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# Duarte View

A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 87th year of service to the community.



## “Hats Off to Duarte!” Wed., November 14

The eleventh annual “Hats Off to Duarte!” is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 5-8 p.m. at the Buena Vista Pavilion, 2144 Buena Vista St., Duarte.

This is an eagerly anticipated event by both businesses and the community who enjoy the evening of meeting new and established businesses, great entertainment and wonderful food.

Over 50 booths are staffed by businesses dispensing information and promotional items about their products and/or services. Over 20 restaurants will be available in the Taste of Duarte portion of “Hats Off to Duarte!”. Each restaurant will be giving out appetizer portions of their best food served in their restaurants.

Raffles will be held through-

out the evening.

Sponsors for the evening are: Jan’s Towing, Inc.; Sierra Mazda of Monrovia; Southern CA Gas Co.; SCE Federal Credit Union; WePackItAll; Royal Oaks Manor; Old Town Sign Co.; Burrtec Waste Services; Mountain Visa Plaza; and Jacobsen Holdings.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Duarte Chamber office, Curves for Women, Frontier Hardware, La Mich Palateria and The UPS Store.

Ticket prices are \$10 for seniors and children age 6-12 and adults \$12 pre sale. At the door \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and children ages 6-12. For more information on “Hats Off to Duarte!” contact the Chamber office at (626) 357-3333.

## Mayor’s Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast Nov. 21 to honor outstanding community volunteers

**Rona Lunde, L.A. County Volunteer of the  
Year Award Winner 2006, to Keynote**

Duarte will express its thanks to outstanding community volunteers at the 22nd annual Mayor’s Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 20th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards Wednesday, Nov. 21.

The public is invited to attend the event that will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr.

Tickets are priced at \$10 or \$8 for children and seniors, and can be purchased at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce or at City Hall. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Mayor’s Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast traditionally kicks off the holiday season in



**RONA LUNDE**

Duarte and is sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Kiwanis

and Key Club, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, Duarte Woman’s Club, Duarte’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth, and Royal Oaks Manor.

Six outstanding community volunteers will be honored in the categories of Civic Service, Service to Senior Citizens, Humanitarian, Service to Youth, Service to Business, and Outstanding Youth.

Underscoring the volunteer theme will be keynote speaker Rona Lunde who was honored as the Los Angeles County Volunteer of the Year for 2006-2007.

Lunde also serves as Lt. Governor, Division 35 of Kiwanis International for 2006-2007, in which she oversees 14 clubs and more than 400 members. She is also a former president of both the Duarte and Azusa Chambers of Commerce.

The Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast will also officially launch the 6th annual Holiday of Promise. The joint project of Duarte’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth, the Duarte Church and Clergy Association and numerous area businesses collects food, personal items and gift donations for the

*See Breakfast on page 5*

## More than Fifty Years



Each issue during 2007 we featured a column depicting Duarte’s history and celebrating the City’s 50th anniversary of incorporation.

As this is the last issue for the year we will be discussing the city’s incorporation 50 years ago.

These history moments are gathered from “On the Duarte” by Aloysia Moore and Bernice Watson, published in 1976.

Although Duartean had been complacent to the idea of incorporation, in June 1956 they became outraged at the possibilities of what they thought would be the beginning of the extinction of Duarte.

The Azusa City Council decided to annex 1,335 acres of land west of the San Gabriel River located inside Duarte. The river had always been considered the dividing line between the two communities. Land in what is now considered Fish Canyon, was also a part of the potential annexation. It was rumored Azusa planned to use the area as a site for a dump.

Outraged Duartean packed the Azusa City Council chambers trying to persuade the council not to annex the property. Their fight was to no avail as Azusa proceeded with their plans. The people of Duarte formed various committees to fight the annexation.

In the midst of their fight with Azusa, Duarte received another blow when they learned some residents of the Bradbury area had filed a notice with the Los Angeles County of Supervisors to incorporate as a separate city. Bradbury, which was part of the original Duarte Rancho, had been included in Duarte’s boundaries for the new city.

Bradbury’s move was one of a series of moves that would keep Duarte from incorporating a large geographic, and economic area within the Duarte city limits.

In yet another surprise move, Irwindale, which was in the original incorporation boundaries for Duarte, also filed to become a separate incorporated city.

The challenges kept coming: Monrovia filed a resolution of intention to annex the old airport property (Huntington Dr. and Shamrock Ave.) which also overlapped the Duarte boundaries;

Mayflower Village residents were petitioning to be a part of Monrovia or Arcadia, another part of the old Rancho Duarte grant to Andres Duarte; and, Azusa once again made an attempt to annex even more property in Duarte, that included Greenbank, Bettyhill, Clark Ranch and Tocino (which included the original Andres Duarte home site), referred to as the Wright property.

It took Duarte two full weeks of filing and counter filing of boundary lines before the boundaries were tentatively approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

At the same time the residents in the area between Mountain Ave. and California Ave. south of Duarte Rd. petitioned to not be included in the Duarte boundaries.

January 1957, Duartean were notified that their petitions were sufficient for incorporation. In the meantime, Gordon Maddock, a large property owner in Duarte, filed suit against Azusa on the proposed annexation of the Wright property; as did the Duarte Water Company. The State Attorney General’s office also filed suit against Azusa on the same property.

Tuesday, March 26, 1957, Duarte was given the okay on incorporation. The County Board of Supervisors excluded the area southwest of Duarte, but left the Wright property.

June 18, 1957, Duartean voted to become a city. The total vote was 1,402 for incorporation and 914 against. City Council members elected that same day were: Jeanne Abouchar, Robert K. Swain, John Lindfors, Vera Hacker and Walter Hendrix.

On August 20, 1957, the County Board of Supervisors officially declared Duarte to be the 57th city in Los Angeles County. Councilmembers were sworn in by Judge John Sturgeon at Andre Duarte Elementary School on August 22, 1957.

When Duarte became a city, the Community Center was turned into the new Duarte City Hall. The Center still stands today, 1634 Third St., housing DCTV and the Montessori School.

When we are all celebrating at the many 50th anniversary events, and we still have some left, let’s all remember the many volunteers who gathered the hundreds of signatures for the petitions, who walked precincts to get out the vote, who donated money to have Duarte represented at court and the Board of Supervisors. These are the folks who laid the foundation for what is now Duarte . . . our kind of town.



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# Citrus College recognizes spring 2007 Honors students from Duarte

Dr. Edward C. Ortell, vice president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, representing Duarte, Arcadia, Azusa and Monrovia, is pleased to announce the names students who have earned a place on the President's List and Dean's List for spring 2007.

"It is a pleasure to recognize these outstanding students for their academic achievements," said Dr. Ortell. "Their dedication and academic ability will continue to earn them high honors in future endeavors."

The following students are on the President's List: Tatiana V. Basykh, Dana Rae Brewer, Joyce Lee Cohn, Elizabeth C. Cornejo and Denise L. Warrenaar.

The following students are on the Dean's List:

Chris E. Altunis, Rosetta J. Anderson, Merry Alyce Boldt, Andrea Brown, Ricardo A. Carrillo, Susana Castaneda, Curtis C.

Cheung, Jessica D. Goldsmith, Mallory K. Goldsmith, David Gonzalez, Samuel O. Jacques, Teiko Kato, Lisa Lopezcolorado, Lorenzo Macias, Corrin R. Martinez, Maria A. Martinez, Paul L. Miller, Nicole D. Ochoa, Michael V. Oriza, Cierra D. Perez, Alesandr Settecase, Andrejustin Simmons, Kathleen N. Spencer, Maria D. Ultreras, Ernestien Woodstock and Jane Chun Yu.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have a 3.8 GPA with a minimum of 6 units completed in the semester to be recognized with at least 24 units completed at Citrus College, excluding non-degree applicable courses.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a 3.5 GPA in at least 6 units in the semester to be recognized with a minimum of 12 units completed at Citrus College, excluding non-degree applicable courses.

## Unofficial DUSD School Board Member Election Results

(From the LA County website 12:14 a.m., Nov. 7, 2007 - All precincts reporting)

- Baltazar..... 768
  - Brooks-Mitchell (I). 1,019
  - Reyes..... 925
  - Kawasaki (I) 1,097
  - Figueroa (I). 1,083
- (I) Incumbent

## Duarte to honor Veterans Nov. 12

The City of Duarte wants to make sure that veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and those currently serving the United States are personally honored and remembered this Veterans Day.

Veterans, families of those currently serving, and the general public are invited to attend a special Veterans Day ceremony at Thorsen Park, Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. Thorsen Park is located at 2800 Huntington Dr. at Encanto Parkway. Seating will be available at the ceremony and refreshments will be served. Duarte residents who are veterans are invited to please contact Karen Herrera at City Hall (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 so that their name can be read at the ceremony.

The City will also recognize the community's Blue Star families. Special guest speaker, Lyle Umenhoffer, will recall his personal experience as one of the few survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, one of the most tragic incidents of W.W.II. The San Gabriel resident was a Seaman First Class serving on the U.S.S. Indianapolis in the Philippines Sea on July 30, 1945 when a Japanese submarine torpedoed the ship. The vessel sank in 12 minutes taking down 300 of the 1200 men aboard. The 900 survivors tossed into the shark-infested waters were reduced to 300 when SOS calls gone awry delayed their rescue for four days. Other guest speakers will include veterans from both Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office and the City of Duarte. For more information, please contact Erjel Manalastas with Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

## Santa Anita Family YMCA looking for Homework Heroes adult volunteers to help at-risk kids succeed

The Santa Anita Family YMCA is looking for heroes – homework heroes that is – adults willing to volunteer a couple of hours one or more times a week to help some local kids improve their education.

HomeworkHeroes grew out of the non-profit SAFYMCA's Monrovia Youth Alliance program that reaches out to at-risk youth in the community with weekly events, spiritual and character development, field trips, community service and family support at no cost to the participants.

"Over the past year, we noticed that many of the more than 100 kids involved with Monrovia Youth Alliance needed help with their school work. For various reasons they were not experiencing success with the current resources available at school or in the community.

"For some, it's that they have no quiet place to work or lack basic school supplies. For others there are language barriers or the lack of organizing or study skills. They were falling through the cracks," said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director Damon Colaluca.

Before entering the program, each child and his or her parents meets with a SAFYMCA staff member to determine the student's needs. Parents are given

assistance and guidance in helping their child succeed.

SAFYMCA staff also meet with the student's teachers and counselors to complete the assessment of the child. Then the student is matched with a caring adult who motivates and assists the child in the completion of their homework.

The SAFYMCA provides snacks, school supplies and transportation home to all participants.

Neighboring Clifton Middle School in Monrovia has partnered with the SAFYMCA to provide a classroom after school to conduct the Homework Heroes program. The program runs three days a week for two hours a day.

Colaluca said the Homework Heroes program has seen some outstanding early success in academic performance for most of the students.

"We are always looking for caring adults who can help kids be successful in school and life. You don't need to be a genius to help. You just have to care about kids," said Colaluca.

To volunteer, or to learn more about the Homework Heroes program, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244.

The Santa Anita Family YMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia.

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## Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston honored as San Gabriel Valley NAACP Citizen of Year

Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston has been honored with the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award from the San Gabriel Valley NAACP. The award was presented at the organization's Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Nov. 3 at the Pacific Palms Resort Hotel in the City of Industry.

