

# Duarte View

A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 88th year of service to the community.

## “Baby Steps” Open House, Walk-a-Thon Sat., April 25

Did you know about the miracle in your own backyard?

Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center is that neighborhood miracle. We would like to invite you to join us this year as we celebrate an Open House/Walk-a-Thon event, Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

This fun awareness and fund-raising event is open to the public, along with our friends and long-time supporters. The Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center is located at 924 Buena Vista St., Duarte.

“Baby Steps”, as the event is billed this year, features a sponsored walk along the Royal Oaks Trail for willing hikers...plus more! The center will be open for walk-through tours at which time the public can see first hand just what FPRC is all about.

Donation drop-offs will be accepted and tour participants can even find out ways to volunteer as they walk through the center. Rewards will be given to all

participants in the walk-a-thon and center tours. Festivities such as carnival games, great food and raffle prizes round out a full morning.

Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center is now in its fifth year of serving women, men and families in our own neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Services include free pregnancy testing, confidential and educational resources, medically supervised ultrasound, parenting information, referrals and assistance, post-abortion counseling, sexual integrity classes and more! Feel free to visit us on the web at [foothillsprc.org](http://foothillsprc.org).

Advanced registrations are available for the Walk-a-Thon, but people may also register on the day of the event just by walking up to the registration table.

There is a minimal fee to walk the course. The Open House tour is free. Small costs apply to carnival games, raffle and food.

For more details, call (626) 358-2122.

## Duarte's First Neighborhood BBQ a Success

More than 250 Duarte residents turned out on a sunny Saturday afternoon, April 4, to attend the first annual Neighborhood Barbeque hosted by the City of Duarte at Otis Gordon Park.

Families enjoyed free hot dogs grilled by the Marvell West nonprofit corporation, and provided by Joe's Place. Volunteer DJ Sanchez, a graduate of Duarte's Youthworks program, set a fun loving atmosphere, while children were entertained with games and face painting by youth volunteer group Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.).

It was also an opportunity for residents to learn about services available to the community. Representatives were on hand from Foothill Unity Center, Foothill Family Services, Santa Anita Family Santa Anita Family YMCA, Cal Am Water, Southern California Edison, and Burrtec Waste, which showed off one of its new clean air vehicle trash trucks powered by compressed natural gas. The Foothill Workforce Investment Board Mobile Training Unit came out to assist residents with employment services, while Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera and members of

Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth surveyed residents on public safety issues. Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos, whose

department coordinated the event, thanked sponsors and participating organizations for helping to make the event a great success.



**DUARTE PUBLIC SAFETY** information booth.



**BURRTEC WASTE SERVICES'** new Clean Air Vehicle.

## Annual Rabies Clinic Slated for June 27

The City of Duarte in cooperation with VET CARE has scheduled the annual vaccination clinic for Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The clinic will be held at Duarte Park, located at Buena Vista St. and Bloomdale St., adjacent to the Teen Center.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$8 each, other vaccinations will be available upon request. Duarte dog licenses will also be available for purchase at the clinic. Microchip and registration will be available for \$35.

It is important for all dogs over the age of four months to be vaccinated for rabies to comply with state law. With the foothills in our back yard, the chance of your dog having contact with local wildlife is great. Don't hesitate... Vaccinate!

For questions concerning this or any other Animal Control matter, please contact the Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938.



**MARVELL WEST BBQ-**ing lunch for all.



**CITY SURVEY** being explained at the barbecue.

**MILLBRAE BLOCK CAPTAINS** and Mayor John Fasana (second from right) enjoying the get-together.



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# Neighborhood Watch Helps Cite and Arrest Illegal Solicitors!

On Thursday, March 19, a resident aware of City of Duarte's Municipal Code regarding solicitors called the Duarte Public Safety Office and requested an officer check for a solicitor's badge.

Duarte's Code Enforcement Officers teamed up with Special Assignment Deputies and contacted two male Hispanics in their mid-20's. One individual was cited for illegal door-to-door solicitation, and the other arrested on a felony warrant for prior criminal activity.

Both suspects worked for "Mac-Pro Inc", a home remodeling company.

Please beware as door-to-door solicitation is being used by potential burglars to case homes and neighborhoods for future residential burglaries.

Duarte residents, please continue to contact us if you see any suspicious individuals in your neighborhood.

Every solicitor, even those with a non-profit organization, must carry a laminated badge that consists of a white background with a colored Duarte seal.

This badge will also show the person's photo and name, as well the expiration date and is usually valid only for one or two days.

This badge must be visible at all times. Solicitation is not allowed at any home where a "No Solicitors" sign is displayed. Ask for this badge and do not do business with anyone that does not have it in his/her possession.

Keep your Neighborhood Crime Free! Report crime or suspicious activity!

You may contact the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938 Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., if incident does not occur within business hours please contact Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 448-9861.

You may also contact Sergeant Tony Haynes at the Duarte Department of Public Safety at (626) 359-5671 ext. 304. You may also leave an anonymous tip by simply calling the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.

# Duarte weighs in on new YMCA Weight Room



**BUSINESS LEADERS** from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce toured the Santa Anita Family YMCA's new weight room and celebrated the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Duarte Chamber Vice-Chairman Debbie Gewertz of the Old Town Sign Co. is flanked by SAFYMCA board members Julie Roybal (left) and Pat Barnes and Steve Baker (right). Standing behind Gewertz is SAFYMCA CEO Damon Colaluca. In addition to a roomful of new ergonomically designed weight equipment, the nonprofit SAFYMCA offers a variety of classes and activities for all ages and abilities. And no one is ever turned away for an inability to pay full fee. Classes include Yoga, Pilates, Water Exercise, Arthritis Exercise, MS Exercise, Silver Sneakers, Parkinson's Exercise, and Youth Fitness. The Santa Anita Family YMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia. For more information, call (626) 359-9244 or visit the website at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

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# Duarte's Route 66 Parade Sept. 19

Duarte's 14th Annual Route 66 Parade Committee has begun its semi-monthly meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings are hosted by the Elks Club. New Committee members are encouraged to join.

This parade looks to be another successful community celebration. Themed "Journey Down the Mother Road," the parade will travel along a one-mile segment of Duarte's historic Route 66, Huntington Dr., from Cotter St. east to Mt. Olive Ave.

As always, the colorful cavalcade, co-sponsored by the City of Duarte and Duarte Community Coordinating Council, will feature parade entries including antique and classic cars, bands, equestrian units, floats, and marching groups.

The committee is already working with the Duarte Unified Schools to find Duarte's "Budding Artists" through this year's logo contest. Submissions need to be received by April 20 to be in consideration for the final selection. The selected artist will see their work displayed on t-shirts and promotional materials and will have an honored seat in the parade itself.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations interested in supporting the event. Applications for sponsors, parade entries, crafters, car show participants and bands can be found on the website [www.duarteroute66parade.com](http://www.duarteroute66parade.com).

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

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# Students from Sichuan Province in China visit Duarte

What's better than going to school and getting an education from teachers? Going to school and learning from students that have experienced a life that we have only read about here in Duarte.

This past month, the Duarte Education Foundation and Duarte High School helped to host a group of 20 high school students from Sichuan Province in China. Last May, an 8.0 earthquake caused unimaginable death and destruction in this area of China. These students were on a cultural exchange arranged by the Zhongkun International Youth Foundation, headquartered in Monrovia. This foundation was established by

Mr. Huang Nubo. The students were selected based on their high academic achievement, low family income and extraordinary performance during the earthquake relief. Almost all of the students lost one or more family members in this devastating earthquake. Their 10-day itinerary included a tour and lunch at the City of Hope, a day at Disneyland, a trip to the Getty Art Museum, a day of learning at UCLA, and a trip to the Grand Canyon, among other excursions.

In addition to all of the tours in and around Los Angeles, these students, that all spoke very good



**ATTENDING THE Duarte Education Foundation barbecue, including the 20 Chinese students from the Sichuan Province in China, are, on the far left, Dean Conklin, Duarte Unified School District Superintendent; and Richard Niño of Burrtec Waste Services. On the far right are Duarte Mayor John Fasana, Terry Nichols, Duarte Unified School District Assistant Superintendent; Duarte Councilmember Lois Gaston; and Duarte Councilmember Margaret Finlay.**

English, spent part of the day teaching, as well as learning, in the classroom with Duarte High School teacher Joe Kenney, and Duarte Councilmember Phil Reyes.

Furthermore, the Chinese students and their Principal spent an evening at Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay's home having a barbeque and swim party, sponsored by the Duarte Education Foundation. Mayor John Fasana,

Councilmember Lois Gaston, School Superintendent Dean Conklin and Deputy School Superintendent Terry Nichols were there for the evening to help with barbecuing and to make the students feel welcome. The students especially enjoyed swimming in the pool and spa, as it is too cold in their part of China this time of year to swim outdoors. Foundation members, Brad Finlay and Robert Cuite, kept the hamburgers and hotdogs coming off the barbeque fast enough to keep the students and Chinese school administrators well fed. Burrtec Regional Manager Richard Nino was in attendance to show Burrtec's support of education in Duarte. Burrtec Waste Services sponsors the annual Talent Show as well as the teacher Wishing Well Grants program.

Former School Board President Ed Ferguson and his wife, Helen, also Education Foundation Board Members, enjoyed talking with the students. "One of the students said that we were the first American people she had ever spoken English with," Ed Ferguson marveled. "What an honor it is to have these intelligent, hardworking young people visiting with us."

The Chinese students ended the evening of fellowship and fun at the Finlay home entertaining the group of 50 plus guests singing traditional Chinese songs. One student also expertly performed magic tricks. It was a delight to have these talented and courageous young people grace our city. Their presence helped to make the distance between our vastly different countries seem not so significant. Not only did the Duarte High School students benefit from their visit but also the whole community learned that we can bridge the cultural gap by welcoming new people to Our Kind of Town.



**DUARTE EDUCATION FOUNDATION Board Members Ed and Helen Ferguson are enjoying the company of the Chinese students around the fire pit.**

# Duarte Home Improvement Grant deadline April 30

The City of Duarte is offering grants for the purpose of completing exterior improvements to your Duarte homes, such as window replacement, roof replacement, or exterior painting.

This program is open to qualifying residents within the incorporated area of the City of Duarte. The applicants for this upcoming application period will be determined using a lottery system. Priority will be given to those properties that have never received a grant. Applicants' gross yearly income (before taxes) cannot exceed the amount shown in the table below:

Family Size	Gross Yearly Income
1	\$42,450
2	\$48,500
3	\$54,600
4	\$60,650
5	\$65,500
6	\$70,350
7	\$75,200
8	\$80,050

Residents can pick-up/fill-out pre-applications during regular City Hall business hours in the Community Development Department from March 2, 2009

through April 30, 2009. The deadline for submitting pre-applications is April 30, 2009.

