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Great Trivia Challenge 25 was a Celebration!

GLENDORA - The Great Trivia Challenge has entertained the community and at the same time raised much needed funds for the Glendora Public Library for 25 years. The event started in 1992, in the Library's Bidwell Forum, with 17 teams, dessert and drinks and has grown to 25 teams and a food buffet for over 400 guests. All the food is provided by local restaurants and members of the Glendora LDS Churches.

It was an exciting challenge as teams went 7 rounds before a winner was declared. Master of Ceremonies Thom Hill asked the final and winning question, "What is the name of Harvard University's Satirical Newspaper?" The answer: The Lampoon.

James F. Hundshamer, CPA team was the winning team and, ImplantASmile.com came in second place!

The Great Trivia Challenge 25 was co-sponsored by Athens Services, Azusa Pacific University, Crestwood Communities, Suncraft Development, RG Business Insurance Agency and Surterre Properties. The following businesses, service clubs, and families were represented by 3-member teams: Athens Services, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa Pacific Libraries, Bennion DeVillie Homes, Crestwood Communities, ERA Yes! Real



First Place Winners – James F. Hundshamer, CPA Jay Kasa, Bill Medlock, and Mike Medlock.

Estate, Fairplex, Glendora Rotary Club (sponsored by Annette Whistler), Glendora Woman's Club, Hill Top Real Estate, ImplantASmile.com, In-N-Out Burger, James F. Hundshamer, CPA, Jan's Towing, Kiwanis Club of Glendora, Murabito and Associates LLC, RG Business Insurance Agency, Seidner's Collision Center, Social Model Recovery Systems, Soly Asmar Insurance Agency, Southland Properties, Suncraft Development, Surterre Properties and Team Allowos (sponsored by Mark M. Dederichs, DC).

GPL Friends Foundation would like to thank co-chairs Guilda Asmar and Amanda

Petralia, along with the rest of their committee: Kathy Boyer, Linda Block, Doris Blum, Joe Cina, Debbie Deal, Greg & Judy Gillham, Tricia Gomer, Nancy



Second Place Winners – ImplantASmile.com Konrad Pearce, Shawn Ritter, Macaleen Spaulding

Gorey, Roger Gutierrez, Sherry Heinrich, Craig Henderson, Thom & Sheryl Hill, Keith Hilliard, Blaine & Sin-Yi Lambertson, Pat Loukota, Robin

Merkley, Daryl Overlock, Pam Richards and Christine Smith for their time, dedication, hard work and endless supply of energy.

Large Turnout for David Alba's Troop 491 (Glendora) Eagle Scout Project



Josh Bohn, Steven Busse, Eric Pohlman, Evan Flores, Prajeet Chennamaneni, Donovan Adams, Spencer Moya, Jaden Pirog, Justin Viteri, Dominic Bottancino, David Alba, Nathan Hang, Fred Khudanyan Jr.

By Mark Erickson

AZUSA - Northside Park in Azusa had certainly seen better days. The drought had killed off several trees and the baseball facilities were weathered and faded. That changed on Saturday March 4, 2017 when David Alba, age 16, of Troop 491 Glendora lead thirteen of his fellow Scouts and several parent volunteers on an all day repair, repaint and replant project in the park for his Eagle Scout Project.

After months of planning and coordination on David Alba's part, the project began at 8 a.m. with the planting of ten trees to replace those lost to the drought. The City of Azusa Parks Division provided the trees and freshly dug holes and the troop provided the muscle to place and plant the new six foot tall trees. For David, coordinating the other Scouts and adult parent volunteers in this task proved to be the most challenging part of the day.

After a lesson to the troop on proper painting and preparation techniques, the Scouts turned their efforts to applying a fresh coat of paint to the baseball diamond backstop, bleachers and snack bar. Paint and painting supplies came from a surplus left over from a previous Troop 491 Eagle Scout Project.

David learned of park's needed work through Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias, whom he interviewed for his Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge several months prior. Mr. Macias put David in contact with City of Azusa Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ross Montes, who knew that Northside Park was scheduled for painting and tree planting in the spring. Ross Montes worked closely with David in the weeks leading up to the project so David could prepare the necessary supplies and materials needed for the project. These

improvements will help visitors enjoy the park for years to come. Coincidentally, Northside Park is where David Alba learned to ride a bike when he was six years old.

A Scout since joining as a Cub Scout in 2006, David Alba is currently a Life Scout in Troop 491 Glendora and holds the position of Junior Assistant Scout Master. David is a Junior at Damien High School in San Dimas and a member of the wrestling team. He plans to attend a four year college after graduation.

The Eagle Scout Service Project, or more simply the Eagle Scout Project, provides Boy Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills while performing a project for the benefit of his community. This is the culmination of the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part.

Duarte ACSA Golden Apple Awarded To Nina Thompson



Cheryl Taylor (Board Member), Reyna Diaz (Board President), Nina Thompson, Dr. Allan Mucerino (Superintendent) and Ken Bell (Board Member) at ACSA Award Ceremony.

DUARTE - Nina Thompson received the ACSA Region 15 Golden Apple Award for service to the Duarte Unified School District. Thompson is the office manager at Duarte High School, but her current position is just part of a long history with the district, which began with her graduation from Duarte High School in 1988 and which has continued through her time as a parent of six students either currently or previously enrolled in DUSD Schools.

"Nina is the best example of service in our schools," said Superintendent Allan Mucerino in presenting the award to Thompson. "She puts the needs of the children in our district ahead of everything else, and that defines why she was chosen for this award."

"Every school has behind-the-scenes heroes like Nina who do so many things for the students and the school and this is a great opportunity to recognize her service."

Jennifer Romero, Principal of Beardslee Elementary and DUSD's ACSA representative, helped present the award. Ms. Thompson's husband Lorenzo and

daughter Tierney were on hand for the presentation as well.

"She has made a name for herself by quietly providing service over the years in our district," said Romero. "When I told her about the award, she said she doesn't deserve it."

Such is the type of service that the Association of California School Administrators like to honor. Present as part of the Region 15 ceremony were winners from 10 districts: Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Garvey, La Canada, South Pasadena, Rosemead, Temple City, San Gabriel and San Marino.

Thompson has served the district and its students, teachers and administrators over the years as her children have progressed through Royal Oaks Elementary, Northview Intermediate, and Duarte High School.

At Royal Oaks, she served as a daily volunteer in the classrooms, through PTA in various posts including president, and hosting book fairs. She provided transportation to students and parents and made sure all students had supplies and uniforms.

At Northview, Thompson was instrumental in leading the

school's annual trip to Washington, D.C. She also organized various student and parent meetings and made sure all those wanting to attend had a way to raise funds for their trip.