"As the mayor of the City of Duarte, Lois Gaston has personified the leadership qualities that the San Gabriel Valley NAACP believes are essential to inclusive government. In addition, as the only African American mayor in the San Gabriel Valley, she is a role model for others who would aspire to reach her level of accomplishment," said Freedom Fund Chairperson Artie Fields.

The honor caps a whirlwind year as mayor for Gaston, who has presided over the five member Duarte City Council during Duarte's year-long 50th anniversary celebration.

Gaston, about to begin her second term on the Duarte City Council, was first elected in 2003, and is the first African American female to hold the position of mayor the city's 50-year history. She also served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2005-2006, and is a Delegate-at-Large for California Contract Cities Board of Directors and Executive Board. In her capacity as mayor she has also served as either the Council delegate or alternate for numerous organizations including California Contract Cities Board of Directors, the Gold Line Phase II JPA, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the Southern California Association of Governments.

The Distinguished Citizen Award is one of six awards and three college scholarships to be presented by the San Gabriel Valley NAACP at the banquet. The San Gabriel Valley NAACP annually honors individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley, excelled in their professions, and personified the ideals of the NAACP. The achievements of outstanding San Gabriel Valley students are recognized with scholarships presentations.

The primary focus of the NAACP is the protection and enhancement of the civil rights of African Americans and other minorities. The San Gabriel Valley Branch was organized and incorporated in 1964. According to the San Gabriel Valley NAACP's website, [www.naacpsgv.com](http://www.naacpsgv.com), "The branch was formed due to numerous

crises facing African Americans within East San Gabriel Valley communities, including discrimination in housing and employment, and unfair educational opportunities. These were just a few of the issues that were confronted by the charter members of the San Gabriel Branch. Their efforts in the name of the NAACP brought about change that improved the status of its constituency. As a result, we are a better community today."



LOIS GASTON

## Charter Communications to raise rates, add channels in November

Customers of Charter Communications video service will see their monthly cable rates increase beginning with the November billing, the company has announced.

Charter, which is franchised by the City of Duarte to provide cable service to residents, recently notified the City of the intended increase. Charter said its 3,000 customers in Duarte would be notified of the price hikes in an advance mailing, as well as in their November

billing statements.

Customers with basic cable service will pay an additional \$2.04, with rates rising from \$14.85 to \$16.89 a month. Package customers will the highest level of video service that currently pay \$74.99 will see a rate hike of \$6 to \$80.99 per month.

In addition, Charter has stated that it is also raising its retail rates for monthly equipment and associated service fees. HD supplemental equipment fee will increase from \$3 to \$5. Digital Video Recording (DVR) will increase from \$11.99 to \$15. Cable Card rates will increase from \$1.50 to \$2, while the monthly cost of a Standard digital box will decrease from \$6.95 to \$5.

Concurrent with the price increases, Charter has also added some new HD channels to the line-up. They are KCAL, Fox Sports Net, Arts and Entertainment, ESPN 2, Starz, and Cinemax. New digital channels are Fox Business Network, College Sports TV (CSTV), ABC News Now, and two Spanish language channels, Discovery Familia and History en Español. Other additions are G4, Game Show Network (GSN), and ESPN Classic.

For more information about the pending price increases, cable subscribers should call Charter Communications customer service at (626) 430-3300. For questions or assistance in filing a complaint, contact the Federal Communications Commission, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau toll free at 1-888-225-5322, or visit the web site at [www.fcc.gov/cgb/complaints.html](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/complaints.html).

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4	Up to \$41,500
5	Up to \$48,600
6	Up to \$55,700
Each additional person	\$7,100



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## Ted Hansen, long time Duarte businessman

Ted Hansen, former owner and operator of Hansen's Nursery in Duarte for 30 years passed away on October 2, 2007 from cancer at his home in San Clemente. Mr. Hansen was born on February 14, 1920 in Union Grove, Wisconsin. After serving in the Army during World War II, he moved to Duarte and opened his nursery. He served as president of the California Association of Nurserymen and was a lifetime member of the Monrovia Elks Club. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Genevieve Hansen, who was a longtime member of the Duarte Reading Circle; daughter and son-in-law Connie and Dennis Holloway of Yucaipa; son Walter Hansen of Duarte; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services were on October 10 at Turner and Stevens Live Oak Chapel followed by burial at Live Oak Memorial Park.

On a personal note, this editor found Hansen's Nursery to be the best. The Hansen's and their employees could answer any question concerning flora and fauna and were kind in helping you pick the right plants for your yard. One time I took a leaf from an unusual tree in our front yard and asked if they knew what it was. Mr. Hansen looked me square in the eye and said, "That's a Cape Chestnut tree you have, you must live up on Tocino Drive. He was absolutely correct even to where I lived.

## From My View...

By Jan Wight, President/CEO,  
Duarte Chamber of Commerce

IT was a balmy June evening in 1985 that I first met Alan Johnson. We were both approaching the old school district building, now known as "The Old Spaghetti Factory," from the parking lot. He was arriving to be interviewed by the School Board, and I was going inside to join my fellow board members to interview him. Superintendent Dr. Bob Packer thought this was the man who could turn Duarte High School around. Lord knew it needed turning around, upside down, shaken up and righted again to be a true full fledged high school.

I still remember his first words to me, "Hello, you must be Mrs. Wight." I thought, 'good, he has done his homework.'

One of my fellow board members, Marc Trummell, had just returned from Tahiti earlier that day and arrived at the meeting in Bermuda shorts, a Hawaiian shirt, puka shells and a lovely hibiscus behind his ear. The interview was going very well. As we learned early on in the evening Alan is extremely intelligent, not shy, and has a wonderful sense of humor, the driest of wit. Near the end of the interview Marc in all his lovely Tahitian wonderfulness asked a question, I don't even remember the question, but Alan looked him dead in the eye and said, "You, with the flower behind your ear, ask me that." If all five board members hadn't already made up our minds to agree with Dr. Packer to hire this young man, we certainly did at that point. We knew he would always be true to his word, and today, nearly 23 years later, he still is true to his word.

Within his first year at Duarte High School major changes happened, one of the best was the staff getting along with one another and with administration. We also saw the first service club start on campus, the first AP classes start on campus, and a new and improved curriculum. Alan stayed at the high school as principal for five years and then moved on to the district office as Assistant Superintendent. He was in that position two years when he was made Deputy Superintendent and put in charge of Personnel, Pupil Personnel Services.

Being in that department for so many years Alan has hired the majority of teachers and classified staff working in the District today. His duties also include pupil services, which means he deals with issues related to student discipline, enrollment, and special education.

Dr. Dean Conklin, the current superintendent, said, "Dr. Johnson is known for his wealth of knowledge about the depth of history of the district. He is also the person most principals turn to for solutions to major challenges. Always with a calm demeanor and sharp wit, Dr. Johnson is able to provide a calming influence, and his guidance is greatly valued and appreciated."

In my estimation Alan is the heart of Duarte Unified, and the news of his retirement saddens me, I thought he would always be there in his office. That is selfish on my part. He will be missed by all who know him, especially all who call him friend. I include myself in that last group. Alan became my friend many years ago. He has been there for me in good times and, more importantly, in bad times. I hope I have done the same for him. He hates tears, but because of friendship, he has put up with mine at different times. He has the ability to show me how to look at challenges from different viewpoints. His humor generates laughter from me whenever we are together.

Alan, my dear friend, I will miss you. Take care, have joy in your retirement.

That's the way it is from my view . . .



JAN WIGHT

## Santa Anita Family YMCA elects five new Board Members

The nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA in Monrovia has named five new members to its Board of Directors.

Joining the board are Scott Haberle, fire battalion chief for the Monrovia Fire Dept., Stephanie LaPorte, an account executive for Old Republic Home Protection, Christine Owens, president/chief executive officer of Focus One Credit Union, Karen Taylor-Straley, a realtor for Century 21, Adams and Barnes, and Bryan Wen, a realtor for Pacific International Properties, Inc.

Scott Haberle, who first joined the Monrovia Fire Dept. in 1991, is a long time member of the SAFYMCA.

"The YMCA is about the community, not about corporate profit. When you arrive at our Y you are made to feel as though you belong to an organization that is concerned about enhancing your health and family," said Haberle.

Monrovia resident Stephanie LaPorte, an active community volunteer with organizations including Monrovia Day Association, Mon-

rovia Guild, the Ronald McDonald Golf Tournament, and Arcadia Board of Realtors, said she was also drawn to become involved with the SAFYMCA because of its commitment to the community.

"The YMCA does not turn anyone away for an inability to pay. Last year, board members raised \$100,000 in the annual support campaign for the Santa Anita Family YMCA and provided more than \$101,000 in scholarship assistance to help deserving kids and families within our service area communities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, and Monrovia utilize the programs and services," said LaPorte.

Monrovia resident, Christine Owens has served on local nonprofit boards including the Monrovia Kiwanis and Monrovia Chamber of Commerce. As a child, she learned to swim at her local YMCA. In her new role as a board member, Owens said her goal is to help the nonprofit SAFYMCA build the support it needs to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

Karen Taylor-Straley's earliest

connection with the YMCA was also as a child, in Canada. A past president of the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce and the Monrovia Kiwanis, Straley defines the YMCA as "unique, because it is for everyone in the community".

Bryan Wen, an Arcadia resident, has been a member of the YMCA since 2001 and is impressed with the numerous programs that the SAFYMCA offers the communities it serves.

In his native China, Wen served with the Red Cross Society of the Republic of China as a certified instructor and water safety rescuer.

The SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia. The facility is open 7 days a week, 96 hours a week and offers dozens of sports programs, exercise classes and activities on a member and non-member basis for children, teens, adult, seniors and people with special needs.

For more information about the Santa Anita Family YMCA, call (626) 359-9244 or visit the web site at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

## Local businesswoman honored with Founder's Circle recognition

Stampin' Up! is recently recognized local businesswoman, Sandy Hancock, with an invitation to attend the company's annual Founder's Circle weekend retreat.

This prestigious event honors Stampin' Up!'s most successful demonstrators with a weekend dedicated to thanking these outstanding individuals for their commitment and dedication.

Founder's Club members are top achievers in several different Achievement Award categories, such as Top Personal Sales and Top Recruiting. Sandy was honored specifically in two categories.

The first category was that of "Demonstrator of the Year."

This category honors the top 100 demonstrators out of all the thousands of demonstrators in the US and Canada who have shown leadership and a balanced, successful approach in developing their business.

This award is only presented to Demonstrators of more than six months. Sandy has been in the company for 17 years.

The second category was that of "Promotions in her personal recruits." She was 4th in the country.

The top 100 achievers in this category receive a Founder's Circle pin, a Founder's Circle bag, and a Founder's Circle apron.

In addition, each of these demonstrators are invited to join Stampin' Up! cofounder and CEO Shelli Gardner for three wonderful, relaxing, and inspiring days at the Lake Powell Resort in Page, Arizona.

"I look forward every year to spending time with these amazing individuals," says Gardner. "At the Founder's Circle, we strive to show each of these individuals how much we appreciate them by pampering them."

"We also work closely with them to identify what we can do as a company to continue to provide them with the tools they need to build their businesses and succeed as they have been."

Earning a spot in the Founder's Club is one of the most sought-after awards for Stampin' Up! demonstrators, who recognize the deep respect these businesspeople receive.

These demonstrators exemplify all that Stampin' Up! represents and work hard to share their love for creativity and stamping with others as they strive to make a difference in the world around them.

