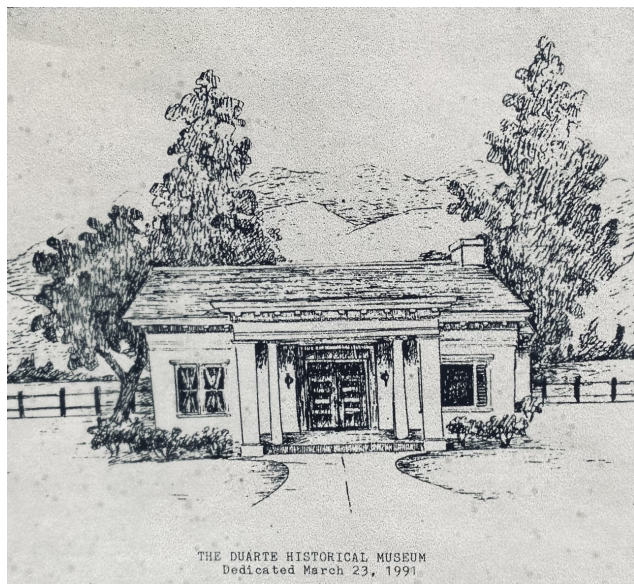




# The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2022



## The President's message...

Some needed repairs have been done at the Duarte Museum. The flat roof was re-sealed in the areas where there were leaks, as well as other possible water entry points. The missing shingles on the ridge, blown away during the past wind storm, were replaced. And then the water damaged ceilings in the storage room and back restroom were repaired and painted. Thank you to Jeff Risley and his crew.

The newspaper scanning project is being transferred to a Synology Disc Station. When completed, online visitors will be able to do research from their home computers by clicking a link from the Duarte Museum website. In addition, the museum board has approved the purchase of a new laptop so that research can be done while at the Museum, as well. Thank you to Dilip Tiwari and to Art Rodriguez for his IT support.

I've visited the Monrovia Museum to check out the exhibits. The museum is located in the former changing rooms of what used to be called "the Plunge" (Monrovia's swimming pool). I was especially interested in their lighting. Good lighting makes the exhibits pop and draws you towards them.

Changing the lighting at our Duarte Historical Museum is one of my priorities.

The Morrison House at Westminster Gardens was opened for a tour on Saturday, January 29, 2022. It is a beautiful old house. The house will be converted to corporate offices for the Humangood Group this summer. Lillian Morrison, daughter of the builder, was an avid collector and one of the cottages on the property was dedicated entirely to her doll collection. The Duarte Museum is fortunate to have many bound scrapbooks, containing early Duarte history that were collected by Lillian Morrison in the Duarte Museum library. They make fascinating reading.

During March and April, the Duarte Woman's Club will be displaying its rich history as a rotating exhibit at the Museum. Very appropriately as March is Women's Heritage Month. The DWC was organized March 25, 1949 and has been helping the Duarte community ever since.

Due to the expansion of hours at the Duarte Museum, we have several new docents - Yusef Mansuri, Maria Dixon, Tokuo Nakamoto, and Ann Noel. Welcome to the family!

Did you know that Rusty Hamm narrates an excellent Docent Training CD in which she provides a sample tour of the Duarte Historical Museum? CD#8 can be found in the museum library and is chock full of interesting information about how the museum was moved and visits every room in the museum. Well worth viewing.

Liz Reilly, President



### THE BEAUTY OF DUARTE & MONROVIA LIES IN ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Under a blue sky, a local group gathered behind the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park to participate in a “conversation” featuring Radio host Chris Loos, the president of the Black Alumni Organization Barbara Gholar, and Brian Richie. The common history and melding of Blacks during the turbulent 1960s to today was the main topic.



Barbara Gholar and Chris Loos

What is special about Duarte and Monrovia? It was agreed that the friendship and understanding of the residents no matter their ethnic background is special. Although very diverse, those who live there agree that they give and enjoy the respect of their neighbors whatever their ethnic background.



### TINA HEANY — A FRIEND TO ALL DUARTEANS



Tina Heany has a gift for understanding those around her and helping them make good life decisions. As a child she did not stay in one place for long, moving around and adapting each time she landed. Born in Hollywood, Tina’s family relocated often, in Southern California, to Bellingham Washington to the Puget Sound. Among other places, she lived in Lancaster and Lompoc and went to school in Santa Barbara. Adapting to each move, she learned to accept challenges and forge lasting memories and friendships.

When Tina had just graduated from High School, she married Jack Heany and made her way in life dabbling in a number of jobs such as waitress, clothing store clerk, selling Kinny Shoes and running a figure salon. Together Tina and Jack raised their son Brian. When she was 28 years old Tina took college courses and eventually earned a degree in sociology. When she began vocation as an activities director at a nursing home she found her calling working with elderly people. She knew she was not in a position to “cure” their ills, but to hopefully make their life better. She began a career at Royal Oaks Manor in Bradbury and enjoyed working with elderly people. She found the position challenging and the people interesting with life stories to tell. She relished working as an administrator and being in charge. “I was always the bossy type,” she says.

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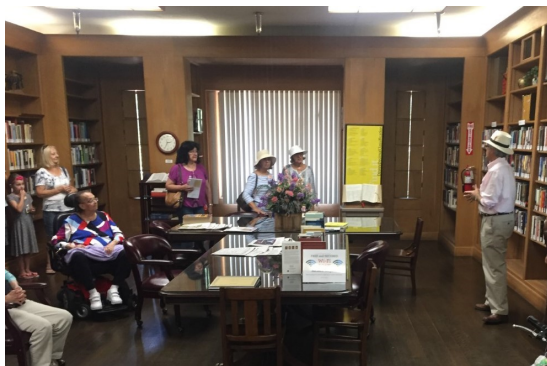
## MORRISON HOUSE



*Under the guidance of Lee Schamadan, the public has enjoyed touring the Morrison House at Westminster Gardens to take in the history before big changes are instituted.*

*Upgrades will include remodeling, and even such changes as installing an elevator giving residents better access to the upstairs areas.*

*Work is scheduled to begin in May.*



**BIRD WALK—SATURDAY  
APRIL 9, 8 A.M. LED BY  
RON CYGER, L.A. BIRD-  
ERS (coffee/donuts 7 a.m. to  
7;30 a.m.) Meet at Museum**

## Tina Heany (continued)

Open to a change, Tina left her local territory and took an administrative job in Los Gatos which she found challenging and where she worked for five years. Sadly, when she returned to Duarte, her husband succumbed to cancer.

Now retired, Tina is busier than ever with her volunteer work. She is President of the Duarte Rotary Club, and she proudly reminds us about the “Mouse that Roared” so named because of a Supreme Court decision which gave women the right to join previous men-only service organizations. She is especially happy with a recent project in which Rotary Districts 5300 and 5330 are joining in a food bank project which includes Duarte, Sierra Madre, Arcadia and Monrovia, and will result in a large volume of food to be donated to the Foothill Unity Center to be distributed to those in need.

## MUSEUM DUES DUE

Please support the Museum by paying your 2022 dues.



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If you would like to volunteer to serve as a docent once every few months, please call Sharman Warner at (626) 358-2001. It is fun and educational.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
PAID THE 2022 DUES. WE  
APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

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