For complete details, please visit City Hall and pick-up the Frequently Asked Questions handout or download the handout on our website at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com).

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at (626)357-7931 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

# Tour of D'Aquino Imports April 25

The Duarte Woman's Club is having a fundraiser on April 25, 1:30-4 p.m. There will be a tour of D'Aquino Imports Co. followed by a wine and cheese tasting party at the home of Nobu and Ruby Shiroma. Tickets are \$10. Call (626) 359-5570 for tickets and details.



**SHERI UHLIG (left), last year's Duarte Woman's Club Woman of the Year recipient, congratulates Doreen Tulloch-Reid as the 2008-09 WOTY.**

# Duarte Woman's Club names 2008-09 WOTY

Doreen Tulloch-Reid was recently crowned Duarte Woman's Club Woman of the Year (WOTY) at the Club's 60th anniversary banquet held recently at Young's Gourmet.

Dressed as bees, the WOTY committee comprised of past WOTYS, buzzed around the restaurant, revealing tips as to who would be crowned. In the end, the coveted award went to Doreen whose achievements are so numerous that she was described by the skit as a bizzee bee, flitting from one volunteer post to another.

Serving as a "Hi Cap", Doreen volunteers at the Duarte Senior Center, Pasadena Senior Center, and Westminster Gardens teaching seniors how to navigate and understand Medicare. She organizes medical seminars and writes a health bulletin.

Since joining the Club in 2003, she has fulfilled the office of health chairman each year, served as treasurer for two years and as first vice president for one year. She is also active in the district and state levels of the club.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Doreen lived in Edinburgh Scot-

land for 4 years attending graduate school to become a RN.

Following graduation she lived in New York, came to Altadena in 1977 and has lived in Duarte since 1993.

Presenting Doreen with a crown, flowers and a silver bracelet, last year's WOTY, Sheri Uhlig, proclaimed, "It is a real blessing to have Doreen as part of our Club. She is always on the go, willing to help with anything. Her enthusiasm is amazing and she is always willing to accept a hard job."

Doreen admitted shock when she realized she was the recipient. "I'd like to thank the WOTY committee and the entire club for this honor," she said. "This will be a motivational force for me to continue to work hard for the benefit of the Duarte community."

The dinner meeting also honored past presidents and WOTYs. Awards were presented to Jan Brillhart honoring her 35 years of membership, and Mildred Shaw, who joined DWC 50 years ago. The 2009-10 slate of officers was elected, with Nita Carey, who served as president in 1960-61, to hold that office once again.



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# Mother's Day Garden Luncheon & Tea in honor of mothers and grandmothers, their lives and legacy

Belinda Rowe is a motherless daughter and is also the Founder/CEO of GEMSS Ministry.

GEMSS (God Empowering and Mobilizing with Steadfast Success) is a ministry dedicated to reaching, teaching, touching, developing and mobilizing women to rebuild their foundations to a place of wholeness.

It began as a result of Ms. Rowe's life experiences and the resulting heart-felt desire and gift to care for the broken hearted.

Prior to starting GEMSS Ministry, Ms. Rowe previously led two ministries: "Motherless Daughters" and "Proverbs 31 Woman".

These ministries revealed to her just how many women were struggling with anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, guilt, pain, grief and a multitude of various other ailments that kept them from loving themselves, holding their heads up high, and truly believing that they are special, that they matter, that they are important and that they are loved.

The Motherless Daughters ministry specifically helped women who were dealing with depression and dysfunction as a result of the loss of a mother. It also helped women whose mothers may still be living, but for a number of reasons, the mother/daughter relationship is extremely strained or non-existent.

Ms. Rowe incorporated GEMSS Ministry as a place of refuge where women could come pursue God's presence and connect with other women to rediscover their value, and to impact their world as GEMSS of excellence.

Because of Ms. Rowe's commitment and passion, she is in constant pursuit of doing the Lord's work and establishing a safe haven for women to come and receive the healing of God in an intimate setting.

GEMSS Ministry has been a blessing to many, many women since its inception in 2005.

Exact statistics are difficult to come by, but in researching her books, Hope Edelman, author of *Motherless Daughters*, calculates that about 330,000 girls under 18 years old in the U.S. today have lost their mothers.

She figures about 1.1 million women now under age 60 lost their mothers during childhood or adolescence, before they turned 18.

"That's a very conservative estimate,"

she says. (Kathleen Doheny, WebMD March 2009). Ms. Rowe's compassion and her passion to help women who have lost their mothers deal with the hurt and loss is a direct result of

Ms. Rowe's own traumatic loss of her mother at the young age of seven and the healing that she has experienced.

Motherless Daughters of Los Angeles was formed as a Southern California organization in 1997, based on Hope Edelman's book *Motherless Daughters*, "*The Legacy of Loss*".

Her book became a New York Times best seller and prompted an outpouring of letters from women seeking information, support groups, individual therapy, and understanding.

Ms. Rowe's life story is written in Edelman's fourth book *Motherless Mothers*, *How Mother Loss Shapes the Parent We Become*.

The first Motherless Daughters luncheon "Circle of Remembrance" took place on May 10, 1997 at Jackson's Restaurant in the city of West Hollywood.

Ms. Rowe became a member of the organization and was a participant of the luncheons, however her heart was to be able to invite many women who may have had the desire to attend but were unable to participate for various reasons.

On May 2, Ms. Rowe will be hosting her 8th annual Mother's Day Garden Luncheon & Tea. The luncheon will allow women to come together to celebrate the roles they hold in each others lives, whether they are mothers, daughters, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, nieces, or just a friend of one.

It will be a time of joy and celebration for all that they have accomplished and their dreams yet to be fulfilled.

This event will take place in the beautiful garden at 3415 Sagehurst Dr., Duarte, at 1:30 p.m.

To be a welcomed participant at this event, please RSVP at the GEMSS website [www.gemssministry.net](http://www.gemssministry.net) or call (626) 357-8548.

A love offering will be collected to bless GEMSS Ministry.

"I doubt whether the world holds for anyone a more soul-stirring surprise than the first adventure with ice-cream."

— Heywood C. Broun, journalist, author



HELENA BUNDY with her prize-winning drawing of Woodrow Wilson beside her 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Francina Anderson.

## Duarte 5th grader wins grand prize out of 12,000 entries in a National Scholastic "Picture a President" drawing contest

An Anita Oaks School 5th grade student received the good news from Scholastic Book Clubs that she was the Grand Prize Winner in the "Picture A President" Drawing Contest. Helena Bundy, a 5th grader at Anita Oaks School, a small, private school in Duarte with 105 students in preschool through 8th grade, was announced as the winner at the school's Holiday Program on December 11.

There were almost 12,000 entries for the

contest from all over the country. Drawings represented all 44 American presidents and Scholastic reported that the level of achievement was very high in the entries. Helena's drawing represented Woodrow Wilson.

The Grand Prize reward includes an all-expense paid three-day/two-night trip for two to Washington DC and two 50-Book Presidential Libraries, one for Helena and one for Anita Oaks School.

## Anita Oaks School girls volleyball team wins Foothill Sports League Championship for second year

Anita Oaks School, a small private school in Duarte, does it again! The Anita Oaks School Girls Volleyball Team remained undefeated during the entire volleyball season. On Friday, December 14, 2008, the Anita Oaks School Girls

Volleyball Team beat Westminster Academy, clinching the Foothill Sports League Championship for a second consecutive year. Anita Oaks School will honor the Girls Volleyball Team at their annual sports banquet held at the school in the spring.



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# Public Safety 2008 in Review

By Brian Villalobos,  
Director of Public Safety Services

The Duarte Satellite Sheriff's Station is pleased to announce the release of the 2008 Part I crime statistics. Major crimes, categorized as Part I crimes, showed a 6% decrease in crime compared to 2007. Grand theft dropped approximately 12%, while auto theft and vehicle burglary dropped a combined 30%.

Although an overall decrease was reported, increases were seen particularly in residential burglaries. This dramatic increase is a phenomenon seen along the foothill cities and west coast. Residential burglaries totaled 58, highest in the last 8 years. The majority of residential burglaries occur during day time hours and there are many continuing investigations.

Gang violence decreased in 2008 in part due to aggressive gang enforcement operations.

In 2009, we need to continue to implement innovative intervention programs, community relations and the revitalizing of neighborhood watch programs is an ongoing project. There remains a lot of work to be done.

The Public Safety Department remains committed to our

residents. By that token we are looking to expand our community outreach and we just held the first in a long line of Community BBQ's at Otis Gordon Park. Please keep a look out for our soon to be released Movie Night this summer at Beardslee Park.

The safety of Duarte's residents is of utmost importance to the Duarte Public Safety Dept., LA County Sheriff Dept., and Duarte's elected officials. Although many plans can take effect, it is the residents in the community who must take a stand and get involved in their community to make any plan work. We all want and deserve a safe neighborhood. Get involved! Stay informed! If you See Something, Say Something!

Call Temple Station to make an immediate report at (626) 448-9861 or Sgt. Tony Haynes at the Duarte Sheriff's Satellite Station to provide us with information by calling (626) 359-5671, ext. 304. You may also contact Special Assignment Deputies, Deputy Avila at ext. 305 and Deputy Frederickson at ext. 306, if you have any information that you may feel will lead to arrests. You may also leave an anonymous tip you by simply calling the Sheriff Satellite Station Anonymous Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462, all calls are confidential. Se habla español.

## YMCA members enjoy discounts at businesses with YRewards

Members of the nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA can now add discounts with local businesses to the YMCA membership benefits. The SAFYMCA's newly-launched YRewards program allows members to enjoy savings at a select group of area businesses just by presenting their YMCA membership card.

"These are financially challenging times for families and businesses. The YRewards program is a way of adding another layer of value to Y membership by helping our members stretch their dollars, while giving local businesses an opportunity to increase patronage and their bottom line," said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colaluca.

Businesses currently enrolled in the YRewards program include: Butterflies and Bees!, creators of custom gardens; Chang Thai Bistro, Monrovia; Countrywide Home Loans, Monrovia; Gentile, McCloskey & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Arcadia; Monrovia Floral; Old Town Sign Company, Irwindale; Stubbies Promotions, promotional products, Arcadia; The Skin Care Shop, Monrovia; Ink Tank, silk screening, Duarte; Joe's Place Restaurant, Duarte; Villa Italia Restaurant, Duarte; and Ward Service, auto repair, Monrovia.