"Attending this event was one of the highlights of my Stampin' Up! career. The friendships and the business and creative ideas that I brought home are just the best ever," said Hancock.

## City of Hope appoints new Chief Financial Officer

Dennis Rusch has been named chief financial officer (CFO) for City of Hope. A senior executive with extensive experience in health care finance and operations, Rusch will oversee the institution's financial operations.

Rusch previously served as CFO and vice president of finance at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, overseeing the institute's financial department, patient financial services, materials management and managed care contracting.

He joins City of Hope from South Texas Health System, where he served as area/group CFO. There, Rusch oversaw the financial operations of five hospitals, reorganized the company's health information management system and directed all consolidated financial and business operations.

"Dennis Rusch brings the experience of a successful CFO along with specific and relevant expertise in the management of a comprehensive cancer center," said Virginia Opijare, executive vice president and chief operating officer, City of Hope. "This strong combination of skills and experience will be an important addition to City of Hope's executive management team and help further the institution's strategic goals."

Rusch began his health care finance career at University Hospitals of Cleveland in 1980, where he subsequently rose to the position of chief financial officer. He also

served as CFO of Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas.

He is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and a charter member of the Advisory Board Financial Leadership Group. Rusch received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

"I am looking forward to leading City of Hope's financial operations," he said. "This is an organization that has positively impacted the lives of many people through research and patient care. I am looking forward to contributing to the institution."

## Breakfast

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Duarte Community Service Council and Foothill Unity Center which provide baskets for needy families the week before Christmas.

From Sunday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Dec. 9, the public is invited to drop off donations at collection sites throughout the community. They include: Duarte City Hall, Duarte Public Safety, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and participating Duarte schools and churches.

For more information, call the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or Duarte City Hall 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Holiday Safety

The holidays are upon us and it's the season that brings us joy and excitement to share with family and friends having festive celebrations.

We, at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, while also warning that this can be a dangerous time of the year as well. It is important that extra precautions be used during the holiday season.

Start with your home's security, as criminals know that most people have extra money and gifts in their homes during this season.

Among the tips offered by The Sheriff Department are:

- When you go out for the evening, leave a light, radio, or a television on to make it appear as if someone is home. Use a timer if possible. Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home.

- Shop with a family member or friend during daylight hours, if possible. When shopping with your children, keep them close to you. Make sure they know their home address and telephone number.

- Dress modestly, don't carry much cash with you, and avoid wearing flashy or expensive jewelry. Carry your purse close to you or place your wallet in a front pocket.

- Park in well-lit areas. Avoid parking next to vans or trucks. Store packages and gifts out of view.

- Beware of strangers who come to the door, either selling items or soliciting for charity. Ask for identification and, if you are still not satisfied, refuse to make a donation. Instead, donate only to an organization that you know and trust like the Duarte Community Council.

- Close window treatments so gifts under the tree are not visible from the outside.

Keeping these tips in mind will make each person less likely to be victimized. Please be aware of your surroundings, constantly thinking about safety and security while enjoying a happy holiday season.

Convenience, good deals, and choices are all good things that cyberspace offers. But before you use it, be a cybersmart and make your online experience a safe one.

- Shop with companies you know. Anyone can set up an online shop under almost any name. If you are not familiar with a merchant, ask for a paper catalog to get a better idea of their merchandise and services.

- Keep your password private. Never give your password to anyone. Avoid using a birthday or a portion of your Social Security number. If possible, use a combination of letters and numbers.

- Use a secure browser. This is the software you use to navigate the Internet. Your browser should comply with all industry security standards. These standards encrypt or scramble purchase information you send over the Internet. Most computers have a browser installed. Some browsers may be downloaded from the Internet free of charge.

- Pay by credit card. If you pay by credit card, your transaction will be protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. Under this law, you have the right to dispute charges under certain circumstances and temporarily withhold payment while the creditor investigates them.

- Keep personal information private. Do not give out Social Security number, e-mail address, telephone number, or address unless you know who is collecting the information, why they're collecting it, and how they'll use it.

- Save all transaction information, including e-mails and records of any phone conversations.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

## Join the Neighborhood Watch Holiday Toy Drive

Let's join together in celebrating the season with others through the Neighborhood Watch Annual Toy Drive! This is a perfect opportunity to invite new and long time neighbors to come together and give back to your community.

Please donate new and unwrapped toys to benefit the Duarte Community Service Council in their commitment to serve the less fortunate in Duarte with food

and other necessities. The council relies on local community support to help families in need enjoy a winter season with extra food for the table and gifts for children.

Contact the Duarte Public Safety Office for more information in planning your neighborhood's toy drive. Gatherings can take place through a coffee night, potluck gathering, dessert exchange or other special event.

Deputies can also be available to stop visit your gathering to collect donated toys.

All new and unwrapped toys should be delivered to the Duarte Public Safety Office by Mon., Dec. 10. For information, call the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316. To learn how you can volunteer to help the Duarte Community Service Council call (626) 359-9487.

## Duarte volunteer recognition dinner shows appreciation

On August 23 the Duarte Public Safety Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, and City Council members came together at the Senior Center to show their appreciation to their neighborhood watch and City of Duarte volunteers. The senior center was decorated with a Mexican Fiesta theme, from sombreros to piñatas ready to welcome over 150 volunteers. Council members Margaret Finlay and Phil Reyes, and Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston, along with City Manager Darrell George, served Public Safety Volunteers. Appetizing plates of food were catered by Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant. Warm Starbucks coffee complimented delicious chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream provided by Trader Joe's.

Duarte Sheriff Deputies, Code enforcement officers, Code compliance officers, and Public Safety Staff, were led by the Director of Public Safety Services, Brian Villalobos and Sergeant David Bly. Staff graciously volunteered their time to make their volunteers feel appreciated for all the hard work they perform.

The night's highlight was the entertainment, the beautifully choreographed 30-minute performance by the young dancers from Our Inheritance Cultural Arts headed by the Orozco family. Our Inheritance

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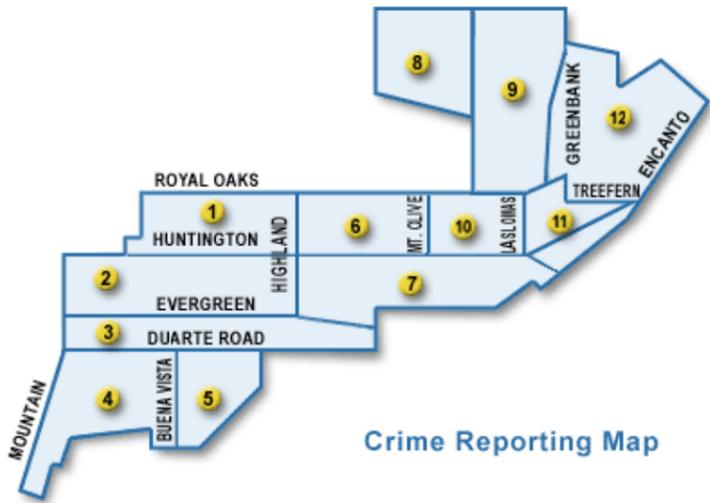
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# Reported home burglaries



Crime Reporting Map

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES YEAR TO DATE			
January to September			
Area	2007	2006	2005
1	6	2	4
2	1	3	3
3	1	1	0
4	5	3	4
5	0	1	5
6	1	2	3
7	6	2	8
8	6	0	0
9	5	1	4
10	4	2	3
11	1	2	0
12	2	4	3
Jan. to Sept.	38	23	37
Year End Totals	Unk.	25	47

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Updated October 18, 2007

## AUGUST 2007: 3 REPORTED HOME BURGLARIES

### 1000 Block of Buena Vista St. – Area 1

On Wednesday, August 1, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after prying a window open and stole \$500 in currency.

### 900 Block of Buena Vista St. – Area 1

On Wednesday, August 1, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after prying open a rear sliding door, nothing was stolen.

### 900 Block of Swiss Trails – Area 10

Between Friday, August 24, and Saturday, August 25, the unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecured home through an unlocked door and stole a laptop computer and a cell phone.

## SEPTEMBER 2007: 4 REPORTED HOME BURGLARIES

### 1800 Block of Delford Ave. – Area 4

On Wednesday, September 19, the unknown suspect(s) entered the locked garage and stole a Playstation3 game console, 3 wireless controllers to the game console, 10 Playstation3 games, and 2 DVD's.

### 2000 Block of Huntington Dr. – Area 7

Between Monday, September 10, and Tuesday, September 11, the unknown suspect(s) shattered a window and entered the vacant apartment home, nothing was stolen.

### 2000 Block of Huntington Dr. – Area 7

On Monday, September 17, the unknown suspect(s) shattered a window and entered the vacant apartment home, nothing was stolen.

### 2000 Block of Huntington Dr. – Area 7

Between Tuesday, September 25, and Wednesday, September 27, the unknown suspect(s) shattered a window and entered the vacant apartment home, nothing was stolen.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES & THEFTS			
January to September 2007			
	2007	2006	2005
Vehicle Burglaries	39	89	60
Vehicle Thefts	47	69	95
Jan. to Sep. Totals	86	158	155
Year End Total	Unk.	210	185

Statistician Sonja Tanner

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# Happy Holidays from the Sheriff's Department

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would like everyone to have a happy holiday season. To that end, Temple Station will have an increased presence on the streets of Duarte. To prevent injury and harm to the citizens, additional deputies will be assigned with the specific duty to seek out D.U.I. (Driving Under the Influence of drugs and/or alcohol) drivers. D.U.I. drivers could be impaired after drinking only one drink and could be arrested. D.U.I. check points and special assigned patrols have proven successful in making arrests and reducing the number of dangerous D.U.I. drivers on our streets. Also, special assigned deputies from the Duarte Sub-Station will be added during the holidays to patrol the city's shopping centers to add increased security to the shoppers and businesses.

# Local harvest

Apples, oranges, lemons or limes if you have an abundance of fruit growing in your yard, don't let them go to waste!

Call Local Harvest to have your home-grown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth that will deliver the harvest to the Foothill Unity Center for immediate distribution to families in need!

Harvesters are equipped with bags, boxes, fruit pickers and a ladder to carefully pick fruit directly from your trees. Harvesters can also stop by your home to receive fresh fruit that has already been picked.

The Foothill Unity Center has been providing food and other necessities to local families in need for over 20 years.

To request harvesters for the next Local Harvest Day, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 475.

# New helmets for kids only \$5!



A new shipment has come in!

Silver, blue, black, white, red or pink helmets are available for Duarte youth between 3 to 18 years of age for only \$5 at the Public Safety Office (in the Target Shopping Center Office) every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To purchase a helmet, the parent or guardian must accompany the child and show proof of Duarte residency.

The helmet will be properly fitted onto the youth to ensure their safety.

For more information, call (626) 357-7938.

## DUARTE WELCOMES . . .

# Sergeant Bobby Wyche

The City of Duarte is lucky to have been assigned Sergeant Bobby Wyche as he brings with him an expertise in community oriented policing. He has worked for the Los Angeles Sheriff Department for 19 years. Previous assignments and experience include Wayside Correctional Facility, Lennox Field Deputy, Compton Station as a Detective, lastly Temple Station where he was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the County Law enforcement abatement and nuisance also known as the clean up team. It was in his assignment that he got to chance to work in the City of Duarte. He came into Duarte to head particular task force and has coordinated several arrests in the City and County areas. Most recently the Marijuana Grow House arrests on Hacienda Lane this past summer.



