However, retirement only allowed her more time to work within the community. She became the "voice" for those who were unable to communicate their needs. She was the recipient of many honors recognizing her volunteer work as an advocate for veterans and for the children of Duarte.

"Margaret was a matriarch or the Mother of Chicano Politics in Duarte and beyond," says Duarte Councilmember Phil Reyes. "She dedicated her life to social justice. It wasn't about being Brown. For her it was about ensuring that the disadvantaged, the poor and the disenfranchised had a voice and access to quality services, education and the American Dream."

Margaret was a Girl Scout leader, and was active in many local organizations. In 1970 she was a member of the Los Duartenos, a club serving as a link between the Mexican Community and the School District to improve better relation-

ships and positive communications. She actively helped organize the first Cinco de Mayo Cultural Day sponsored by the School District. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Community Youth Center-GLACCA Project, and volunteered on a committee which organized the first African Cultural Day sponsored by the School District. She served for many years as a member of the Community Education Council, assisted with the Annual Health Fair, crafted children's costumes and helped organize the city's Las Posadas Celebration. She served as a community resource to the past and present Superintendent of the Duarte Unified School District and was an enthusiastic member of the Andres Duarte Statue Committee.

"Margaret cared deeply for this community and always tried to do the right thing for its people," says Duarte Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Gaston.

During her final year, Margaret was able to remain in the Duarte home that she loved, cared for by her daughters and other family members, neighbors and friends. "It was heartbreaking to see dementia taking more of her life each day," says her daughters. "She handled it courageously." Margaret died on July 17.

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West Nile Virus continues to circulate in Valley, public vigilance has helped

The District's West Nile virus (WNV) surveillance team continues to find evidence of WNV transmission in the San Gabriel Valley.

To date:

- **Seventeen (17) birds** have tested positive for WNV this year from the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, La Puente, and West Covina.

- **Five (5) mosquito samples** collected from Covina, Irwindale, La Puente, and West Covina have tested positive indicating increased risk in these communities.

- **One (1) chicken** from a sentinel flock in the City of Irwindale

- The County's **first equine case** was reported from the San Gabriel Valley on August 11 by Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health Department.

Dead birds reported by the public to the WNV Hotline (877.WNV.BIRD) have helped vector control districts zero in on WNV "hot spots" to suppress virus activity. Mosquitos that feed on sick birds can spread the virus further. Reducing mosquito populations in these hot spots is essential to break the transmission cycle. "We can't thank the public enough for their assistance this year" notes Steve West, the District's General Manager, "Even if we can't pick up the birds, knowing where they are dying helps tremendously."

As we enter the peak transmission season, three (3) of the State's twelve confirmed human cases are from Los Angeles County. The number of cases is still low, but experts expect that number to rise. "Virus levels in Los Angeles County mosquitoes and wild birds indicate a high risk this year," cautions Kenn Fujioka, the District's Assistant Manager.

The County's first epidemic in 2004 resulted in 331 cases and 14 deaths. In 2008, a resurgence of the virus caused 156 cases and 6 deaths. West Nile virus causes illness and death every year. Unfortunately, many likely cases are never tested and confirmed by physicians.

If bitten by an infected mosquito, illness can range from the milder West Nile Fever (WNV) to the more severe West Nile Neurologic Disease (WNND). Symptoms of WNND include headaches, muscle aches, rash, and extreme fatigue requiring weeks to months to recover. WNND results when the virus attacks the brain and/or central nervous system resulting in serious, life threatening complications. People over 50 and those with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for the more severe disease.

Fujioka warns, "There are a lot of infective mosquitoes out there. If people do not take the necessary precautions this summer, their risks are definitely higher."

Protective measures include:

- **DRAIN:** Check properties weekly and remove all sources of standing water. Report 'green'

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- "You don't need to check out the company with anyone." The callers say you do not need to speak to anyone including your family, lawyer, accountant, local Better Business Bureau, or consumer protection agency.

- "You don't need any written information about their company or their references."

- "You can't afford to miss this 'high-profit, no-risk' offer."

If you hear these or similar "lines" from a telephone salesperson, just say "no thank you" and hang up the telephone.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING TELEMARKETING FRAUD

It's very difficult to get your money back if you've been cheated over the telephone. Before you buy anything by telephone, remember:

- Don't buy from an unfamiliar company. Legitimate businesses understand that you want more information about their company and are happy to comply.

- Always ask for and wait until you receive written material about any offer or charity. If you get brochures about costly investments, ask someone whose financial advice you trust to review them. But, unfortunately, beware – not everything written down is true.

- Always check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, state attorney general, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups. Unfortunately, not all bad businesses can be identified through these organizations.

- Obtain a salesperson's name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before you transact business. Some con artists give out false names, telephone numbers, addresses, and business license numbers. Verify the accuracy of these items.

- Before you give money to a charity or make an investment, find

out what percentage of the money is paid in commissions and what percentage actually goes to the charity or investment.

- Before you send money, ask yourself a simple question. "What guarantee do I really have that this solicitor will use my money in the manner we agreed upon?"

- Don't pay in advance for services. Pay services only after they are delivered.

- Be wary of companies that want to send a messenger to your home to pick up money, claiming it is part of their service to you. In reality, they are taking your money without leaving any trace of who they are or where they can be reached.

- Always take your time making a decision. Legitimate companies won't pressure you to make a snap decision.

- Don't pay for a "free prize." If a caller tells you the payment is for taxes, he or she is violating federal law.

- Before you receive your next sales pitch, decide what your limits are – the kinds of financial information you will and won't give out on the telephone.

- Be sure to talk over big investments offered by telephone salespeople with a trusted friend, family member, or financial advisor. It's never rude to wait and think about an offer.

- Never respond to an offer you don't understand thoroughly.

- Never send money or give out personal information such as credit card numbers and expiration dates, bank account numbers, dates of birth, or social security numbers to unfamiliar companies or unknown persons.

- Be aware that your personal information is often brokered to telemarketers through third parties.

- If you have been victimized once, be wary of persons who call offering to help you recover your losses for a fee paid in advance.

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Five candidates to vie for two Duarte City Council seats, six candidates for three Duarte School Board seats

A field of five candidates will vie for two Duarte City Council seats in the November 8, 2011 election. Deadline for filing nomination papers closed on Aug. 12 and the County of Los Angeles has verified the nomination papers for all five candidates.

Incumbents Lois Gaston, a retired human resources district manager for AT&T, and John Fasana, a project manager for Southern California Edison, will be on the ballot. Other candidates on the ballot are Henry Baltazar, a landscape contractor; Anil Gunaratne, an auditor; and Liz Reilly, an instructional aide.

Six candidates have been verified for the Duarte Unified School District Board Member seats also in the November 8 election. There are three seats available.

Incumbents Pam Kawasaki, Francisco Figueroa, and Rose Brooks-Mitchell will be on the ballot. Other candidates on the ballot are Tom Reyes, David Hall, and Dolores Ortiz.

The final day to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 24. Voter registration forms are available at Duarte City Hall and on the California Secretary of State website, <http://www.sos.ca.gov>.

Candidate Forum Oct. 20

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a Candidate Forum for Duarte School Board and Duarte City Council on Thursday evening, October 20, in the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte. It will be open to the public and may be videotaped.

Candidates appearing on the November 2011 ballot will soon be invited to participate and will receive information documents prior to October 20. The School Board forum will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The City Council forum will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Wed., Sept. 28, 1 p.m.

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Protect your family by being prepared and well informed - BEFORE a crisis occurs. Please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to sign up for this seminar.

Author writes to build a culture of world peace

As The Beatles put it so eloquently a generation ago in their iconic song “Give Peace a Chance,” the lyrics written by John Lennon during the height of the Vietnam War still have great meaning today. Author Chandrani Warnasuriya was motivated to write *Peace Tales from Asia: Building a Culture of Peace* because, “War and terrorism was prevalent in my country Sri Lanka for over 30 years; torn by ethnic and religious conflict made everybody including myself long for peace. Round-the-globe acts of violence and reckless killing have left thousands bereaved and mourning for loved ones lost forever.” Inspired by her students, “I seriously thought about writing when I started to teach and work with children. I realized that children were the grass-roots level with which to begin work for peace in the world.”

If one woman can bring about world peace, it will start with reading her stirring book *Peace Tales*, selected stories retold from Asian cultures. Why not “Give Peace a Chance?”

