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Calendar

January 2012

- 1st HAPPY NEW YEAR !!
- 4th Azusa - Business Meeting 7:00
- 9th Business Meeting 7:30- Dinner available at 6
- 10th..... Azusa's Supreme Visitation
- 16th..... Birthday Dinner & Supreme Visitation
.....Martin Luther King Day

February 2012

- 1st Azusa - Business Meeting 7:00
- 6th Business Meeting 7:30- Dinner available at 6
- 14th..... Valentine's Day
- 20th..... President's Day

Email Addresses

Remember, we are now able to send you the Echo by e-mail. If you have an e-mail address & wish would like to receive your Echo via your e-mail, please send the address to Mary Haynes at blazermay@charter.net

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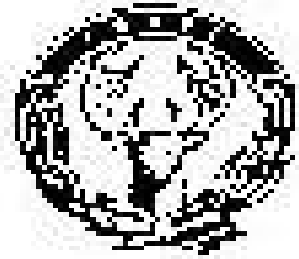
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President's Message



Dear Sisters:

I hope everyone had a great and safe Holiday season. We started it right with our Christmas Party/Dinner at Max's Mexican Restaurant. It was pretty well attended and it was nice to see some new faces this year. Everyone had a good time.

Don't forget some upcoming dates: remember that we have moved the date for the January business meeting to Jan. 9th. Next, the Duarte Emblem Club is celebrating their 73rd Birthday and Honoring Supreme President Donna Mazzola on Jan. 16th which is also MLK Day. And don't forget our Friday Night Dinners - Duarte's next one will be on January 20th. Hope to see you there.

Christmas Baskets with the Duarte Community Service Council and the Elks went very, very well. Distribution to the families was on Dec. 17th. About 205 families with over 500 children plus 40 seniors were helped. This was the largest number assisted in many years. THANK YOU, everyone for all your donations and help in preparing & assisting that day. A special thanks to Ruth for coordinating everything so well and for making the local store cashiers want to hide when she came in.

And in closing, congratulations to our new slate of officers for the 2012-2013 year.

See you at the meeting.



Mary

God made us all perfect.
He's just not done with most of us yet!!!

Turning 65 ??

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Birthdays

Jan.: Flower - Carnation

Birthstone - Garnet

Feb.: Flower - Violet

Birthstone - Amethyst

Happy Birthday!

January

13th Darleen Wand
23rd Lorraine Mohan
25th Ruth Purbaugh
30th Annette Coo

February

7th Mary Schwartz
10th Christina Martinez

Emblem Club's FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS 6-8 PM at the Lodge

Azusa - January 6, 2012

Soup, Salad, Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegie,
Dessert , Beverages

Duarte - Friday, January 20, 2012

Soup, Salad, Fettuccine Alfredo Chicken Carbonara,
Dessert, Beverages



Azusa - February 3, 2012

Meatloaf, Homemade Mushroom Sauce, Vegie,
Salad, Dessert, Beverages

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Pretty quiet this month.

Xylina Conan's daughter (and Mary Haynes' granddaughter) Amber had a baby girl on 11/30/11. Her name is Lylah.

Donna Leiby's husband, Gideon, has been under the weather with the recent wind storms.

Leon Stegall had another surgery on 12/7/11.

Supreme & State Association News

State News: The Winter State Meeting will be held on January 26-28 2012 at Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall in Las Vegas, NV. The Theme of the meeting is "Emblem Members are Angels at Heart. We will be honoring Supreme President Donna Mazzola and her Supreme Elected and Appointed Officers of 2011-2012.

Supreme News: Supreme President Donna and Supreme Marshall Jo-Ann will arrive in California on Dec 28th. We look forward to hosting Supreme President Donna at our Lodge on Monday, Jan 16, 2012. Plan on joining us for this very special evening. See the center section/page for further details.

Lessons Life Taught Me

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.

Drug Awareness

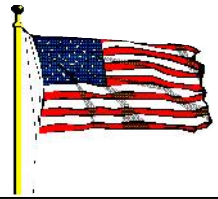
How to spot a drunk driver - While we work hard to turn cars into the cure and eliminate drunk drivers forever, families must continue to be vigilant on our roadways. You can help protect your family from drunk drivers by looking for these signs of intoxication among other motorists: 1 - Quick acceleration or deceleration, 2- Tailgating, 3- Weaving or zig-zagging across the road, 4- Driving anywhere other than on a road designated for vehicles, 5- Almost striking an object, curb, or vehicle, 6- Stopping without cause or erratic braking, 7- Drifting in and out of traffic lanes, 8- Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions, 9- Slow response to traffic signals, 10- Straddling the center lane marker, 11- Driving with headlights off at night, 12- Swerving, 13- Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit, 14- Turning abruptly or illegally, & 15- Driving into opposing traffic on the wrong side of the road.