At Duarte High School, where two of her children still attend, she has been a basketball parent and served in the snack bar, she has counseled students of all ages and provided clothing, supplies and meals to many students with various needs.

A number of students offered thoughts about Ms. Thompson and what she had done for them. Some of their thoughts:

"She was always there when no one else would be."

"She has given me great advice."

"She has always been a positive person in times when nothing seemed to be going right at school or at home."

"She has been my taxi driver, my mom, my counselor, and caretaker, and has always been loving and positive."

It's easy to see why Nina Thompson was selected for the Golden Apple Award by the administrators of Duarte Unified School District.

Musical Duo "Who's Clayton" Presented For Glendora Woman's Club

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The musical duo "Who's Clayton" featuring Glendora Josh Elmore and Kevin Rose presented a recent program for the Glendora Woman's Club. For their performance, the musician provided accompaniment on the guitar, Mandoline, and the Cajon, a blend of pop, folk, jazz, and the blues according to the website information.

Who's Clayton is an acoustic duo with an eclectic style blending pop, folk, jazz, and blues. Defying conventional genre categorization, the LA based group plays a combination of original music and covers from the likes of Stevie



Pictured with the program's special guests are, from left, Club President Carolyn Cunningham, Josh Elmore with the Mandolin, clubmember Bea Francis, and Kevin Rose with guitar.

Wonder and Michael Jackson have been singing together since 2002, but created Who's Clayton in 2012 while attending Cal State Fullerton.

The frontmen of the group, Kevin Rose and Josh Elmore,

CHIK Program Receives Funding from Duarte Kiwanis

DUARTE - Naelh Othman and Sheryl Lefmann have been committed to serving homeless kids within the Duarte Unified School District - Naelh as a District employee and Sheryl as a Duarte Chamber Board Member. Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance act, school districts

are responsible to ensure children in homeless situations (including, couch surfing, multiple families living together, living out of cars, etc.) are served. Many times, these students don't have basic necessities such as jackets, pencils, paper and many other items. Naelh, with the help

of Duarte Kiwanis, was able to set up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ACTS Thrift Store in Pasadena to help serve these kids. DUSD collects donations of many kinds, ACTS picks up the donations, and gives DUSD a voucher that can be used by these students. CHIK - Community Homeless Initiative for Kids - received a check at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. The public will be able to help by donating directly to the program through the Chamber website very soon.

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



Duarte Chamber Board Member, Sheryl Lefmann, Naelh Othman, and Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds.

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City Manager Announces New Director Of Human Resources

AZUSA - City Manager Troy Butzlaff announced that he has selected Tanya Bragg as the City's new Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, effective April 3, 2017. She joins the City of Azusa after previously serving as Human Resources Manager for the City of Upland.

In her new role, Bragg will lead the HR Department for the city's more than 240 full time and approximately 100 part-time employees. She succeeds Amelia Ayala who retired from the position in December 2016.

"Tanya is a seasoned professional with an accomplished career in human resource management making her ideally suited to be our next Director of Human Resources," said City Manager, Troy Butzlaff. "She brings a balance of technical expertise and people skills that will aid her in transitioning quickly into the HR Director's responsibilities. I have no doubt that she will be an excellent addition to the City's management team and a tremendous



Tanya Bragg - New Director Of Human Resources

asset to the organization."

Bragg comes to the City of Azusa with more than 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Among her accomplishments, Bragg has been responsible for implementing human resource management strategies that enabled her previous employers to recruit, train, and retain a high performing and motivated workforce. She has extensive experience in employer/employee relations, organizational management, recruitment and retention, employee benefits,

and professional staff development.

Prior to her position as the Human Resources Manager for the City of Upland, she served as the Director of Classified Personnel for Compton Unified School District where she was responsible for developing and implementing on-boarding, training and development, performance management, employee retention, benefits management and employee relations policies and strategies.

"I am so excited to join the City of Azusa Family," says Bragg. "Without a doubt, the synergy of this beautiful community is true to its purpose of being a great place to work and live. I look forward to contributing at the highest level of excellence to all we serve in the City."

Bragg holds a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of La Verne as well as various human resources certifications and extensive training in the field of Human Resources Management.

Outdoor Venue To Renew Nature Getaway For Visitors

Walnut Creek Nature Park slated to re-open March 30

BALDWIN PARK - As springtime weather draws more people toward outdoor activities and pastimes, local officials are excited to present a restored venue that may meet their interests of rediscovering nature. Walnut Creek Nature Park, which has been closed for the last year, will reopen to the Baldwin Park community on March 30. A special grand re-opening ceremony is slated for 4 p.m. at the park, 701 Frazier St.

Manuel Carrillo, director for the city's Department of Recreation and Community Services, said Walnut Creek Nature Park has been part of Baldwin Park since the late 1980s. It was designed to serve the community as a place for relaxation and exposure to nature, but, over time, the park has weathered its share of wear-and-tear, and it has never been updated since its inception.

The newly restored Walnut Creek Nature Park will feature several upgrades, including solar lighting, drought tolerant plants

and a new irrigation system, as well as paved walkways and increased surveillance, according to officials. Some of the greatest perks of the restored venue will be an observation deck and a bridge that goes over the San Gabriel Wash.

"These are going to be the staple of the park," said Carrillo.

Project officials also noted that the remodeled nature park will be suited for families to enjoy picnics and barbecues, strolls, and simply connect to their surroundings. They have even integrated a state-of-the-art playground that is laid out like an obstacle course for children to explore. "It's getting us back to our roots of nature. I think our families will have a place to play and reconnect," added Mayor Manuel Lozano.

Walnut Creek Nature Park is unique to Baldwin Park, which offers various local parks with Community Centers and some open space. Still, the city has been ranked as "park poor" under the Los Angeles County County-wide Comprehensive Park Master Plan. According to that report, Baldwin Park lists fewer acres of park space in comparison to the Los Angeles County average. The report also stated that 22 percent of Baldwin Park's population has accessibility to walk to a park, compared to the county average of 49 percent who live within walking distance of a park.

That in mind, updating Walnut Creek Nature Park comes in due time.

"The Walnut Creek Nature Park is in an area of the county in high need of parks or parkland," said Jane Beesley, an administrator with the Los Angeles

County Regional Park and Open Space District. "This park offers a safe place to walk, run, play, and enjoy the green space by sitting on a bench for the children, families and members of the community. The benefits are found in both physical and mental health."

Beesley's group, along with the State of California's Natural Resource Agency, Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy have all contributed toward the \$1.4 million costs toward revamping Walnut Creek Nature Park. All funding has been accounted for through federal and state grants, according to Carrillo.