PEACE TALES FROM ASIA: BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE (ISBN: 978-1-60976827-0) is available for \$11.95 and can be ordered through the publisher’s website: <http://sbpra.com/ChandraniWarnasuriya> or at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com.



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The little white frame house by the tracks

By Claudia Heller

A heartwarming story about a mostly forgotten episode in Duarte's history was brought to light recently in a most surprising place. The current issue of Classic Trains magazine featured a story written by Jack Elwood entitled The little white frame house by the tracks, and with the publisher's generous permission I wish to share this article with you.

Jill Miller was eighteen years old in 1950, when this saga unfolds. Bedridden with rheumatic fever, her contact with the outside world had diminished to the point that her life revolved around the sound of passing trains. Jill lived on Duarte Road near the railroad tracks which run across the street from the City of Hope. In 1950, Santa Fe ran five passenger trains each way daily on the Second District. To pass the time in her quiet, lonely world Jill would wave a small flag back and forth through an opening in her window each time she heard a train passing by. In most instances, this act would go unnoticed, but as fate would have it, according to the article, O.D. "Orrie" Kelly, a veteran regular engineer on train 20, the Chief, noticed the flag waving and became curious. He checked with other crew members to see if they knew anything about the little white frame house (since destroyed) and the "flag waver" but no one knew a thing!

The article admits that "railroad men" have the general reputation of being "cranky, macho types," and this was apparently true about Kelly. But something must have pulled at his heartstrings because one day after returning the locomotive to the Redondo Junction Roundhouse in Los Angeles, he returned by car to the little house in Duarte, home of the flag waver. It was there that the mother introduced him to Jill. A long lasting friendship between Jill, Kelly and dozens of train crew members began to blossom.

The story of Jill Miller soon spread throughout the railroad and through Kelly, monetary collections poured in from all points and every department. As Christmas neared, the crews collected gifts for Jill, and even bought her a recliner chair and television set, "a relative rarity in those days." After obtaining permission from Santa Fe management to stop the eastbound Chief opposite the house, the crew unloaded the gifts and carried them across Duarte Road, delivering them to Jill.

As time went on, Jill's story was told in an L.A. Times article following which the Railway Club of Southern California befriended her. When she was able to leave her house, the Club sponsored an excursion train to San Diego with Jill as the guest of honor. "Thus did the 'Jill Miller Holiday' special come about

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Newest Measure G facility debuts at Citrus

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

Navigating a college campus for the first time can be a daunting prospect for a new student. With 103 acres of classrooms, athletic fields, parking lots, and various other facilities, finding the right place to get started has sometimes proven challenging for prospective Citrus College students searching for where to begin.

Fortunately, the newest facility to debut on the Citrus College campus, the Student Services Building, consolidates all facets of student services into one easily identifiable location and provides a welcoming new point of entry for the college.

Located just off Citrus Avenue and a short walk from the future location of the Citrus Avenue Metro Gold Line Station, this 55,000-square-foot structure is not only impressive, it's hard to miss.

Construction on the new facil-

ity began in July 2008, and this July the Student Services Building was furnished, staffed and



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began to serve students.

The building houses Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Student Employment Services, Counseling, Career/Transfer Center, Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, Disabled Students Programs and Services, Outreach and School Relations, Student Health Center and International Students.

There is also a Bookstore Express, meeting rooms, conference rooms, and office spaces.

In 2004, the people of Duarte, along with the residents of other cities in the Citrus Community College District, approved Measure G – a \$121 million bond measure.

Since that time the college has used Measure G funding, along with funding from the state, to renovate and upgrade existing facilities and complete construction on several new ones.

The list includes the Math/Science Building, the Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation, the Field House and Concession Building, the Technology Engineering/Technician Development Building, a new Central Plant, the Softball Complex and the Campus Safety Building.

These state-of-the-art facilities will serve the college well as it prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities; trains local residents for highly-skilled and high paying jobs; and provides lifelong learn-

Inaugural day for Foothill Oaks Academy

The 2011-2012 school year is getting underway at campuses across the southland and students are packing up their backpacks and heading to their classrooms.

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ing opportunities for the people of the communities we serve.

The newest of the Measure G projects, the Student Services Building, was dedicated on September 13, 2011, in a ceremony with the theme: "It's All About Our Students."

That's a great theme, and one that reflects the college's culture of supporting student success in pursuit of academic excellence, economic opportunity, and personal achievement through higher education.

California's community colleges will play a vital role in responding to the state's need for an educated and trained workforce of the future.

The ability of Duarte students to easily access the resources and services that will help them succeed in college, such as those that can be found in the new Student Services Building, is critical to their success.

I would like to thank Duarte residents for their foresight in supporting Measure G in 2004, and for their ongoing support of Citrus College. I am confident that Citrus College will continue to contribute to the economic prosperity of our region and the quality-of-life for the people in our community.

Foothill Oaks Academy, located along the foothills in Duarte.

On September 7 the school officially opened its doors and welcomed the enthusiastic new families to the campus.

Foothill Oaks Academy is a creation of two former, well-established schools in the region, Anita Oaks School and Carden of the Foothills School.

Combining two rich heritages and drawing from the finest programs and attributes of both schools, Foothill Oaks Academy is proud to be providing its students a quality academic program along with a full series of enrichment courses, including technology, music, drama, art, foreign language, physical education, after-school clubs and sports,

and "beyond the classroom" educational trips.

The school is dedicated to educating the whole child, providing children with a well-rounded education and moral and ethical guidance to meet life's challenges.

Foothill Oaks Academy would welcome the opportunity to share information and have families and members of the community tour the school.

Two Campus Tours Days are scheduled for November 17, 2011 and December 1, 2011.

In addition, individual tours can be scheduled by calling (626) 301-9809.

Learn more about the school by visiting the website, www.foothilloaksacademy.org.

Free Home Energy Upgrade Workshop in Duarte Sept. 28

Homeowners can learn how to receive up to \$6,000 in rebates for energy efficiency improvements at a free Home Energy Upgrade workshop hosted by the City of Duarte and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The workshop will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City of Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr.

Booths and displays will feature information about participating contractors, County and local utility rebates and incentives, including efficient landscaping, solar and other energy efficient options. Prizes will be given away to those who attend the event.

The Energy Upgrade California program rolled out in Los Angeles County earlier this year to provide homeowners who make energy-saving home improvements with rebates and incentives of up to \$4,500 – in addition to savings on monthly utility bills. Now, for a limited time, homeowners can receive incentives of up to \$6,000, funded by an increase of \$1,500 in the incentives provided by Los Angeles County. Energy Upgrade home improvements that qualify for rebates and incentives include insulation sealing, HVAC upgrades, energy-efficient windows, tankless water heaters and other fixed improvements.

The Energy Upgrade California is a partnership of the County of Los Angeles, the California Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission, investor-owned and municipal utilities, local governments, and other stakeholders to promote a uniform, statewide energy efficiency program.

To register for the Energy Upgrade California Homeowner workshop, visit www.sgvcog.org/energyupgrade or call (626) 457-1800. For more information about the Energy Upgrade California program, visit www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LACounty.

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The Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council

By Joan Schmidt Clayton

What is a Town Council? The Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council is an elected volunteer group of five members. Back in 1993, when it began, there were seven members.

In late 1992, Sheriff's deputies were being shot at. Temple Sheriff's Station's Cpt. Mirabella called a special meeting at Maxwell School, Duarte. Attendees were Maxwell's Principal, Rodriguez, Sheriff's Cpt. Mirabella, Sgt. Jones, and many deputies. Present also were Supervisor Antonovich's Deputy, Sarah Flores, and Pamela Park's Director, Maurice Wyre.

Two more meetings were held in early 1993. Mr. Wyre explained a "Town Council's role. A formation committee was formed and weekly from Mar-Jun, 1993 at Maxwell School. local issues were addressed and a map drawn from the "Thomas Guide".

The winners of the first election in 1993 were David Hall, Yvonne Bullock, Carolyn Ziegler, Joan Schmidt, Richard Brown, Stan Trinaystich and Paul Difley.

Although Reyna Diaz wasn't elected, fate set in. Stan resigned and Reyna, a great representative of the Hispanic community came aboard. She held fundraisers to benefit natural disaster victims, at Christmas, with her family brought 1000's of toys to Mexico and is the first Hispanic elected to the Duarte School Board! (She still holds that position.)

The Town Council can be described as the liaison between its residents and all county agencies. What has the Town Council done?

1. The Town Council has been involved with youth programs at Pamela Park.

2. We helped keep Pamela Park opened. Ms. Torres, Park Director, had GREAT programs. Photos and columns published by local papers were sent to Supervisor Antonovich.

