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# Unique Fundraising Project for Citrus College Veterans Success Center

**GLENDORA** - When Citrus College leadership and administrators were approached by Citrus Alumni & Friends Association with the prospect of increasing the organization's support of veterans served on the college campus, as well as active military, it was music to everyone's ears - literally.

The opportunity arose when Citrus alumna Sharon Lewis received as a donation more than 3,000 high-end, individually-wrapped Blue Danube harmonicas by her friends, James and Diane Wilkinson. Mrs. Lewis, an active community member and avid supporter of many charitable organizations, believed the gift had potential. Mrs. Lewis contacted the Citrus College Foundation, where she is an active member of the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors, and in conjunction with the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association, a decision was made to receive the harmonicas and use them to benefit the Citrus College Veterans Success Center.

Lewis had a thought about how to use the harmonicas that literally woke her up in the middle of the night. Her concept consisted



Mrs. Sharon Lewis and members of the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association selling harmonicas for the Harmonica for Vets project in front of Glendora Walmart.

of two parts. First, the Alumni & Friends Association would sell the harmonicas with proceeds to benefit the Citrus College Veterans Success Center; and second, for every harmonica we sold, we would give another to a current member of the military deployed overseas or to a local veteran,

including student veterans.

The project, which was sponsored by the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association in cooperation with the Citrus College Foundation and Citrus College Veterans Success Center, was launched in November 2017 during the college's annual Saluting Our Veterans celebration. In the months since the launch, alumni and volunteers have hosted sales

booths at more than 35 venues, including community holiday, veterans and service club events.

To date, nearly \$25,000 has been raised for the Veterans Suc-

cess Center; and nearly 2,000 harmonicas have been given away to deployed military through care packages sent by the City of Azusa, Kiwanis Clubs of America, Christ Church of the Valley over the last several months. In addition, we have partnered with local service agencies to provide these unique musical instruments to veterans, including those student veterans attending Citrus College.

In February 2018, Citrus College hosted a campus tour for the Wilkinsons, during which members of the college community, and student veterans, had the opportunity to express gratitude for the couple's unique gift.

Everyone agrees this is one of the most creative gifts-in-kind that the Citrus College Foundation has ever received. With each harmonica sold, college Alumni & Friends have garnered more interest and enthusiasm for music, Citrus College and student veterans. The response has been extraordinary.

## City of El Monte Autism Resource Fair Connects Community to Local Resources



Crowds begin to gather at the El Monte Community Center courtyard for the vendor fair.

**EL MONTE** - Community members from El Monte and neighboring cities joined the City of El Monte to attend the third annual Autism Resource Conference on April 14, 2018. In support of autism awareness, the city-sponsored event featured guest speakers and free educational resources and information for families who may be affected by autism.

"Statistics show that autism is affecting more families each year and the need for resources is high," said El Monte Mayor Pro Tem Juventino "J" Gomez. "Through this conference, families can build a support network by listening to experts and meeting local vendors that provide assistance."

The event kicked off with a presentation by Jacqueline Williams, who serves as the Assistant Superintendent for the

West San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). During the presentation, Williams provided an overview of the programs designed to meet the needs of students with autism.

Hector Ochoa, an advocate for people with disabilities, provided the keynote address.

"I am an individual as most of you can see with a physical disability. I have what is called Osteogenesis Imperfecta...or brittle bones," shared Ochoa. "In my 34-year lifespan I have fractured or broken over 124 bones. Despite my disability...I have been able to do a lot of wonderful things."

As a member of the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, Ochoa shared anecdotes of his upbringing, challenges and motivations that led

him to become a leading voice for community members with disabilities.

One of Ochoa's many accomplishments includes organizing the first disability pride parade. Last year, the disability pride parade drew 1,600 people. Ochoa also discussed his work at the Southern California Resources Services, an independent living center that helps people with disabilities lead full lives.

Following the keynote address, families had access to the resource fair featuring health and wellness professionals. Featured vendors included the Southern California Resource Services - Independent Living, an organization dedicated to empowering people with disabilities; Familias First, an organization dedicated to providing quality applied behavior analysis services; University of Southern California Office of Dentistry; and Lakeshore, an educational supply store.

According to the National Autism Association, autism affects one in 68 children. The City of El Monte is committed to connecting communities with local resources.



The Original Blue Danube harmonicas with case and music sheet being sold to benefit student veterans.



Student veterans graduating from Citrus College. Student veterans are supported by the Citrus College Veterans Success Center to effectively access benefits, student services and academic support.

## 5th Annual "Inspire" Fundraiser



ARDENT Members: Stephanie Simpson of Simpson Portraits, Melina Ferrandino of Glendora Gardens Nursery, Theresa Mumma of Glendora Employment Agency, Nikki Vitale of Fiorina, Dalel Snider of Glendora Florist, Tina Schneider of Spin 360 Core Fitness, and Lindsey Rehfeld of Visiting Angels. Member Annette Hernandez of Luxe Salon not pictured.

**GLENDORA** - The ARDENT Group hosted the 5th Annual "Inspire" event - an annual fundraising event benefiting W.I.N.G.S., a YWCA organization that provides domestic violence services. The WINGS Domestic Violence Program began in 1979 and operates one of the largest domestic violence shelters in Los Angeles County. WINGS' goal is to help domestic violence victims and their dependent children move out of crisis and toward safety and autonomy.

On Saturday, April 7th, community enthusiasts gathered together at the beautiful Fiorina boutique to enjoy a fashion pre-

sentation, giveaways from all Ardent businesses, delicious food and guest speakers from W.I.N.G.S. An added bonus was when community local and Southern California Edison's Director of Transmission, Dana Bullock, gave an inspiring talk on perseverance.

The morning was most memorable because it was filled with compassion for victims of domestic violence and brought awareness to the brave victims that W.I.N.G.S. assists and thousands of dollars was raised for the program.

The ARDENT Group's mission

is to empower women by providing them with unique products, services, experiences and by supporting local community efforts benefiting women and their families. The ARDENT businesses include: Fiorina, Visiting Angels, Spin 360 Core Fitness, Glendora Gardens Nursery, Luxe Salon, Glendora Employment Agency and Simpson Portraits.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/theardentgroup](http://www.facebook.com/theardentgroup), WINGS 24-hour Crisis Helpline: (626) 967-0658.

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# Glendora Kiwaniannes Celebrate 34 Years Of Service

**GLENDORA** - On April 18, the Glendora Kiwaniannes celebrated 34 years of service to the community at a celebration held at the Glendora Country Club. The club, chartered in 1984 on April 18, supports nearly 20 community organizations including the Glendora schools, senior center, and local food pantry.

At the event, current president of the organization, Sherry Heinrich, announced the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award which was given to Carolyn Thomas for her exemplary efforts to redesign the club's web page and her work at the club's secretary. Past presidents of the club were also honored.