SERGEANT BOBBY WYCHE

Another benefit that Sergeant Wyche brings to Duarte is that as part of his collateral duties he will remain in charge of the "Clean up Team." This task force consists of four deputies who target individual crime trends and offenders in the county areas. This responsibility will allow Sergeant Wyche to direct our Duarte Special Assignment Deputies to work in conjunction with this team. Thus, giving him the luxury of having seven deputies at his disposal to help solve and eradicate crimes in both the County and City areas.

He embraces a Community Oriented Style of Policing by using all available assets at his disposal. Whether conventional or directed patrol, surveillance, code enforcement, or abatement of nuisance locations, you can rest assured that once he sets his focus on a particular problem, that problem WILL be solved.

In addition to his field experience, Sergeant Wyche also has an impressive educational background. He received a Bachelors in Criminal Justice from Cal State Long Beach and a Masters of Science in Professional Studies with an emphasis in Emergency Management.

Sergeant Wyche points out that for a small city, Duarte has high crime rates in concentrated areas. This is one of the main reasons for his transfer into this new position. He feels that Duarte's crime is manageable and he can make a positive impact on the City. He also recognizes the constant support of the City Government and their efforts to make law enforcement's job easier. He feels that Duarte is a unique Foothill Community with more opportunity to eradicate crime. Between the Special Assignment Deputies, Neighborhood Watch, and Youth intervention and prevention programs Duarte will continue to be one of the Safest Cities in the San Gabriel Valley.

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# Citrus College doing its part to make "City of Health" even healthier

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell

Vice President, Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

Hippocrates, the famous ancient Greek physician and one of the most outstanding figures in the history of medicine, once said "a wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings."

As home to the world-renowned City of Hope biomedical research and treatment center, Duarte has a long history of providing the blessings of healing and hope to people around the world. For this reason, it is especially deserving of its motto "City of Health."

Citrus College is proud to be the community college that serves the city of Duarte. As such, we have recently taken steps that will allow us to help make the "City of Health" even healthier.

With the aging of the baby boom generation, the United States finds itself in the midst of a nursing shortage that promises to reach crisis proportions. In fact, an article in the January/February 2007 edition of the medical journal *Health Affairs* estimated that the U.S. shortage of registered nurses will increase to 340,000 by the year 2020.

Unfortunately, this shortage of nurses poses a potential threat to the quality of health care that consumers receive. A 2004 report entitled "Research in Action: Hospital Nurse Staffing and Availability of Care" cited studies showing that hospitals with lower nurse staffing levels and fewer registered nurses tend to have higher rates of poor patient outcomes.

This year, Citrus College has made several new additions to its Department of Health Sciences that will enable us to do our part in securing the future of the health care industry.

The first new addition has been the development of a registered nursing program, also known as the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program. Citrus College offers students two different paths to take toward a career as a registered nurse. The first path is the Registered Nursing Program, Advanced Placement Option. First offered in the summer of 2007, this one-year program is designed for those students who have already acquired their license in vocational nursing (LVN), granting them the opportunity to enter the RN Program in the third semester.

The second path is the Registered Nursing Program, Generic Option. This two-year program will be offered in the fall of 2008 and is designed for those students who need to complete 22 units of major requirements within their first year and 21 units in their second year.

Graduates of both RN Program options are eligible to take the National RN Examination. Upon successful completion, they can apply for licensure in any of the 50 states or U.S. territories.

Those students who do not yet qualify for the Registered Nursing Program can start taking their prerequisites at Citrus College now. For more information, visit [www.citruscollege.edu/ADN](http://www.citruscollege.edu/ADN).

Another exciting addition to the Citrus College Department of Health Sciences is their newly-completed skills laboratory. An open house was recently held to showcase this new state-of-the-art lab that is designed to support instruction for all programs within the Health Occupations Department, including dental assisting, emergency medical technician, licensed vocational nursing, and the new associate degree in nursing programs.

As Citrus College's newest instructional area, the skills laboratory consists of four very large classrooms that include an instructional resource computer lab, simulation lab with three multi-symptom human patient/simula-

tors for scenario learning, a clinical lab for duplicating a clinical setting with mannequins for skill set specific learning, and an area for nursing faculty offices.

The architect plans for the new skills lab were completed in September 2006, the construction bid was approved by the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees in December 2006, and the project was completed by April 2007. The project was supported through multiple funding sources.

Thomas Jefferson once wrote that "health is worth more than learning." However, at Citrus College we are honored to provide a quality education to the health care providers of tomorrow. Through learning, these students will develop skills that will help us all live healthier lives.



DR. EDWARD ORTELL

## Volunteer

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is a non-profit organization,

dedicated to teaching Mexican traditional dances to new generations. You can see them perform at their upcoming performances at the Santa Teresita Fantasia Festival, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Christmas Recital at the PAC Center. For more information contact Gina Orozco at (626) 301-9219

Kathleen Magnusson, the Neighborhood Block Captain for Second Street who has been volunteering for almost 10 years, commented, "I've been to lots of neighborhood watch recognition dinners, and I must say that last night was one of the BEST!" The night culminated with raffle prizes and gifts to Neighborhood Watch Program Volunteers.

To become a volunteer for the Neighborhood Watch Program or other programs in the Public Safety Sheriff Satellite Station, please contact Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316.

The event was graciously sponsored by the following organizations: Amazon Graphics in Baldwin Park, BJ's Restaurant in Arcadia, Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant in Duarte, Fanara's Restaurant in Duarte, Islands Restaurant in Pasadena, Our Inheritance Cultural Arts, Starbucks in Duarte, The Old Spaguetti Factory in Duarte, Trader Joe's in Monrovia and Villa Italia Restaurant in Duarte.

## 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.

### LUNCH

The Center serves lunch

Monday thru Friday at 12 p.m. to individuals over 60 years or the spouse of someone over age 60 for a suggested donation of \$2 per person. You must be checked in with the front desk by 11:45 a.m., or your lunch will be given to someone on the waiting list. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance, and for choice day reservations are required 48



**SENIORS ENJOY** a relaxing evening of entertainment at the Duarte Senior Center!

hours in advance. Call (626) 357-3513 for reservations.

### ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Provides transportation for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

### RED CROSS MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday by the American Red Cross 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 at (626) 357-3513.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, decorating, help at special events, etc. If you would like to give back to the community by volunteering, please contact Kelly at the Senior Center (626) 357-3513.

### EXCURSIONS

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURES!**

Registration for all excursions will be held at Duarte City Hall beginning December 3. Regis-

tration begins at 7:30 a.m. for residents with proof of residency, and 9 a.m. for non-residents. A driver's license, California ID, or utility bills will be accepted as proof of residency. Proof of residency required for all participants. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time.

Brochures are available at City Hall or the Senior Center. The brochure will give you in-depth information about the following trips: Fantasy Springs, Thursday, January 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., \$25; "Senior Class" in Palm Springs, Friday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$58; Braille Institute in LA-Lunch at Odyssey, Wednesday, February 13, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$38; Cowboy Dinner Theater in Palm Springs, Monday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$59; The Magic of Ireland, Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, Saturday, March 15, 12 p.m.-6 p.m., \$41; and Candlelight Pavilion "Blame it on the Movies", Saturday, March 8, 10:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$53.

### CLASSES

The Senior Center will begin taking registration for winter classes on December 3 beginning at 9 a.m. Classes begin the week of January 7. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. Classes

include Art Appreciation, Arthritis Exercise, Ceramics, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Knitting, Low Impact Aerobics, Piano & Private Lessons, Pinochle, Strength Training, Spanish, Tai Chi, and Yoga. Please call the Center for more information at (626) 357-3513.

### DIABETES FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Tuesday, December 11, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Sponsored by Health Care Partners. Reservations requested by calling the Center at (626) 357-3513.

### 55 ALIVE DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM (AARP)

Dates: Tues. & Thurs., Jan. 15 & 17; Time: 1-5 p.m.; Fee: \$10

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

### OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

On Thursday, January 24, Inter Valley Health Plan will be having an Osteoporosis lecture from 9:30-10 a.m., and then will be having Osteoporosis screenings by appointment. To make an appointment call the Senior Center at (626) 357-1513.

## Arcadia couple raises over \$7K for Foothill Unity Center

As Gunde and Ernie Posey prepared to invite friends and family from across the country and Holland to their Silver Anniversary celebration this year, they realized they'd rather give gifts than get them.

So, their invitation requested that guests make donations to Foothill Unity Center in lieu of presents. A flier on the organization was enclosed. Since their party in late September, the Center has received over \$7,000 from the Poseys' guests – and checks are still coming in.

The windfall couldn't have come at a more critical time, says Center Executive Director Joan Whitenack. "We had recently run out of funds to provide emergency shelter for our clients," she reports. "The majority of people who need this support are women and children. Thanks to the stunning generosity of the Poseys, their family and friends, we can continue to offer this critical assistance."

Foothill Unity Center is one of the most respected organizations of its kind in California. The non-profit, non-denominational enterprise distributed more than a million pounds of groceries to over 2,000 very low-income local families in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Sierra Madre, Bradbury, Pasadena, South Pasadena and Altadena last year. The Center also provides clothing, limited motel vouchers, and referrals to the homeless and people in crisis.

Seventy percent of its clients are children and seniors. The Center recently began serving low-income families from Azusa, Baldwin Park and Irwindale on a trial basis.

# “Feeding on Life”: Ray Bradbury still packs a wallop

By Neil Earle

“Go back. Find the things you love. Uncover your love. Write about them.” With these words, resonant with the spirit of American positivism, 87-year-old science fantasist Ray Bradbury exhorted over 150 people at the Fifth Annual Duarte Author’s Festival on October 6.

“When I was 12 years old I discovered I was alive-how come no one ever told me?” quipped the dynamic octogenarian to an appreciative audience at Westminster Gardens. Seeing the famed author and scriptwriter express his love for life was a sure-fire tonic for any aspiring writer as Bradbury exhibited once again evangelistic zeal for his craft, an embodiment of words and advice he shared in his 1994 effort *Zen in the Art of Writing*.

Bradbury was generous in sharing his creative influences and inspirations. These ranged from Percival Lowell’s discoveries about Mars in the 1920s, to “every Lon Chaney movie ever made,” to famed movie producer John Houston in the 1950s, for whom he produced the script of *Moby Dick*, starring Gregory Peck “When I was 17 I was seeing 12 to 14 movies a week,” he relates. The Friends of the Duarte Library, sponsors of the fifth annual Festival, must have been exhilarated to hear Bradbury praise libraries to the skies. “Teachers can inspire but libraries fulfill,” Ray offered on October 6. “Libraries are the furnace in which you burn yourself with passion.”

This love of reading and poetry and learning was the inspiration for one of his most famous works, *Fahrenheit 451* (1953) which he wrote in the typing room at the basement of the UCLA Library. “They charged a dime for 30 minutes – you can’t beat that,” he chuckled. This work is his protest against the book burnings of Hitler and Stalin’s day, and perhaps – though he didn’t say so – against some of the repression of the McCarthyite 1950s.