3. Support to keep Duarte and Live Oak Libraries open. Attended "Funeral" of Duarte and "Board up" of Live Oak Libraries, attended Board of Supervisor's meetings for this.

4. Sheriff's personnel attended our meetings. County officials alerted that vagrants lived at the old Edwards Drive-in site and drugs sold. The removal of the screen and ticket booth followed. (Current site of beautiful Greystone homes.)

5. The Town Council provided a setting for the Community Development Commission to help homeowners apply for delayed loans.

6. The Town Council alerted residents of available grants for home improvements.

7. Members Served on the Habitat for Humanity Selection Committees, Duarte Education Foundation, Duarte School Board and Temple Station's Civilians Activity Committee.

8. Our meetings provided an opportunity for not only the Sheriff's Department, but also the CHP, LA County Fire Department and various county agencies to address the public.

9. Our meetings provided a setting for all projected businesses to address the public.

Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesdays each month – even Tuesdays at Annunciation Church Hall, 1307 E. Longden Ave., Arcadia; and odd Tuesdays at Pamela Park, Duarte.

For further information call (626) 358-8444.

Tracks

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on Sunday, October 28, 1951." Santa Fe diesel No. 167 led the 10-car train to San Diego with an all-volunteer crew on board. Although the San Diego-bound special originated in Los Angeles, it first headed out to Monrovia so Jill could board at her nearest station. She was set up in a room in the Pullman car where Santa Fe had provided a courier nurse to accompany and assist her. It was reportedly a wonderful trip for Jill, fulfilling her wish to see the Pacific Ocean.

Despite pessimistic reports from Jill's doctors, she gained back her health and graduated from high school. Her friendship with the train crews persevered and in time she fell in love with Harold Bussy, a young engineer. The couple married and moved to San Bernardino. As time went on, Bussy died, Jill later remarried, and today, at the age of 79, she lives in Los Angeles.

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Duarte Kiwanis provides summer camperships for local children

The Duarte Kiwanis Club is always on the look out for ways to help the community – especially the kids of the community. The Club initially heard about a unique need through City Manager Darrell George. A local single mom had written the City asking permission for her daughter to have a lemonade stand in the neighborhood to earn money toward going to summer camp.

When the club heard of the need, they decided to help a number of children by creating a "campership" fund for Summer Adventure week.

This year, Kiwanis donated \$500 to help kids in the community. For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



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Duarte High 50 year reunion of the 1st graduating class

By Geri Houlihan (Whiteley)

DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL - 50 YEARS AGO:

It all started in 1957. A brand new high school was being built for Duarte. The graduates from three grammar schools were going to be the first students. Northview, Royal Oaks and Andres Duarte. We were excited, a new school just for us.

Disappointment hit us, our school was not ready for us in September. We had to go to M.D.-Monrovia-Duarte High School. We were there for approximately three months. That was the only time we had upper classman. When our school opened, excitement set in. New teachers, classrooms, and student government. Everything new. Really nice.

Our first student government, also called "steering committee", was made up of two students from each of the three grammar schools. Mike Chase and Ricky Swain from Royal Oaks, Margie Perkins and Buddy Reich from Northview and Geri Whiteley and Barbara Ridgeway, from Andres Duarte. Our job was to come up with school colors, mascot, school song, and rules for everyone. We chose Turquoise and White for colors, the Falcon for our mascot, and new student council. Our Alma Mater was also composed and sung by everyone.

For four years Mr. Robert Manning was principal, Mr. White, Vice principal, Mr. Scheel and Mrs. Codemo as counselors. As our school grew, so did our faculty, staff got bigger.

We had all the clubs: Block D, GAA, Dals, Falconettes, Band, Falconeer (school paper), Halconado (year book), glee clubs, yell and song leaders, majorettes, flag twirlers, and all our sport teams.

Our senior year, we had three classes below us. "We ruled the roost" so to speak. We knew each other like brothers and sisters. Which can be good and bad. We had boyfriends, girlfriends, went steady, wore letterman's jackets, broke hearts, just had fun. OH-of course we studied! Had assemblies, dances, posture contests, to

name a few of our many activities. Again, yes we studied.

We elected our first Homecoming queen, voted by the entire school: Geri Whiteley, her court: junior princess: Connie Herrera, sophomore princess: Claire Uberti, and freshman princess: Sandy Mead. Crowned at homecoming dance.

In the four-years we were at Duarte High School, lasting friendships were formed. No matter where life has taken us on, no matter the journey we have taken to get us where we are today, those friendships are still here today. Talking to friends makes us feel like kids again. Remembering the "good old days". So many memories, first kiss, first crush, first dates, great times. It can't be fifty years..OMG...

Our senior year memories consist of:

Our Student Council, senior year, were: Larry Shelton-President, Linda Dickerman, Vice-President, Lynn Priebe and Judy Cross for Secretary, and Jackie Wells, Treasurer. Our cheerleaders were: Mike Chase, Robert Henion, Rick Swain, and Alan Pennington. Songleaders were: Jan Bullington, Sherry Vineyard, Margie Perkins and Geri Whiteley.

Our Hall of Fame recipients were:

Best All Around: Diane Laban, and Larry Shelton

Best Personalty: Carol Nostrome, and Buddy Reich

Best Sense of Humor: Kelly Larson, and Ed Cartwright

Best Spirit: Jan Bullington, and Robert Byerly

Friendliest: Doreen Donaldson, and Jim Mc Clung

Best Looking: Margie Perkins, and Kent Winkler

Most Athletic: Donna Parent, and Daryl Mead

Walking Encyclopedias: Valda Quincy, and Dennis Cruise

I am sorry to say some of our classmates are no longer with us, however, we have great memories and pictures of them. May they rest in peace...they are being missed.

All-in-all, four years, lots of memories. Our 50th reunion for the class of 1961 is being held at Duarte High School Cafeteria at 3 p.m.

Music, school tour, snacks, and appetizers and we get to look at pictures and everyone's scrapbooks.

We will go to dinner at approximately 6:30 p.m., at the Rancho Mexican Restaurant in Duarte, on Huntington just north of the high

school. Here Chester will sing for us, more 50's music and a lot of sharing old memories.

I personally, can't wait for our reunion. September 24, casual attire. Fun atmosphere. Last and

foremost, I want to say to all my classmates, 'THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES'.

Your friend, school buddy and classmate,
Geri Houlihan (Whiteley)



DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL'S first Homecoming queen, Geri Whiteley, is in the center.

Duarte Chamber Upcoming Networking Events

September 20 / 7:00 am-8:30 am

Good Morning Duarte, A Networking Breakfast at Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine
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September 21/ 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Networking Mega Mixer, at Inland Community Bank, 1801 Huntington Dr., Duarte

September 27 / 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

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CPUC responds to Sen. Hernandez letter on Duarte concerns over construction of massive transmission towers near homes

While the City of Duarte continues to pursue every avenue to secure relief and mitigation in regard to the impact on the community over Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Transmission Project, the California Public Utilities Commission has once again dismissed Duarte concerns, this time in a response letter to State Senator Ed Hernandez (24th Senate District).

Senator Hernandez met with a group of concerned residents at the site of one of the towers on June 23, after having received numerous complaints from residents in Duarte concerning construction of the massive towers in close proximity to homes. The project was approved for construction by the CPUC. A portion of the project runs through a two-mile corridor in the City of Duarte. Towers over 200-feet have been erected between Tocino Dr. and Greenbank Ave., and at Hacienda Park. Another is under construction on east Sunnysdale Dr., west

of Brookridge. After meeting with the residents, Senator Hernandez sent a letter to request the CPUC send an official to inspect the tower placements and meet with residents.

Michael R. Peevey, president of the CPUC, in his response to Senator Hernandez, defended the CPUC approval of the SCE project, noting that approval was granted "following two and a half years of intensive review".

Peevey wrote: "This review, which received considerable public scrutiny, included a thorough environmental analysis as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) where engineers and environmental specialists reviewed the project and its effects on the environment." Peevey further stated in his response to Senator Hernandez:

"Included in this analysis was a robust public participation process with over 15 public meetings and/or open houses throughout

the project area, including two in the city of Duarte. Public comments were received and given serious consideration in the decision-making process, when the project was approved."