City associates hope that the draw toward this revamped open space will be met with new security measures to help preserve the environment and dynamic of the nature park. For example, visitor walkways have been widened enough to allow police units to drive throughout the park, rather than forcing officers to patrol the area on foot, and for maintenance crews to get around more easily.

City staff said they have also partnered with the Baldwin Park Police Department to create a community neighborhood watch system that will assist with monitoring of park afterhours. The new Nature Park also features an access gate that will be closed outside of traditional operating hours, which are from morning to dusk.

"The Walnut Creek Nature Park is about the refurbishment of the park to better than its original plan. There are the modern accommodations for ADA that also make the park easier to use by children, the elderly, these changes make it easier for us all to enjoy the park," said Beesley.

Project associates noted there is one final phase left in the project, and its blueprints include several cosmetic changes: added lighting, extended walking trails, automated fencing, and direct connectivity to the San Gabriel Wash bicycle trail.

"There really isn't a facility like this in the area," added Carrillo. "Now you can walk in to the park and you forget you're in an urban community."

Carrillo said he and his staff are still working on allocating funds for the final phase, which they hope could be secured within the next three years.

Major Crash in West Covina, Two Critical, Closes Amar Road for Hours

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On Saturday Morning, March 25, around 9:30 a.m., police and paramedics were called to a scene of a major traffic collision on Amar Road just west of Temple Avenue.

When first responders arrived they found what looked like an SUV, which had been traveling eastbound on Amar Road, mangled with a man and woman trapped inside. It appears that the vehicle was traveling at a high

rate of speed when it left the roadway. Upon doing so, it struck a tree destroying the vehicle trapping the occupants inside. Paramedics had to cut them out. They were both in extremely critical condition and were flown by helicopter to a trauma center.

Both accident victims have not been identified at this time and are still clinging to life. Anyone with information on this traffic collision is requested to call the West Covina Police Department

and let them know what you saw.

Amar Road was closed for approximately six hours in the east-bound direction and alternate routes had to be taken. The west-bound lanes were closed for a little more than an hour before they were opened.

It is unknown at this time if drugs or alcohol played a role in this traffic collision. However, it appears that excessive speed was part of the problem. No further information was made available.

Measure H Victory Declared

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -

In a historic vote that will change the urban landscape of Los Angeles County for years to come, a supermajority of voters said "yes" to Measure H, voting to tax themselves to prevent and end the crisis of homelessness that has swept through their communities.

The latest tally from the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk shows the ballot initiative exceeded the two-thirds majority required for passage.

"The County of Angels lived up to its name," County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas said. "Thanks to voters' trust, generosity and compassion, we now have the means to implement proven strategies to end and prevent homelessness on a massive scale, and address the defining civic issue of our

time."

Board Chairman Ridley-Thomas was the driving force behind efforts to declare a state of emergency on homelessness and to place an initiative on the March 7 ballot to raise funding for the County's Homeless Initiative and community action plan. According to the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, records from as far back as 1902 show Measure H is the only revenue proposal ever attempted during a March election, when voter turnout is typically low and a two-thirds majority is needed for approval.

"With nearly 70 percent of voters supporting Measure H, it's clear that our community will no longer accept homelessness as the status quo," said Elise Buik, president and CEO of the non-profit United Way of Greater Los

Angeles. "We are proud to have been a part of such a broad coalition of civic and community leaders, all working towards a shared vision: a Los Angeles County without homelessness."

Measure H would create a 1/4-cent sales tax over a decade to raise \$355 million annually for services to the homeless. It would cost the average taxpayer about \$1 per month. This unprecedented funding stream is expected to help 45,000 homeless men, women and children move into stable housing within the next five years, and provide them with the high-quality, multi-dimensional supportive services they need to succeed in the long run. It is also expected to prevent an estimated 30,000 people from becoming homeless in the first place.

The services would be consistent with the County's Homeless Initiative and community action plan, which developed 47 proven strategies for combatting homelessness after conducting 18 policy summits that brought together a broad and diverse group of community stakeholders.

To ensure accountability, the County Auditor Controller will have an independent auditor regularly report on Measure H spending, and a Citizen's Oversight Advisory Board will publish a complete accounting of all allocations and submit periodic

evaluations. Furthermore, the funding recommendations will be discussed in public via a 50-member allocations committee, and the County will continue to release quarterly progress reports in connection to the Homeless Initiative strategies. Finally, the nonprofits that implement the strategies will be held to specific outcomes and standards, tracked and monitored by the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, the County CEO, and several relevant County departments.



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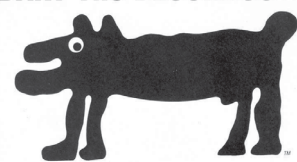
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Trump vs. Obama Health Care Plan - A JOKE!

Isn't our Congress just great? When a new health plan is set on the table for the people, Congress decides to vote against it and to retain Obama care. How interesting was the fact that the house is controlled by the Democrats. All 100% of the Democrats that voted, voted against the new health care plan and to retain Obama Care. Trump's new health care plan was defeated simply because Trump is a Republican president. Can you actually believe that the Democratic representatives were voting for the best interest of the people? If you do, I'm surprised. "This was a Joke".

When the healthcare package was put together under the Obama administration, and labeled Obama Care, it cost me a lot of money. First off, it became a mandatory program. Money was being withdrawn from my account and being used for Obama Care. It took me well over a year to correct this as I already had insurance that was better than Obama Care. I wanted to choose my own doctors.

Under the Obama Care program, if you did not provide proof that you are insured, and you did



George Ogden

That's just the way it is!

not select an Obama Care program, then you became in violation of the law. Now, wasn't that just wonderful? This is exactly what our senior citizens on fixed incomes needed. To have over \$100 a month taken away from them without their choice is immoral. And if they did choose, they would be out of the money they needed to live on. With the fact that one would be breaking the law by not having a health care plan under Obama Care, I'm sure that our senior citizens would be stressed out with the fact that they might be arrested.

I have to say that Trump's plan from what I have been able to read isn't much different outside of the fact that you can choose to utilize the plan and if you don't, you don't have to worry about

going to jail. So with Trump campaigning all along, to get rid of Obama Care, to replace it with a like program with the ability to choose is somewhat acceptable.

Getting back to what the government did to me and many other people by taking our money without any okay signature from our side, in my opinion, is criminal. After 13 months and finally getting it straightened out, do you think they gave our money back? No. They kept it.