“You have to wonder,” said one fascinated listener, “why the National Endowment for the Arts doesn’t record these words and play them over and over.” Well they are being screened by DCTV -Cable 55 for interested viewers along with other efforts of Gustavo Arellano (“Ask a Mexican”) and Cecilia Rasmussen of the LA Times. Extravagantly generous with his time, Ray Bradbury loved relating to me the story of his big break-through back in 1949 when he traveled four long days and nights on a Greyhound Bus “fermenting into a large ball of fungus, with a pregnant wife left behind in LA with \$40 in the bank.” He was shocked when the last editor he talked to told him he’d already written a novel – all the Martian stories he’d published in the past four years. Could he sew those together into some sort of tapestry?

He gives more colorful details in *Zen in the Art of Writing*:

“It was a typical hot June night in New York. Air conditioning was still a luxury of the future. I typed until 3 a.m., perspiring in my underwear as I weighted and balanced my Martians in their strange cities in the last hours before arrivals and departures of my astronauts.”

The incubator for this strange chemistry was the YMCA on Forty-Second Street charging him five cents a week for rent. But the rest, as they say, is history. He concluded his October 6 remarks with his recent induction as a Commander of the Arts and Letters in France. “Now I command you. Go home and plunge into your typewriter and do it.”



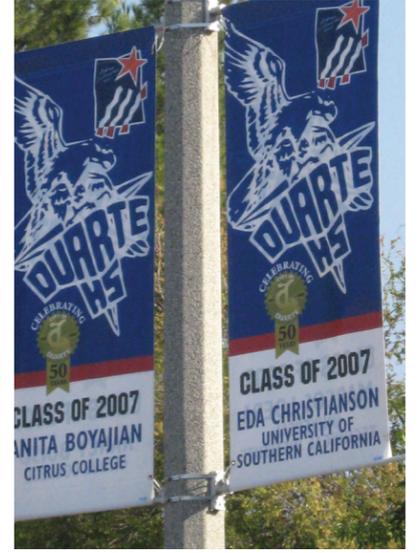
**LEGENDARY AUTHOR** Ray Bradbury signs a copy of his latest book, “*Now and Forever*,” at the 5th Annual Duarte Festival of Authors held Oct. 6 at Westminster Gardens. The event, presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library, attracted a crowd of more than a 1,000 who had an opportunity to interact with Bradbury and more than 40 other published authors in talks, panel discussions and book signings.



**BUDDING DUARTE AUTHORS** Jessica Richards, 10, Stephan Still, 12, and David Gardner, 9, are honored for their award-winning essays at the 5th Annual Duarte Festival of Authors at Westminster Gardens on Oct. 6. Committee member Cindy Croyle presented each with a \$50 cash prize for their creative efforts. The contest was open to all Duarte students who were invited to attend two writing workshops and pen an essay on the topic, “My Favorite Day”. Jessica, of Valley View School, wrote about her first rollercoaster ride. Stephan, a student at Northview Intermediate, recalled the thrill of performing well in his first band concert, while David, a Valley View School student, wrote about the excitement of attending a Rolling Stones concert with his dad. The Duarte Festival of Authors and the student writing contest are presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library.

## Duarte High Banners

ALL DUARTE is commenting about the great Duarte High School banners lining Huntington Drive. Each one represents a 2007 graduate from DHS and the college or university they are attending. This project is a unique collaboration between Old Town Sign Co. and Duarte Unified School District.



## Steve Majors Retires



**BRIAN VILLALOBOS**, Coordinator of Public Safety for the City of Duarte, and Mayor Lois Gaston are shown honoring Steve Majors on his retirement from the City of Duarte. Mr. Majors was a member of the Code Enforcement Team out of the Public Safety Office in Duarte for 20 years.

**Hats Off to Duarte!**

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# Boys & Girls Basketball



**IF SHOOTING HOOPS is something you like to do, come join Duarte Recreation's basketball leagues.**

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration December 3 for Youth Basketball leagues for boys and girls. Games will begin in January and children born in years 1994-1999 are eligible to play.

Practice sites will include Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Encanto Park, Andres Duarte School and Northview School. The fee is only \$20 and includes a T-shirt uniform.

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



**THE ARTS AND CRAFTS class allows children to work on and take home a new craft every week.**

# Duarte Recreation Class Registration

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

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

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

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

You can also register by phone with Visa or MasterCard for purchases over \$30 beginning Tuesday, December 4, (626) 357-7931.

Classes will begin the week

of January 7.

A variety of youth, family, and adult classes will be offered. Classes include: ABC's of Children Managing Money, Amazing Arts, Arts and Crafts, Babysitter Training, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Cheer & Dance, Comedy Improv and Skit Writing Workshop, Guitar, Healthy Cooking, Dog Obedience, Hip Hop, Karate, Kids Love Soccer, My Little Artist and Me, Merengue Dance, Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Swing Dance, Skateboarding, Tennis, Theater Workshop, and Tumbling.

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

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

# Duarte Recreation Holiday Activities



**VISIT SANTA at the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department holiday activities!**

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP

The Duarte Rotary Club will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 1 at the Duarte Community Center. Santa Claus will be making a special trip to Duarte from the North Pole to meet with Duarte kids and find out what they would like for Christmas. A delicious pancake and sausage breakfast will be served and pictures with Santa Claus will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Duarte City Hall, the Duarte Satellite Station, or from any Duarte Rotary Club member. **Santa's Workshop:** After enjoying their breakfast, children in attendance are invited to Santa's Workshop at the Community Center Lounge to make decorations and crafts for the holidays. FREE! For further information, please call (626) 357-7931.

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND FIESTA

Begin the holiday season with this fun family special event! The official City of Duarte Christmas Tree is a beautiful 35-foot living Redwood tree that has been growing for years in front of the Duarte Senior Center.

Join the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department on Thursday,

December 6 from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. (tree lighting at 8 p.m.) at the Duarte Senior Center for this special holiday event as we celebrate the season with musical performances featuring cultural dancers, carolers and a few surprises.

Additionally, a traditional tamale dinner including two tamales, rice, beans, chips and a soda will be served for only \$4 per person. Santa Claus will be in town at the tree lighting, so bring your little elves to play games, make holiday crafts, and talk to Santa for free!

The Duarte Senior Center is located in the Duarte Town Center at 1610 Huntington Drive. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

## SANTA'S MAILBOX

This holiday season Santa will have a mailbox located at the Recreation Department in City Hall. Letters may be deposited there or mailed to 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592, Attn: Santa Claus. A return address and phone number should be included with the letter.

All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and will be answered by letter by Santa. Letters will be accepted December 3 through December 13.

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

## SANTA'S HOTLINE

Now you can call Santa Claus directly!

Call the North Pole and talk to the one and only Santa Claus on Thursday, December 18, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Don't miss out! Call (626) 358-5425.

## SANTA'S VISIT AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Santa will visit Beardslee Park from 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. followed by a visit to Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, before heading to the Duarte Community Center at City Hall for Santa's Holiday Party.

The Duarte Recreation Department will get your children into the holiday spirit with a very special event, **Santa's Holiday Party** at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive on Wednesday, December 12, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be holiday games, crafts, music, prizes, and refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus!

RSVP for this free event by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931. Limited to the first 80 participants.



**JOIN THE DUARTE Fitness Center for a great way to stay in shape during the holiday season!**

# Duarte Fitness Center

The City of Duarte Fitness Center will be having their biggest sale of the year, December 1 through December 31. Annual memberships for Duarte residents start as low as \$100 with no monthly fees!

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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

Welcome to another great school year! We spent a great deal of time this summer preparing for the school year and teaching students in summer school. I want to express my appreciation to everyone in the district who worked so hard to make sure that our students started the year in exceptionally clean schools with well prepared teachers. As soon as the year began, our teachers and classified staff immediately went to work, making sure that students were actively engaged in their learning. Students have been working on all of their subjects, and we do our very best to make sure that each and every student is focused and involved each and every day.

One of the areas we are emphasizing this year is technology. Every school is developing a special classroom which contains the latest and greatest technology available. We are working on replacing old computers with newer ones and adding modern equipment such as document cameras and kiosks with computers in school offices.

While most of our changes for the 2007-08 school year have been very positive, there is one change that will be challenging to the district. Our Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Alan Johnson, will be retiring soon. Dr. Johnson has been a valued member of the leadership team here in Duarte for over 20 years. He has served as Principal of Duarte High School, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services as well as Deputy Superintendent of Personnel. Dr. Johnson has been involved in the hiring of most of the employees in the district, and many know him as the "face" of the district. I would like to take this moment to publicly thank Dr. Johnson for his commitment to the students in Duarte, and wish him the best in his retirement.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

## Leadership is the Key to Success at Beardslee School

By Wendy Wright, Principal

Did you know that Beardslee School is a training ground for leaders? Leaders come in all sizes and lead from many different positions. But leadership is what it is all about. Beardslee students, parents, and staff all take on leadership roles and grow their abilities as they provide service to the school community.

Parents are the backbone of every school. Without the support of our families, Beardslee would be less successful. Our Beardslee Parent Staff Association (BPSA) recently held elections and the outgoing President, Mrs. Kathy Jones, welcomed Mrs. Lorena Mata. Mrs. Jones was instrumental in reviving our annual carnival, parent pot lucks, and monthly Lattes and Learning meetings with the principal, to name a few. Mrs. Mata has taken on new endeavors with the Halloween Carnival and Family Literacy Night Silent Auction and pot luck. The work of just these two women is endless, and we are appreciative of all the leadership they, and others, continue to demonstrate. Our School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee meet monthly to monitor our school plan and make decisions about school programs. Parent members are key to the success to all groups and support us in every capacity.

Students have leadership opportunities early on. Every student has the chance to lead us in our daily pledge of allegiance over the public address system. Peer Mediators are trained by Mrs. Angie Salas to help everyone resolve issues that arise during recess and lunch in a caring and respectful manner. They are taught problem



STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS serve the school with the kind of smiles we see in this recent photo.

solving techniques and take on the role of student leaders to assist our students in making positive choices on the play ground. In addition, they serve as runners during our emergency preparedness drills.

Our Student Council meets regularly under the guidance of Mr. Erich Trapp. Student Council elected officials Isabel Lopez, President, Gabriella Acosta, Vice-President, Jayleen Rios, Secretary and Desiree Rodriguez, Treasurer, run the meetings, raise funds for our school, attend a weekend camp to hone their leadership abilities, and provide us with activities such as our recent very scary Haunted House.

And then there is the Beardslee Staff. Leaders by the very position they hold. Staff members take leadership roles far beyond the classroom. Every teacher serves on a school committee to improve Beardslee. Members of the Beardslee Leadership Team take the helm of each committee and report out to our staff at regular meetings. Eleven of our twenty-one teachers have

attended the District Leadership Seminars, an eighteen month voluntary program that fosters leadership growth. Advised by former Beardslee teacher and principal, Mrs. Cecilia Arnerich, these folks have spent countless hours researching ways in which to improve the way schools operate from creating a place which

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## Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Congratulations to the newly elected Andres Duarte Student Council. Students elected a president, vice president and secretary from an impressive pool of candidates. Potential candidates gave excellent campaign speeches making it difficult to pick just one in each category! The title of Student Council President went to Gabrielle Montoya. Gabby promised to work closely with the principal to promote fun activities for students and a make school a clean and enjoyable environment. Vice President Ariana Cano and Secretary Isaiah Mendoza have pledged to work together with Gabby and have already begun planning ways to enhance school activities and create school spirit.