Duarte residents told Senator Hernandez that they felt misled by initial renderings of the project. Many were under the impression that Edison workers would only be adding height to the old towers at the original location, and were shocked to see them moved closer to their homes. In one case, Edison erected a 200 foot high tower seven feet from a resident's property line. There have been additional concerns expressed by homeowners, including the overall effect of the project of their property values and physical safety. After the project was re-designed, the closer proximity of the towers to homes has prompted objections to the towers as eyesores. Those homeowners closest to the towers have also voiced their fears over the potential risk of injury and

or property damage given that a known earthquake fault line runs underneath the new tower locations.

Regarding safety, Peevey responded: "both lattice structures and tubular steel poles are built to strict engineering standards and government codes and are designed to withstand severe ground movements. The transmission line does cross an earthquake fault line near Duarte, similar to many transmission lines in California. However, it crosses the fault line in a perpendicular fashion, rather than running along the fault line. This is the preferred engineering solution."

To the request for a CPUC representative to visit the project area and meet with residents, Peevey responded:

"CPUC staff is quite familiar with the project. As part of the CEQA process, CPUC staff toured the project area many times and CPUC staff and its field monitors continue to visit the project

area during construction. SCE has agreed to hold a meeting in Duarte to meet with residents and hear their concerns." Peevey said the CPUC will send a representative to the meeting.

"Although the CPUC's response is not what we hoped for, we are somewhat encouraged that they will participate in a meeting led by SCE with the residents. It will give our residents another opportunity to voice their very valid concerns over the size and placement of the towers. It is the CPUC's job to listen and respond fully and respectfully to the public," said Duarte City Manager Darrell George.

For more information, contact the office of Senator Hernandez at (626) 430-2499, the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext 223, and for more information about the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), call (877) 795-8787 or visit www.sce.com/tehachapi.

"Get Back to Work Now" Job Fair, Workshop Oct. 18

The City of Duarte and Duarte Chamber of Commerce will partner with Best Jobs Magazine on Tuesday, Oct. 18, to host "Get Back to Work," an event to help professionals connect with employers. Open to the general public and free of charge, the event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr.

"By hosting this event, we hope to give our residents who want to be gainfully employed opportunities and resources to get back to work," said Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera.

Unlike traditional job fairs, in addition to meeting with employers, job seekers will be able to network with employment resources such as Goodwill Industries and Workforce Investment Board, meet with job search assistants, apply for jobs by proxy, and attend a workshop from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to sharpen their job searching skills and focus.

The "By Proxy" application process showcases open positions for employers who do not typically attend job fairs or are unable to exhibit at the event, yet are hiring. A job seeker's resume is forwarded directly to a hiring manager as opposed to a general mailbox. Best Jobs Magazine territory managers canvass the host city and surrounding areas each month to uncover available jobs. They confirm the validity of the positions, identify the hiring manager's contact information, and then showcase the positions in the By Proxy section of the Get Back to Work Now event.

According to Best Jobs Magazine Territory Manager, John Davis, Jr., the event will feature some 15 to 25 employers with 100 to 300 job openings in a wide range of employment sectors including customer service, sales, and entry level management.

For more information or if you are a local employer and want to participate in the fair, call Karen Herrera at the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221, or Diana Burckhardt, Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333.



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Authors Lisa See, Jesse Katz, Denise Hamilton to headline 9th annual Duarte Festival of Authors Oct. 8

MORE THAN 50 AUTHORS TO TALK AND SIGN BOOKS

New York Times Best-Selling Author, Lisa See, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, author, Jesse Katz, and award-winning crime writer Denise Hamilton will headline the 9th annual Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival will take place in the tree-shaded Memorial Park at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. Admission is free.

More than 50 authors in all will participate in the festival presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library, celebrating its 50th anniversary of community service this year.

The Duarte Festival of Authors showcases a rich sampling of the diversity of literary talents who live and work in Southern California, with books to appeal to a wide variety of tastes: fiction and non-fiction, adventure, suspense, romance, travel, mystery, inspirational, spiritual, poetry, educational, historical, young

adult and children's titles.

In addition to talks, panel discussions and book signings, Festival-goers are in for a host of other treats as well with an on-site book store and a choice of food and refreshments served up by some of Los Angeles' most popular food trucks.

See's best-selling novel "Snowflower and the Secret Fan" was made into a major motion picture released this year. See will discuss her latest book, "Dreams of Joy" at 3:30 p.m.

Katz, a former Los Angeles Times journalist and two-time Pulitzer Prize recipient for his reporting, will speak at 2 p.m. about his highly praised memoir, "The Opposite Field".

Hamilton, whose latest thriller, "Damage Control" was released in September, is also the editor of the mystery anthologies, "Los Angeles Noir" and "Los Angeles Noir 2: The Classics," named Best Mystery of the Year by the Southern California Independent

Booksellers.

She will lead a panel with fellow authors and "Noir" contributors Gary Phillips and Jim Pascoe at 12:30 p.m.

Other authors scheduled to appear include: Reyna Grande, a 2010 International Latino Book Award winner for her novel, "Dancing with Butterflies," Louise Su Tang, "Cantonese Yankee," whose historical novel opens a window on a forgotten moment of diplomacy between the U.S. and China; and Randy Ertll, "Hope in Times of Darkness—A Salvadoran American Experience".

John Vorhaus takes his anti-hero, world class con artist, Radar Hoverlander on "The California Roll," while Adam Chester, "S'Mother," tells all in a hilarious memoir based on letters from his overprotective mom.

Mystery writers appearing will include: Jeff Sherratt, "Detour to Murder;" Gayle Carline, "Hit or Missus;" Teresa Burrell, "The Advocate;" Jenny Hilborne,

"Madness and Murder;" Pam Ripling "Cape Seduction;" and Joel Fox, "Lincoln's Hand".

Charlene Lewis and Viveca Pearson will appear with their cookbook, "In Honor of Sisterhood – Treasured Family Recipes," while Dr. Donsha Robinson McClain, warns in her book, "Don't Wait to Lose Weight! Love Yourself Today."

Verena Somer, "The Eleven Percent Solution," Bob Sharpe, "How to be a Network Marketing Millionaire," and Evelyn Gray, "Simple Organizing Strategies for AD/HD and the Chronically Disorganized," opine on how to get ahead, while Darlene Merkler offers "The Complete Resource Guide for Baby Boomers" and Ann Garrett and Nancy Goodall, provide parenting advice with "TLC for Frazzled Kids".

Writers of children and young adult books set to appear include: Phil Drake, "Fat Chance;" Jason Silva, "The Tale of Edgar Trunk;" Justin Ezzi, "Wingo;" Margo So-

renson, "Aloha for Carol Ann;" Candace Frazee, "Hey Aunt Bunny? I Have a Question;" and Chani Warnasuriya, "Peace Tales from Asia".

History and travel to places near and far is the subject of books by Elizabeth Pomeroy, "Pasadena, A Natural History;" Pierre Odier, Cambodia Angkor – A Lasting Legacy;" and Ken McAlpine, Islands Apart: A Year on the Edge of Civilization".

Further examples of the diversity of authors and books to be represented are Comic book artist, Phillip Victor Colon; James Aguirre, "The Barry Family Legacy," a personal exploration into one family's Irish immigrant and Native American roots;" and the inspirational story by Brian Biery, "Power of One".

For the latest information about the Duarte Festival of Authors, participants and activities, visit the Festival website: www.friendsoftheduarteibrary.com, or call (626) 359-6413.



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Duarte Kiwanis Welcomes DYAC So. Cal. All Stars



FROM LEFT: Stafford Barker, Pitching Coach and Kiwanis Member; Tommy Clark, Catcher; Tina Carey, Kiwanis President; Dupree Simmons, Asst. Head Coach; DJ Simmons, Pitcher; and Tosh Clark, Manager.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club was inspired by a visit by members and coaches from the DYAC So Cal All Stars on August 16. Duarte Kiwanis has supported the DYAC this year in a number of ways including sponsoring the So Cal All Stars in a recent Orange County Tournament. Pitching Coach, and Kiwanis member, Stafford Barker shared the success of the entire program this year, highlighting the work that the DYAC players have done to support younger teams, maintain the fields they play on and in creating the first ever Relay for Life Little League Tournament in

the San Gabriel Valley. So Cal All Stars Manager Tosh Clark shared the vision of his leadership team – to help these kids get scholarships to D1 colleges – Academic Scholarships, that is. He shared that he wants to ensure all the players have a vision for their futures that focuses on “the bigger picture” – not just on baseball. He and his coaches providing mentoring and tutoring to kids in the DYAC and focus on achieving and maintaining good grades and teaching the kids how to give back to the community. Last weekend, they hosted a multi-city tournament which brought in teams from 12 cities. Manager Clark presented Kiwanis President, Tina Carey, with a First Place Medal from the August 14 Tournament (since the So Cal All Stars won the entire event) as a thank you to the club for their support. For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com

KEY CLUB Members (from left) Alyssa Abanes and Keely Ganivet, Facilitator Yolanda Haro, Duarte Kiwanis President Tina Carey, and Key Club members Sarah Segobia, Katelynd Lee and Deryn Ongchangco.