The Kiwaniannes are affiliated with Kiwanis International and meet the first and third



Wednesdays of the month at the Glendora Continental. At the May 2 meeting, teachers from the Glendora School District will talk about how they

used their \$500 Kiwanianne grant to bring the arts into the classroom. The public is invited to attend. Cost for dinner is \$15.



# Volunteer for Community Service Day

**WEST COVINA** - The City of West Covina will hold its annual Community Service Day on Saturday, **April 28** starting at 8:00 a.m. The day is dedicated to promoting and celebrating the many projects and programs West Covina volunteers dedicate themselves to each year. The annual "day of service" provides opportunities for residents to volunteer and give back to the commu-

nity based on a specific focused project area. This year's project area is the Ridge Riders Equestrian Center located at 350 S. Citrus Street.

The event begins with a continental breakfast donated by Northgate Market at 8:00 a.m. at the Ridge Riders Equestrian Center. After breakfast, volunteers will be assigned to groups to complete a series of park projects at the Center in-

cluding painting, landscaping, and trash removal. Once all projects are completed, volunteers will enjoy a catered lunch at the West Covina Senior Center located down the street at 2501 E. Cortez Street. To sign up as a volunteer for the day, please call (626) 939-8862. All ages are welcome and you do not have to be a West Covina resident to volunteer.

# Medical Auxiliary Needs Volunteers

**COVINA** - The Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Auxiliary needs volunteers. If you are a senior citizen, retired, or simply looking

for something to do, join the auxiliary and be a volunteer! Volunteers are needed in the following areas: The Front Desk; the Gift Store; The Sur-

gery Waiting Room; the Bargain Box; Newspaper Delivery to patients and other areas of the hospital. Call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email her at [tramirez@mail.cvhp.org](mailto:tramirez@mail.cvhp.org) to start the volunteer process.

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# Young Rembrandts' Free Art Class

**COVINA** - Young Rembrandts of East San Gabriel Valley hosted a free art class at the Covina Public Library. The class celebrated Young Rembrandts' 30th Anniversary and the start of National Library Week, all to showing appreciation to the library staff for their consistent efforts in programming dynamic and enriching events throughout the year.

"I'm always amazed by the creativity and artistic flair that our talented students demonstrate and April is the perfect time to showcase that talent," said Claudia Gonzales, co-owner of Young Rembrandts serving East San Gabriel Valley. "We want members of the community to see how impressive the students' work is and for the students to realize that each of them con-



tributes something unique and valuable, which in turn can have a meaningful impact on the larger community."

With close to 20 students par-

ticipating, the kids had a chance to complete an art project under the guidance of teacher Angela Jeter and then the choice to display it at the library during April.

# Train Like An Astronaut At The New Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Astronaut Training Experience

The race to Mars has already begun—come be part of it!

The new Astronaut Training Experience® (ATX) at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex offers the chance to "touch down" on the Red Planet.

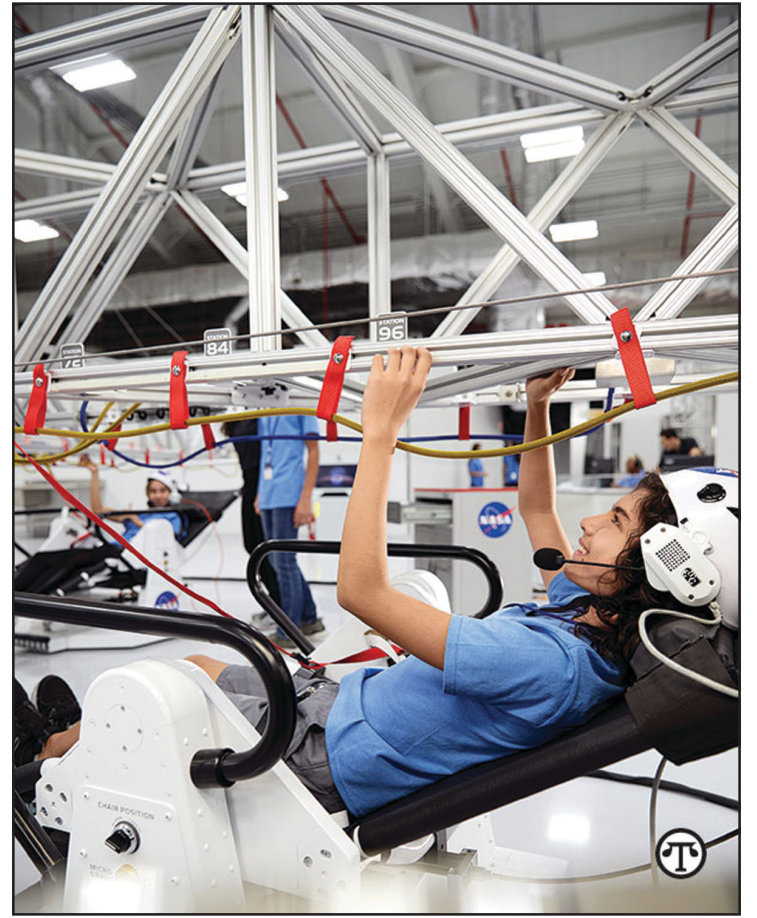
ATX uses immersive simulation technology to train participants to live and work on Mars using real NASA science to address engineering challenges.

Upon entering the Astronaut Training Experience Center, guests are surrounded by astronaut training techniques and experiences. A sleek design, realistic signage and sophisticated technology provide a sense of authenticity. Participants also get lifelike badges and special-issue T-shirts to immerse them in the program. Assignments are led by expert educators, referred to as "Trainers" and "Lab Chiefs" to enhance the experience.

Through the programs—ATX and Mars Base 1—and associated assignments, participants work together by taking on specific roles to address challenges and solve problems.

Groups of up to 24 work simultaneously in multiple training areas that replicate astronaut training of the future. Trainees work within reproduced environmental scenarios, such as the Land-and-Drive-on-Mars full-motion simulator, Walk-on-Mars virtual reality, Launch Mission and Spacewalk Training.

These activities focus on problem solving, communication and collaboration, making them excellent for team building in an interesting and inspi-



At Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, discover what it's like to train like an astronaut preparing for a mission to Mars.

rational environment. Extra programs, which are not included with admission, range from 30 minutes to seven hours. Two-, three- and five-day camp programs are also available.

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The other attractions at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex bring to life the epic story of the U.S. space program, offering a full day or more of fun, inspiration and educational activities, including Heroes & Legends, featuring the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame®, presented by Boeing, the Kennedy Space Center Tour featuring the Apollo/Saturn V Center with an actual Saturn V moon rocket, Space

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For further information, call (877) 313-2610 or visit [www.KennedySpaceCenter.com](http://www.KennedySpaceCenter.com). (NAPSI)

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## Water Awareness Carnival – 2018

**GLENDORA** - The City of Glendora's, Water Division is hosting the first ever Water Awareness Carnival on Saturday, **May 5th** at Glendora Civic Center Plaza. The event will be located at 116 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This free community event provides a very unique opportunity to meet with representatives that are focused specifically on water, water usage, and products designed to help residents save water and

money. The entire event will consist of entertainment for the children, vendors, snacks, raffle prizes, and giveaways for all ages.