The 5/6 grade Academy has introduced something new and exciting this year. In addition to a rigorous curriculum of math, reading, science and social studies, students participate in weekly elective classes. More than just fun, elective classes offer students an opportunity to stretch their minds, expand their creativity, problem solve and use their math, reading, speaking and writing skills in a whole new way. Electives includes such varied topics as fine arts in which students experience different art mediums, the popular Egyptology in which students make and study mummification and the history of Egypt, and Model Madness which will culminate in a mini car show. A cooking class includes producing a student created cooking show on video, PowerPoint projects, a drama class, chorus and a class on show production round out the offerings. The production class is hard at work planning a culminating activity to bring it all together at the end of the semester.

Amazing things happen when students get excited about learning, so stop by Andres Duarte on Friday afternoons and visit the electives classes. You might even be invited to join in a song, be offered a bite to eat or get a chance to do a little improvisation in Ms. Jansen's drama class!

## We are Mount Olive

By Kevin Morris, Principal

Mount Olive Alternative High School is Duarte's own **California Model Continuation High School** with a **six year WASC accreditation**. Our educational objective is to provide a primary dropout and retention program for students who are seriously at risk of not receiving a high school diploma.

Our philosophy is based on providing:

- A program of instruction that leads to a high school diploma.
- Instructional intervention program that addresses the California State Standards and help students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
- Alternative instructional strategies that meet the needs of all students
- Direct-instruction classrooms emphasizing differentiation of instruction
- A caring staff who addresses the issues confronting our students
- Educational, career and vocational guidance services through Citrus College
- Counseling services through AB 1802
- A flexible schedule that meets the needs of all students

It is important to remember that **Alternative/Continuation High Schools are NOT an alternative to learning**. Rather they provide an alternative method to accomplish the exact same thing as the traditional high schools, and that is to help students earn a diploma, enroll in a post secondary educational or vocational school, gain meaningful employment and prepare for life's challenges as emerging adults.

We believe success can be accomplished through:

- A safe and nurturing learning environment
- Parent and community Involvement
- Shared decision-making

- Rigorous standards-based curriculum
- Meaningful professional development for staff
- Supportive counseling and family services
- Effective academic intervention programs
- Comprehensive pre and post assessment system that measures program effectiveness

These key factors will move Mt. Olive closer to becoming one of California's more notable Alternative High Schools for years to come. We are a team of dedicated educators who are committed to teaching and preparing our students for life after high school as socially conscience and productive citizens in today's society.

That is our commitment to each student at Mt. Olive.

## Students Learn, Shine and Get Rewarded at Maxwell

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

Maxwell staff believes in giving students many opportunities to enrich and enhance their learning. Students receive a comprehensive academic program but also have many opportunities to enrich their learning through these activities.

During the day students in grades 2nd through 4th learn to play the musical keyboard. All students have access to a computer lab where they enhance their math skills and have supervised access to the internet.

In addition, every year is filled with many after school activities and this year will be no exception.

Maxwell elementary has a partnership with the City of Duarte and Duarte's Promise. They partner with Maxwell and



OUR PEER MEDIATORS make our safety their number one concern! Look what great hands we have!

support the program Maxwell's Mini Miracle workers.

In this after school program our students learn leadership skills and respect for their community and school.

Throughout the year the students participate in many activities where they get to practice developing their leadership skills.

Both our 5th and 6th grade students attend outdoor science programs. Fifth grade attends AstroCamp located in the San Jacinto Mountains. Students are motivated to learn about the earth sciences in labs, briefing rooms, and outdoor settings on ninety acres of meadows and trees set in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Sixth grade students learn about marine science and island ecology. All of the Catalina Island

Marine Institute activities are conducted in research groups. The research groups are led by experts in each of the fields.

Both these camps are designed to reinforce the science curriculum in an environment that stimulates the students' curiosity and ability to learn.

Our students participate in the Spelling Bees, Talent Shows and district Track meets. Every year we have had students place 2nd or 3rd in the Spelling Bee and we've sent several students to the state championships in the past years.

Students participate throughout the year in various sports programs including basketball and soccer tournaments.

Other programs and activities include an annual Book Fair, and Instrumental Music.

## Community service and Northview students – lessons to teach our children

By Miriam Fox, Principal

I recently read a book written by a nationally recognized educator who as part of his message emphasizes the importance of involving our youth in community service projects. Of the many recommendations presented in the book, this one resonated with me the most, perhaps because it is so aligned with my personal and professional beliefs. As I reflect on this concept and our students at Northview, I realize the important role that we as educators and parents play in ensuring that our youngsters are presented with opportunities to serve others. Many believe that the youth of today may not have an interest or possess a willingness to reach out through works of charity to members of their community and/or world. Although it is true that pre-adolescents and adolescents are often quite consumed with issues involving themselves and their peers, it is not true however that when presented with opportunities to serve that they will turn their backs. Over and over again I have seen this gift of kindness and care given by these very same adolescents who may on the surface appear egocentric and somewhat uncaring. An example of this was apparent by the response of our Northview students to hurricane victims in New Orleans. Someone at our site recommended that we start a penny drive to send a donation to the Red Cross for the victims of this natural disaster. The student response was overwhelming, daily I watched students place their loose change in a large Sparkletts water bottle, they did so with smiles on their faces and warmth in their hearts. For some students their donation represented a small portion of a daily allowance provided by their parents, still they gave when they could have greedily kept it for after school treats at the 7-11 or for whatever else they desired for themselves. For other students the change they gave represented hard earned money generated through their own efforts or the money represented a significant portion of what they had to buy lunch with that day, and still they gave selflessly of what little they had. In the end more than 100,000 pennies were collected and a donation of \$1000 was provided to the American Red Cross, all student-generated. In other instances students have approached me and asked if they could initiate a campaign to support their favorite cause, everything from animal cruelty to food for the homeless or shelter for the abused. Often they have not been sure how to go about setting up what they want to accomplish, but the willingness has clearly been there and with a little guidance from the adults around them they have been successful. As I write this for example, the students in our after school Think Together program are organizing a round up of articles to be provided to the needy in our community. As Thanksgiving and the winter holiday season approaches the Community Service Council in our city will begin to ask our students and their families to

donate food and gifts for those less fortunate in Duarte. I can assure you that our students will fill up our donation boxes with many items, some will bring new toys for young children, others may only bring in a can of corn to add to a needy families' meager holiday feast, but their willingness to help and desire to give is evident. So what should we as parents do to encourage this generosity of spirit? We can certainly begin through teaching and practicing awareness, that is making our children and ourselves aware of what the needs are of the citizens in our local community. Obviously there are extraordinary needs throughout the world, and connectedness to the world should be another mission of our parenting, but I am of the personal belief that "charity should begin at home" and home for us is Duarte. Depending on where you live and "hang out" in our community you might not be aware of the needs of our Duarte neighbors, but needs they do have and where best for us to serve then at the table at which we eat? Another reason why I recommend that service to others should begin in our own community is that it allows our students the opportunity to personally see the benefit of what they contributed. Although it is true that we need to teach them to give of themselves even though they will not always see or know the good they have done, seeing and feeling the impact of our good works can certainly go far in motivating our youth to continue to serve in the future. It is also important that we emphasize that giving is not always about providing money or goods, the greatest gifts we can teach our children to give, are those gifts that come from within, usually involving the gift of time and service. In this way our financial status becomes irrelevant and the goodness found in hearts becomes as valuable as gold. As we enter this holiday season, use this time to create for your sons and daughters the opportunity to give, model giving for them and then help them carry forth this mission beyond the holiday extending it into our daily lives throughout each year.

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fosters the assets of students, to working with parents, to improving instruction for English Learners, or implementing current technology into daily lessons. Recently, a cadre of Leadership Seminar participants, Mrs. Carrie Chiu, Mrs. Rene Mata, Mrs. Angie Salas, Mr. Erich Trapp and Mrs. Cynthia Wells, reported to the Board of Education on their project with recommendations on how best to improve all that we do for students.

It is no coincidence that four of the current principals in Duarte Unified School District came from Beardslee School. The last two District Summer School Principals were Beardslee staff members, in addition to the many current employees of the district that are former students! Steve Venegas, Duarte Promise fellow,

## ROYAL OAKS

### Literacy with a twist

By Deitra Reed, Principal

Royal Oaks celebrated Literacy Month with its traditional activities. October 6, students participated in the Duarte Festival of Authors. Children met world famous writers, heard stories and had opportunities to purchase books in the lovely setting of Westminster Gardens. Mrs. Reed, Principal and Ms. Debbie Ogden, past president of the Santa Anita Reading Council and Royal Oaks teacher, welcomed families to this exciting civic event.

In the evening, October 9, Royal Oaks families met in the auditorium to hear Dr. Laura Kent give a brief overview of research based, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI). Parents accompanied their children into the classrooms to observe math problem solving; literacy with a twist. Thanks to the following teachers who helped students 'show what they know' after reading math story problems: Mrs. Leckrone, Mrs. Milano, Mrs. Fetchik, Mrs. Covert, Mrs. Mattern, Mrs. Quick and Mrs. Mittman. Mrs. Corbett's third grade class demonstrated how to read music and play songs on keyboards. Ms. Lenfestey manned the computer lab so that grade 2-4 students could show their parents their problem solving logic. All students who participated received a free book provided by the Royal Oaks PTA, distributed by Mrs. White, Mrs. Hansen-Kieta and Mrs. Mejia. Community guests were given a guided tour by Mrs. Marino. The excitement and pride in accomplishment was visible on every face.

The annual Read-In on October 12 was hosted by Mrs. White, Royal Oaks Outreach Consultant and Mrs. Jessica Gatlin, Community Liaison. They invited parents and supportive friends in the community to this worthwhile event. These important people affirmed their love of reading by sharing favorite books in classrooms.

The Literacy Parade offered students the opportunity to dress up as their most beloved literary character, book in hand, and march in the October 31 event. From fairy tales, classics, or modern chapter books, students became Little Red Riding Hood, Captain Hook or Harry Potter for an adventurous morning.

October also held other fabulous news. Royal Oaks' student standardized test scores continue to increase, resulting in a nomination for Distinguished Schools. Ms. Ogden became a finalist in the American Literacy Corporation's recognition of outstanding teachers of literacy. Mind Institute's math problem solving and music program was expanded to K-5. Saturday community events, evening parent education, excellent classroom instruction and holiday fun, all help children focus on literacy at Royal Oaks.

is...you're right, a Beardslee alumni. It is not uncommon for me to meet a former Beardslee student that is currently in a lead position in our schools, community and beyond. Leadership is fostered, mentored and valued by every member of our community. Look for more leaders coming from 1212 Kellwill Way, where it IS all about leadership!



DAN D. DOLPHIN, our mascot.

## New Traditions at Valley View School

By Robin Nelson, Principal

At Valley View this fall, we welcomed some new traditions and enjoyed our established traditions. For the first time the Student Council held school-wide elections, our annual Back-to-School Picnic/Carnival was a tremendous success and we are enjoying our brand new mascot Dan D. Dolphin.

In October, the Student Council learned the election process first-hand. Char Wilson and Garry Prado, our student council advisors, instituted school-wide elections for officers. The children went through a process to throw their hat in the ring, and then the fun began. Hallways were covered with creative posters stating the candidate's positions. The culminating event was a school-wide assembly where the candidates gave a speech. They all did an incredible job of speaking with clarity and the art of persuasion. However when the entire school voted, there could only be 5 winners.