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

## 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 homegrown 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.

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ASSAULT	69	78	75	50	59	40	53	37	36
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	41	34	54	39	55	47	25	48	58
OTHER BURGLARY	66	45	60	56	58	73	61	71	73
VEHICLE BURGLARY	90	63	67	61	123	72	119	97	82
GRAND THEFT	57	65	78	71	70	62	77	82	72
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<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>423</b>

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### DUARTE WELCOMES . . .

## Sergeant Tony Haynes

The City of Duarte welcomes newly assigned Sergeant Tony Haynes as Duarte's satellite station supervising Sergeant. He is Duarte's liaison to Temple Station and will be directing Deputies working in the field, as well as Duarte's Special Assignment team. Sergeant Haynes has 22 years of law enforcement experience, a former Los Angeles County Marshal and has been assigned to Temple Station which covers our City since 1995. He holds an Associate of Science degree from East LA College.

In his professional career Sergeant Haynes has provided enforcement services in and out of the Municipal and Federal courtrooms for over 5 years. He also worked in the Los Angeles County Jail System, and patrol at Temple Station, where he also served as a Field Training Officer, and a Special assignment team member. He left Temple Station briefly to work with the Leadership and Training Division in LASD's Risk Management Bureau. In 2006, he promoted to Sergeant and when given the opportunity took an assignment back at his home station, Temple Station.

When presented with the opportunity to transfer to the Duarte Sub Station this past March, Sergeant Haynes said, "It was no question." He knows that all personnel assigned to Duarte, both sworn and civilian are "A" players and the best in the business. He explained that he finds that the partnership between the sworn and civilian workforce, coupled with community partners, is second to none in Duarte. He also comments on how motivated everyone in Duarte is, and he is proud to be a part of this team. He is impressed with the amount of resources available to the community, especially the youth. He highlights the DART program, the Teen Center, the Skate Park, and many others programs, and feels that there is ample opportunity for residents and their children to achieve success in Duarte. He believes that youth who stay involved in positive activities are less likely to get involved with gangs.

As the City of Duarte's new liaison, Sergeant Haynes further explained that, although programs can be helpful, he feels that the key to a safe community does not lie in one particular program or effort, but in positive communication between residents and law enforcement. His advice to all residents is, "Please, do not be afraid to call me, or stop and talk to me or any Deputy in the field. If we do not communicate we cannot help." Sergeant Tony Haynes is looking forward to meeting Duarte citizens. He can be contacted at the Sheriff's Satellite Station at (626) 359-5671 ext. 304.



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# Duarte Woman's Club celebrates 60 years

It was a bittersweet occasion for the Duarte Woman's Club as they celebrated the organization's 60th anniversary at Young's

Gourmet Restaurant recently. Sad about the recent loss of one of their own, the ladies mustered up their courage and through an elaborate skit revealed the name of this year's Woman of the Year (WOTY), the Club's most coveted title.

Sue Lawrence, a DWC member since

1975, passed away on February 27, at the age of 81. She was predeceased by Doug, her husband of 60 years.

Sue was an avid volunteer throughout her life. She served as president of DWC in 1985-1986 and was named Woman of the Year at the end of her term. Throughout her membership she was an active member of the San

Dressed as bees at the dinner, the WOTY committee comprised of past WOTYS, buzzed around the restaurant, revealing tips as to who would be crowned.

In the end, the coveted award went to Doreen Tulloch-Reid whose achievements are so numerous that she was portrayed in the skit as a bizzee bee, flitting from one volunteer post to another.

Serving as a "Hi Cap," Doreen regularly volunteers at the Duarte Senior Center, Pasadena Senior Center, and Westminster Gardens teaching seniors how to navigate and understand Medicare. She organizes medical seminars and writes a health bulletin.

Since joining the Club in 2003, Doreen has actively supported fund raising, promoting membership and holds the office of treasurer.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Doreen lived in Edinburgh Scotland for 4 years attending graduate school to become an RN.

Following graduation she lived in New York, came to Al-

tadena in 1977 and has lived in Duarte since 1993.

Presenting Doreen with a crown, flowers and a silver bracelet, last year's WOTY, Sheri Uhlig, proclaimed "It is a real blessing to have Doreen as part of our Club. She is always on the go, willing to help with anything. Her enthusiasm is amazing and she is always willing to accept a hard job."

Doreen admitted shock when she realized she was the recipient. "I'd like to thank the WOTY committee and the entire club for this honor," she said.

The dinner meeting also honored past presidents and WOTYs. Awards were presented to Jan Brillhart honoring her 35 years of membership, and Mildred Shaw, who joined DWC 50 years ago.

The 2009-10 slate of officers was elected, with Nita Carey, who served as president in 1960-61, to hold that office once again.

The ladies will hold a wine and cheese tasting party in April. Women over the age of 18 are invited to join. Call Marion Stone at (626) 358-7028 for more information about the Duarte Woman's Club.



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SHERI UHLIG (left), last year's Duarte Woman's Club Woman of the Year recipient, congratulates Doreen Tulloch-Reid as the 2008-09 WOTY.

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# First Baptist marks 125 years, mourns Pastor

By Neil Earle

"In the midst of life we are in death."

These words from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer almost epitomize the recent events at historic First Baptist Church of Duarte. The congregation's commemoration of 125 years of activity on February 15, 2009 anticipated by only five weeks exactly the tragic and surprising death of their beloved pastor, 46-year-old Dr. Ricardo O. Crocker from a heart attack on March 22. I got involved with First Baptist through researching their church story for an Arcadia Publishing book on Duarte's history to be released later this year and formed a quick friendship with this dy-

namic man of God.

An extremely hospitable, friendly and trusting man, Pastor Ricardo O. Crocker and his staff had been planning their 125th celebration for months. At the February 15 service, Pastor Crocker revealed a sterling commitment to community by earnestly promoting the February 21 Peace March and Community Unity Festival to begin in Monrovia and end at Duarte Park Baseball Field. Even more, he had arranged for his congregation – the youth especially – to hear that day a testimony from a former Latino gang member in a wheelchair. His name was Tony Rigor and he had been shot with a .45 bullet through the neck in the Rodney King Riots. His brother

had been killed 12 years before that in a street fight, stabbed thirteen times. Long before that Tony had run away from a violent home situation.

After a stint in jail Tony faced the tragedy that his pregnant girl friend had lost her twins in another violent encounter. Tony was up against the wall. He fell into depression for years – confined to a wheelchair, unemployed, nothing to live for. Then he reached out to God. "I owe God for saving my life" he said, largely through the help of New Beginning Ministries in Baldwin Park. He learned to become a man of prayer, a "billboard for the Lord," training as a street evangelist in Monrovia. Now he belongs to a Christian gang-rehabilitation group named "Loco for Christ."

"Try Jesus," he exhorted the young people in the congregation, "He will never leave us!"

Impressed with First Baptist's sense of timing, I asked Pastor Crocker if he had planned to bring in Tony after the fatal murder of an 18-year-old in our community on February 9. "No," said Dr. Crocker. "It had been already planned." Great timing indeed, perhaps with an assist from Higher Up! City Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos had wisely said of gang violence at a town forum on February 17: "You cannot arrest your way out of it." Pastor Crocker knew this.

### LIVING HISTORY

During the research for the Duarte book I found Pastor Crocker extremely accommodating and willing to help. "There wasn't anyone who crossed his path who wasn't impressed with him," said Pastor's Aide President Ruby Booker. He allowed me possession of two important artifacts. One was a 1944-1945 wall picture of their congregation formerly located on Elder Street in the Davis Addition (Rocktown) south of the 210 Freeway. That,

and a laminated copy of an 1884 title deed to property in Rancho Azusa de Duarte. Pastor Crocker had proudly read from this in a January service to build support for the February 15 event. It states in part:

"This indenture made the Thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four [by]...parties of the first part and the first Baptist Church of Duarte Los Angeles County State of California, the parties of the second part witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar gold crown of the United States of America...the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever all that certain lot, piece or parcel of lands situate, lying and being in the Duarte County of Los Angeles...commencing on the East Line of Lot N Sixteen Section Twenty five (25), Rancho Azusa de Duarte."

This formal language adds background to Charles F. Davis' *History of Monrovia and Duarte* (1938) which mentions that "a group of Baptist families" had organized a house of worship in 1881 costing \$2,275 and dedicated it free from debt. The one gold coin reference makes up what is called a "consideration." Especially back then, contracts were considered binding if something tangible was offered.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DUARTE at its prominent location along the "Mother Road," Route 66. Photo by Neil Earle



A COMMITMENT to youth ministry is a strong focus at First Baptist. Photo by Neil Earle

### CHURCH ON THE MOVE

I asked Church Clerk Sandra Robinson about First Baptist's foundation stone which mentions the dates 1924 and 1948. "We were originally at 201 Elder Street in the old Rocktown," is her best memory. This matches the description given in Aloysia Moore and Bernice Watson's history *On the Duarte*. Robinson's reference to a fire may explain why the church was reorganized in 1948. This can be matched with two different addresses given in older *Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte City Directories* for the Elder Street Church – one date in 1924 at 380 Elder Street and another in 1948.

The same source confirms that by 1966 the church in Rocktown had moved very near its present location, close to the corner of Huntington and Mount Olive. "The present building was already serving some other purpose," says Church Clerk Robinson. This may explain the marker's reference to refurbishing in 1976-1977 on the present 2200 Huntington Drive site.

### A LIVELY PRESENCE

For First Baptist's congregants, a special highlight of the 125th commemoration was the special luncheon on February 7 at the Courtyard Marriott. "Everyone appreciated the presence of Mayor John Fasana and Council Member Lois Gaston at the event," said Robinson. About 75 people showed up for the official anniversary service the afternoon of February 15 which featured a special address by Rev. C. W. Parker of Ajalon Baptist Church in Palm Springs.

In a fast-paced, extremely mobile part of the world such as Southern California, we are learning to cling more and more to every important connection to our past – a rock, perhaps, in a weary land. First Baptist, even while mourning the loss of its activist pastor can take pride in the fact that this "outsider" sees them showing evidence of being what all churches hope to be – relevant, lively and possessing an active social conscience. A deeply-tooted presence in our city, a concern for youth, a clear commitment to *comunidad* – these are things to give thanks for in the midst of grief.

Even knowing him ever so briefly, you feel that's the way Dr. Crocker would have wanted it.

Neil Earle is host of DCTV's "A Second Look" which often covers Duarte history. He is co-author, along with Irwin Margiloff, of a soon-to-be-released book titled "Duarte" in the Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series.