The purpose of the Water Awareness Carnival is to encourage awareness about water usage and provide residents with tools and educational tips for reducing their water usage. The goal is to remind people to take action to not only reduce the effects of the drought, but also keep money in their own pocket by being water efficient.

We invite the community to come out and take part in this inaugural event to promote Water Awareness Month and do their part to preserve one of our most precious resources. Because "the water we drink is more precious than we think"!

For more information, please visit our website at [www.CityofGlendora.org/Water-Conservation](http://www.CityofGlendora.org/Water-Conservation). We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Water Awareness Carnival.

## Los Angeles County Housing Authority Awarded Largest Veteran Housing Voucher Allocation in the Country

*600 Chronically Homeless Veterans Can Look Forward to Supportive Housing*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has approved the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) to receive 600 of the 5,211

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers available nationwide for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017. This HUD-VASH award represents the largest voucher allocation awarded to a Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the country during FFY 2017, and is also the largest HUD-VASH voucher allocation ever received by CDC/HACoLA.

Since 2008, HUD and the VA have awarded HUD-VASH vouchers based on geographic need and a PHA's administrative performance. Given Los Angeles' ongoing need, and the agency's efforts to secure the maximum resources to assist the County's special needs population, in September 2017, CDC/HACoLA applied for 600 vouchers. Recognizing the County's exemplary use of its previous allocations, HUD accommodated the agency, fulfilling the complete request and bringing the agency's total voucher allocation to 2,394.

According to the 2017 homeless count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, 1,921 chronically homeless veterans are unsheltered. Ranging in age from 18-24 to 62 and over, each veteran encounters challenges to maintaining housing – disabilities, substance abuse, mental illness, and a limited supply of affordable supportive housing. Los Angeles

County is on a mission to overcome these challenges by obtaining the additional vouchers to secure stable housing for its veterans and pairing it with supportive services such as health management, personal and financial counseling, and employment services.

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Greater Los Angeles (VAMC) screens applicants for program eligibility and service needs and refers them to the CDC/HACoLA for rental assistance through HUD-VASH. Nationwide, the VA is focused on increasing the number of chronically homeless veterans served through HUD-VASH. The program targets chronically homeless veterans with mental or physical health problems, substance use disorders, and limited access to other social supports. Other veterans who are homeless with diminished functional capacity and need for case management are also eligible for the program.

Homeless veterans are encouraged to contact the VAMC to determine eligibility by calling (310) 478-3711, or visiting in person on a first-come first-served basis, at 11301 Wilshire Blvd., Building 257, Los Angeles, CA 90073. Walk-in hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information on the CDC/HACoLA's VASH program, email [VASHProgram@hacola.org](mailto:VASHProgram@hacola.org).

## City Seeks Residents To Serve On Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia is seeking qualified candidates to serve on the newly formed Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee. The City Council will appoint Committee members to serve in an advisory capacity to help review the City's long-term financial forecast, and provide recommendations to the City Council for revenue enhancements and cost containment. The commitment is expected to be for a period of no more than six months, but will

require intense review and discussion about the City's financial future.

Due to specialized nature of this Committee, prospective candidates with a background in finance are preferred. To serve on the Committee, candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the City of Arcadia.

Qualified candidates with an interest in serving may pick up an application from the City Clerk's Office, located at 240 W. Hun-

tington Drive, or print one off of the City's website at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/CitizenService](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/CitizenService). Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office on or before the close of business on Thursday, May 24, 2018. Appointments are expected to be made in June.

For additional information about serving on the Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 574-5455.

## New Senior And Community Center Coming To Covina

*CDBG and City Funds Help Create a Community Space in Covina*

**COVINA** - Earlier in the week, the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) joined City of Covina officials to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Covina Senior and Community Center. Located at Kelby Park, the new 10,000 square-foot facility will provide services, events, and activities for the community.

The CDC/HACoLA provided over \$693,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and a \$2.5 million Section 108 Loan Guarantee, which will fund the development of the Senior Center. The Senior

Center will be dedicated to enriching the lives of seniors through a variety of services such as nutrition, health information, recreation classes, life-long learning opportunities, and special events. The CDBG funds and the Section 108 loan will be leveraged with \$5.2 million in City funding to finance the demolition, design, and construction of the rest of the Community Center.

Monique King-Viehland, CDC/HACoLA Executive Director said, "The CDBG Program continues to fund vital programs and developments for cities across Los Angeles County. We're proud to work with the

City of Covina to leverage CDBG funds and provide a community space that all residents can enjoy."

The City of Covina has partnered with the CDC/HACoLA for more than 40 years to deliver CDBG-funded projects and programs to their residents. GKKworks and Pankow Builders will manage, design, and construct the Senior and Community Center.

For more information on the new Covina Senior and Community Center at Kelby Park, please contact the City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department at (626) 384-5340.

## Arcadia Beautiful Commission Celebrates Arbor Day

**ARCADIA** - On May 17, 2018 at 5 p.m., the Arcadia Beautiful Commission will hold its annual Arbor Day Celebration at the 400 block of Stanford Drive. Each year, the Commission celebrates Arbor Day by sponsoring a tree planting event in the community. This year, join your Arcadia Beautiful Commissioners, Mayor, and Council Members in planting a tree along Stanford Drive. In honor of Arbor Day, the Arcadia Beautiful Commission will be giving away free tree planting brochures, saplings, and various

other gardening items to participants. The trees planted on this day will represent a gift for our friends and neighbors, and for future generations.

The City of Arcadia places a high value on its trees and the positive effect they have on the community and the environment. This strong commitment to an urban forest is evidenced by the comprehensive guidelines the City has in place to ensure a continued high population of healthy trees. The City has been designated a Tree City USA for 24 consecutive years, recognized by the Arbor

Day Foundation, in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Trees are assets to our community when properly planted and maintained. They help improve the visual appeal of neighborhoods, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

For more information about Arcadia's Arbor Day Celebration, please call the City Manager's Office at (626) 574-5434 or email [Ishakarian@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:Ishakarian@ArcadiaCA.gov).

## Duarte Unified School District Announces Search for New Superintendent

**DUARTE** - Duarte Unified School District is conducting a search for a new superintendent following the resignation of Dr. Allan J. Mucerino who will be leaving at the end of this school year to assume the role of Superintendent for Alford Unified School District located in Riverside County, CA.