Now, when I asked for financial clarification on the money that was taken from me over those 13 months so I could deduct this loss on my taxes, would you believe that they had no information available. In other words, all that money simply evaporated. Who got my money? Somebody scammed somebody somewhere in my opinion. I am not the only one. Sadly there are some seniors that are still out there being strapped with this program, and they don't have a clue on what is going on.

I'm all for some kind of health plan that we can choose. After all it's our government by the people for the people.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

America's Positive People

Last week I described how I have often encountered America's positive people—those I know, as well as and complete strangers, who have gone out of their way to be gracious and helpful. This week I want to expand that observation and describe how many Americans welcome and support perfect strangers to their homes, cities, churches and hearts. Why? Perhaps they remember that a generation or two ago their forbearers arrived at Ellis Island undocumented.

These days we are witnessing the bitter vituperation of an ignorant President who continues to sow fear and suspicion, and has accused Mexico of sending across our border rapists and drug runners, and as a result plans to construct an impenetrable wall to keep them out.

This fearmongering has not gone unnoticed or unchallenged. Across the nation hundreds of communities large and small have declared themselves to be "Sanctuary Cities." While no one seems certain as to what that appellation implies, at a minimum it is an indication that when the Feds come to seize someone the government has decided to deport, the transfer will be resisted.

In addition, churches all across the nation are now willing to open their buildings to those who are no longer safe from the threat of deportation.

Historically, churches have been safe havens where fugitives could seek temporary protection. In Anglo-Saxon England, churches and churchyards generally provided 40 days of immunity, and neither the sheriff nor the army would enter them to seize the supposed outlaw. But gradually the right of sanctuary was eroded. In 1486, sanctuary for the



Charles H. Bayer

crime of treason was disallowed, and sanctuary for most other crimes was severely restricted by Henry VIII. This right was later abolished.

In the 1980s many U.S. churches provided sanctuary for political refugees from Central America. A member of our community was convicted and jailed for supporting a religious body that offered refuge during those troubling years.

When President Trump declared that we should welcome to our shores only Christians, and followed it with a prohibition against anyone coming here from several Muslim countries, a blanket of fear descended on every mosque and Muslim community. A few blocks from where I live is a Muslim religious school. Concerned about their children's safety, parents were hesitant to send them to their classes lest they be harassed on the way. A threatening letter was sent to the school reinforcing the concern. As a result, a nearby Christian congregation has dispatched volunteers to the school every morning when the children were due to arrive and every afternoon when they were to return home.

When President Trump suggested that a roster of all Muslims was a distinct possibility, scores of Christians declared

they would go to the registration sites and sign up as Muslims, reflecting how Christians voluntarily sewed yellow stars on their clothing during Hitler's wholesale roundup of Jews.

This state of affairs does not reflect the America I love and to which my grandfather, the German, Peter Bayer, came after the First World War. The United States has now become an enclave for frightened people who are controlled to the extent they swallow the bitter vituperations of President Trump. Thankfully there are enough good people around who accept as fellow citizens those who are different—even if they do not personally know them.

The Sanctuary movement is only the latest sign that at heart we are a gracious people who care deeply about each other and a world of others. One would add the underground railroad movement, the end of slavery and segregation, the Civil Rights revolution, care of the elderly through Social Security and Medicare, the enfranchisement of women, the granting of gay rights, WIC (the program for women, infants and children), and the effort to guarantee health insurance to every American.

We must not be ruled by fear or kept in line as the definition of those outsiders we must hate dominates the present Administration. If this drive toward fascism is what it means to make America great again, then greatness has been badly defined. It is not greatness to which Trump is pointing us, but a narrow sectarian nationalism that may bring to an end the greatest experiment in democracy the world has ever known.

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"Time Jockey" - Red Car

By Joe Castillo

Electric Cars.... In the 1880's, western migration into Southern California accelerated with the arrival of the transcontinental railroad. The rate wars between the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads brought hundreds of thousands of new land owners who were seeking greater investment opportunities and better living conditions to build their future. Transit lines expanded with various modes of power such as electricity, cables, steam and horsepower. Southern California cities such as Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Monica and Pasadena were growing at the same accelerated rates. In short time, no less than 72 separately owned electric trolley cars began operations in the Los Angeles areas and large investors were eager to expand operations even further. Henry Huntington had \$20 million to invest and his background in railroads led him on the obvious path to electric cars. In 1898, Huntington bought the Los Angeles Railway Company and used it as a springboard to begin his franchise of the Pacific Electric Company. The

company's headquarters was in Los Angeles but all of Southern California was going to be his domain. The demand for low-cost transportation and the "Huntington" brand was enough to have people waiting in line, literally, for the new electric line.

In 1901, bread cost 4 cents a loaf at the bakery and milk was 8 cents a gallon at the dairy, but the real deal was a ride on Pacific Electric's Red Car, which went for just over 1 penny a mile. In 1904, it was proclaimed the "Greatest Electric Railway Line in the World" and it lived up to its proclamation. The system operated more cars on more lines and carried more passengers than any other urban railway system in the world. More than 400 cars traversed to intricate network of rail tracks and connections at a high-rate of speed enabling commuters up and down the coast to travel inland with the same ease as anywhere else.

Nicknamed the "Big Red Cars" after the red colored cars of the Pacific Electric Line, the Los Angeles - Pasadena line which paralleled Huntington Drive was the most heavily traveled of all

other Pacific Electric Lines. Four lines were constructed with the two outer lines carrying freight and local traffic and the two inner lines used for express and extended service. The line became so popular that between 4:30 and 6:30 PM, it ran at one-minute intervals in order to accommodate nearly 23,000 daily riders. The cities of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Azusa, Glendora and points further east all grew as transportation between LA and the suburbs was advantageous. The key to the Pacific Electric Rail System was its precise and efficient time schedules. The interval between train arrivals into the downtown Los Angeles central station was only 7 minutes and when a train was 5 short minutes late a new train would be inserted in its place and takes the waiting passengers to their destination. The growth of the Red Cars spurred the boom of Los Angeles making all points east, west, north and south more accessible than ever before....

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Works and Wonders

By Janet Stone

Last month I asked why we make public libraries. What happens when we do that?

And I shared some statistical measures of what happens when we make the Glendora Public Library in particular.

I also promised I would share what some of you have told us. Each year during our survey, Glendora Public Library asks you to finish a sentence. So here's some of what we heard last time (with apologies for things like punctuation as we transcribe!). Parts of it will be expected, but parts of it may be surprising. (And thank you, by the way, for letting us know.)

Because of the Library, I have been able to ...