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## Duarte Fitness Center spring membership sale & aquatics program

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During the sale Duarte residents can enjoy one full year of aquatics, exercise, and aerobics for only \$100. Non-resident rates start as low as \$140, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall.

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

The spring aquatics program will begin April 11. The pool will be available Monday through Friday for lap swimming from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends. Recreational swim will be held during



**SWIMMERS** enjoy spring break at the Duarte Fitness Center pool!

spring break (April 13-17) and on weekends.

Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered this spring. Session 1 will run from May 4-May 14, with registration beginning April 27. Session 2 will run from May 18-May 29, and registration begins May 11.

Priority registration will be available to City of Duarte residents with valid ID from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. the first day of registration. All non-residents may register beginning at 8 a.m.

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



**MINI SOCCER** is a great way for boys and girls to keep physically active.

## Youth recreation mini-soccer

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration at Duarte City Hall and at all local supervised playgrounds for youth mini soccer leagues. The fee is \$20 per child and includes a t-shirt.

Practices are scheduled to begin the week of March 30. Boys and girls born in 1997 - 2000 (in a grade no higher than 6th) will play in separate boys and girls

leagues. Practices and games will be conducted during the week, after school, and will be held at local supervised parks.

The field size for league games is about half the size of a normal field and the goals are also smaller.

This fun and exciting 6 on 6-player league is perfect for all skill levels.

For more information call (626) 357-7931.



**THE BALLET CLASS** practices for the Spring Recital.

## Junior Olympics track and field meet

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the annual Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet. The event will take place Saturday, March 21 at Duarte High School Stadium. Entries for boys and girls born 1994-2002 taken from Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell, Royal Oaks, Valley View, and Northview Schools will participate in the event. Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers, and ribbons for 2<sup>nd</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each event. Schools will try to win the Junior Olympics School Champion title, which includes a large trophy awarded to the winning elementary school team. All registration for the meet was taken at the schools. Participants will have a wide choice of events to choose from, including 50m, 100m & 200m dashes, 400m, 800m & 1600m runs, and long jump & softball throw. This meet will act as a qualifying meet for the SCMAF San Gabriel Valley Track and Field Championships that will be held in May. Children who win at the SGV meet will go on to participate in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Track Meet. For more information call (626) 357-7931 or call your school.



**DUARTE'S KIDS** go for the gold at the Jr. Olympics Track Meet.

## Duarte recreation spring classes

The Duarte Recreation Department offers classes to adults, teens, children and families. Spring recreation classes to be offered will include Ballet, Belly Dancing, Cha Cha Dance, Cheer & Dance, Cooking the Fun & Healthy Way, Dog Obedience, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Skateboarding, Story Theater for Performance, Tennis, Tumbling, Youth Rembrandts - Elementary Basics of Drawing, Watercolor Workshop and Youth CPR & First Aid - Babysitter Training. Registration for the spring session of classes began March 9 on a first



**KNOTT'S BERRY FARM** is a great place to spend Spring Break!

## Youth spring break activities

### BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

On Saturday, April 11, the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast With the Easter Bunny. The event will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 E. Huntington Drive from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Duarte City Hall, and cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Rotary's local service projects.

Those in attendance will be treated to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Rotary Club members. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. All children with a ticket will receive a free book. For ticket information for this fun filled morning, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

### EASTER EGG HUNTS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will conduct the annual Duarte Easter Egg Hunts at Royal Oaks and Beardslee Parks on Saturday, April 11 beginning at 10 a.m. SHARP! The event is open to three divisions 3-4 years, 5-7 years and 8-10 years old. There is no charge for this event. Parents are asked to stay out of the hunting grounds, and no baskets or bags will be allowed. For more information call (626)

357-7931.

### SPRING BREAK EXCURSIONS Magic Mountain Teen Excursion

The Duarte Teen Center's annual spring break trip will be to Magic Mountain on Wednesday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The price for the excursion is \$30 for teens grades 9-12. The fee covers tickets and transportation. Meals not included. Spring break is a great time to seek excitement at Six Flags Magic Mountain. You must pre-register and pay at the Duarte Teen Center. Space is limited.

For more information call the Duarte Teen Center (626) 303-0863, Monday-Friday 3 p.m.-8 p.m.

### Knott's Berry Farm Youth Excursion

An excursion to Knott's Berry Farm will be held on Thursday, April 16. Register now at Duarte City Hall or at local supervised playgrounds. Ride on Sierra Sidewinder, Xcelerator, Supreme Scream, Montezuma's Revenge, Ghost Rider Roller Coaster and many more thrilling rides and attractions. The fee is \$25 for 8-17 year olds. The fee covers tickets and transportation. Meals not included. Space is limited. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

## 20th annual Wilderness Day



**AFTER THE HIKE** participants can check out the displays at Family Wilderness Day.

Duarte families are invited to experience one of the most beautiful, local, natural waterfalls. On Saturday, April 18 Vulcan Rock Quarry will open their gates and allow access to the original Fish Canyon Trail.

The 3.2-mile hike through the wilderness requires sturdy hiking boots and hikers must carry their own water. Hearty hikers can hike the expanded 9-mile version if de-

sired. Activities at Encanto Park will include a 24-foot climbing wall, hands-on nature experiences, barbecue lunch, and fun for everyone. This event is sponsored by the City of Duarte and Vulcan Materials Company.

Hikers may check in at Encanto Park beginning at 7 a.m. Hikers must be transported to the trailhead by a City of Duarte shuttle. No dogs allowed. The fee is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children 11 and under. Registration is limited to the first 300 hikers and all participants will receive a free souvenir. T-shirts will be available for \$15. There will be an additional \$2 late fee for registrations received after April 14. Flyers are available at Duarte City Hall, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

come, first served basis. Mail-in registration is available and telephone registration began March 10. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$30. Classes will begin March 23.

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



## Senior Center Activities

The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to all residents 55 years of age and older and offers a variety of services and programs. The phone number is (626) 357-3513.

### HOT LUNCHES

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

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services.

For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or YMCA Intervale at (626) 858-8382.

### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you possess a current CA driver's license, have access to a personal vehicle, and proof of insurance, you are eligible to volunteer to pick up meals from a local retirement home and deliver to homebound seniors.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

No special training is required, just a compassionate individual who will brighten the days of the recipient.

To become a volunteer please contact the YWCA Intervale at (626) 858-8382.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, boutiques, decorating, etc.

If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a volunteer.

For more information contact Kelly at (626) 357-3513.

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### LIONS SIGHT PROGRAM

Free vision care for low-income seniors is provided on the second Thursday of each month. Three appointments are available per month. Call (626) 357-3513 to make an appointment. To qualify for the Lions Sight Program, interested parties must be 62 or over, have a yearly income below \$25,900, and must live in Duarte.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older on Tuesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. Attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$12 for members; \$14 for non-members and reservations are required. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

### METHODIST HOSPITAL PRESENTS: "PREVENTION OF HEART DISEASE IN THE MATURE POPULATION"

Tuesday, April 21, 1-2 p.m. - Heart disease is the number one killer in the United States and also a major cause of disability for both men and women. Dr. Soldo will speak on what can be done to prevent this common disease as well as new diagnostic and treatment options. Please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for reservations.



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Tuesday and Thursday, 12:45-2 p.m. Fee: 25 cents per card.

### CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center began taking registration for the spring session of classes on March 9, and classes will begin the week of March 23. Registration hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Classes are for 10 weeks unless otherwise noted. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.**

**Fee Classes:** Piano/Keyboard, Piano (private lessons), Strength Training Program held at Duarte Fitness Center, Watercolor, and Yoga.

**Ongoing Free Classes:** Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Cross Fit, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Knitting, Music Appreciation, Beginning Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, and Tai Chi.

### EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department began taking registration for spring trips on March 9 at Duarte City Hall. Registration is held 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$30. You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center to receive in-depth information about the following trips:

Fort Irwin Tour, Friday, April 24, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., \$25, Lunch on your own at the soldier's dining facility; Goldstone-Deep Space Tracing Station, Wednesday, May 6, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$27, Lunch included at the Goldstone cafeteria; Temecula's 26th Anniversary Balloon and Wine Festival, Saturday, June 6, 3:30-11:30 p.m., \$41, Dinner and wine tasting on your own; Shopping in LA, Tuesday, April 28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$20, Lunch on your own at Olvera Street; Laughlin Riverside Resort and Casino (Must be 21 years of age or older), 3 days and 2 nights, Tuesday, May 19 9 a.m.-Thursday, May 21, 5 p.m., \$94 double occupancy, \$115 single occupancy, Meals include 2 breakfast buffets and 1 choice buffet; Camellia Cottage - A Day for Tea, Monday, June 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., \$33, Tea included.

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## Beautification Awards

Duarte residents are encouraged to begin preparing their homes and businesses for the 30th Annual Beautification Awards. Judging will be held during the month of April and the awards ceremony to honor the winners will be conducted during the May 26 city council meeting. ALL homes and businesses within the City of Duarte will be judged. There is no registration required. Local service organizations will do the judging and will recognize those who go above and beyond the norm in making the outside of their homes and businesses presentable. Beautified homes and businesses add to Duarte's appeal in the San Gabriel Valley and helps foster community pride and involvement. For more information on the City's Annual Beautification Awards program, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931 ext. 203.



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# Duarte Senior Center Co-Ed Softball Opening Day April 16

Opening Day for the Duarte Senior Center Co-Ed Softball teams was held at Otis Gordon Park on April 16. Mayor John Fasana was on hand to throw out the first pitch.

The co-ed softball team began in 1996. The program has really grown and this year we have two teams in the league.

Last season we had two people

co-manage/coach the team and when we had so many people who wanted to play this year, the two co-managers each took a team. The Duarte 66ers are lead by their coach Sam Angulo, and the D-Crew is lead by Dennis Maldonado. Practices are held on Tuesdays and games are played on Thursdays. Most of the games are played in Pico Rivera

because it is central to all the cities playing, such as Commerce, Cerritos, Pasadena, Whittier and Pico Rivera. The league runs from April through the last week of August.

If you are interested in attending a game, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for the schedule.



FIRST PITCH THROWN by Duarte Mayor John Fasana.



THE DUARTE 66ERS AND THE D-CREW teams lineup on the baselines for the National Anthem.