"The Board of Education owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Mucerino and we wish him well in the next school district

where he will lead. The Competitive Advantage Plan he helped bring to fruition, which serves as our strategic blueprint for the future, will continue to be our focus. We are already at work to select the next superintendent, who will carry the vision forward into the years ahead. We will present the next candidate to the public in June," stated Board President, Douglas Edwards.

At the Special Meeting held

on April 9, the Duarte Unified School District's Board of Education contracted with Leadership Associates to assist in the recruitment and selection of the district's new superintendent. An online survey has been developed to collect input from all stakeholders about the desired characteristics of the next superintendent. The survey is available on the district's website [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org) and will remain open until April 30, 2018. For updates and further information, please visit the Superintendent Search Updates section of the district website or call (626) 599-5037.

## Community Bike Ride

**ARCADIA** - The Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department is sponsoring the Annual Community Bike Ride on Saturday, **May 5** at 7:00am. Please join us for a leisurely ride through some of Arcadia's most beautiful neighborhoods. This slow paced, seven and one half mile excursion (not a race), is geared toward families and organized in an effort to create a positive tradition and promote healthy living. Meet in the Community Center parking lot, 365 Campus Drive at 7:00am for check in, bike ride begins at 8am. Helmets are required and there will be NO bicycles with train-

ing wheels permitted. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Bike ride takes place rain or shine. Following the bike ride, participants are encouraged to attend the Arcadia Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast and Summer Camp and Class Expo also held that morning at Station 106. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the door for \$7. You can registration for the bike ride on-line or in person. For more information please call 626.574.5113 or go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov).

## Drug Take-Back Day

**SAN GABRIEL** - The San Gabriel Police Department is holding a prescription drug take-back day on Saturday, **April 28** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the station located at 625 South Del Mar Avenue. Residents are encouraged to bring expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for proper disposal. The service is free and anonymous - no questions asked.

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# De Leon's Sanctuary State Protects Illegal Violent Criminals

We are seeing a huge state of rebellion against SB 54 the Sanctuary State bill created by State Sen. Kevin de Leon. Cities in Orange County and Orange County have placed the item on their agendas; and, San Diego is now following suit. All are declaring opposition to the bill and opting out of being a part of the sanctuary state and are supporting cooperation between law enforcement agencies and Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)



**Shade's Perspective**  
Lois M. Shade  
Former Mayor of Glendora

Monday Night there is a discussion by Upland City Council and Tuesday San Dimas Council will have the issue on their Council Agenda. We saw the 5 hours of testimony in West Covina when Sanctuary State discussion was placed on their agenda. Sen. Kevin de Leon, author of SB 54, Sanctuary State bill, decided to show up to present his position of support along with 2 or 3 bus loads of people brought in from other areas to protest West Covina taking any opposing action on the Sanctuary State position.

**From Fox News:**  
**Data from Department of Homeland Security**

DHS officials provided a breakdown of gang members that were released in fiscal 2017, in response to questions posed in June by the Senate Judiciary Committee at a hearing on the rise of MS-13. From October 2016 to June 2017, DHS says, sanctuary jurisdictions refused to honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees on 142 suspected gang members — where ICE officials ask authorities to detain criminal illegal immigrants so ICE could take custody and deport them. ICE figures show a surge in

arrests related to MS-13. In fiscal 2017, there were 796 arrests of MS-13 members, compared with 432 in fiscal 2016 and 322 in fiscal 2015. More broadly, ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) said that 5,396 gang members were removed in fiscal 2017, compared with 2,057 in fiscal 2016. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is also calling for tougher border security measures to combat MS-13.

We have several things that the Governor and Democrat legislature has dumped on us law abiding citizens and our local governments the last couple of years besides de Leon's SB 54 Sanctuary State bill. Starting in 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court demanded California reduce its prison population. Rather than build new prisons or contract out for more space, the Governor and legislature created AB 109 or what we now know as early release of criminals putting 45,000 criminals back on the street that should be in jail. Once again, with Propositions 47 and 57, a release of another 30,000 criminals back onto our streets and there is no differentiation made between citizen violent criminals and illegal violent criminals.

The one difference is ICE is willing to come retrieve the criminal illegals before released from jail and execute deportation.

Rounding up violent criminal gang members who do damage to people, families and property is what this is all about and those who say otherwise or ill-informed, misguided and putting their own communities at risk.

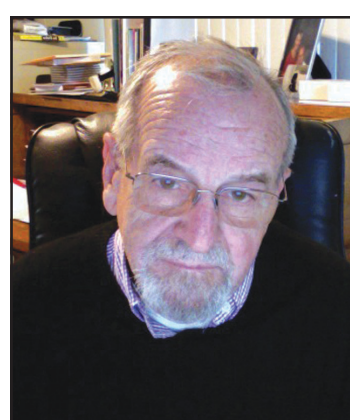
# The (Almost) Hundred Year-Old Rembrandt

This column is about Henry, and I will get to him in a minute. I ended my last column with a bit of advice: *"There are lots of things worth doing even when they cannot be done particularly well."* If I am arrogant enough to hand out such bits of wisdom, I probably should be humble enough to take them seriously. So here goes. A few years ago, around my 80th birthday, I decided to take up watercolor painting. I took a few lessons from our resident artist, purchased the necessary equipment and set to it. Over the years since, I have produced a series of modest paintings from which I have had printed simple greeting cards I sell for a dollar; giving the money to help support residents here who run short of funds.

In our retirement community's arts building two large rooms are set aside for painters. My space provided me with a tall desk that is just right, since I paint standing up. (If I sat to paint I just might fall asleep, so I assume a posture that makes dozing difficult.)

Several months ago I took a hard look at my artistic ability and decided to set my mediocre watercolor effort aside. My shaking hand helped confirm that decision. A few days ago, however, having listened to my own advice reinforced by Henry's encouragement, I decided to try painting one more time.

When I entered the painter's room and approached my desk I was stopped cold by what I saw. (Now I'll get to Henry) Where Henry's table had stood there was



Charles H. Bayer

now a cold vacant space! Henry died just a few days before his 100th birthday, still painting up a storm. His desk was cluttered with five different collections of paints, stacks of recently completed paintings, piles of cards, twenty or thirty photographs sent to him by a relative in Vermont (I doubt that there are very many Vermont scenes he has not painted), the taped-down artist's paper for the landscape on which he was currently working, and the two old brushes he had been using for decades! All now gone.

While it is often assumed that we grow more conservative as we age, that was not true with Henry. He came out of New England as a moderate conservative, but by his middle years, as the nation was struggling with civil rights, Henry challenged what he saw as a racist athletic programs at a university, and America's conservative churches. As the mainline religious community began to struggle with sexual identity, Henry assumed leadership in fighting the most difficult and emotionally charged aspect of the struggle, the right of gay men and lesbian women to be ordained. His participation, with a few others, resulted in the ordination of a dedicated young gay man, who is now retired and lives in this community.