I would like to congratulate our Valley View Student Council officers: **Francisca Sanchez, President; Caira Benton, Vice President; Aleena Chapjian, Secretary; Thaddeus Smith,**

**Treasurer; and Olivia Cerda, Sergeant-at-Arms.**

As always, the Back-to-School Picnic/Carnival was a great opportunity to eat, play games, and have a fun family evening. Our dedicated PTA and teachers did a fantastic job of creating a carnival atmosphere with booths and games available. **Zoe Chapjian** and **Laura Silverman** worked hard to insure that a good time was had by one and all. The 6th grade parent committee, headed by **Grace Reyes, Madeline Heithe** and **Nancy Sorenson**, served us carne asada and hot dogs. Thanks go to all of our families for once again making Valley View really special.

**Introducing Dan D. Dolphin, our new school mascot.** Dan has certainly been a hit with children and adults alike at Valley View. He comes to our flag ceremonies, student council elections, and he loves to just hang out at school. We are so lucky to have such a committed dolphin to represent us! **Thanks Dan D.**

We have had a busy and exciting fall season. We are so grateful for such a hard-working PTA, School Site Council, Parent Volunteers, and staff all working together to support our children.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: from left, Caira Benton, Francisca Sanchez, Olivia Cerda, Aleena Chapjian, and Thaddeus Smith.

## Duarte High Reaps More Individual Honors!

By Bill Martinez, Principal

It is a great honor to inform you that two Duarte High School seniors, **Stephanie Castro** and **Fabiola Diaz**, were recognized by the College Board under the National Hispanic Recognition Program. These two Duarte High School students are academically ranked in the top 2% of all seniors in the United States. Congratulations!!!!

**MORE AWARDS!!**

At this time, I want to recog-

nize many more students for their academic as well as their non-academic achievements. First, let me congratulate 10 seniors for being accepted to the University of California without even completing their college applications. As a matter of fact, they were accepted at the end of their junior year. They are part of the University of California's elite admissions system called-Eligibility in the

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Local Context. These students were selected because of their outstanding academic performance. The way it works is the University requests information from each California high school on the school's top students. Each year in July, the University requests the transcripts of the top 10% upcoming seniors. After reviewing the transcripts, the University narrows the list of students to the top 4% of the class. In turn, the University grants them immediate admission to one of their campuses. The students selected by the University of California in 2007 were: **Jasleen Bhamra, Stephanie Castro, Fidel Angel Chavez, Talin Darkjian, Fabila Diaz, Elaine Elefano, Evan Finlay, John-Ericson Margallo, Hayden MCFarlane, Amber Nicholson, and Yogini Patel.** The University also grants special rankings for students who were not selected ELC but are being considered for admission as superior candidates. These students were: **Christopher Amurao, Laura Arias, Ricardo Arroyo, Guadalupe Bejar, Wendy Fuentes, Erika Garcia, Sean Gatlin, Narda Gonzalez, Francisco Javier Hurtado, Kristine Magnusson, John Kevin Ongchangco, Walter Orozco, Mario Ortega, Vanja Primorac, Karla Salas, Linh Tran, Leonora Velasco and Patric Vila.** Congratulations, again!

### EVEN MORE AWARDS!!!

The College Board-the Advanced Placement Division-awarded 15 individual awards

to Duarte High School 2007 graduates and present students for their academic achievement on the Advanced Placement exams. **The 15 individual awards are the most in school history. Alberto Herrera (2007) received the highest award—AP Scholar with Distinction.** Alberto passed 10 Advanced Placement exams while a student at Duarte High School. That is a school record! **Emilie Still** received the **AP Scholar with Honors** award. Students receiving the **AP Scholar** designations were: **Christopher Amurao, Stephanie Castro, Eda Christianson, Ashley Cucuiat, Talin Darkjian, Fabiola Diaz, Ammar Hashmi, Hilarion Marapao, Hayden MCFarlane, Fernanda Morales, Victor Moreno, Amber Nicholson and Stephanie Sharma. Congratulations!**

Lastly, **Ricardo Castillo** and **Angel Robles** received first and second place awards at the Los Angeles County Fair for the cabinet making skills. Each entered his best project from Mr. Siks' cabinet making class at the Fair. Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the students, parents and staff members. You have done a great job. To all of you, **you make us proud to be Falcons!!!!**

**Please pay particular attention to the December 18 date on the calendar below. We will be presenting the first of two financial aid workshops to our students and parents on that date. The workshop is designed primarily for seniors, but everyone is invited. The workshop will take place in our library at 6:30 p.m. This is a MUST for students continuing their education!!! This is your opportunity to be involved.**

### NOVEMBER –

1 – 12 p.m., Tennis @ Whittier Narrows; 3:15 p.m., Frosh football @ La Puente HS; 3:15 p.m., JV football vs La Puente HS, home; 3:15 p.m., Volleyball @ Gladstone HS; 3:15 p.m., Cross country @ Schabarum Park; 6:30 p.m., Exito Latino Parents meet, Main Office

2 – 7 p.m., Varsity football @ La Puente HS  
5 – 6:30 p.m., Mr. Villalobos' presentation to DHS parents

6 – 8 a.m., CAHSEE exam English 11th and 12th graders

7 – 8 a.m., CAHSEE exam Mathematics 11th and 12th graders; 7 p.m., DHS PTSA meeting, Main Office

8 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day, Secondary; 3:15 p.m., Frosh football vs Sierra Vista HS, home;

3:15 p.m., JV football @ Sierra Vista HS; 7 p.m., Board of Education, Community Center

9 – 1st Quarter ends; 7 p.m., Varsity football vs Sierra Vista HS, home

12 – Holiday, No school

13 – 1st Quarter Grades due to Mrs. Frye; 6:30 p.m., WASC Parent meeting, Library

14 – 12:21 p.m., Food booths @ lunch, Quad

15 – Mail report cards

16 – Eligibility day; Honor Roll day; Vision testing; 11:50 a.m., Fall PEP Rally, Gym

20 – 3:15 p.m., Girls basketball @ Alhambra;

3:15 p.m., Boys Soccer @ Cerritos

21 – Non student-non teaching day; 7 a.m., Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Community Center

22 – Thanksgiving, No School

23 – Holiday, No school

26 – 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball @ John Glenn Tournament all week, home; 3:15 p.m., Boys soccer vs Diamond Ranch, home; 3:15 p.m., Girls soccer @ Diamond Ranch

27 – 3:15 p.m., Wrestling @ Webb

28 – AVID retreat

29 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day, Library; 3:15 p.m., Girls Soccer vs Mountain View HS, home

30 – 3:15 p.m., Girls basketball @ Tahquitz; 3:15 p.m., Boys soccer @ Bosco Tech Tournament

### DECEMBER –

1 – 8 a.m., SAT Test, various sites  
3 – 8 a.m., Vision testing, Cafeteria; time TBD, Girls Basketball Tournament-all week, home

5 – 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball @ Mountain View HS; 7 p.m., PTSA meeting, Main Office

6 – 3:15 p.m., Boys Soccer @ Mountain View HS; 6:30 p.m., Exito Latino Parents meet, Main Office; 7 p.m., Board of Education meeting, Community Center

8 – 8 a.m., ACT Test, various sites; time TBD, Wrestling Tournament @ Bishop Amat HS

10 – 3:15 p.m., Boys soccer @ Temple City HS; 3:15 p.m., Girls Soccer @ Ganesha HS

11 – 3:15 p.m., Girls basketball @ Temple City HS; 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball vs Temple City, home; 6:30 p.m., WASC--Parents meeting #2, Library

12 – 3:15 p.m., JV girls soccer v La Salle HS, home; 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball @ Rosemead HS; 3:15 p.m., JV boys soccer vs La Salle HS, home;

3:15 p.m., Varsity boys soccer @ La Salle HS

13 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day; 3:15 p.m., JV girls soccer v Ontario Christian HS, home; 3:15 p.m., Wrestling vs Gladstone HS, home; 7 p.m., Board of Education meeting, Community Center

14 – End second Progress Report; 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball vs Ganesha HS, home; 3:15 p.m., Wrestling @ Rosemead HS

15 – Time TBD, Wrestling @ Rosemead HS

17 – 3:15 p.m., Girls Basketball v Ganesha HS, home

18 – 3:15 p.m., School Site Council, Main Office; 3:15 p.m., Girls basketball @ Azusa HS; 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball @ Gladstone HS; 3:15 p.m., Boys soccer @ Gladstone HS; 3:15 p.m., Girls soccer vs Gladstone HS, home; 6:30 p.m., **Financial Aid Workshop**, Library

20 – Grades mailed home; 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball @ Golden Valley HS; 3:15 p.m., Boys soccer vs Ontario Christian HS, home

21 – Non student-non teaching day; 3:15 p.m., Boys basketball @ Tahquitz HS; Have a Nice Holiday.

Once more, I want to thank you for your hard work, support and dedication.

“What's really important in life? Sitting on a beach? Looking at television eight hours a day? I think we have to appreciate that we're alive for only a limited period of time, and we'll spend most of our lives working. That being the case, I believe one of the most important priorities is to do whatever we do as well as we can.”

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## Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is an exciting place for teens to be, especially this winter! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

All teens grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free but Teen Center registration packets need to be filled out.

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

### COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab at the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. The lab is equipped with 12 computers, and is a great place to enhance computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do school work, and play various games.

### ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Students can always get involved in a variety of FREE activities at the Duarte Teen Center! Come watch a movie on our big screen TV! Movie Mondays will be held December 10 and 24, January 14 and 28, and February 11 and 25.

On the first Tuesday of the month, join the Teen Center for a birthday celebration with cake for all and gifts for those born in that month.

A Ping Pong tournament will be held Wednesday, December 12, and a Pool Tournament will be held Wednesday, January 16. A Playstation 2 tournament will be Tuesday, December 18, and an Air Hockey tournament will be held Tuesday, January 22.

Drop-in tutoring for all teens in grades 9 through 12 is

available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Celebrate the holidays at the Teen Center's Holiday Party and Dance on Thursday, December 20, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is only \$1.

Join us for an exciting game of walleyball on Thursday, January 10, at 3 p.m. at the Duarte Fitness Center.

Participate in a challenging game of soccer with a twist: Crab Soccer will be held Tuesday, February 7, at 3 p.m.

A Tax Return Workshop will be held in February for all teens and parents. Dates and times will be announced. All you have to do is call the teen center to schedule an appointment or just show up. Free

On Friday, February 22, Northview students can come to the Teen Center for tournaments, games, music, and snacks. The event will be held from 3-6 p.m.

### EXCURSIONS

Spend a day at the happiest place on earth; The Disneyland trip will be on Saturday, December 8 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Cost is \$45.

Spend the day off from school in the snow at Alpine Slide in Big Bear. The Big Bear snow trip will be Monday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$15.