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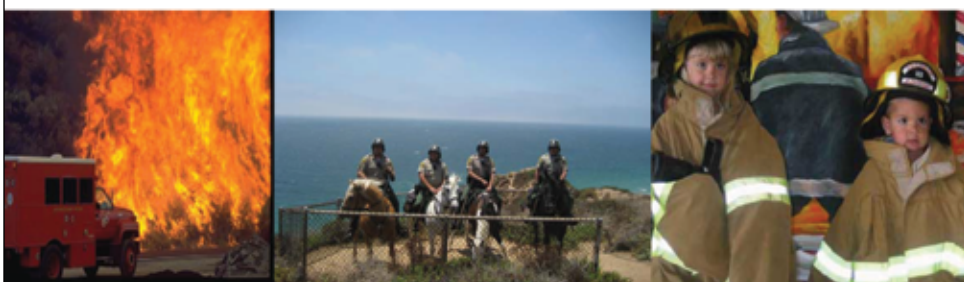
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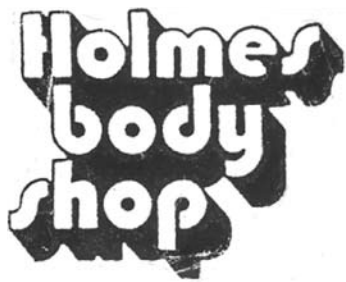
On April 1 and 2 Duarte was visited by the television series CSI filming along Huntington Drive. The parking lots behind Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine and Route 66 Roadhouse were turned into an area in Nevada where dozens of bikers were in one scene and a car exploded in another scene. CSI actor Laurence Fishburne was onsite riding a motorcycle. Wallace Langham took a break inside the Route 66 Roadhouse. This episode is expected to air May 7, 2009, titled "Hog Heaven". Below are some photos of the happenings on April 2.





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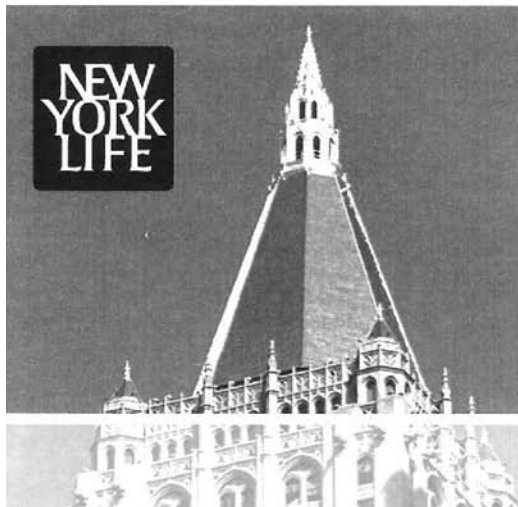


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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

### Q & A WITH DR. CONKLIN

Public Education in California is facing some major challenges. Our funding comes from the state, and the state has some significant budget issues. As a result, we are faced with doing more with less. I have been asked many questions related to the current situation, so I have decided to list some of the most frequently asked questions, along with my answers.

**Question** – Is the budget the most important issue you, as superintendent, are facing?

**Answer** – No, it is not. While the budget is a major challenge to us, we must remember that our main focus must always be on our students. Making sure that our students are learning must always be the ‘main thing’. Certainly, we will deal with all of the other issues that we face, but it is essential that we keep our focus.

**Question** – We hear about layoffs and pink slips. How many teachers are being pink slipped?

**Answer** – Fortunately, we have worked hard to establish a rainy day fund, and we are using some of that fund to get us through these hard times. Pink slips for teachers had to go out by March 15, and we issued a total of two pink slips. Some of our teachers serve on a year to year, or temporary status. Those teachers were told that they may not be able to return next year. Ten temporary teachers were given that notice.

**Question** – Will any of the teachers who were noticed be able to come back next year?

**Answer** – We hope so. Duarte Unified is in declining enrollment, so we will need fewer teachers next year, probably a total of three less than this year. We are offering a retirement incentive to our veteran teachers who are close to retirement age, which is designed to encourage them to consider the benefits of retirement. Teachers contribute to retirement out of their paychecks from the time they begin teaching, and the retirement package can be attractive to a teacher who has dedicated 30 or 40 years to the profession. As those teachers, who are some of our best, move into retirement, we will have openings for some of the teachers who received notices. We are trying to reduce the overall number of individuals who will not be fully employed next year, and we would rather have teachers enjoy retirement than face unemployment.

**Question** – Given all of this budget talk, how are students, teachers and classified staff holding up?

**Answer** – As I have often said, some of the best teachers in California are right here in Duarte. I enjoy visiting schools, and observing the great teaching taking place. Teachers are teaching, and students are learning. It is amazing to see our teachers at work. We are getting ready for the state testing that is coming up. Our classified staff members do a wonderful job of keeping the schools looking their best. We can always get better, but overall I would say that we see the budget challenge as an opportunity to focus our efforts and to remind us of our core values.

**Question** – What can we, as parents and community members, do to help?

**Answer** – In order to minimize the cuts to staff, we have cut back on supplies. Please contact your local school, and they will be happy to communicate their needs. Basic classroom supplies are always appreciated.

The Duarte Unified School District remains committed to our student’s success regardless of the economic crisis we face. And we pride ourselves on doing this all in a culture of caring and respect.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

## Child Development Programs

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

**How does preschool help children? Do they just play there? Is my child too young to go to school?**

Occasionally parents ask us why they should enroll their three or four-year-old child in preschool instead of keeping them at home. Here are some reasons:

- Parents tell us that their children’s Head Start/State Preschool learning experiences have helped them develop in all academic and social areas.

- Kindergarten teachers tell us that children who were in Head Start/State Preschool do better in kindergarten.

- Preschool helps develop social competence to get along with other children

- Preschool helps children learn to plan their day, do their “work” through play, and review what they accomplished

- Head Start/State Preschool is far more than day care. Preschoolers learn by structured play activities and ongoing observations and direction by staff to help them grow where they need to, in social studies, math, science, reading and language.

Space is still available for this school year. We are accepting applications for Fall as well. Stop by the Child Development office on the Andres Duarte campus, pick up an application at any elementary school office, or call us at (626) 599-5123.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES “LOVE YOUR HEART MONTH!”

Valentine’s Day took on a new meaning at Child Development. February was designated as “Love Your Heart” Month. Heart Disease is the #1 cause of death in the US. Children, Parents and Staff have been involved in a variety of activities to learn about heart health and practice ways of reducing their risks to Heart Disease.

A blood pressure clinic was conducted by Program Nurse, Diana Hilton, RN where parents and staff had their blood pressure taken. Children and their parents created “Love Your Heart” posters to spread awareness of ways to promote a healthy heart with healthy foods and exercise. These posters are displayed around the school to send the message of “Loving Your Heart”.

Preschool lessons focused on



ALEXA SANCHEZ in Mrs. King’s State Preschool class at Beardslee proudly displays her Love Your Heart poster.

how to keep a heart healthy and how to prevent heart disease. Children learned what a heart looks like, how important it is to maintain a healthy heart, and how it sounds. There were Love Your Heart Field days at Andres Duarte, Beardslee and Maxwell schools where parents joined

their children in fun activities that exercised the heart and encouraged family fitness. Finally, our Registered Dietician conducted a workshop, that explored preparing heart healthy recipes for families, where parents will had a chance to taste foods that are good for the heart.



CHILDREN IN Mrs. Bustamante’s class at Beardslee exercise for heart health during February’s Love Your Heart Month.

## Beardslee students shine inside and out!

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

The month of February brought many exciting events to Beardslee Elementary School! We kicked off the month with our second Safari Reading party. This program honors students who dedicate themselves to read each night for 20 minutes for the

I enjoyed this special time with my students. It was exciting to watch them learning new things and challenging themselves in ways they never had before. We conquered the mountain together and learned a little about nature and ourselves that day.

Each year the cost of OSS grows more expensive. At Andres Duarte we offer scholarships through our parent association and donations from teachers. Anyone wishing to support this wonderful program can contact our OSS coordinator, teacher Laura Thomas at Andres Duarte School.

primary grades and 30 minutes for the upper grades. Classroom teachers keep track of who is completing their required minutes of reading, and then those students are honored at several different celebrations throughout the year. This month, we had a special pizza lunch with a DJ playing fun music in the cafeteria. Our dedicated readers spent their lunch recess dancing to songs like the “Hokey Pokey”, “The Macarena”, and other children’s favorites. It was a lot of fun and a great way to honor those students who are committed to becoming better readers through their hard work and determination!

February also brought us the annual Talent Show and the Track Meet. Our entries for the Talent Show included hip-hop dancers, singers, a clown making balloon animals, a baton twirler, and folklorico dancers with beautiful costumes. The winners of our Talent Show will go on to com-

pete in the district-wide Talent Show on March 28. In addition, Beardslee’s Track Meet brought out a different type of talent as our student athletes were able to take the stage and show their athletic skills! Our students showed their strength, speed, and agility as they sprinted, jumped, threw objects, and competed against each other for the honor of attending the district-wide track meet this spring. Both of these events gave our students a chance to shine outside of the classroom and were a lot of fun, too!

Inside the classroom, February gave us the chance to take our most recent assessment information and focus in on specific skills that our students need extra support with in order to reach proficiency on the CST tests in May. Our dedicated teachers spent many hours analyzing data, planning lessons, and providing in-class intervention to

See Beardslee on page 15

## Andres Duarte 6th graders make memories at OSS

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Packed bags line the hallway, sleeping bags lay in a pile, excited students smile with anticipation. Fifth graders look on with expectant faces, thinking about their turn next year. Today is the day! Andres Duarte sixth graders head to Outdoor Science School in Wrightwood for a week of learning, fellowship and fun.

Andres Duarte sixth graders have been trekking to the local mountains for more than fifteen years. Former students with fond memories, often come back to serve as high school cabin leaders. Students hike mountain trails and learn science with hands on experiences, songs and interactive games. Naturalists teach students about everything from Plate

Teutonic’s to ecosystems. In addition, students have a chance to make friends and share the OSS experience with students from another school.

I had a chance to spend a day with my students at OSS in Wrightwood. We started the day singing songs about Black Oak trees, omnivores, and carnivores, then heard a story about John Muir and his work to save the California wilderness. We went on long hikes up the side of the mountain in small groups, testing our skills over rocks and snow. We ate lunch at the top of the mountain with views spreading for 20 miles across the valley. Stops along the way offered opportunities to learn about native plants, and rocks.

## Duarte High School

By Eric Barba, Principal

Winter was a great season of celebration at Duarte High School as we acknowledged students excelling in academics. On February 27, 845 DHS students were honored in this year's Super Mario Brother's Renaissance Rally. Students with either perfect attendance, a GPA of 3.0 or higher, Proficient or Advanced scores on a CST test, or a full level of improvement on any CST test were invited and honored at this rally.