2011 COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please check the category appropriate for your nominee.

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| <p>Outstanding Youth Award An award given to Duarte youth who provide the community with voluntary services, school leadership and demonstrate scholastic achievement.</p> <p>Outstanding Service to Youth Award An award given to someone who has dedicated them self to helping the youth of our community.</p> <p>Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens/Disabled Award An award presented to someone who has dedicated them self to assisting the senior and/or disabled population of Duarte.</p> | <p>Outstanding Civic Service Award An award given to the individual who has been consistently active in the fabric of civic service and/or government affairs for the betterment of Duarte.</p> <p>Outstanding Humanitarian Award An award given to that individual who has given of them self unselfishly in the area of humanitarian efforts.</p> <p>Outstanding Business Person Service Award An award presented to a business person who has given of them self and their resources to aid the improvement of Duarte.</p> |
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All information must be complete. Any incomplete nomination form will not be considered by the judging committee. Nominees are being sought in all age levels and from all facets of the Duarte business, education, residential and public service communities.

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE _____

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Use a separate piece of paper to give a capsule description of the nominee's past and current services. This information will be used in publicity and in the program book at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

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Kiwanis hears about LaTEENa Power

On August 2 the Duarte Kiwanis Club and five members of the Duarte High Key Club had the opportunity to hear Facilitator Yolanda Haro speak on the new LaTEENa Power program. This program was developed by Casa de la Familia in response to the troubling statistics within the Latina community:

- 41% of Latinas do not graduate from High School in time with a standard diploma
- 53% of Latinas become mothers before age 20 – nearly twice the national average
- One in three Latinas have experienced domestic violence
- Latinas attempt suicide at twice the rate of non-Hispanic teens – 15% of Latinas ages 14 to 19 attempt suicide
- Latinas make up almost 25% of all new HIV infections among the U.S. Latino population, and most often become infected by having sex with a male partner.

Ms. Haro recently become certified to train in the La TEENa Power program focusing on seven key strengths – The Creative Spirit, Passionate Determination, Networking Ability, Diplomatic Discretion, Courage, Life Balance and Confidence and Strength. In conjunction with the Duarte Kiwanis Club and other organizations within the community, Ms. Haro intends to start this creative new program. For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

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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) 214-9465.

IMMUNIZATIONS-FREE FLU SHOTS

It's that time again, so don't get caught with the flu bug. This service, conducted at the Duarte Senior Center, is for seniors 55 years and older. The date for this year's flu shot clinic is Tuesday, October 18, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The flu shots will be given to the first 200 people that make a reservation.

ULTRASOUND STROKE PREVENTION TEST

HealthCare Partners is sponsoring a stroke prevention test on Tuesday, October 11. This is simple, non-invasive procedure will show any plaque buildup in the carotid artery. For an appointment, please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 starting September 1.

PARKING LOT SALE

Come join the Senior Center for fantastic bargains at the annual parking lot sale on Saturday, October 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Individu-

als and groups can rent a spot for \$15 where they can sell their own goods. For any questions, please feel free to call (626) 357-3513.

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The Senior Center will be having a 6-week program Thursday, September 1 through October 13 (no class September 22) from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Reservations are requested, for any questions call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

A.A.R.P. DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM (4-hour Refresher Course)

A.A.R.P. is offering a 4-hour refresher course for those who have already completed the 8-hour course. The class will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members; please call the Senior Center for any questions 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 18 and October 20 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.

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

ADULT EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department has begun taking registration for fall trips. Brochures with in-depth information regarding the trips are available at City Hall or the Senior Center.

Trips offered this quarter will include: MYSTERY TRIP, Wednesday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$45, lunch included; LIVE OAK CEMETERY - WALK & TALK, Thursday, October 20, 6:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m., \$13, dinner included.

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER and IMAX THEATRE, Thursday, November 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$39, lunch on your own; VALLEY VIEW CASINO, Tuesday, November 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$28 (first time visitors receive free buffet, return card holders receive buffet discount and \$15 in free play) meals on your own; RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD", Tuesday, December 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$30, lunch on your own; PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES WITH LUNCH AT SHERMAN'S DELI, Friday, December 16, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., \$87, lunch included

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.

ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSIONS

Rockies Highlights by Train, 9 days, 12 meals, June 9, 2012, \$3,799 - Based on double occupancy (Includes deluxe hotel accommodations, overnight train journey, and round-trip airfare.) On Wednesday, October 26, at 1 p.m., there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the trip.

Heritage of America, 10 days, 14 meals, October 5, 2012, \$2,799 - Based on double occupancy (Includes deluxe hotel accommodations and round trip airfare.) On Wednesday, November 9, at 1 p.m., there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the trip.

SENIOR CENTER CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

Registration for the fall session of classes began September 12. Classes begin the week of September 26 and are for 10 weeks unless otherwise noted. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

The following classes will be offered this quarter at the Senior Center:

Fee Classes: Art Appreciation, Chair Yoga, Chess, Cross Fit, Exercise with Shelly, Get Fit, How to Write Your Own Life Story, Music Appreciation, Piano/Keyboard, Piano private lessons, Sewing, Strength Training Program, Western Line Dance, and Yoga

Free Classes: Bollywood Dance, Ceramics, English as a Second Language, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish - Level I (beginning) and Level II (intermediate), Tai Chi, and Watercolor.



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My story begins with the idea that educating youth is a special calling and there is not a better place to educate your child than in Duarte because of the *people, the purpose and most definitely the passion.*

PEOPLE COME TO DUARTE BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE

When you talk about *people* you must begin the conversation detailing the ongoing support that has been shown by the community in multiple fronts including approval of two separate bond measures over the years. This level of trust has been demonstrated once again with their willingness to support the schools with the financial resources that allow for the design of the next level of educational environment our students so richly deserve.

Strong organizations begin with strong leadership. The Duarte Board of Education: President Pam Kawasaki, Vice-President Reyna Diaz, Rose Brooks Mitchell, Frank Figueroa, and Ken Bell, are recognized as one of the most experienced and supportive Boards in L.A. County for their continuous focus on students and students' success. Their current goals are to have each an every student globally, digitally and culturally fluent in conjunction with understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The Board's leadership has set a standard for our students and holds each person, including themselves, accountable for this success.

DUSD is a "people organization" and our people make the difference. The difference makers are at the school sites as well as at district office positions. Each person in this organization has a special job to do in order to carry out the mission of DUSD that leads to success for all students.

PEOPLE COME TO DUARTE BECAUSE OF THE PURPOSE

DUSD foundation is built on the 4 Cornerstones: Students Success, 21st Century Facilities, Quality Staff, and Parent/Community Involvement. This foundation provides the support necessary to obtain the 20/20 vision today where all students will be recognized as "shoulder-tapped graduates" who will be recruited upon graduation. These "shoulder-tapped grads" will have the knowledge, skills, and inspiration necessary for success in career and life.

PEOPLE COME TO DUARTE BECAUSE OF THE PASSION

Duarte is special because the people possess the *passion* for the work and for the students we serve. For 12 years I have asked "Why Duarte?" All responses are similar no matter if it is a classified or certificated staff member, administration, board, parents and kids. There is excitement and an energy that provides a light in their eyes you will not experience in any other school district.

"WE MUST TEACH THEM AND TEACH THEM WELL, THEIR LIVES DEPEND UPON IT."

As superintendent of Duarte Unified School District, the quote by Jeanne Chall, 2002, constantly reminds me of the tremendous obligation and responsibility with which we as a school have been entrusted. We can never take for granted that success is by chance and the continuous success of DUSD is predicated on deliberate and intentional decisions that have been made in the past led by a strong school board, great community and an outstanding staff.

Why Duarte? For me, it is a pleasure to be part of an organization where the story is simple. Duarte is about people who are connected to a purpose and are willing to follow their passion to do whatever it takes to ensure that all students are successful in career and life.