Literacy

Put Reading First - Helping your child learn to read - Success in school starts with reading. When children become good readers in the early grades, they are more likely to become better learners throughout their school years and beyond. Learning to read is hard work for children. Fortunately, research is now available that suggests how to give each child a good start in reading. Becoming a reader involves the development of important skills, including learning to: 1. Use language in conversation; 2, Listen and respond to stories read aloud, 3. Recognize and name the letters of the alphabet, 4. Listen to the sounds of spoken language, 5. Connect sounds to letters to figure out the "code" of reading, 6. Read often so that recognizing words becomes easy and automatic, 7. Learn and use new words, & 8, Understand what is read. Preschool and kindergarten teachers set the stage for your child to learn to read with some critical early skills. As a parent, you can help by understanding what teachers are teaching and by asking questions about your child's progress and the classroom reading program. You can also help your children become readers. Learning to read takes practice, more practice than children get during the school day.

AMERICANISM

By Leon Stegall

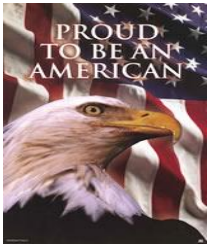


Martin Luther King Day

MLK Day is a U.S. Federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the 3rd Monday of January each year, which is around the time of King's birthday, January 15. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983 and it was first observed on January 20, 1986.

Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual commemoration held on Feb 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery and sending greeting cards. The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.



Community Service Report October - November Hours & Mileage Totals Dian Stegall, Chairman

<u>Project</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Miles</u>
City of Hope	140	40
Community Services (All)	85	62
Total	225	102
<u>Duarte ELKS # 1427</u>		
Misc. help/assistance	27	232
Total Hours and Miles	252	334



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Ruth Purbaugh, Chaplain



Memories

They say memories are golden
Well maybe that's true
But we never wanted memories
We only wanted you.

A million times we've needed you
A million times we've cried
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a special place
No one could ever fill.

If tears could build a staircase
And heartache build a lane
We'd walk the path to heaven
And bring you back again.

Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.

- Author Unknown -



Summary of the Minutes from the Business Meetings

Minutes of the November 7, 2011 Meeting

Meeting was opened by President Mary Haynes. Memorial Service was held remembering deceased members - PP Lola, PP Phyllis Peck & Dorothy Curtis. Financial Officers' reports were read and filed. Committee Reports: Sunshine, Membership (two applications for membership were read and voted on. They will be initiated in December). Thursday Night Dinners, Echo, Bakeless Bake Sale, Friday Night Dinner, Fireworks Booth. Fashion Show, Basket of Cheer, Monday Night Football, Christmas Party, Scholarship and Birthday Dinner. New Business nominating committee was elected. A motion was made to submit Stegall's name for a State Office for the year 2012-2013. Motion was passed. A motion was made to earmark the funds made on our Friday Night Dinners towards expenses for our 75th Birthday in 2014. Motion was passed. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:35.



Submitted by Dian Stegall Recording Sec.

Minutes of the December 5, 2011 Meeting

The Meeting was opened by President Mary Haynes. Kerry Bonomo & Rusty Vasquez were initiated by President Haynes. Financial Officers reports were read and filed. Communications & Bills were read. Committee Reports: Sunshine, Community Service, Thursday Night Dinners, Echo, Friday Night Dinner, Fireworks Booth, Basket of Cheer, Monday Night Football, Christmas Baskets, Christmas Party & Birthday Dinner. Unfinished Business - the Nominating Committee reported their ticket for the year 2012-2013. A motion was made & seconded to accept the ticket. Motion Passed. New Business: Our January Meeting falls on Jan 2nd which is a holiday. It was moved and seconded to move this meeting to the 9th. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded that we look into moving our bank accounts to a credit union. Motion passed. Dian Stegall will take care of this project. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9 pm.

Submitted by Dian Stegall Recording Sec



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Events, Reports, some Humor and maybe a little Inspiration



It's A Party....