140 students district-wide including 100 Duarte High School students participated in a job shadow day sponsored by both the Duarte Unified School District's Regional Occupational Program and Duarte's Promise. Students spent the day exploring a career and speaking to professionals in their field of interest. Students were placed with mentors from the following organizations and companies: Burrtec, Cabrera's Restaurant, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Citrus Cosmetology, City of Bradbury, City of Duarte, City of Hope, Duarte Family Chiropractor, Duarte Unified School District, Duarte Public Safety, Duarte Senior Center, Duarte's Promise, Fire Department, Foothill Transit, Foothill Unity Center, Joe's Place, JPL, Old Town Sigh Company, Phil Reyes Realty, Royal Oaks Manor, Southern California Edison, and We Pack It All.

Winter sports season was exiting as our falcons participated in boy's basketball, girl's basketball, boy's soccer, girl's soccer and wrestling. Both girl's soccer and girl's basketball had notable seasons. Girl's soccer finished second place in league and advanced to the second round CIF playoffs. Girl's basketball finished fourth place in league and advanced to the first round CIF playoffs. The wrestling team was much improved this year as Luis Santos took first place in his weight class and 9 students advanced to the CIF 1st round finals.

A *Scholar Athlete* is a junior or senior member of any varsity sport with a minimum GPA of 3.3. The following students were recognized as *Scholar Athletes*:

Erica Christianson (Basketball); Lauren Christianson (Girl's Soccer); Rebecca Bibb (Girl's Soccer); Jackie Garcia (Girl's Soccer); and Carlos Zambrano (Boy's Soccer).

Congratulations to Gonzalo Lozano and Erica Christianson. Gonzalo was selected to participate in the American Legion's Boy's State program. Erica was selected to participate in the American Legion's Girl's State program. It is a real honor to be selected among so many qualified candidates.

March was an intense month at DHS! Every 10th grade student, as well as every 11th and 12th grade student yet to pass, was hard at work taking the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The DHS faculty took a strategic and proactive approach to prepare these students for the exam. All 10th grade Math and English teachers spent every extra minute out of their period to instruct students on how to tackle CAHSEE problems. Sophomore students identified at-risk of not passing the CAHSEE, as measured by their CST scores, were placed in an after-school pre-intervention course in both math and English. Juniors and seniors were placed in

## Royal Oaks School

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

PTA Founders Day is a perfect time to renew the dedication to the purposes of the PTA that were defined by PTAs Founders more than a century ago. Each year in February, PTA honors the three founders as well as past and present PTA leaders. Through special programs and events, PTA also attempts to increase the awareness of its members and the community by highlighting achievements, activities, projects and goals. Founders Day at Royal Oaks Elementary is no exception. The PTA board pulls out all the stops to provide a memorable event to recognize former PTA leaders and honor those who have contributed significantly to the children and community in the past year.

This year's event, dazzled with a Hollywood theme, was held on the evening of February 6. Nearly 250 parents, students, teachers and community members gathered for a delicious spaghetti dinner. The school band, led by MIND music and band teacher Karina Aviles, demonstrated their combined talent and hard work by performing for the attendees. In keeping with the evening theme, the chorus performed two theatrical music numbers, led by 3rd grade teacher, Tina Quick.

Special guests represented a variety of interests. Former PTA leaders included Mrs. E. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Klumb, and Mrs. R. Penny. Also in attendance was Mrs. Dietra Reid, former principal, and Duarte Unified School Board Member Pam Kawasaki.

The highlight of every Founders Day is the awards ceremony to honor those who have demonstrated exceptional service to students and the community throughout the year.

Former school secretary, Patty Garcia received the Continuing Service Award for her ongoing support of PTA. Patty began as a PTA parent 15 years ago and has continued to serve as her own children attend college.

The Very Special Person Award was shared by two people this year. Office clerk Jessica Gatlin was honored for her constant support in maintaining the link between PTA and the school office, while parent Christine Hadad was honored for volunteering daily to provide language support to a student who is new to our country.

Head Custodian Rick Ledesma received the Honorary Service Award for his tireless work in supporting PTA events and maintaining the beautiful Royal Oaks campus.

The Golden Apple Award was presented to teacher Deanna Stumbaugh who serves not only the PTA at Royal Oaks but also serves as the Monrovia/Duarte PTA Council Treasurer.

The awards portion of the evening concluded with two very

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after school and Saturday CAHSEE boot camp courses. Seniors were also given a full period of CAHSEE intervention as one of their regular class periods. The falcon family eagerly awaits the results due back some time in mid May.

On the next issue look for details about the Talent Show, Career Day and Open House.

## Maxwell School

By Mary Gonzalez, Principal

Malcolm Gladwell, author of *The Outliers*, writes, "Outliers are those who have been given opportunities – and who have had the strength and presence of mind to seize them." What is an Outlier? For this writer, an outlier is an exceptional individual, in his or her field of expertise.

At Maxwell, we believe, it is our responsibility to make sure our students have access to these opportunities, which could make them outliers in their fields of expertise.

We have students who like sports and go out for basketball, soccer or track. Students have opportunities to share their talents in our different programs such as school talent show, Caught You Being Good assemblies, Black Awareness and Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

Most recently, our students performed in the school talent show. Boys and girls had the opportunity to sing, dance and practice their comedic skills. The talent show gave them the opportunity to be confident, poised and self-assured.

We never know the significant impact the small opportunities we provide will have on a child's life. The other day, in front of the school, I watched a mother and child talk about the trees, leaves and birds. What is the possibility that these conversations could someday inspire this little boy to be a zoologist?

Rose Kennedy the mother of John, Robert and Edward Kennedy always discussed current events at the dinner table. The sons knew they were expected to read the paper and be prepared for their nightly dinner conversation. Did she know she was giving them the opportunity to learn about politics and giving them the skills to debate?

At Maxwell several of our teachers allow students to answer the classroom phone. This little act gives students the opportunity to do three things: practice phone manners; practice speaking to an adult; and retrieve and pass on the information.

A child's experiences are broadened through field trips to museums, concerts, and plays. The little boy or girl will learn how to behave in public and understand people. When students attend science camp in the mountains or go to the Marine Institute on Catalina Island, they experience the science, but also get a taste of what it is like to sleep in a dorm, eat breakfast, lunch and dinner with their classmates. They begin to understand the need to be confident and independent. This is the beginning of the college experience.

At our last parent meeting a mother shared that her son wants to become a pianist because he had the chance to play the piano

## Beardslee

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meet those students' needs. Our students are being challenged each day to learn new skills and to improve their abilities to think, reason, and problem solve. It's so much fun to watch each grade level learn new skills and take pride in their accomplishments! We are all proud to be called Beardslee Bears, and we really enjoy watching our students shine both inside the classroom as well as outside the classroom!

here at Maxwell. The parents took advantage of his interest and gave him a piano as a Christmas gift.

Gladwell, the author, urges educators to think about the opportunities schools can offer to its students. As an educator I urge

you to think of the opportunities you can offer your children. When the school and family work together, to provide these opportunities, who knows what doors we may be opening? Who knows who our outliers will be?



GAMALIEL NAVARETTE and Pernel Barnes donning their wet suits.



AUGUSTINE CABALLERO snorkeling at Catalina Island.



MAYA HARRISON singing at Pamela Park.



JAZMINE CAMPOS performing at the Christmas program.

# Mt. Olive has a lot to offer

By Kevin Morris, Principal

## MT. OLIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

As students face challenges in the traditional school setting, Mt. Olive can be the opportunity for them to attend school and get back on track academically.

We offer educational options designed to meet the unique needs of every student who has struggled in the traditional educational setting.

The objectives of Mt. Olive are to provide students the opportunity to:

- Attend school with smaller class sizes
- Receive a quality standards based education
- Participate in individualized programs of instruction
- Make up credit deficiencies through direct-instruction, PLATO Learning, Regional Occupation Program (ROP), and independent study
- Develop positive self-esteem, confidence and personal satisfaction
- Develop a sense of responsibility
- Complete requirements that meet State competency and graduation requirements
- Be provided counseling and guidance services for every student
- Be provided tutoring services for every student
- Be offered a second chance to succeed

## INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Mt. Olive has 10 educational programs available to meet the varied needs of our students.

- Continuation Program
- Drop-Out Prevention Program (SB 65)
- Drop-Out Recovery Program (AEOC)
- 6th Grade Suspended Expulsion Program
- Grade 7/8 Opportunity Program
- Grade 9 Opportunity Program
- Adult Education Program
- Independent Study Program
- Regional Occupational Program (ROP)
- Special Education

## CONTINUATION PROGRAM

This high school diploma program has been developed for students' ages 16 through 18 whom have not been successful at the comprehensive high school.

Students who are considerably behind in credits and/or who have had behavior challenges at the comprehensive high school may be transferred, involuntarily, to the continuation program at Mt. Olive High School.

Students can remain in this program or "earn" their way back to the high school. Parents may also voluntarily place their child in Mt. Olive.

## DROPOUT PREVENTION (SB 65)

This high school diploma program has been developed to assist students "at risk" of dropping out of high school.

The Outreach Program is open to all high school students. Students are placed in the program after all other interventions at the high school have failed.

Students can remain in the program or "earn" their way back to the high school.

## DROPOUT RECOVERY (ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM)

This high school diploma program has been developed to assist students who have already dropped out of school. The AEOP program is a state dropout recovery program.

The AEOP program is open to students who have been out of school for at least 45 days. Students can remain in the program until they receive their high school diploma.

## 6TH GRADE SUSPENDED EXPULSION PROGRAM

This limited program has been developed to offer Grade 6 students an alternative to expulsion. Placement is ordered by the Board of Education. The curriculum taught is equivalent to that offered at the regular sixth grade program. Students will remain in the program for the extent of the period of suspended expulsion.

## 7TH AND 8TH GRADE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

This grade 7/8 opportunity program has been developed to assist students who have not been successful at the intermediate school. Students who are not succeeding academically or who have become "challenging" at their school may be transferred to the Opportunity Program at Mt. Olive High School. Students are placed in the program after all other interventions have failed. The curriculum offered is equivalent to that offered at the intermediate school. Students will remain in the program for at least one semester and must "earn" their way back to their home school.

## 9TH GRADE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

This grade 9 opportunity program has been developed to assist students who have not been successful at the high school. Students who are not succeeding academically or who have become "challenging" at their school may be transferred to the Opportunity Program at Mt. Olive High School. Students are placed in the program after all other interventions have failed. The curriculum offered is equivalent to that offered at the high school. Students will remain in the program for at least one semester

and must "earn" their way back to their home school.