Thanks for being part of this type of organization; I am looking forward to an outstanding year. It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve with you as your superintendent.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

Welcome to DUSD Child Development Programs

By Kaye Ekstrand, Director
Child Development

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 workers, program 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) 599-5123.

BEARDSLEE

Excellence begins here!

By Jennifer Janetzke, 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 several new staff members who will be serving the Beardslee students this year. These new teachers include:

- Sheila Fields – Teaching 2nd grade this year, Sheila comes to us from Maxwell Elementary School. She has a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and is a great addition to our staff!

- Beau Ellison – Beau is teaching 6th grade this year. He comes to us with many years of experience at Maxwell Elementary School and has jumped right in to participate in many of the activities and events that we have going on here!

- Randi Monise – Randi comes to us from the Magnolia School District and is teaching our 5/6 combination class this year. Her former principal could not say enough good things about her teaching abilities and we are already seeing those talents in action with her class!

- Heather Mullin – Heather is returning to us to teach 3rd grade after a year working for the Glendale Unified School District. We are thrilled to have her on our staff once again!

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 13 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 2012!

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!

dres Duarte would like to thank the community for passing this amazing bond measure and to the Bond coordinator Pam Kawasaki for all her work in providing us with cutting edge technology and a chance to upgrade our schools inside and out!

Maxwell School

By Dr. Kelly Buckley, Principal

It's a new beginning for the staff and families at Maxwell Elementary School. We have many new team members that are excited and eager to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of our students.

We kicked off our school year with a Back-to-School Ice-cream Social on Friday, August 26. Many families attended the event, met the new and improved Maxwell team and enjoyed a cool refreshing ice-cream. It was an exciting time for the students and staff.

We have a few activities scheduled for the month of September. September 20 is Back to School Night from 6-7:30pm. Thursday, September 29, is our first Student of the Month assembly.

Immediately following the assembly is our monthly Coffee and Conversation with the principal. On Friday, September 30, the students will attend the LA County Fair.

The goal of our school is to provide each student with a challenging and rigorous curriculum that meets their academic needs. We believe that all students can



learn and excel to the "Max" at Maxwell. Hence every child will be provided with high quality learning experiences that support and maintain high expectations for all.

Royal Oaks PTA making a difference

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Like many successful schools, Royal Oaks Elementary gives high credit to the unprecedented support of its PTA. Before school ever started, the PTA was behind the scenes to create a welcome environment.

On Thursday, August 25, 2011 nearly 300 showed up from the Royal Oaks community for the Fall Round-Up Social and New Student Orientation.

Welcome signs created by PTA donned the campus alongside balloons.

New parents were oriented into the routines of the school and given a tour of campus. Each new student received a welcome bag

sponsored by PTA which included a school t-shirt and homework supplies.

Meanwhile, the office staff put up the new class assignments for the eagerly awaiting returning students.

Families sat on the shady lawn, sharing their summer adventures while enjoying a refreshing snow cone, courtesy of PTA., and anticipated the coming year.

Royal Oaks staff and administration are forever grateful for the creative and generous support of its PTA. We are eagerly looking forward to a fantastic year of partnering together to develop high achieving and responsible young people.

Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

This summer Andres Duarte provided a unique class to parents from HeadStart and Andres Duarte Elementary. Parents participated in an eight-week computer course that included word processing, PowerPoint and using the Internet to support their children's success in school and access information about college. The classes were well received and for many parents this was their first opportunity to learn about the Internet and all it has to offer. Participants will graduate on September 16th. Classes are provided by the Community Union organization as part of

California's One Million New Internet Users in 2011 campaign.

Along with the entire district, Andres Duarte is creating a 21st Century Learning environment for students. In addition to SMART Boards provided for every classroom in the District thanks to our community, and a recently passed Bond Measure, Andres Duarte is adding iPads for students to use in class. Each class will have three to four iPads to use for research and access to a myriad of educational Apps on everything from the Webster's Interactive Dictionary to exploring the planets with an App from NASA.

The students and staff of An-

Northview

By Dr. Michael Chavez,
Principal

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start at Northview Intermediate. The strong start to this school year is built upon the hard work and dedication of our staff and the performance of our students on last year's California Standards Test (CST). Once again, we successfully met our Academic Performance Index (API) goal. Our staff and students are proud of our API growth of 63 points over the course of the past two years. As evidenced by our CST results, Northview is a place where students are provided the skills, knowledge and inspiration for success in a culture of caring and respect.

In addition, as a result of the community support of last November's bond measure, our teachers and students are reaping the rewards of a 21st century learning environment. Our district-wide focus on teacher professional development on the integration of our new interactive whiteboards is having a positive impact on the level of learning and engagement of our students.

Our Back to School Night held on September 14th is a highlight of the opening of the school year. The well-attended evening included a social hour, PTSA meeting and classroom visitations. The classroom visitations allowed our parents to hear from their child's teachers regarding school and classroom expectations, as well as information about curricular goals to meet the California state standards. Our staff looks forward to a great partnership in working with our parents to support and provide a high quality education for every student at Northview Intermediate.

Northview Intermediate will be well represented at the Route 66 parade as members of our staff and our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students will be participating and representing our school by wearing college t-shirts and carrying banners each student made to represent the college of their choice. Northview promotes a student focus on college and higher education.

The Northview PTSA continues to be very active in supporting our students and school community. They provided a delicious welcome-back breakfast the first week of school for our staff members. The PTSA continues to seek opportunities to raise funds such as the fundraiser held at Cherry on Top on September 9th. Upcoming fundraisers include Subway on October 13th, school Jog-a-Thon on October 25th and The Duarte Pizza Company on November 17th. Another big fundraising opportunity is our annual Fresh and Easy Shop Night on October 20th from 4-8 pm. We hope to see you at Fresh and Easy and remember to save those receipts and turn them into the Northview front office. Please mark these dates on your calendar as ways to support our students and the Northview PTSA.

The success of our students and staff for the 2011-2012 school year will be a result of the support provided by our whole school community working together with the singular goal of providing a high quality education and fostering the academic, social and emotional growth and success of every Northview student. Thank you to all our parents and community members in supporting the motto for our students and staff of "Believe, Achieve, Succeed."

Mt. Olive High School:

A great place to get back on track

By Kevin Morris, Principal

Mt. Olive High School is a 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 Uni-

fied School District. The school provides a structured, yet flexible, individualized 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 which emphasizes differentiation and 21st century skills. The atmosphere is conducive for learning and promotes individual achievement, self-responsibility, and developing self-esteem. Our educational objective is to provide effective primary dropout and retention programs for students who are at risk of not receiving a high school diploma. Below you will find questions and answers that Mt. Olive has been presented with over the years.

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

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

1. Sophomores
 - a) At the end of the first semester (January) the student has less than 90 credits.
 - b) At the end of the sophomore year (June) the student has less than 115 credits.
2. Juniors
 - a) At the beginning of the junior year (September) the student has less than 115 credits.
 - b) At the end of the first semester (January) the student has less than 140 credits.
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 in 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, 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. Students may also earn elective credit through our community service learning course.

Q. Is Mt. Olive accredited?

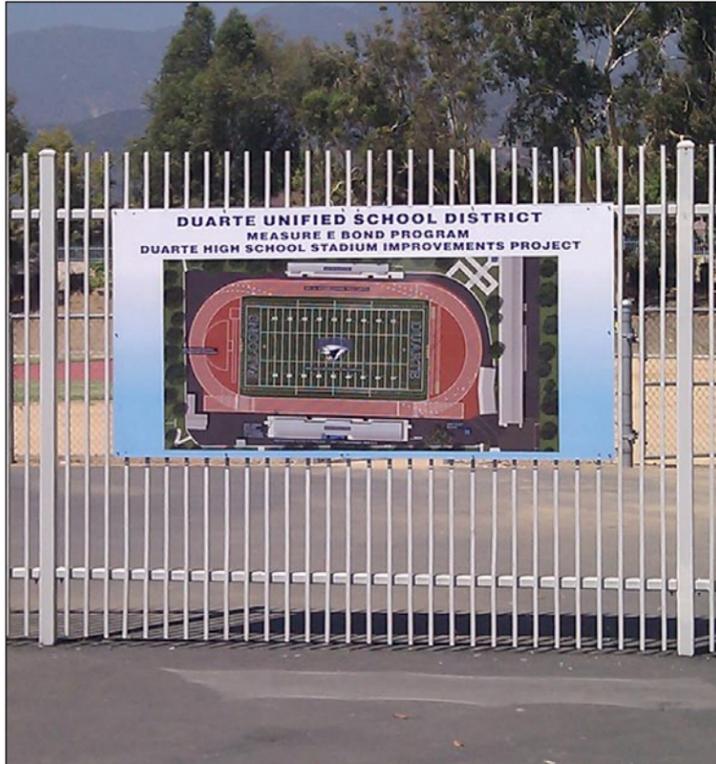
A. Mt. Olive is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), just like Duarte High School. The Mt. Olive diploma looks just like Duarte's diploma; only the school name and logo are different, and it reads "Mt. Olive High School."