While I honored and respected his leadership in confronting critical social issues, my inter-

action with Henry in the last sixteen years has been as a fellow artist. He has been producing his remarkably good landscapes every weekday morning and afternoon for three decades, and over that period he has probably produced a thousand paintings! It takes me about three weeks to finish a simple rendition of a flower, and Henry knocks out his much more complex landscapes in a couple hours. I doubt that there are very many Vermont scenes he has not painted.

As so many former activities and passions are now beyond my strength to pursue, Henry taught me, by his example, the importance of staying involved in at least one consuming avocation. In our community, and I suspect in every retirement community, there are numbers of residents who get up every morning without an agenda, and spend the day terribly bored. One's last years don't need to be spent being bored or just marking time waiting for one more part of the body or mind to flicker and go out. What a waste of life! I have found it very difficult to be bored. I intend to produce these 700 word pieces every week, until it is clear that it is time to stop. There are a couple hundred books I'd plan to read *someday*—so I better be about it. And I'll still paint.

Recently we had a visit from a couple of important old friends. Martyn has for years been an avid golfer, but it has become clear to him that those days may be over, so he has reinvented himself as a first-class photographer. Boredom is not on his agenda.

So I am back painting. Henry was an excellent artist while I've never been very good at it. But he taught me that *there are lots of things worth doing even when they cannot be done particularly well.*

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# "TIME JOCKEY" - On The Road To Benicia

By Joe Castillo

**State Capitol...** The City of Benicia is located on the northeast coast of San Francisco Bay overseeing the vast gray waters of the largest inland bay bordering the Pacific Ocean. The city is a welcoming, quaint town with restored historical era buildings which run the complete length of Main Street down to the water's edge. The buildings have become home to antique shops, book stores, boutique shops, beauty salons and small artesian shops. There are numerous buildings still standing from the late 1890's making Benicia a city from a different era. The centerpiece of Benicia' historic buildings are the state capital building which

served to accommodate California's legislature from February 1853 to February 1854.

In the short year serving as the capital, one of the most memorable legislation passed by the bilingual body of legislators was to allow women to own property. Benicia was California's third capital and when the capital moved to Sacramento the Benicia capital building became home to a variety of multi-use operations including serving as the Solano County Courthouse, an Episcopal church, the first Benicia Grammar school, the city firefighter headquarters, a public library and Benicia's City Hall.

When Benicia was founded in 1847, General Mariano

Vallejo was commandante of the northern forces of Alta California for the previous 10 years. Vallejo owned vast acreage of California lands, including the area of Benicia. Robert Semple, the presiding officer of the first constitutional convention of the new U.S. State of California, initiated negotiations with General Vallejo to acquire the land held by Vallejo and in order to win the favor of Vallejo suggested naming the new town after the general's wife, Francisca Benicia. Not everyone was happy with the idea and the town of Yerba Buena voted to rename itself 'San Francisco' in hopes of stopping the proposed new town to named 'Francisca'. But Semple

continued with his original plan, obtaining the property from General Vallejo under the condition of using the name of Benicia.

Today, the Benicia State Capital is a California State Landmark and the large brick building is used to store and display historical artifacts, documents and furniture of the early days of the State of California, and Governor John Bigler who served as governor at the Benicia capital site from 1852 - 1856. Benicia is also home to the first Masonic Hall built in California in the summer of 1850. In addition, St. Paul's Episcopal Church built in 1854 is also one of Benicia's landmark historical building structures. The Benicia State Capital Building, the Masonic Lodge building and St. Paul's are all located along or close to Benicia's primary old town street of Main Street. The small old town area is great for a weekend getaway and offers a wide variety of historic sites to visit while also offering visitors an enjoyable and relaxing place to get away from the hustle and bustle of life in a big city such as San Francisco or should I say Yerba Buena . . . . .

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# Newcomers and Friends Invites Local Residents to May Event

**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 women to attend their May general meeting. On **May 2**, at 10:00 am, New-

comers 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 vari-

ety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

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

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at [sgvnewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:sgvnewcomers@gmail.com) or visit them online at <http://www.sgvnewcomers.com>

# Friendship Garden Club Annual Flower Show

**COVINA** - On Tuesday, **May 1st**, the Friendship Garden Club will host its Annual Flower Show from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Covina Woman's Clubhouse located at 128 S. San Jose Avenue, Covina. Judging will include formal arrangements, miniature arrangements, floral specimens and potted plants submitted by our members. The public is invited to attend at no cost; refreshments will be provided.

The Friendship Garden Club has been holding its Annual Flower Show every spring for 69 years. The Club meets monthly, except during the summer. Please contact Jeanette Gulli

with any questions at 909-599-1904 or [jhgulli@verizon.net](mailto:jhgulli@verizon.net).

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# Tariff Tantrum: Wake Up America

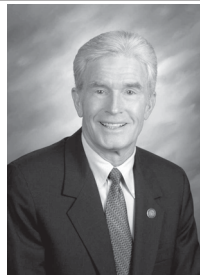
President Trump is trying to create a more level trading relationship with China by attempting to boldly reverse the neglect of preceding Presidents that chose to do nothing to hold China responsible for the intellectual property abuses that stemmed from requiring companies to reveal trade secrets in order to access China's markets.

It has to be noted that when American companies ship raw materials to China and have them assembled there for a fraction of the labor cost in the U.S., those same assembled and packaged goods that are exported back to U.S. markets become part of our trade deficit. So, it's not just products from Chinese-owned companies that create the trade deficit. American products, like Apple's iPhones, are considered imports from China, so it will take a lot of creative bargaining to figure out how to mend that problem.

You'd think that the folks that own and operate Silicon Valley would be cheering loudly from the sidelines for a President fighting to protect their trademarks, innovations, "secret sauces," and global distribution franchises, but not so. The ultra-liberal groupthink that permeates Silicon Valley can't bring itself to do so. The political media has clouded the thinking of those making billions of dollars from cloud computing, while Mr. Trump, for all his foibles, is trying to protect the future of American innovation.

The main problem I see in this geopolitical quagmire is that China operates by a different moral code - they don't have one. Let's never forget that we're dealing with a communist party that will say anything and do anything to gain its long-term goal of global economic and military leverage. Seizing and stealing intellectual property and fomenting cyber warfare against U.S. companies and government agencies is the modus operandi at all levels of

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the Chinese government. Having seen this behavior flourish unchecked for all these years makes the challenge of reining in these abuses all that much more difficult.

China has an \$8 trillion plan in place to dominate global trade. They have already partnered with 60 other countries, many of which are authoritarian, some of them corrupt, to allow large Chinese infrastructure investments to expand their land and sea trading routes throughout that part of the world where 60% of the world's population resides. It's called the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and it spans three continents. It's how China plans to become the world's next superpower - by controlling trade on their terms.