## ADULT EDUCATION

This high school diploma program has been developed for students ages 18 through adult who have not received their high school diploma. Students receive instruction in all subjects needed in order to earn their high school diploma. Anyone 18 or older may enroll in this program. For more information call (626) 599-5902.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

This limited high school diploma program is reserved for students whose life circumstances make it impossible for them to attend school on a regular basis. Students receive weekly assignments, must agree to complete 20 hours of work at home and must check in with the school one hour each week.

## REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (ROP)

The Regional Occupational Program provides tuition free, hands-on job training for high school students and adults.

Students may enroll in ROP classes at Mt. Olive, Duarte High School, or another district. Because ROP is a job-training program, students are not paid while attending these classes but receive experience and high school credit toward graduation. ROP also offers the opportunity to learn while you earn. If you are working, you may enroll in a Cooperative Voca-

tional Education (CVE) class. You will work your normally assigned hours, learn on the job and attend classes once a week. High school students can earn credits toward graduation for time spent on the job as well as for classroom experiences.

## SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES

### AB 1802 Counseling Services

Every student is guaranteed counseling services that include academic planning, registration review, credit checks, Individual Learning Plans, personal counseling, parent information, college counseling, financial aid planning, career counseling, and graduation checks. If students require services above and beyond that which the school can supply, the staff will refer students to the appropriate agencies. The staff at Mt. Olive is working hard to develop a program of Integrated Services that will be available to all students and their families.

## CITRUS COLLEGE NONCREDIT COUNSELING AND MATRICULATION

Noncredit Counseling is free of charge and provides CAHSEE tutoring, academic tutoring, individual skills assessment,

ESL classes, career/occupational counseling, academic advisement, personal counseling, support and parenting skills groups and various workshops. Classes are held at Mt. Olive and Citrus College.


## CAREER PLANNING


Career Planning is available to all students. Students have the opportunity to attend the DHS Career Expo and career fairs at Citrus College. All students will receive a copy of the Los Angeles County ROP Career and College Planning Guide. Career planning is also available through the various branches of the military.

## COMMUNITY UNION PROGRAM

Nonprofit Corporation providing free computer technology training, public speaking, business training, and a free computer to students that complete one of their four-10 week courses. This program is open to all students in grades 7-12.

Great things are happening at Mt. Olive! We are altering the course of alternative education into one with higher academic rigor and effective support services, which translates to developing direction, pride, and purpose in all our students.





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# Northview Intermediate School

By Miriam Fox, Principal

As the spring time approaches many of us prepare to spend more time outdoors and our youngsters begin to dream of summer. However... before Northview students are allowed to succumb to "Spring Fever" they have many academic challenges to master including participation in the California Standards Test (CST). This state-wide assessment is administered every spring to all students in California and the results are used to rank schools. The individual student results are also increasingly being used to place students in educational programs that provide remediation or acceleration. Based on this information it is easy to conclude that this is a high stakes test both for schools and individual students. As parents we want our children to be successful in school because we believe this will assist them in establishing successful lifestyles as adults. The frustration for parents lies in not knowing what to do to assist their son/daughter to prepare for this high stakes assessment. It is important to understand that "cramming" study sessions for this test is not possible because it is a cumulative test that assesses what has been learned over the course of the entire school year. Keeping that in mind, there are things that parents can do to positively impact their child's education and their achievement on the CST, some of these are listed below.

**1. Stay informed** about your student's education by being in communication with his/her teacher(s) via phone calls, personal visits to school, e-mail, notes etc.

**2. Ask questions** of the individuals educating your child. Ask for specific information about what is being covered in class and how you can support this at home. For example if you have a fourth grade student studying California history taking them to visit local missions could provide them with a valuable experience.

**3. Provide a structured homework time** for your student that is consistently enforced.

This involves making decisions about the best time for homework completion based on your family's daily routines and needs as well as your knowledge about how your son/daughter "operates." Things to consider include: whether or not your child needs regular assistance from an adult or older sibling, what time do the adults and children arrive home, are there other time commitments such as sports practices and games etc. You will also need to think about the length of time to be designated for homework and how to structure that time in terms of brief breaks.

**4. Provide a designated area for studying and homework completion.** This does not have to be a mahogany desk in a well-decorated study. It can be the kitchen table where you can provide supervision and support while cooking dinner. Make sure to consider how easily distracted your child gets and their need for quiet

**5. Check your student's homework assignment every night.** Know what the homework is and check to see if it has been completed. Pay attention to thoroughness and neatness even if you are unable to determine the accurateness because of the complexity of the assignment (i.e. Algebra, Physics, Foreign Language.)

**6. If needed seek tutorial support for your son/daughter.** Investigate resource options such as after school homework helpers at the school site, on-line homework helpers, tutors (paid or unpaid) including teachers and older students and local community resources such as the public library. A good place to start is by asking your child's teacher(s) about the availability of these options.

**7. Throughout the school year discuss your expectations** regarding school performance and emphasize to your student the importance of performing well on the CST. Have explicit discussions about these expectations.

**8. Make sure to know the CST administration schedule so that when the testing is occurring you can ensure that your child goes to bed early, has a good breakfast and that you debrief with him/her at the end of each day.** Encourage them to put forth their best effort and reassure them if they are feeling anxious.

# Valley View rocks



**TALENT SHOW WINNERS:** Caira Benton, Reine Nakamura, Madeline Camp, "Fully Dressed" Alexis Carroll, Natalie Kearn, Rachael Lickfelt, Rachel Pierce, Emma Richards, Jessica Richards, Robert Adams & Edgar Petate, Christopher Santella.

By Robin Nelson, Principal

The Founder's Day and Talent Show- "Valley View Rocks" were two exciting and fun events that brightened up the winter and early spring at Valley View.

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

**Janina Bouza (Chairman), Mary Haynes, Laura Silverman and John Gonzalez** planned and worked hard to make this year's Silent Auction, dinner and raffle another huge triumph.

**Shauna Pierce, Ceci Carroll, and Michelle Richards** worked tirelessly to plan the talent show, prepare the students and dazzle all of us.

Founder's Day is a tradition at Valley View. Our families and staff come together to eat, enjoy the performances, honor our school community and support the classroom teachers.

As always, a good time was had by all. The Valley View Chorus and Band performed several numbers that delighted the audience.

The deserving people that were honored are as follows: **Michelle Richards, Very Special Person; Deborah Vincent, Honorary Service Award; Meredith Clark, Continuing Service Award; and Irene Olmos, Golden Apple.**

We appreciate the support of our parents, teachers, and staff for rising to every occasion for Valley View students.

Nineteen acts performed at the annual Valley View Talent Show. It was a variety show extraordinaire.

The PTA sponsors this annual event to showcase our children's performance abilities.

The event was hosted by our own **Ellie Abajian and Sarah Bouza.**

We got to hear all of our fabulous singers: **Caitlyn Diaz, Lillian Padilla, Gabrielle Sampson, Madeline Camp, Nadia Williams, Diana & Valerie Gonzalez, Justine Cruz, Alexis Carroll, Natalie Kearn, Rachael Lickfelt, Rachel Pierce, Emma Richards, Jessica Richards, Shane Camp, and Rachel Chavous.**

Dancing was certainly in fashion this year, we enjoyed dancing from: **Robert Adams, Edgar Petate, Kiah Ware, Reine Nakamura, Christopher Santellan and Caira Benton.**

Our talented musicians played their instruments for our listening pleasure: **Deliah O'Brien, Grace O'Brien Tompson Hsu, Randy**

**Galarza.**

Additionally, **Daylon Adkison** performed a fun rap monologue.

The auditorium was jam-packed and the parents were beaming with pride.

After all the performances,

the judges had the difficult task of choosing the winners. **1st place was awarded to Caira Benton; 2nd place, Reine Nakamura; 3rd place, Madeline Camp; 4th place, "Fully Dressed" Alexis Carroll, Natalie Kearn, Rachael Lickfelt, Rachel Pierce, Emma Richards, Jessica Richards; 5th place, Robert Adams and Edgar Petate; and 6th place, Christopher Santellan.**

Congratulations to all of our Valley View Winners.



# Royal Oaks

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special awards. PTA President, Leslie Djeu and Treasurer, Sherri Near were honored for their ongoing active participation and leadership in Royal Oaks PTA for 13 and 15 years, respectively.

Both ladies have also served at the middle and high school levels and each received a beautiful, silver, heart necklace.

Throughout the evening, attendees made bids at the silent auction.

Many classes, rallied by room parent volunteers, put together a wonderful, themed gift basket for the event.

Highlights included a three-day cabin stay on Big Bear Lake, prime seats at Santa Anita Race Track, games, movies and gift cards.

The evening concluded in big success, as the silent auction, led by PTA Vice President, Christine Gosdanian generated \$3,600 for technology at Royal Oaks.

The entire Royal Oaks community thanks the many volunteers led by PTA President, Leslie D'jeu for their hard work in making the entire event a huge success for all who participated.

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# Duarte Teen Center Duarte - Images of America

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this spring! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Cesar Chavez Essay Contest** – Deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 25. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Prizes will be awarded! Free!

**Teens with Dreams** – This program is for teen girls grades 9 through 12. The group meets every other Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Sign up now. Free!

**Teen Book Club** – Come join the Teen Book Club. The book club will meet once a month to discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and find new adventures in the world of good books. Club starts in March so sign up now. Contact the Teen Center for date and time. Free!

**BBQs** – Tuesday, March 17 and Friday April 24. Enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit and a beverage. Fee: \$1

**March Madness** – "Get Ya Hoop On" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fee: \$30 per team with up to 4 players. Contact the Teen Center for more information.

## A Teen's View

By Rayleen Dudley

On February 5 Duarte High School and Northview Intermediate School had Job Shadow Day. Job Shadow Day is an opportunity to help students see an employer's point of view.

My guide was Cesar Monsalve with the Duarte Recreation Department. He is funny, interesting, and has a great job.

While my friend, Fara, and I were on our tour, we learned interesting things that we never knew. Have you ever walked on Duarte's bike trail? That very same bike trail was once train tracks for the trolley, and the wooden logs on the side of the trail were from the train tracks itself.

The Duarte pool where everybody goes when it's hot, also has downstairs racquetball courts. Duarte is a city that has everything you can imagine.

Towards our beautiful mountains there is a river where the city is building a trail; bringing back the Native Americans lifestyle by planting plants from when Native Americans were here.

At Royal Oaks Park the building where we took classes as children, is being remodeled. Fara and I got all the details about it, and it's going to be amazingly beautiful.

The one thing I found most interesting was that Duarte has a waterfall that you can hike to.

The thing I liked about my day was that the recreation staff was friendly and nice. I would love to do his job when I get older.