Q. What is the teacher-student ratio?

A. Mt. Olive maintains an average teacher-student ratio of 1:20 or less. Enrollment fluctuates during the year as students enter and leave. Some students

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Duarte High School



By Eric Barba, Principal

We are off to another great year. The 2011-2012 school year begun with one of the largest turn outs in years. On August 29, 1,214 students showed up to start the year with 317 of them being freshmen. The class of 2015 is one of the largest freshman classes Duarte High School has seen. The freshman class is accompanied by 309 sophomores, 282 juniors and 293 seniors as well as a few independent studies and 12+ special education students.

Several Measure E projects have begun. Over the summer several planning meetings occurred to discuss and plan the renovation and new construction projects. Included in the plans is a new athletic stadium which includes artificial turf, a synthetic track, press box, ticket booths, rod iron fencing and a new visitor entrance. Also, a new weight room and wrestling room/team room are in the plans. A state of the art culinary arts classroom will be built to accommodate the growing needs of the Duarte High

ROP culinary arts program. In its third year of existence the culinary arts program serves over 120 students yearly. Lastly, an existing classroom will be renovated to create a bio-tech laboratory to increase the science course offerings at DHS. One project that was completed in the summer was the sanding, refinishing and painting of the gym floors.

Come out and catch a fall sporting event at DHS. Duarte students are participating in Tennis, Volleyball, Cross-country and Football. All teams expect a great year. Volleyball is returning an experienced team including team captains senior Sam Acuna, junior Fabiana Rosas, and junior Janelle Gamboa. The Varsity Football Team recorded its first win of the year with a 42-27 victory over visiting Marshall High School. Only 7 points were scored against the starting falcon defense. Junior Malcolm Mency was named Athlete of the Week by the Tribune boasting 197 running yards and a touchdown. So come out and support your Falcon teams.

Welcome back to Valley View

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Autumn is full of new beginnings at Valley View. Our talented staff came back rested, rejuvenated and ready to serve our community. The children are eager to learn and we welcome a new teacher to our staff.

Plenty of hard work happened over the summer that insured a beautiful campus and brand new technology was in place to engage our children in learning on the first day of school. Our custodians, Ralph McCravey and John Camarena, worked tirelessly to create an inviting place for our students to learn. We had tremendous support from the maintenance and technology departments to offer our students

cutting edge technology.

We are fortunate to welcome a new teacher to our staff, Ruth Cruz. Ruth comes to Valley View from Royal Oaks Elementary. She is teaching fifth grade in room 13 and has already endeared herself to our students and staff.

On August 23, we had an Open House to welcome back our returning students and greet our kindergarteners and families new to Valley View. Everyone had the first peek at the class lists, and the children were excited to see their upcoming classmates and teachers.

We hope to see you at our Back to School Carnival on September 30 for an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Mt. Olive

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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 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 at least 30 minutes with each student and parent in a pre-admission conference to discuss Mt. Olive's education strategies, program, rules and policies, as well as student goals. The student and parent receive a copy of the Mt. Olive Handbook. The student's transcripts, grades, graduation progress, attendance, and discipline are reviewed and a course of study, which will lead to a high school diploma, is planned. Upon enrollment, the student meets with the principal to discuss courses, requirements, post secondary plans and take a

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

All Duarte teens' grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but

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 Duarte 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.

Teen Center Registration packets must be filled out and returned. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Duarte Youth Boxing Show
On Saturday, September 17 the Duarte Boxing program will

host the Duarte Boxing Show! Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and show starts at 1 p.m.

This will be an exciting day for fans and supporters of amateur youth boxing in Duarte and surrounding communities. Fee is \$6 (Children 11 years and under \$3, children 3 years and under are free)

Club Duarte

On Friday, October 7 from 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth.

There will be a live DJ, dancing, food, and game room activities for only \$5.

LA Fan Night

On Thursday, October 13 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will host LA Fan night! Teens are invited to watch USC football on the big screen TVs, food, and half time mini games. Wear a USC t-shirt, hat, anything with the USC on it and get free admission into the event! If you are not wearing USC gear admission is \$2 includes snacks.

Turkey Shoot Contest!

Come and "wet" the hoop in the Turkey Shoot Contest. Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3-point shots for a total score. Top winners will receive turkeys to take home to their families for Thanksgiving. Come and get ya hoop on! Thursday, November 17 at 3:30 p.m. Free!

Monday Night Football

Come out and play some fun flag football! Sign up to play on a team. Cost is \$7. Starts September 26-November 7, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Teen Cultural Awareness

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. Tuesday, November 29 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Free

Work it Out!

Come join Teen Center staff for "Work it Out", a new fitness program for teens! Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition tips. Come get fit with friends! Thursdays from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Teen Excursion

On Friday, October 28 the Teen Center will take a trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain! Plenty of ghost and thrill rides. Get your scream on!

The trip departs at 4 p.m. and returns at 12 a.m. to the Duarte Teen Center. Fee is \$34

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Girls Night Out – This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more.

The group will meet Tuesdays, September 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22, from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome. Participants learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape!

Participants will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our

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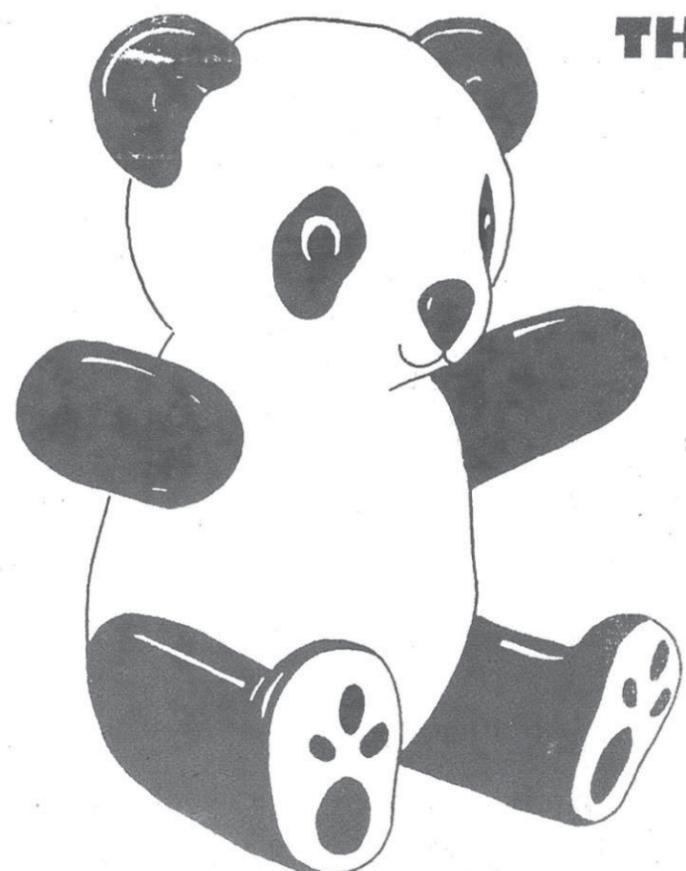




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Teen Center

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knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. Youth can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at the annual Boxing Show.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month.

Register at the Duarte Teen Center. Call 303-0863 for more

information or stop by for a visit.

The Duarte CHYLL (Caring, Helping, Youth, Leading in Life) Program is a service organization for middle school youth aimed at developing job and leadership skills.

Youth in the program will engage in a minimum of two activities a month, one community service project and a recreational activity.

The CHYLL program is open to youth grades 6-8th grade. All participants must have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

Interested youth should apply by application at the Duarte Teen Center. Program participation is limited.



FLAG FOOTBALL is coming this fall to a local park near you!

Youth Sports

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registration for Youth Flag Football and Youth Volleyball leagues.

This is a great opportunity for children to participate in a fun and exciting activity, develop a sports skill, and learn good sportsmanship. Practices are held on weekday afternoons. Teams will be formed at Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Northview Park, Otis Gordon Sports Park and Valley View Elementary School. The fee is \$25 per child and includes a T-shirt uniform. Van transportation to and from weekday games will be provided.