China is financing these projects in the form of issuing loans to those nations that sign up for them, pushing them as "shared" efforts, where there is a "win-win" outcome for all. Terms of the deals include the use of Chinese laborers to feed China's massive construction industry. Financing from the West typically involves meeting high ethical standards involving lengthy public disclosure, which China bypasses for its long-range goals. So, it's no surprise BRI has been a big hit with authoritarian countries.

The BRI essentially has two parts. The first, the economic belt, is made up of six corridors that direct trade to and from China. These corridors include railways, bridges, and power plants - basically anything that makes it

easier for Europe, Asia, and Africa to trade with China. The second part, a maritime silk road, is a chain of seaports from the South China Sea to the Indian Ocean for maritime trade with China.

Here is the rub. As part of the terms of the partnerships crafted by China's government, if the nations that borrow the money can't pay back those loans, China assumes control of those projects. That means there is more to the BRI than just economics. A case in point: China loaned \$1.5 billion to Sri Lanka for the construction of a deep-water port, a key stop in the maritime Silk Road. Sri Lanka defaulted on the loan in 2017. As a result, Sri Lanka had to cede to China control of that port as part of a 99-year lease.

China also now controls a strategic port in Pakistan, where it has a 40-year lease. It's pushing for a similar agreement in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and just opened an actual Chinese naval base in Djibouti. It is part of what is called the String of Pearls, a plan for eight naval bases to control trade throughout that part of the world, thereby coercing western nations into favorable terms in order to access those markets.

China's strategy is to take control of global trade. America should wake up to this reality when the stock market has a hiccup taking the bull by the horns and saying to China, "Not so fast." The right course of action is rarely an easy road but taking action now will hopefully make us all more aware of what we are really dealing with. China plays by a different set of rules, but that doesn't mean that the U.S. has to go along with those rules. If we do, then we only have ourselves to blame.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*I'm in my late 20's, working two part-time jobs, so I have no retirement savings plan at work. How can I save for my retirement?*

If you don't already have a budget, make one so you can see what funds you have available or can make available to put into retirement savings. Your options will be different, depending on how much you have each month. There are CDs (online banks are paying more than brick-and-mortar banks), a life insurance policy that builds a cash value, an annuity, an IRA, or a Roth IRA. Each of these have their own set of rules and different returns on your investment.

**How can you use life insurance to reduce taxes and as part of a retirement plan?**

Some life insurance policies can potentially build up a cash account. You can arrange with the insurance company to get a monthly loan (usually at a quite low interest rate) based on the collateral in that investment policy. Loans are not taxed. Since this investment incorporates life insurance, if you choose to not repay the loan in your lifetime, the loan can be paid off with the proceeds from the death benefit. Death benefit proceeds from a life insurance policy, in almost all cases, are not taxed.

**Are annuities taxed?**

With qualified annuities (funded with money you have not paid taxes on yet), withdrawals are fully taxed as ordinary income. With non-qualified annuities (funded with money that you al-



**Julia Yoder**

ready paid taxes on), only the earnings are taxed upon withdrawal. To avoid the possibility of a 10% federal income tax penalty, you're better off to wait until you're at least 59 1/2 years old before making withdrawals. Another condition to watch for is surrender fees. If you have several sources of income that fulfill your current cash-flow needs, you might want to put off taking withdrawals that will increase your income and possibly result in your having to pay more taxes.

**I'm a senior, renting in a senior mobile home park, and I was just informed that my rent is being increased 6.9-percent meaning \$100 a month, in a month. What do I do?**

You can pay the increased rent, move, or gather others in the park to fight city hall. In California, rent can be increased a maximum of 10-percent per year. Get your name on the waiting list (usually 3-18 months) for housing in a senior apartment complex. Another alternative is to learn about Reverse Purchase mortgages for

buying a place to live. Ask around to see if there's a friend in the park who is in the same quandary - perhaps you could share one mobile and split the rent.

**Our financial advisor talked to us about doing a reverse mortgage so we could fund a deferred annuity. We really don't want to use the equity from our home at this time, and we're concerned about tying the money up in an annuity. What would you advise?**

I'm going to be really blunt here: It's time for you to change financial advisors! Any ethical financial advisor knows that, for the protection of seniors, the industry insists on a six-month or longer waiting period after a reverse Mortgage before discussing investing those funds. The purpose of a reverse mortgage is to increase cash flow, or to fund long-term care. There are annuities, and life insurance policies, however, that give you the security of lifetime income.

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## California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Holds Free Small Business Tax Seminar in Alhambra

**ALHAMBRA** - The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) invites business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to attend a free Small Business Tax Seminar in Alhambra on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Those looking for assistance with state and federal tax issues, as well as those who want to expand their business knowledge, will benefit from the informative

presentations. Topic discussions will include sales and use tax basics; employee versus independent contractor; better business through better records; forms of ownership; and state tax credits, exemptions, and financing instruments. Representatives from the CDTFA, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and Governor's Office of Busi-

ness and Economic Development (GO-Biz) will conduct presentations and answer questions.

Small Business Tax Seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.) at the Alhambra Civic Center Library, Ruth C. Reese Hall, 101 S. First Street, Alhambra.

Persons requiring special assistance should call 1-888-847-9652.

## The 7th Annual Empty Bowls Event At The Sierra Madre United Methodist Church

**SIERRA MADRE** - Make a difference for families experiencing homelessness by eating delicious soup! Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley is holding their seventh annual Empty Bowls event, to support families affected by homelessness. The event takes place from 12pm to 3pm on Sunday, April 29th at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

Choose a beautifully hand-crafted bowl from among dozens created by local artisans and then savor a range of tasty soups donated by restaurateurs. At this family-friendly event, you can have a chance to win wonderful prizes. Following the event, you can keep your soup bowl as a reminder that some people have an emp-

ty bowl not by choice, but by unfortunate circumstance - or you can give the bowl back to families who are graduating from Family Promise's program and moving into new homes.

All proceeds will support Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV), a non-sectarian 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that unites faith congregations, non-partisan groups and a school district to offer homeless families temporary housing and hospitality, social support, and assistance in finding employment and housing.

Karen Roberson, Acting Executive Director of Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley, says: "Empty Bowls is a great opportunity for us to meet each other and realize how much our volunteer community does to help our families through their struggle to regain homes. Our artists and our restaurants make this a fun and memorable event. Our alumni families love to come and see all who

were there for them in a time of need."

More and more Southern California kids and families are experiencing homelessness than ever before. FPSGV has provided over 16,000 bed nights and more than 48,000 meals to families, keeping 150 children off the streets. Of the families who have participated in FPSGV's program, more than 65 percent have secured permanent housing and 78 percent of our adult clients have secured stable employment. Visit FamilyPromiseSGV.org to learn more.