"... Read so many wonderful books, that I would never have been able to buy them all! I also love to come and browse, it's such a relaxing environment for me. :) Being the book worm that I am, the Library is the place I go to dive into different worlds. - Madelyn Mason"

"... Read wonderful books and watch "old" movies, and share them with my children. This library has also given my kids an opportunity to serve. As they have



Janet Stone

volunteered for programs it also trains them."

Because of the Library, I have been able to ...

"... Look for jobs, find family/friends on Facebook, & better my life."

"... research topics and issues scientific, historical, geographical, and just a variety of different interests in this world and beyond. April 18, 2016 From Jim W. Morgan current Glendora resident"

Because of the Library, I have been able to:

"... Meet new friends, donate to help Shepherd's Pantry. Enjoy free movies. Help homeless people. Thank you"

"... Have a place for my kids to use a computer, get help with

homework, and also be able to check out books and experience the joy of reading"

Because of the Library, I have been able to ...

"... Love coming to the library. Would move in if you'd let us."

"... Keep my sanity (I'm a single dad!)"

"... Read books, use computers, get out of the house because I'm a lazy potato. I also have no boyfriend so I have to rely on fictional characters for love ..."

Because of the Library, I have been able to ...

"... Support my children's love for reading! Thank you for everything your library does for families like ours! Great Job!"

Because of the Library, I have been able to:

"... expand my mind :)"

"... have a much better, more satisfying life for 60 years."

"... find many books on social help and poverty alleviation"

Because of the Glendora Public Library, I have been able to ...

"... make movies and music. I talk to the stars."

So maybe the answer is that a little bit of everything happens ... when you make a public library.

Azusa Unified School District Board Promotes Unqualified Individual To Top Administration Position

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - At its meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017, the Azusa Unified School District Board ("Board") by a controversial vote of 3-yes (Jaramillo, Cruz-Gonzalez, and Vogel) to 2-no (Naccachian and Pena) approved the promotion of Marc Bommarito, Director of Data Research and Assessment, who had worked under the Assistant Director Educational Services only since December 2016, to the position of Assistant Superintendent Business Services without meeting the minimum education and work experience requirements. Based on the L.A. Unified School District website, Mr. Bommarito spent over 13 years as a counselor and/or counselors supervisor and one year as a school principal.

The ASBS position requires graduation from an accredited four year college preferably with a major in accounting or a closely related field or qualifying supervisory experience in school district accounting substituted for a maximum of two years of the required education, plus four years of increasingly responsible supervisory experience and/or accounting experience. Mr. Bommarito has no experience in Business Services or accounting or many of the required duties and activities of the ASBS position.

The lack of the required education and experience was the primary reason for two of the Board members voting no and several members of the community opposing to Mr. Bommarito's promotion, including a couple union representatives from the Azusa Educators Association and California School Employees Association.

The ASBS position serves under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent to administer the business program and services in the District and is responsible for the overall effectiveness of the Business Services Department which includes the following specific duties and activities, for which Mr. Bommarito has no experience:

a. Supervise, direct and evaluate the administration of business services which includes Accounting, Purchasing, Contract Preparation and Administration, Maintenance, Operations, Transportation, and Nutritional Services.

b. Provide general supervision of all Contracts, Insurance Programs, and all other business transactions of the District.

c. Secure Legal Interpretation on the Districts business issues and represents the District on issues of liability, property insurance, and workers Compensation

d. Direct the preparation and

administration of the District budget under the leadership of the Superintendent.

e. Direct the establishment and maintenance of complete accounting systems.

f. Direct the administration of the inventory control of properties, equipment, and materials.

g. Participate and prepare materials for negotiations with all employee associations.

The term of Bommarito's Contract is for approximately three (3) years, commencing March 21, 2017, and concluding June 30, 2020, unless sooner terminated as provided in the contract. The annual base salary is \$169,442.95 payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments or \$14,124.25 per month, plus an estimated 25% of the base salary in employee and fringe benefits equivalent to approximately \$42,000 annually. For a copy of the contract refer to <http://206.128.135.62/attachments/da7a582f-a379-4ded-8b1a-f63e7f3d7da4.pdf>

The previously qualified ASBS, Mr. Eugenio Villa, only lasted for approximately eight months with the AUSD, mid-July 2016 to mid-February 2017. Prior to Villa was Ms. Deborah Deal who was also well qualified for the ASBS position but only lasted for approximately one year, July 1, 2015 to mid-June 2016.

New Activities At The La Fetra Center

GLENDORA - The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center has a number new and exciting events taking place in April!

Intergenerational Program
Monday, April 10, 2017
10:45 to 11:15am.

The program is free! Come out and socialize with the younger generation, as you will participate in song time, help with an Easter craft, and share a small snack with

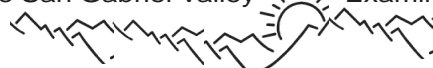
the brightest 4-5 year olds in Glendora! Pre-Register by calling the La Fetra Center at 626-914-0560.

Dinner and a Movie
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
5:00pm to 8:30pm
\$5 Partners Members, \$6 Non-Members

The La Fetra Center invites you to enjoy a night of dinner,

raffle prizes, popcorn, candy, and a movie! Now Showing: Brooklyn! This Academy Award best picture nominated movie tells the story of a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950's Brooklyn.

For more information please call the La Fetra Center (626)914-8235; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora.



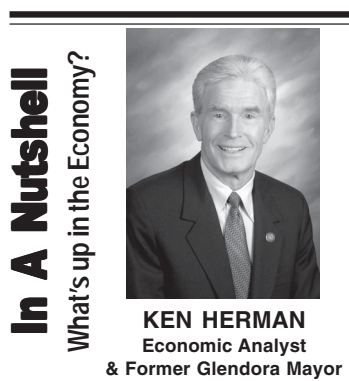
The Pendulum Settles

In the span of a month, the odds of a March rate hike went from 20% to 92%. The markets interpreted the hawkish rhetoric from FOMC participants to mean more than three hikes were in store for 2017, only to hear the same "gradual approach" message from Yellen in her press conference. Going forward, the pace of hikes will be determined by a combination of neutral rate assumptions, inflation data, and the Fed's willingness to remain accommodative.

The stunning swing in March odds combined with hawkish rhetoric left many market participants expecting the Fed to raise expectations for the number of future hikes, resulting in a sell-off in fixed income and a rally in the dollar prior to the FOMC meeting. FOMC members did not materially change their forecasts from the December meeting, however, and Yellen's nothing-to-see-here approach in the press conference sent the bond market rallying (lower interest rates) and the dollar weaker. As the pendulum settles, the question on investors' minds is will a dovish or hawkish Fed rear its head next. The answer lies in upcoming data.