### A Teen's View

## "A New Epidemic"

By Tianna Lenee

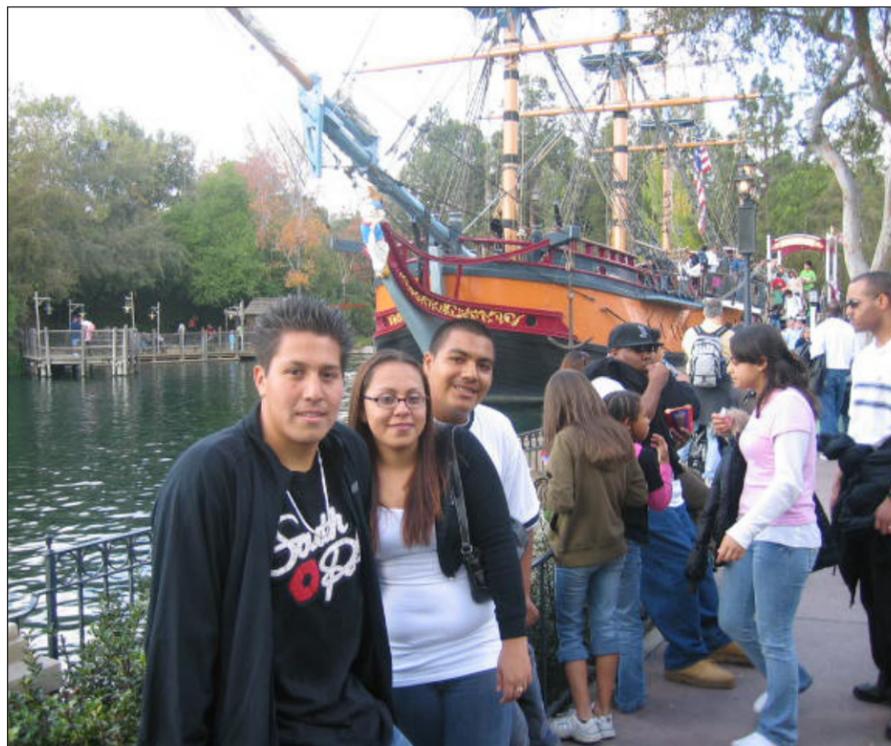
Over the course of the years family dinner-time has diminished greatly. Rarely do you see families communicating the way they should.

When was the last time you asked your child how their day was? Or even better, when was the last time you listened to what they have to say?

More often than most, we become too consumed with our strenuous day to day schedules that we forget what should be valued the most in life; family.

Some might propose the question "If this is such a huge issue, what can I do to change it?"

The answer is simple: STOP. Take a breath. Ask questions and listen.



THE TEENS ENJOYING a day at Disneyland!

## Noted breast cancer researcher joins City of Hope to oversee early stage clinical trials

Joanne Mortimer, M.D., has been named administrative director of Phase I Programs, associate director for Affiliate Programs and professor, Division of Medical Oncology & Experimental Therapeutics at City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In addition to running the operation of phase 1 clinical trials, and leading her own research into the most effective treatments for breast cancer, she will also oversee existing collaborations with off-site affiliated clinical programs that enroll their cancer patients in clinical trials based at City of Hope.

Mortimer was previously the deputy director of clinical oncology at the Moores Cancer Center at the University of California, San Diego. Her research has included studying the use of functional imaging techniques to determine which patients will respond to breast cancer therapies, investigating new agents in the treatment of advanced breast cancer, finding effective pain management for cancer patients, and developing methods to increase the number of cancer patients participating in clinical trials.

"Dr. Mortimer has a wealth of experience in breast cancer research and we are delighted to have her join us at City of Hope to further our commitment to scientific excellence and compassionate care," said Alexandra Levine, M. D. chief medical officer, City of Hope.

"She will strengthen our relationships with other treatment sites, and we are enthusiastic about her potential to expand our affiliates program, which will give more cancer patients the opportunity to participate in medical research even when they are treated outside of City of Hope."

As administrative director of Phase I Programs, Mortimer will oversee administration of early-stage research trials, including establishing new relationships with industries, unaffiliated physicians and others to facilitate implementation of City of Hope's clinical trials into new therapies.

Robert A. Figlin, M. D., the Arthur and Rosalie Kaplan Professor of Medical Oncology and associate director for clinical research at the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, said Mortimer's skills in developing clinical programs will help City of Hope reach more patients in addition to searching for improved therapies.

"Dr. Mortimer is an outstanding clinical

investigator and national authority in breast cancer outcomes research.

She is a great addition as we continue to build our breast cancer expertise from basic biology to outcomes and survivorship," said Figlin, who is also chair of the Division of Medical Oncology & Therapeutics Research.

Mortimer received her medical degree from the Stritch College of Medicine at Loyola University and completed her internal medicine residency and an oncology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Previously, Mortimer was medical director of the Sentara Cancer Institute; head of hematology and medical oncology and professor of internal medicine at the Eastern Virginia Medical School; director of clinical oncology and professor of medicine at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo; associate of clinical research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle and Assistant professor at the University of Washington's School of Medicine.

She is currently a member of the Oncologic Drug Advisory Committee of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration.

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 **RWE Group**

# A weekend in training! DART members attend 72 hour Emergency Response Training

By Angie Rincon

During the month of August, five Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T) members had the great opportunity to gain new skills at a youth community emergency program.

The program was sponsored by the Los Angeles Sheriff Department. It capacitated young men and women in the curriculum for the national Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.).

Frank Valenzuela, Gonzalo Lozano, Cathy Rincon, Raul Quintero, and Jesus Arellano attended this special training, set up in a 72-hour training camp sponsored by the City of Duarte Public Safety Youth Programs.

School Resource Deputy Robert MacLean D.A.R.T advisor drove the volunteer youth to the San Pedro Marine training camp.

First time attendee Cathy Rincon stated, "On the ride to CERT all I was thinking was, Oh My God! I signed up for boot camp. I was just waiting for someone to come screaming right at my FACE!"

D.A.R.T. president Frank Valenzuela with over 150 hours of service since January was, "excited



DART MEMBERS working at the Buena Vista Pavilion.

to go back!" He stated, "I had gone once before, and I had such a great time, and learned so much that I wanted to go back again!"

The youth had a weekend of invaluable training preparing them for any kind of disaster that can happen in our city.

DART youth were mixed in with young marines and Sheriff Explorers. "I felt like I was at the bottom of the pyramid, other kids had been in Academies with specialized training areas. I guess I kind of felt intimidated," explains Gonzalo Lozano. "But, once it all

ended, I found myself wanting more! I wanted to test my limit, so I have now joined the Explorer Academy."

Gonzalo Lozano, D.A.R.T.'s vice-president has matured in many ways as a result and is able to better perform his job in Duarte.

It was Raul's first experience in an armed forces facility. He stated that what he liked the most is that he learned and made new friends, "A LOT of new friends."

In addition to Emergency Preparedness training, D.A.R.T members received hands training, like putting out a fire and how to triage.

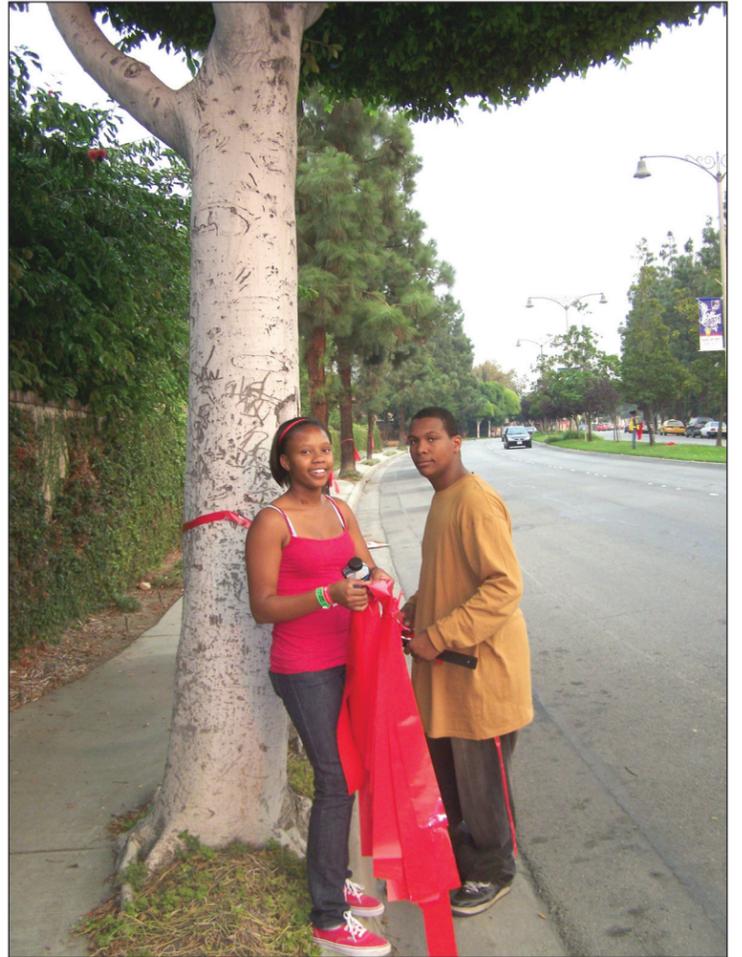
As Duarte's youngest group of volunteers, their work impacts their community greatly. They provide Deputies with help at the different community events.

Aiding in security and crowd management during the Concerts at the Parks, Route 66 Parade, Author's Festival, City of Hope Walk for Hope, and Hat's Off to Duarte.

Most recently they sold candy apples and ran the dunk tank at the City Picnic after working in the parade.

One of the most exiting events for D.A.R.T takes place in December, The Rose Float Pavilion! You can spot them wearing their blue, City of Duarte jackets.

For More information regarding D.A.R.T or How D.A.R.T can be of service to you, please contact Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316 or to become a D.A.R.T member you can join them for a meeting every LAST Thursday of the month at the Teen Center at 5:30 p.m.



DART MEMBERS Aisha Sales and Keivon Owens adding red ribbons along Huntington Drive.

## Red Ribbon Week 2007

By Angie Rincon

Red Ribbon Week was kicked off on October 23. The Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T) youth volunteers marched along Huntington drive and decorated it with bright red ribbons to remind us how special this week is.

From October 23 to October 30, Duarte celebrated Red Ribbon Week. If you wondered what the red ribbons tied around the trees along Huntington Drive meant, let us clarify. It was not an early Christmas Celebration; it was in celebration of Red Ribbon week.

Communities around the country set aside one week out of the year, to celebrate the cause and acknowledge what DEA agent Enrique Camarena died fighting for. Putting a stop to drugs!

Since 1985, the Red Ribbon week has been an ongoing campaign to raise awareness about substance abuse among youth. This year the Duarte Public Safety And the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department have teamed up with the local schools to promote activities to educate the youth of Duarte to the dangers of drugs.

Duarte students received

bright red ribbons with the words "Reach for the stars, be drug free!" as an inspirational quote. This year's theme of "Believe, Achieve, Succeed! Say NO to Drugs!" inspired Poster contests, Art contests, and essay contest throughout Duarte Unified School District. Contest winners.

Classroom Poster Contests were held at each of the five Duarte elementary schools.

Each winning classroom received an ice cream party hosted by School Resource Deputy Robert MacLean.

Northview Intermediate School held a Red Ribbon Week Essay and a Poster Contest.

Four seventh and eighth grade students each received a saving account at the New Duarte Washington Mutual in the amount of \$50.

Mount Olive and Duarte High schools each held an Art Contest, one winner per high school. Each received an Apple i-Pod.

The event was graciously sponsored by: Duarte's Washington Mutual "Grand opening January 17, 2008", Bank of America, Monrovia Trader Joe's, and Bed Bath and Beyond.



CERT CAMP graduation picture.



DART's PRESIDENT Frank Valenzuela at The City Picnic Dunk Tank Fund-raiser.



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