The programs are open to boys and girls children born 1997-2003 and in a grade no higher than 8th. Register now at your local supervised playground or at Duarte City Hall. Practices will begin the week of September 19.

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

MIGHTY TYKES FOOTBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Mighty Tykes is an exciting non-competitive variation of football especially suited for young players.

Dates: Introductory practices Saturday, October 1

Practices & Games will be held on Saturdays, October 8 – November 5

Ages:

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

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



DUARTE CHYLL members head out to enjoy an excursion.

Duarte Fitness Center

The Duarte Fitness Center, located next to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive, offers a wide variety of activities including racquetball/wallyball and aerobic classes. The facility has Life Fitness strength equipment including a Chest Press, Lat Pulldown, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. The Fitness Center also has a variety of cardiovascular equipment.

The pool is open through September 30 for daily lap swimming, and recreational swimming on weekends. Water aerobics classes are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat!

Regular annual membership fees for Duarte residents begin at \$160 a year with no monthly fees or dues. Daily drop in rates are also available. The Fitness Center has membership sales each year offering a 20% discount! Please stop by or call the Fitness Center to find out more information. An upcoming sale will be held the entire month of December.

Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.



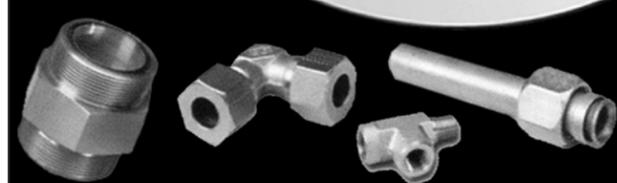
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Supervised Playgrounds

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently providing drop-in recreation programming Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Beardslee and Royal Oaks Park.

Recreation leaders will conduct crafts, games, and sports activities for children ages 5 years and older. There are no fees for these drop-in activities. Join your local Recreation Leader for fun and excitement.

For more information call (626) 357-7931.

Mission group celebrates 25 years

HELPING THE LAND OF CYCLONES AND DISASTERS

On Sept. 18 a small but very effective mission group will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Duarte Elks Lodge.

Operating mainly in Bangladesh, also known as the land of cyclones and disasters, the mission group serves in the remote villages on the flood plains in the south of the country. Now celebrating 25 years of service, missionary Dr. John Biswas and his wife Naomi have through their Christian faith been able to do amazing things under very difficult circumstances.

With donations from the public they have established a health clinic, a nurses training school, 14 primary schools, churches, and various self-help programs among for the poorest of the poor in Bangladesh.

They were recently able to construct Tsunami shelter which doubles as a clinic and school in normal times.

One typical humanitarian program enables a donor to purchase a goat for a poor village family that will give milk everyday for the children.

All though the mission is Christian based it was founded to help those in need, no matter what their faith or belief.

More information about the mission can be found on their web site Bengalimission.org



Sign Ups: Begin Monday, September 12 at City Hall.
Fee: \$25 (Includes a t-shirt uniform)

Duarte Mayor visits local healthcare center

Country Villa Monte Vista Healthcare Center was pleased to host Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci at its facility on June 13.

Mayor Paras-Caracci met with residents and guests to discuss new developments that the city is embarking on. Country Villa Monte Vista Healthcare Center is located at 802 Buena Vista Street, Duarte, (626) 359-8141.

Family owned and operated, Country Villa Health Services is headquartered in Southern California and has been serving families since 1969.

Country Villa Monte Vista Skilled nursing facility is capable of providing a wide variety of services, including wound care, intravenous therapy, physical, occupational and speech or swallowing therapies.

Our extensive rehabilitation services help ease the transition from the hospital back into the community. We take great pride in ensuring our skilled nursing facility is comfortable and well equipped for the needs of our residents.

Country Villa's philosophy of care recognizes the benefits of both family and friends being involved and we welcome frequent visits



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 24)

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.

9:15 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.

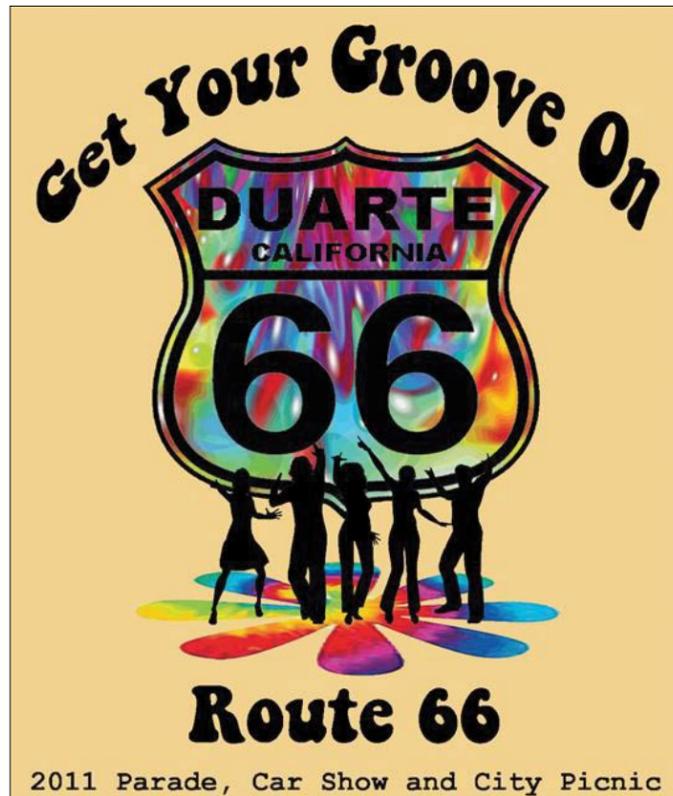
ROADBLOCKS DOWN

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 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 16th Annual Salute to Route 66 Parade and Classic Car Show



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Halloween Howl

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the Annual Halloween Howl at Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31. This fun alternative to trick or treating is designed for chil-

dren 12 years old and younger. Among the many fun activities will be a FUN ZONE with different inflatable and interactive attractions that will cost \$3 per person, carnival-style games at 25¢ each, a costume parade with free candy for participants, music, refreshments, and much more. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



COME TO THE DUARTE PARKS and Recreation Department's Halloween Howl for a safe and fun way to spend Halloween!

Duarte Recreation Class Registration

Duarte Recreation is kicking off the fall session of classes for all ages!

Registration began Monday, September 12, at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail in registrations may be sent to the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592.

Please include the participant's name, address, daytime telephone number, age, class, time, and class fee.

If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

You can also register by phone with Visa or MasterCard for purchases over \$25, (626) 357-7931. Classes will begin the week of September 26.

Youth and Family classes offered include Acting, Amazing Arts, Ballet, Chess, Computers, Dance Your Buns Off, Flute, Folklorico, Guitar, Golf,

Hip-Hop Dance, Kid's Healthy Cooking, Karate, Mini Picasos, Racquetball, Scrapbooking, Sewing, Skateboarding, Soccer, Tennis, Tumbling, Vocals and Watercolor.

Adult classes offered this session are Belly Dancing, Comput-

ers, Golf, Modern Line Dance, Salsa Dance, Polynesian Dance, Sewing, Yoga and Zumba.

For more information, please contact the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



FOLKLORICO PARTICIPANTS of all ages can be seen performing at numerous city functions.

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 Ask the Pharmacist Booth
 (Bring a list of your medications, supplements and dosages.)
 JACK-FM Radio Van
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For directions, visit www.cityofhope.org.
 For more information, call 626-930-5489.

Parking available on north and south sides of Duarte Road and in City of Hope parking lots.

Duarte Kiwanis Club celebrates success of Duarte's Relay for Life

The Duarte Kiwanis Club hosted an update on August 16 from Relay for Life coordinator, Evan Saito. Evan shared that the Second Annual Duarte Relay for Life had brought in over \$35,000 and the Duarte Kiwanis Club had played a key role in the success of the event.

- The Kiwanis Team was the third largest fund raising team in the event bringing in over \$3000.

- Kiwanis member, Lisa Magno, was the Chairperson for the entire event

- Two Kiwanis members were the first and third largest individual fund raisers for the event

Kiwanis Relay Captain, Peter Gallup was awarded certificates celebrating the Club's success.

For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



PETER GALLUP (left), Duarte Kiwanis Past President and Relay Team Captain, and Evan Saito, Relay for Life Coordinator from the American Cancer Society.

