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BY GEORGE OGTEN

AZENAS — The City of Azusa and their Chamber welcomed a new lawyer to their city. On Thursday, Jan. 28, the new offices of Michael J. Muñoz had their ribbon cutting ceremony. With the smell of fresh paint in the newly decorated offices located at 254 E. Foothill Blvd., across from Annea’s City Hall, family, friends, and elected officials from the city to the state attended. A small crowd formed and overflowed into the street to watch the ribbon cutting event.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was emceed by Irene Villanapina, the Chamber’s CEO. In hand on the event was the beautiful Crystal Muñoz, Miss Annea. This was special for Michael as this was his state.

Annea’s Mayor Joe Rocha, Mayor Pro Tem Ursel Maceas and Councilman Robert Gonzalez attended and spoke very highly of the new attorney in town. Both the city and the chamber presented plaques to Michael Muñoz.

Also attending and making presentations were representatives from Senator Gloria Romero’s office and Supervisor Mike Antonovich’s office. After the ribbon cutting, drinks and refreshments were served and guests were able to see the new offices and talk with Muñoz.

It is interesting to note that in the same building, there is a Bell Bank office, owned by Ralph Muñoz, Michael’s father and a Hair Salon owned by Michael’s mother.

Having a little fun with this set up, this could be an asset for someone that may need a little help if arrested. They can get bail out, go next door and see an attorney and then clean up a little with a haircut before they have to appear in court. Muñoz laughed at the idea, but did make it clear that wasn’t their intent. He wants to be able to serve the community with a legal help at a reasonable price. He wants to help and give back to the community. He is very excited to be in the area and encourages the people in the community to come by and say “Hi” and to find out what services they have to offer.

JAY MUNOZ AND THE SENTIMENTAL SISTERS HEADLINES AT THE CCPA

Covina — The Covina Center for the Performing Arts proudly presents the third in our series of special events for Season 2010. Jay Munoz and The Sentimental Sisters will be appearing February 4, 5, and 6 at the newly constructed state of the art theatre at Citrus and Baseline in downtown Covina.

Munoz is the featured keyboardist and arranger for The Sentimental Sisters, two of local singers, Marilyn Cluff, Renée Starr, and Jenna O’Bryant, who recreate the music of the 1940’s.

The Sentimental Sisters Headlines at the CCPA — February 4, 5, 6. Tickets at box office at 626-331-8133 or obtained by calling the CCPA at 626-465-1021. The Sentimental Sisters — Marilyn Cluff, Renée Starr, and Jenna O’Bryant. A dinner meeting and were informed about the dangers, programs, and plans to help with problems of Domestic Violence.

All teachers are requested to report any sign of child abuse to school administrators. Domestic violence is a different problem and can include child abuse.

Instead of a child endangerment, the danger comes to an abused spouse. Kim Plater, retired Covina Police Department employee, was the keynote speaker. She served various police departments for 30 years (including Cal Poly as Chief of Police) before retiring.

In November 2007 Monica Thomas Harris was kidnapped and violently assaulted by her estranged husband, Curtis Harris. When freed, Monica reported the crime to the police. Harris was arrested and booked at Los Angeles County Jail. On December 21, in a court hearing, Harris accepted a plea bargain for “false imprisonment” and “false in possession of a gun.” The judge only sentenced him to 16 months of prison even thought he had several previous felony convictions. Prior to serving his sentence, with the support of his attorney and the District Attorney, the judge released Mr. Harris without bail “to get his affairs in order.”

City of Hope Scientists Receive $3.5 Million From National Cancer Institute To Investigate Cancer Genetics

BUCATE — The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has awarded City of Hope nearly $3.5 million to investigate the genetic factors that lead some cancer survivors to develop second malignancies. Smith Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., chair of the Department of Populations and Public Health, will lead the study.

The American Cancer Society estimates that nearly 1.5 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer in 2009. “The central question is this: Why do some people escape these second cancers, and others do not?” said Bhatia. “We believe the answer is present in the DNA level.”

The five-year grant will allow researchers to study groups, that influence how the body deals with cancer treatment, such as chemotherapeutic drugs and DNA repair following radiation therapy. About one percent of all childhood cancer survivors live through their first cancer only to be diagnosed with another solid tumor or hematologic cancer later, said Bhatia. Risk of a second cancer among these survivors is 10 times higher than cancer risk in the general population.

The new grant, provided through the NCI’s Office of Cancer Survivorship, also brings together the data and expertise of 14 medical centers around the world. Scientists already have reached about two-thirds of their goal for the study by recruiting 3,000 cases of pediatric and adult cancer survivors diagnosed with a second cancer and 3,000 survivors who have enjoyed cancer-free survival.