While the chapter explaining the neutral interest rate in an economics textbook may be a great cure for insomnia, it is crucial to understanding the mindset of the FOMC. Chair Yellen stated in the press conference that her long-run assumption for the neutral rate is "1% or a little under". The 2% inflation goal combined with the 1% long-run neutral rate assumption is the addition leading the FOMC to forecast a 3% longer-run fed funds rate. In other words, if the Fed raises the fed funds rate to 3%, and inflation is at 2%, then the real fed funds rate is equal to the neutral rate at 1%. That is the steady state the Fed hopes to achieve by 2019.

Yellen cited low productivity and slowing population growth as the main culprits for such an ex-



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tended period for low interest rates. Saying the neutral rate was falling before the recession points to the long-term issue being structural rather than cyclical, implying monetary policy probably cannot reverse it (meaning low interest rates cannot slow the aging process).

Projections are fine and dandy, but if real economic data does not support the notion that the neutral rate is rising, the Fed will not be raising short-term rates to 3%. Since the neutral rate is only absolutely known in hindsight, the real-time indicators to watch (in order to gauge the accuracy of Fed forecasts) are core PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure), inflation and the labor force.

Now that the unemployment rate and core PCE inflation have been moving sideways for over a year, further improvement in both areas will be necessary to show that the three hikes will not actually significantly harm the economy.

Bottom Line: It is very possible the neutral rate is currently around -0.50%. It is also very possible the neutral rate will not be rising to 1% over the next several years. The Fed has assumed the neutral rate would rise for years now, only to be disappointed with the pace of the recovery when it comes to re-leveraging the US economy. The Fed had to lower estimates for GDP growth as it became apparent the economy was not going to grow at 3.5% during this cycle. They will

likely have to lower their estimates for the longer-run neutral rate, too. In the world according to the Fed, one steeped in economic theory, the neutral rate will rise and they will be able to "normalize" rates and steer the economy to its potential growth rate. In the real world, it is hard to imagine being able to raise short-term rates to 3% by 2019 when the 10-year US Treasury rate has spent only one day since August 2011 above 3%.

And, one last thought: Last year, the Fed was prevented from raising rates as quickly as it wanted by turbulence in overseas markets. It started with falling stock prices in China and emerging markets. Then commodity prices dropped. Investors feared higher rates in the US would result in higher rates in much of the rest of the world, and they were positioning accordingly.

This year, international markets are calmer, allowing the Fed to maybe accelerate the pace of gradual to once a quarter instead of once a year. But, proving investors' fears were in the right place, the People's Bank of China responded to the March hike with a hike of its own. It was the second hike in three months. The first, in late January, was triggered by the Fed hike in December. As in January, the PBOC hiked - much faster this time - to defend the yuan.

Given China's dependence on credit to meet its diminishing economic goals, the dependence of commodity producers on Chinese demand for raw materials, and the Fed's sensitivity to global growth, the PBOC's decision to put the yuan first should also be a check against faster tightening.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Is this true? Can I invest in an IRA for 2016 even though it's 2017?

Yes, you can, but the deadline is April 18. A traditional IRA is tax-deductible. Those funds and the growth will be taxed upon withdrawal. Although a Roth IRA is not tax deductible, it has many benefits upon withdrawing funds. Since you would have already paid taxes on the money you invest into a Roth IRA, that amount will be free of taxes. Unique to Roth IRAs, the growth (interest earned) is not only tax deferred, it can also be income tax free.

Is it better to go to my bank for a home loan? Or is it better to use a mortgage broker?

Bank loan originators are not required to be licensed and are not held to the same standards and regulations as brokers in terms of testing and ongoing training, mortgages are not their main focus (they also offer auto, boat, personal, etc. loans), are only able to offer limited loan products they have in-house, often charge higher rates, and are slower to adapt to change due to large organizational operations. An independent mortgage professional is a licensed mortgage expert (consistently undergoing continuous training), specializes in mortgages only, partners with several lenders to offer multiple loan products giving you more options, often offers lower rates and cheaper costs due to less overhead, and adapts to industry changes quickly.

I have a couple of CDs that



Julia Yoder

mature this month. Should I re-invest them into CDs or do you have something that is still safe, but could earn a higher rate?

If your CDs are your only emergency fund, you probably want to leave some of that money there. If you want safe, tax-advantaged savings for future use, and/or to leave it to heirs, then I would recommend moving some of that money elsewhere. If suitable for you, consider a fixed-indexed annuity, or a fixed-indexed life insurance policy.

The small company I work for stopped matching 401k contributions, and now they are talking about doing away with the plan altogether. This would really affect my retirement planning. What should we do?

This could be a blessing in disguise for you. As you know, money is taken from your pay before taxes, grows tax-deferred, and then you pay taxes when you take distributions which are mandatory at age 70 1/2. If you can afford to receive the income and pay taxes now on that money, you

could invest in other tax-deferred, or even never-taxed-again accounts. Some of these do not have the mandatory distribution age of 70 1/2. These products allow you more choices in your retirement years.

What taxes would I have to pay if I flip real estate?

When you buy a home, fix it, and sell it, you will have to pay taxes based on the amount of time you held onto this asset. If you hold onto it for a year or less, you're going to be taxed on your short-term gains at ordinary income-tax rates. If you hold this asset for more than a year, you're going to be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate. If you "flip" real estate too frequently, you are considered "in business" - opening a whole different set of rules. You can defer tax on your real estate gain by exchanging it for another property, known as a like-kind, or Section 1031 exchange. This must be clearly stated in escrow. You can do unlimited 1031 exchanges your whole life.

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Ask The Doctor

By Jonathan Warner, MD

What were some of the things that attracted the City of Hope urologists to the Glendora community?

Dr. Ed Davis had been practicing in Glendora for a number of years, and City of Hope was looking for community partners to expand the services we offer into the area surrounding the main campus in Duarte. Dr. Jonathan Yamzon met with Dr. Davis several years ago and the rest was history. We have now expanded our service to 5 urologists, medical oncology, colorectal surgery and hepatobiliary surgery. All doctors are seeing patients out of our Glendora site.

I hear that Foothill Presbyterian Hospital has recently acquired the new Da Vinci robot to assist in surgery. How will this improve patient outcomes, and how is it better than what used to be done?

The da Vinci surgical system is a very advanced tool to help in the operating room. "The robot" can be used for prostate cancer, kidney cancer, hernia repair, gall bladder surgery, colon surgery and more. The real advantage of the system is that complex operations can be performed through small little incisions, without compromising the surgery. The real advantage is for the patients; as the recovery, postoperative pain, and blood loss is decreased with this approach. Before the robot, complex



Jonathan Warner, MD

operations were best performed through large incisions, with more blood loss, more pain, and longer recoveries.