**Magic Mountain Trip** – Hang on to your hats for the best roller coasters in Southern California. On Wednesday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. the Teen Center will host a trip to Magic Mountain. Spots will go quick so sign up now. The price for the excursion is \$30 and will cover tickets and transportation. You must pre-register and pay at the Duarte Teen Center. Call the Teen Center for more information.

**Cinco de Mayo Celebration** – Tuesday, May 5, at 3:30 p.m. the Teen Center will celebrate Cinco de Mayo. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy. Fee: \$1

## COMPUTER LAB

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

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Students can always get involved in a variety of activities at the Duarte Teen Center. Movie days are held two Mondays a month. Come watch a movie on our big screen TV. 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. Drop-in tutoring for all teens grades 9-12 is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. These activities are all free!

## YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

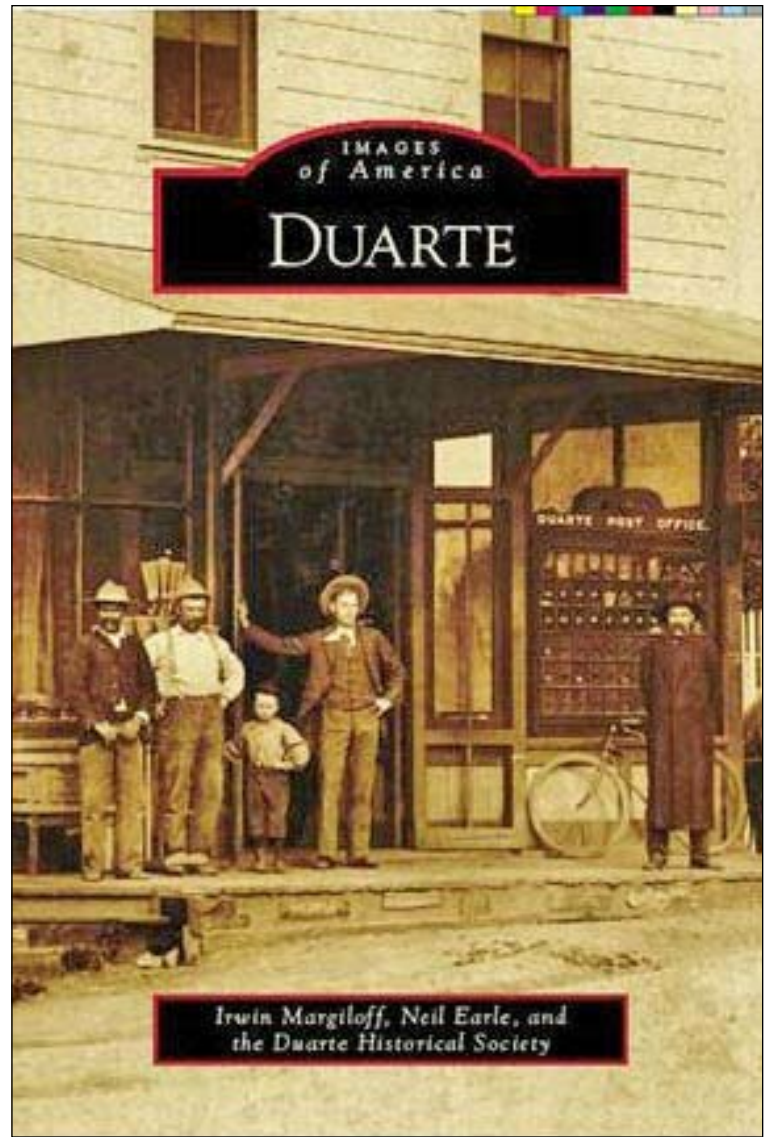
Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center. Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome to participate. Participants will learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape. Here's a chance to make new friends, feel more confident, and have lots of fun.

Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. Participants can train for fun and physical activity, or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to inquire.

The following tournaments will be held this spring at the Duarte Teen Center. All tournaments start at 3:30 p.m. and are free. Prizes awarded!

**Pool** – April 1  
**Yu-Gi-Oh** – April 15  
**Wii** – April 21

Not a city to be left out, Duarte will soon join the some 5,000 chronicles in the Arcadia Publishing "Images of America" series, thanks to the efforts of two local residents who are feverishly working on this town's edition. The popular series contains the history of communities from Bangor, Maine to Manhattan Beach, California, with an aim toward "bringing to life the people, places and events that define a community." Duarte's book will, of course, be special because of our town's uniqueness. "The Duarte book is the kind we love to do," says Jerry Roberts, Acquisitions Editor for Arcadia Publishing. "It is a solid project on a city with a real 'community feel' to it and a completely interesting history with evocative photographs to portray it." He credits the authors, Irwin Margiloff and Neil Earle, with "showing great fidelity to the existing record illuminating local bench marks like the great flood of 1938 and such hometown sons as bandleader Glenn Miller." A treasure of historic photos and research is stored at the Duarte Historical Museum, and as the museum's current curator, Margiloff has spent countless hours mulling through the thousands of images and files, culling together information appropriate to accurately tell Duarte's story. A chemical engineer, Margiloff is a Cornell graduate, grew up in New York City and made his home in Duarte in 1991. Soon after arriving he became one of the Museum's most tireless volunteers. "We have completed the heavy lifting on the book," says Margiloff. "It has been an arduous process, not only the work of scanning, but also manipulating the arrangement of almost 200 separate images and their captions to make the best sense of the whole assemblage from an historical point of view." This



work will, perhaps, promote one of the chief fundamentals of the series: "Within every photograph in every American City, there are stories to be told." Neil Earle has lived in Duarte since 1999. He met his wife, Susan, on the Temple Mount Dig in Jerusalem in 1970 and served 20 years in the Canadian field ministry. He has served as co-host at Duarte's Route 66 parade, hosts a show on DCTV called "A Second Look" interviewing local personalities.

He plays in a band called "Country Sunshine" for community charitable events.

As co-author of Duarte's upcoming book, Neil berates himself for being over cautious in his research. "I'm always conscious that Duarteans will be reading the book," he says, a belief which propels him to be accurate and thorough. "I've enjoyed digging out specific things about Duarte, such as Sam Shepard graduating in 1961 from Duarte High School." He confesses he has always loved the 1983 movie "The Right Stuff," where Shepard played Chuck Yeager.

"I highlighted the story of Justice Brothers, Inc., the great auto museum, and the story of the three entrepreneurial brothers who came to California to found their empire." He also took great interest in the saga of the First Baptist Church, which moved from Rocktown to its present location on Huntington Drive just west of Mt. Olive.

Research has taken the writers to various sites within and beyond Duarte's borders. "I set up a scanning work station in the County Recorder's offices in Norwalk, to scan the original Duarte subdivision maps," says Margiloff. The book he says, will contain about 13,000 words, most of them in captions, and about 190 photos, including an image of Andres Duarte's record of baptism from Book 1 of Mission San Juan Capistrano's baptismal records

As the authors continue their work, Duarteans can look forward to purchasing the book before the year's end. We owe a debt of gratitude to Margiloff and Earle for their dedication to this voluminous project. To keep apprised of the status of the book, check the [duartehistory.org](http://duartehistory.org) website.

Neighboring cities that have published books in this series are Arcadia, Azusa, Azusa Pacific University, Covina, El Monte, Glendora and San Dimas. Historian Steve Baker is currently working on Monrovia's edition.



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# Movie making, riding the rails, and super sports camps among unique and traditional camp experiences for kids at the SAFYMCA this summer

Young Steven Spielberg hopefuls will have an opportunity to learn and practice the art of moving making at the Santa Anita Family YMCA's Movie Maker Camp this summer.

Movie Maker Camp for children grades 5th through 8th is just one of the many unique specialty camps, among the more traditional summer camp experiences, being offered this year at the SAFYMCA.

Camp registration has begun. Just \$5 will reserve a spot for one of the many exciting week-long summer camp options that begin the week of June 22 and

run through the week of Aug. 24. Summer camp opportunities are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay full fee. Financial assistance is available.

Childhood memories are made at summer camp. From the swimming, crafts, songs and skits of traditional summer camp to the more unique offerings of specialty camps such as Ride the Rails Camp, Surf Camp, and Super Sports Camp, the SAFYMCA has a camp experience sure to build childhood memories to last a lifetime. SAFYMCA

"With more than 100 years of camping experience, YMCA

campers are a safe and nurturing place where children build self-esteem, leadership skills, and develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and the world around them," said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colaluca.

Traditional Day Camps are age specific with camp programs for children Kindergarten to 1st grade; 2nd to 3rd grade; 4th to 5th grade and Tween Camp for middle school age youth 6th to 8th grade. Activities revolve around weekly themes and curriculum that stimulate imagination and development. Field trips or special events round out each week.

For families who would like their children to have a sleep-away camp experience, there's YMCACamp E.L.K. in the San Bernardino Mountains. With horse-back riding, swimming, rock climbing wall, archery, crafts, sports, canoeing and more, Camp E.L.K. offers the perfect summer get-away for kids entering 3rd through 8th

grade.

At SurfCamp for kids entering 3rd grade to 8th grade, campers will spend a week on the beaches of San Diego enjoying surfing, kayaking, and lots of fun in the sun.

Evenings will be spent in traditional camp fashion with camp fires, skits, and games.

Ride the Rails Camp offers the opportunity for 2nd through 5th grade age children to explore neighboring communities by riding the Gold, Red, Blue and Green Lines.

Super Sports Camp for 2nd through 8th grade age children offers a combination of quality day camp and sports specific instruction.

The program focuses on two sports each day where kids learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill development regardless of ability or experience.

Outdoor Adventure Camp offers children entering 3rd to 6th grade, the opportunity to learn urban and wilderness survival skills including how to read a map, use a compass and follow written directions. The week is rounded off with an overnight adventure campout at Canyon Park in Monrovia.

Science Camp is open to children entering 4th grade to 8th grade. Under the guidance of



a certified teacher campers will explore Geologic, Marine, and Environmental sciences as they visit the Science and Technology Museum, local tide pools, and go on a hiking expedition.

Flight Camp for 2nd through 6th grade children is an opportunity to learn about the physics of flight and build gliders.

Two half-day specialty camps will also be offered. Chess Camp, grades 3rd to 8th, will be taught by USCF Life Senior Master and 2003 Western Team Champion, Mick Bighamian.

At Junior Life Guard Camp for grades 5th through 8th, kids will experience the challenges of beach, pool and water park lifeguarding.

The camp includes swim training, conditioning and endurance, personal water safety, rescue skills, training, water games, first aid, and CPR.

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

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