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Daughters of the American Revolution Welcome New Members

By Lynda Siminske

Serrano Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution is one of the fastest growing societies or organizations in Glendora. During the current calendar year over fifteen local ladies have joined this outstanding patriotic group. Several ladies have been welcomed at each meeting. The welcoming includes the introduction of the new member, a prayer by the chaplain, and a certification of paperwork and genealogy that each member has is a direct descendant to someone who has fought or taken part in our American Revolution. A pin, a certificate of membership, and a nice bag of gifts is given to new members.

Three new members are welcomed into Serrano Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (left to right) Sharon Behr (Chaplain), Ann Herrera (Membership Chairman and Registrar), Elizabeth Taylor, Violet Kloss, and Suzanne Salerno, new DAR member, and Bev Doonan, Regent (President) Serrano Chapter.

Glendora Woman's Club's Four Departments Plan Progress

By Joan Hallidy

Glendora - The Glendora Woman's Club's four departments or interest groups offer members a wide variety of programs and events during the club year. Those four departments are cards, garden and crafts, music and drama, and potpourri.

Some of the department activities include guest speakers, field trips, garden topics, craft programs, historical programs, service projects, and the monthly afternoon of cards, according to Gerry McIntosh, club president.

The Glendora Woman’s Club has the special distinction of being one of the oldest active service organizations in Glendora, and one that maintains its own clubhouse. Two years ago, the club celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The club's general membership meets on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning in October, at the clubhouse at 424 S. Glendora Ave. For more information about membership and activities, call (335-7010 or visit www.glendorawomansclub.org.

Hearts For Haiti

GLENDORA - The Church of the Brethren located at 151 S. Glendora Ave. Glendora is proud to sponsor “HEARTS for HAITI”, a free afternoon concert on February 13 at 1:00PM. All are welcome to come and enjoy the local entertainment and give to our good will offering if moved to do so.

The Church of the Brethren currently has 3 church operations in Haiti and has for several years. The funds donated to HEARTS for HAITI will go directly to the efforts in Haiti.

Please come and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. If the weather is good bring your chairs and blankets as we hope to have the event outside...if the weather doesn't cooperate we will be in the sanctuary.

You are welcome to check our web site www.brethren.org for information on the effort in Haiti and Pastor Mike Martin can be reached at 626 335-1122 for further information! Hope to see you there!!
**Kiwanis Div. 35 Clubs Receive Awards**

By Lynda Simintos

Five area Div. 35 Clubs in the San Gabriel Valley receive a special Cal-Nev-Ha District Patriotism Program award. Receiving the awards and also chair of Div. 35’s patriotism program, Lt. Gov. Tony Miller.

Ms. Lunde and Kiwanis Div. 35 District Co-Chair, Sandra Rentschler attended as Project Chair, Ms. Lunde and Kiwanis Div. 35 Lt. Gov. Tony Miller.

For information on the Div. 35 Kiwanis Clubs in the San Gabriel Valley, call (714) 339-2410.

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**Renee Gaines Speaks to Daughters of the American Revolution**

By Joan Halliday

The gals from West Covina High School’s graduating class of 1979, from left; Sylvia Sands, Irma De Gucci, Dana Siminske decorated the historic home of Laura Loucks for her informative presentation telling the ladies about her own thyroid cancer experience since 1997. It took a long time to detect. Her problem resulted in a physical breakdown and she not only focused on getting well, but also became a cancer advocate. She stressed the importance of helping others when we find ourselves having any problems.

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**3 Dozen FaceBook Friends Meet For Dinner in Covina**

By George Opiehn

Covina — On Thursday evening, January 28, a group of people from Facebook got together at the Northwoods Inn in Covina for a fun get together and dinner.

Facebook is a social networking website where you can stay connected with family and friends, look up old friends, make new friends, network, go to events and get a little news on what’s happening with family and friends.

Laura Loucks spearheaded the Northwoods Inn event. Some folks came as far away as Lake Arrowhead. A large group that showed up were from West Covina High School’s graduating class of 1979. Some people had not seen each other for over 30 years. Former Covina City Clerk Rafael Fabian attended with his daughter Diane and former Arcadia Commissioner Sandra Rentichler and her husband and attended as well, just to name a few.

After dinner Laura had a number of short prize drawings and a lot of folks got together and got to know each other better. Many are hoping that there will be another event like this in the near future.
1st Annual

WINE WALK

February 12, 2010
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Downtown Glendora

Tickets can be purchased at www.karma411.com/glendorawinewalk or in The Village shops

Cash or check only.