Having the robot at Foothill expands state-of-the-art care right here to the community. Before the robot, patients had to choose between staying close to home and traveling to major medical centers for robotic surgery. Now, the technology is at our doorstep. All of us at City of Hope that perform robotic surgery either have specific fellowship training, or were trained extensively in residency on the use of the robot.

Do City of Hope doctors only treat cancer?

We hear this question a lot that when a patient is referred to us. They are worried that they have a cancer and that is why they were sent over. We do have oncology trained specialists in the group, including Dr. Ali Zhumkhwala and Dr. Jonathan Yamzon. But we also treat most areas of benign urology as well. Dr. Seth Cohen joined us last summer, and he has specialty

training in female urology; including urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, overactive bladder, mesh complications and recurrent UTIs. I have specialty training in male urologic issues. This includes enlarged prostate, prostate cancer, urethral strictures, male incontinence, Peyronie's disease, low testosterone and erectile dysfunction. Together we are able to care for the majority of general and sub-specialized issues that patients may be suffering from. We are offering several seminars in the community on the diseases that we treat to help patients understand what options are out there. Our next talk in April is looking at the relationship between diabetes and erectile dysfunction.

How can I learn more about this talk next month?

The talk will be held on April 11 at 6 p.m. in the Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Cafeteria. The address is 250 S. Grand Ave, Glendora. The talk is focusing on the relationship between diabetes and erectile dysfunction. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP at (888) 456-2847.

If you suffer from erectile dysfunction and do not have diabetes we will have many more seminars in the future, or you can call our office for an in office seminar. The direct line is (626) 218-1761. You can also check out my webpage for more information: www.warnerurology.com.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Cars Through The Ages: 1900-1930

Over the next few weeks I thought I would share with you the beginnings of car production in the United States. I hope you find it as interesting as I do!

- 1900 - 1910**
- 1900 - American manufacturers make 4,192 cars at a purchase price of \$1,000 each.
- 1901 - The Olds factory begins production in Detroit and produced 425 cars that year.
- 1902 - Louis Renault invents the standard drum brakes.
- 1903 - Henry Ford raises \$28,000 to found the Ford Motor Company and produces the Model A.
- 1904 - Ford starts exporting cars to Britain.
- 1905 - The installment finance plan for cars begins in America.
- 1906 - America produces 33,500 cars.
- 1907 - The price of the Ford Model A increases to \$600.
- 1908 - The first Model T is built and 8,000 are produced. GM is started by William Durant.
- 1909 - At the 5th "Indy Car Race" in Indianapolis, Indiana, Louis Chevrolet wins driving a Buick.
- 1910 - Automobile production reaches 181,000 in the U.S.A.
- 1911 - 1920**
- 1911 - The electric starter was introduced to replace hand cranking.

- 1912 - Cadillac's come equipped with Delco electric self-starters and electric lighting.
- 1913 - Ford develops the first moving assembly line for cars.
- 1914 - Dodge introduces the first car body made completely of steel & Ford production workers now make an industry record of \$5 per day.
- 1915 - Cadillac presents the first successful V8 engine in the U.S.A.
- 1916 - Manual windshield wipers (patented by Mary Anderson in 1903) are replaced by ones powered by vacuum from the engine's inlet manifold.
- 1917 - The first Oshkosh four wheel drive truck is introduced.
- 1918 - Car registrations in the U.S.A. exceed 5 million.
- 1919 - Henry Ford pays \$100 million to buy out all stock holders of the Ford Motor Company.
- 1920 - Model T Fords make up half of all motor vehicles in the world.
- 1921 - 1930**
- 1921 - Lincoln introduces their V8.
- 1922 - Over one million Model T's are produced by Ford.
- 1923 - Over 2,000,000 Model T's leave the Ford production lines.
- 1924 - Walter P Chrysler begins to produce his own cars after leaving the position as General Motors Vice President.
- 1925 - General Motors Re-

- search Corp leaves Dayton, Ohio and moves to Detroit, Michigan.
 - 1926 - Cadillac introduces shatter-resistant glass.
 - 1927 - The Model T, after 19 years and fifteen million vehicles ends production.
 - 1928 - Chrysler buys Dodge for \$175,000,000.
 - 1929 - 26.5 million cars are registered in the U.S.A.
 - 1930 - Economic depression causes car sales to drop.
- Certified Auto Specialists wants to be your GO-TO place! Feel free to call 626-963-0814 with any questions and we will be glad to help, or visit our website at CertifiedAutoCa.com*
- Hometown Service You Can Count On!**
- By Joan Hallidy**
GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will celebrate 109 years of service to Glendora that includes the club's founding of the Glendora Public Library in 1912 at the club's birthday luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, **April 4**.
- The club's birthday celebration will honor the club's past presidents and include a musical program by the Liz Darden and Family group, said program vice resident Helen Storland.
- The club day will begin at

Glendora Woman's Club Celebrates 109 Years Of Service

10:30 a.m. with the social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The catered luncheon at noon and the musical program by the Liz Darden group will follow.

A regular display at each meeting is the Member's Participation Art Display that features a different theme each month. This month's there is Glendora Woman's Club Memorabilia, said project co-chairs Joy Martau and Loretta Salazar. Members are encouraged to share items from home for the

display.

The Glendora Woman's Club, organized on April 28, 1908, with 75 charter members, has had the opportunity over the years to preserve and add the club's historical records and documents to its archives at its Glendora clubhouse. Several of those records on display for the birthday celebration will include a number of acknowledgement awards for the club's many philanthropic and service projects, said historian Rose Myers.

Also on display will be two very special recognition awards received in 2012. One was a plaque from the City of Glendora and one from the Glendora Public Library, both in recognition of the Woman's Club as the founder of the Glendora Public Library in 1912.

For membership information, call Karen at 626-375-5200; for information about renting the clubhouse for an event or meeting, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130

Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA Volunteer Drivers Needed

Do you have some extra time to spare? Are you a good driver? The Azusa Senior Center has a great volunteer opportunity for you! The Azusa Senior Center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers to deliver lunches to our homebound seniors in the city of Azusa between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Prewitt for more information at (626) 812-5204, ext. 5303.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

ARCADIA Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinocle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

The group is open to men and women 50 or older. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information call 626-281-6771.

COVINA Blood Pressure Checks

Health Care Partners will provide a medical assistant to do free blood pressure checks. No appointment needed. **Every 2nd Tuesday** of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

DUARTE 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 Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$2. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

GLENDORA Ladies Luncheon Once Upon a Time

At the Glendora United Methodist Church, 201 E. Bennett Ave., Glendora on Saturday, **April 1st** at 10:30 A.M. Tickets \$30.00.