Admission to Empty Bowls is \$30 in advance (through April 28th) or \$35 at the door. You can learn more and purchase advance tickets on FPSGV's registration website at <http://bit.ly/EmptyBowls18>. If you would like paper tickets or information on becoming an event sponsor, please contact Natalie Poole at [napoole@earthlink.net](mailto:napoole@earthlink.net) or (626) 792-4886.

## THE CAR GURU

**WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW**

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

## Never Assume

In a recent study of several hundred people, the question was asked, "Does the auto shop where you take your vehicle employ certified technicians?" The vast majority answered that they assumed that they were certified.

Sadly, this is not the case! Someone who cuts hair or does manicures is required to be state certified and take continuing education classes, but a mechanic, who works on tires, engines or brakes doesn't need a single day of training nor are they required to have the proper tools.

The only certification system we have in the automotive repair industry is strictly voluntary and is administered by Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) which offers a series of written tests that a technician can take to be

certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At Certified Auto, I require all the staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well.

A smog technician is the only exception. Smog technicians are licensed by the state and require continuing education.

I recommend using an AAA Approved auto shop because they require ASE certified technicians and those technicians must have a minimum set of tools for the cars they work on. AAA approved shops have tough standards and you, the consumer, have a voice through the arbitration system if you feel something went wrong with your car repair.

In these uncertain times, sav-

ing a few dollars is always something to consider, but don't get so caught up with a low price that you get poor service/repair. This will cost you more later. Have a knowledgeable certified technician perform the service or repairs on your car; it will save you time and money in the long run. Before you agree to have any work performed, ask if the technician working on your car is certified for that year, make & model.

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## Disabled Parking Placard Abusers Face the Music at Coachella Valley Festival

**COACHELLA VALLEY** - This year's Coachella Valley Music Festival started out on a sour note for 135 concertgoers who received misdemeanor citations for fraudulently using disabled person parking placards. Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issued an additional 18 citations to people they caught parking in a disabled spot without a placard, bringing the total to 153.

Offenders have their placard confiscated, receive a misdemeanor citation with fines that range from \$250 to \$1,000, and the violation appears on their driver record.

This is the second consecutive year that DMV investigators teamed up with the Indio Police

Department to conduct a crackdown at the music festival. During the event's two-weekend run, April 13-15 and April 20-22, they checked 1,989 placards.

"While the citation numbers remain high, there is encouraging news from our recent enforcement effort," Acting DMV Investigations Chief Mary Bienko said. "Last year, we issued citations to 1 of every 7 people we stopped. This year's ratio was 1 of 13. While that is a decrease, our goal is not to have to issue a single citation."

The DMV credits the reduction in citations to the department's aggressive enforcement efforts throughout the state combined with its comprehensive public awareness campaign.

"When someone misuses a dis-

abled person parking placard, it impedes the mobility of our disabled community," said DMV Director Jean Shiomoto. "I'm asking all able-bodied Californians to save the space."

The DMV has also implemented new procedures aimed at reducing fraud. Disabled person parking placard applicants must now provide proof of their true full name and birthdate. Placard holders are now limited to four replacements every two years without a medical recertification and they must submit a renewal notice every six years beginning with placards that expire in June 2023. Currently, permanent disabled parking placards expire in June 2019 and are automatically renewed every two years.



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# 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

### Academy Award Songs of the Past

Reminisce about the Academy Award winning songs from the 1930s and 40s. Arcadia Senior Services is presenting, Hollywood Melodies with pianist Jay C. Munns. This special event will take place on Tuesday, **May 1** at 1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, 91007. Cost is \$3 and you can purchase tickets at the Arcadia Community Center. A "Name That Tune" quiz to test your musical knowledge will be played. There will be refreshments and prizes. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

### 2018 Class Expo

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department invites you to join us on **May 5** from 7am-12pm for a fun day of activities and learning about the 2018 summer specialty camps and classes. It will be a great time to meet staff, ask questions, and get excited for summer! This is one expo you won't want to miss!

The Expo is partnering up with the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast so bring the whole family for some delicious food, class demonstrations, and giveaways! For more information, please visit our website at [www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation](http://www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation) or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

### xInstructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation) for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more information.

### 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 pinochle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Av-

enue 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.

## BALDWIN PARK

### Ramona Outdoor Play

Come join us on Saturday, **April 28th** from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm to watch the Ramona Outdoor Play. Nestled in the heart of the beautiful rolling hills of Hemet, California, embraced by a backdrop of stunning natural beauty, The Ramona Bowl, established in 1923, is a genuine historic landmark and a California treasure. The Ramona Outdoor Play is much more than just a love story. Woven into the romance of Ramona and Alessandro is a glimpse of the tragic history of Southern California's native people. It is a love story with a moral, a message that is as important today as it was when the story of Ramona was written more than a century ago. We will be making a lunch stop at Angie's Diner before arrival, lunch at your own cost. Food booths will be available on site, as well as pre-show entertainment. Limited Tickets! Meals not included. Tickets are \$40 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$45 for Non-Residents.

For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

### Mother's Day Dance

Enjoy an evening with live music, raffles, door prizes, and much more. Buy your tickets at the Julia McNeill Senior Center soon as seating is limited! Live music by Carlos Quintana y Su Sonora. Dinner available for a nominal fee of \$6. Dance will be on Saturday, **May 12th** from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm. \$15 for pre-sale tickets are \$20 at the door.

### McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am – 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

## COVINA

### Mother's Day Tea And Manicures

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Mother's Day Tea and Manicures event at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursday, May 10, 9-11:30 a.m. Join us for a morning of tea and manicures. The manicures are on a first-come, first-served basis, no appointment necessary. Light refreshments of tea and finger snacks will be served. This event is free. Register by Friday, **May 4**. For more information or to register, call (626) 384-5380.

### BUNCO!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call

(626) 384-5380.

### Senior Lunch Program

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts a daily nutrition program for senior citizens at their senior programs site, located at the former Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 12 pm. For those 60 and older there is a \$3 suggested donation. For those under 60, the fee is \$5. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

### Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel. Applications are available at [covinaca.gov](http://covinaca.gov). For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

### Covina's T.E.A.M.

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is looking for Covina teens who would like to help out and volunteer in their community. Join Covina's T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) and participate in service projects and community events each month. Attend a meeting for more information. Meetings held on Tuesday **April 10**, 6-7 p.m. at Cougar Park, 150 W. Puente Street. No preregistration required.

For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

### Basketball And T-Ball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Winter Basketball for ages 18 months-11 years and T-ball for ages 3-6. These programs provide instruction and fun in a non-competitive atmosphere. For more information or to register, please call (626) 384-5340 or visit [covinaca.gov](http://covinaca.gov).

### Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers "Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

### Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

### Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts "Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball" at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## 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 \$3. 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.

### Volunteering Does

### Your Heart Good!

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513.

## GLENDORA

### 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 6:30-8:30 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](http://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 re-learning (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.

### Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

### Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fe-

tra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or email at [jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us](mailto:jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us).

### La Fetra Center Senior Classes

#### Classic Cinema

Join us as watch classic films from the golden years in Hollywood. This class will focus on how movies were made and the background of the films. Following the movies there will be a question and answer portion that will help you appreciate your favorite movies even more! Mondays, through May 21, 2018 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Pre-register at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560.

## LA VERNE

### Get About

### Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900  
To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

## MONROVIA

### 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.

## SAN DIMAS

### San Dimas

### Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

## WEST COVINA

### TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: [ehernandez57@aol.com](mailto:ehernandez57@aol.com)

### 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 has 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.

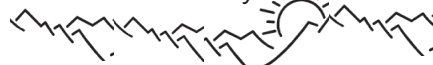
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# Citrus Valley Medical Center Volunteers Recognized

COVINA - Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Volunteer Service Program had its annual Appreciation Luncheon on April 19. This luncheon is one of many perks volunteers of the hospital get to enjoy. Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services welcomed and introduced the program lined up for the event. The luncheon was opened with the invocation by volunteer chaplain Jackie Dennis. The food was catered by Claros and Magician Jimmy H provided the entertainment. Attendees enjoyed the time spent with fellow volunteers. Honored with volunteer service hour pins were volunteers with 50 hours of service to 13,000 hours of service. The hospital has a total of 230 volunteers that have given 21,028 hours of service for the year 2017. Volunteers are instrumental in providing comfort care and a wonderful patient experience as well as fundraising events that benefit



Fred Sparling, Mended Hearts volunteer and Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services, the hospital. They invest their time, energy and talents towards services provided to the patients and the community of Citrus Valley Medical Center located at 210 W. San Bernardino Rd in Covina.

# Glendora Woman's Club To Present Speaker Mary Lou Langedyke

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will present speaker Mary Lou Langedyke in a program "Vacation Highlights" at the club's luncheon-meeting on Tuesday May 1, 2018

The Club Day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The catered luncheon by Cambria Catering, at noontime and afternoon program by guest speaker Ms Langedyke will follow.

For speakers Langedyke's program "Vacation Highlights," she will include information on enjoying vacation highlights worldwide and local scenes, said program vice president Helen Storland. She will also include tips on programs and tours, and useful information on planning and packing, said Mrs Storland.

Ms. Langedyke is a Rhodes scholar representative, formerly Elderhostle, said Mrs. Storland.

A regular display each month is the Member's Participation Art Display that features a different display theme each time. The theme for this month will be "Flowers," and members are encouraged to participate, said committee member Loretta Salazar.

At each club meeting, members are asked to donate nonperishable food items for Shepherd's Pantry, one of the club's ongoing service projects. The Pantry located in Glendora, serves families in need in 10 area cities said project chair Gloria



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One of the club's annual service projects is supporting the Glendora Coordinating Council's Campership Program, said philanthropy chair Carolyn Cunningham. The 2018 Campership Program's goal is again to send 60 Glendora children to one-week of day camp. The cost for a child to go to camp is \$110. Donations provide a special opportunity for a child who

otherwise would not be able to experience summer day camp. Donations from clubmembers, in any amount, will be greatly appreciated for the program, said Mrs Cunningham. Information flyers will be available at the luncheon tables.

For information about joining the Woman's Club, its four departments, or service projects, call Mrs. Cunningham at 626-963-7725; for information about renting the clubhouse or hall for a special event or a meeting, Call Ryan Ingram at 909-592-1130. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

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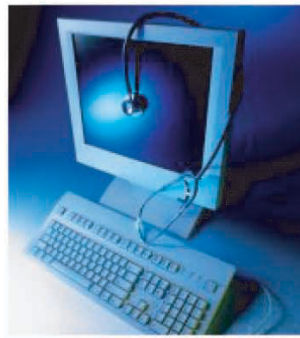

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# ACCU 2018 Annual Meeting and Reception

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - A large tent was set up at the parking lot of America's Christian Credit Union. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon on April 20th, when almost two hundred people, including The Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee, employees and well wishers, gathered to celebrate ACCU's 60th Anniversary. The occasion was also the ACCU Annual Meeting for 2018 when the Annual report for 2017 was presented.

With an apt slogan of "60 Strong", America's Christian Credit Union had started with \$158 in 1958 and now have total assets of \$372,613,073 as of December 31, 2017.

In the President's letter, President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson said, "2017 was a landmark year. Across the board, we experienced extraordinary results: Membership grew by 44.8%, the fastest growing among 5,815 credit unions in the U.S. Solid Growth in total loans, shares, as-



ACCU's Mendell L. Thompson, President/CEO, Treasurer, Reverend Jerry Ferguson, Chairman of the ACCU Board and Howard Wooton, Member of the Supervisory Committee of ACCU.

sets and net worth, a loan portfolio that was 99.64% current, and return on assets (ROA) of

1.34%. Our premier Adoption Loan Program - which has facilitated the placement of over 1,650 children into their safe and loving forever homes since 2009 - continued its remarkable growth and success. And for the fifth year in a row, we were recognized as one of the best Adoption Friendly Workplaces by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Our robust financial position allowed us to develop and carry out a Year End Blessing Campaign that resulted in the charitable donations of \$72,250, spread among 50 deserving ministries and Kingdom causes. Our VISA Giveback program generated, once again, quarterly donation checks to each of four key ministry partners. Total giving under this program over the past 8 years now exceeds \$289,000. We were honored to receive the prestigious Philanthropy Award from the Council For Christian Colleges and Universities for our contribution to a comprehensive economic impact study of Chris-

tian Higher Education."

The festivities and program began with singing by the Azusa Pacific University (APU) Men's Chorale, consisting of 30 choristers directed by Dr. Harold Clousing, who sang "Come Thou Fount on Every Blessing", "A Mighty Fortress", "There Will I Be" and "Revelation 19". Reverend Jerry Ferguson, who is Chairman of the Board of ACCU then called the meeting to order and gave the Chairman's Report. The President's Report was then presented by ACCU President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson. The Supervisory Committee Report and the Nominating Committee Report was presented by Dale Best, Supervisory and Nominating Committee Chairman.

Refreshments were provided in the form of hors d'oeuvres by LucaBella Restaurants and desserts by Crust and Crumble Bakery (both on Glendora Avenue). There were door prizes, a photo booth and lawn games.

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Sound the Alarm home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events.

Donate to the American Red Cross. The money will help educate families on fire safety; install free smoke alarms nationwide; and provide food, comfort and aid to those who have been affected by a home fire. You'll be joining thousands of other Americans and generous organizations including Almost Family, Delta Air Lines, and FEMA through its Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

To find out how to volunteer or to donate, go to [www.SoundTheAlarm.org](http://www.SoundTheAlarm.org). (NAPSI)

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