We invite you and your friends to a fun time. There will be a silent auction and entertainment provided by Bronwyn Schramm, telling a story. Lunch will be catered by Plaza Produce. Make a reservation by sending your check indicating the names of the guests to Becky Walker UMW Treasurer at 831 E. Cypress Ave., Glendora, Ca. 91741. For any questions you may call her at 626-914-1305.

Kiwaniannes Presentation - "The Liberty Belles."

At their **April 5** meeting, the Glendora Kiwaniannes will hear a presentation on "The Liberty Belles." Club member Dr. Pat Rasmussen will discuss the fascinating lives of Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, and Dolley Madison. The Kiwaniannes meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Glendora Continental, 316 W. Foothill Blvd. Cost for buffet dinner is \$15.

Applications for this year's Leadership Academy, a week-long summer program for fifth and sixth graders, are now online www.glendorakiwaniannes.org.

Students receive instruction in leadership skills to prepare them for the future. Cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, daily snack and craft project. The Leadership Academy is now in its 7th year and 135 children have completed the program.

Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

The La Fetra Center and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank invites SENIORS (Ages 60+) to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Current Food Bank participants can receive a FREE food kit once per month which contains items such as canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, dry milk, cereals, and related products.

Participants must meet the following income guidelines to be eligible: one person household income must not exceed \$1,211 per month and a two person household income must not exceed \$1,640 per month. You must provide income verification and a photo ID with birthdate at your first visit. The La Fetra Center distribution takes place on the **Fourth Tuesday of Every Month** from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-9:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers relearning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music,

speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

MONROVIA Tenth Annual Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Blood Pressure Screenings is at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on the **Second Tuesday of the month** from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and on the **Fourth Wednesday of the month** from 9:00am - 10:00am

Caring Crafters

If you have an interest in knitting, crocheting and hand work or would like to learn, join us at the Monrovia Community Center **every Wednesday**. The Friendly Crafters is a social group that meets every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is designed to foster friendships and provide social opportunities while crocheting and knitting. The group always welcomes new participants to teach and share new ideas! This free program is offered to all Seniors and Active

Adults! Crafters meet every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center.

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

Stretching is essential for our bodies. The Department of Community Services invites seniors to join our weekly senior stretching and exercise class. The class includes stretching techniques geared toward seniors over 50, though the class is great for anyone in need of a good routine. Movement increases range of motion, relaxation, and decreases risk of injury. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring a towel and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Classes are at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$2 per class.

WEST COVINA Garden Walk by West Covina Beautiful

The organization of West Covina Beautiful is sponsoring a Garden Walk of beautiful and interesting West Covina gardens which includes a view by van of some of the city's Art in Public Places sites. The walking and city van tour is on Sunday **April 2** from approx. 1 to 4PM. Van pick up is at Cameron Community Center location at Cameron and Lark Ellen. Tour also ends at this location. Light refreshments are served at the last home. Wear comfortable shoes and a hat. Cost is \$10.

To let us know of other interesting gardens in West Covina, for information and to make reservations please call Shirley Buchanan at 626 338-5452

Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center is an award-winning lunch program that provides a **daily lunch service** for seniors, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging.

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.

Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley Invites Local Residents to Events

ARCADIA - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local residents to attend their April meeting.

On **April 5**, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held at the Fireside Room, Santa Anita Church,

226 West Colorado Blvd., in Arcadia. This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety of fun, daytime, weekday activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

Another April activity for members includes a tour at The Getty Center in Los Angeles.

Additional Newcomers and Friends' mostly-daytime week-

day activities include a Book Club, Bridge, Crafters, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Hiking, Hump Day Happy Hour, Day Trips, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Movies, Golf, and Wine Tasting.

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@gmail.com or visit them online at sgvnewcomers.com

Baldwin Park Unified Students to Compete in Culinary Contest Finals

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park High School culinary arts students Kingsley La Mig, Luis Cervantes and Steven Silva will compete against 40 other students in the final round of the Careers through Culinary Arts Programs (C-CAP) cooking competition from 8:30 a.m.

to 2:30 p.m. Friday April 28 at Mission College in Sylmar. The students, who are concurrently enrolled in the Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education Culinary Program, are guaranteed scholarships to post-secondary culinary schools for making it to the finals.

Citrus Valley Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary Is Looking For Volunteers

COVINA - The mission of Citrus Valley Health Partners is to help people keep well in body, mind and spirit by providing quality health care in a safe compassionate environment; Volunteers provide the helping hands to fulfill this mission.

Volunteers assist in many areas at the hospital such as the front desk where information

is provided to visitors, the gift shop, surgery waiting room, newspaper/magazine delivery and in other areas. The Auxiliary of Inter-Community Hospital welcomes new volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer contact Corporate Director of Volunteer Services Tiffany Ramirez at (626) 915-6237 or e-mail her at: tramirez@mail.cvhp.org.



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Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors Luncheon

ARCADIA - The annual Salute to Seniors Luncheon sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club will be held on Tuesday, May 9 from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. At this special event, the Arcadia Rotary Club along with the City Council, Senior Commissioners, and other guests will honor Joyce Platt, the City of Arcadia 2017 Senior of the Year! Tickets are now available, limit two (2) tickets per person.

The 2017 Senior of The Year is Joyce Platt. Joyce has been a long time teacher and volunteer in the Arcadia community. Joyce has volunteered and served on various committees and boards of many Arcadia based organiza-

tions such as the Arcadia Travelers, City of Arcadia Senior Commission, Arcadia Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage, Museum Education Center, Assistance League, Performing Arts Center, Bargain Box, Arcadia Woman's Club, Arcadia Police Department neighborhood watch and also has volunteered for the Breeders Cup at the Santa Anita Race Track. The City of Arcadia is proud of Joyce Platt for her time, dedication, and contributions to the Arcadia community. On behalf of the Arcadia Rotary Club, Arcadia Senior Citizen Commission, and the City of Arcadia, it is a pleasure to announce Joyce Platt as the 2017 Senior of the year.



Joyce Platt - City of Arcadia 2017 Senior of the Year

Glendora Gavel Club

GLENDORA - The Glendora Gavel Club is an ongoing club that meets at the La Fetra Center (333 East Foothill Boulevard, Glendora 91741) on the **1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 3:15pm-4:30pm.**

The Club's mission is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. In a Gavel Club, members enjoy giving speeches, telling stories, gaining feedback, leading teams, guiding others and building lasting friendships in a supportive atmosphere. New participants are ALWAYS welcome!

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