Duarte Emblem Club is celebrating their 73rd Birthday
and Honoring Supreme President Donna Mazzola
and her 2011-2012 Supreme Officers
and Our Past Presidents

When: Monday, January 16th
Time: 6:00pm - No Host Cocktails
7:00pm - Dinner -
Birthday Celebrations - 8:00 pm
Where: Duarte Elks Lodge
2436 Huntington Dr, Duarte
Menu: Soup, Salad, Roast Beef, Twice
baked potato, vegetable &
Birthday Cake
Dress: Formal for Head Table and
Dressy Casual for all other guests
Donation: \$15.00

Come one, come all! Lets have some fun!

Please RSVP by Jan. 9th to Dian Stegall,
Chairman (626) 359-4348





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CHRISTMAS BASKETS - 2011 Report

This year I had a shopping partner all year. Gayle Cook, our Esteemed Leading Knight Allen's wife is an expert on coupons. We saved huge amounts this year. I always say that the cash you give is stretched as far as we can and I'm happy to report that we were able to purchase \$4 in goods for every dollar you donated. Johnny and Marcia Adams amaze me every year by being the first check in the door. It was wonderful, as Gayle and I had already been hitting the stores. As you all know without Donna Leiby who supplies us with the coupons, we wouldn't be able to do as well as we do. This takes her a lot of time, just pulling them out of the papers. Our coupon cutters were Donna, Kerry, Pattie Ann, Darleen and Dian. This really helped keep us ready for the stores. When we go, it takes us over 45 minutes just to check out - with two to three carts loaded and over a hundred coupons. We stayed busy and enjoyed every minute of it.

The beauty supply store by my office helped last year with two boxes and this year they blew me away. We received 62 big makeup cases for the teenage girls and over thousand items to put together a cosmetic room. Plus, they sponsored two families. Kerry Bonomo spent three days setting up the cosmetic room, and what an excellent job she did. Gayle Cook donated lots of bags of cat food and Kerry made a great display in the cosmetic room. Everyone was impressed with this room. Once we got our location, Jerry, Allen, Ron, my Frank, Frank Haynes, Rick, and Brian jumped right in with either bringing over boxes over from in our storage shed or lots of tables and anything else we needed. They were just a phone call away.

To our awesome food packers: Our pro Scott Wand, who has been doing this for many years, Darleen Wand, Dian, Donna, Pattie Ann, Mary and Kerry's son, Brice. **Great job Team.** For Rusty's first year helping, she did a great job putting together toy bags. Jackie Fimbres & Kerry organized all of the toys. Dorothy was impressed.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS Report (cont.)

Our group put together nice fruit bags for every family and senior. Rick Lawyer's donated oranges, and with the donations made by Frank Haynes & helpers that picked lots of lemons and grapefruit. Plus, Donna Leiby brought in a whopping 1170 pounds of potatoes, and the group put together bags for all of the families.

Before I talk about the big day, I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Whether it be your labor, families you sponsored, cash, toys, clothes or food, you all should feel very good about yourselves, as you made so many people happy.

Gayle & Allen Cook, Scott & Darleen Wand, Arlene Bragger, Dian & Leon Stegall, Mary & Frank Haynes, Johnny & Marcia Adams, Elks Charity Fund, Barbara & Parks Motter, Rick Lawyer, George Van Hove, Mr. & Mrs. Trummend, Harvey Beaman, Sally Emerson, Donna & Gideon Leiby, Chester Obryski, Margret & Fred Krinke, Pattie Ann & Ron De'Alessandro, Jerry Delker, Tony & Jodie Cascone, Patty Fairma, Kerry Bonomo,

Lorriane Moham, Frank & Jackie Fimbres, Steve Kayahara, Andy Johnson, Patty Fairma, Kerry Bonomo, Kerry's son and mom Rusty, Brian Lester, My Frank, co-workers & two dear non-member friends Molly & Hilda. You are the ones that make this even possible. THANK YOU!!!!!!!

On Saturday December 17th we were ready to give out to 212 families and 41 seniors. Families started lining up at 8:15 am and we didn't start until 9 am. We had a line about a block long when it was time to start. Frank Haynes is a officer of DCSC and this year he got items donated by Fresh 'n Easy, Ralphs & Trader Joe's. Scott, Allen & my Frank helped Frank Haynes pick up the items. Wow, what a lot of items they brought in. Bake goods, breads, salads, meats, eggs & more. Mary & Darleen quickly started putting together bags for each family & everyone took their positions. Arlene & Pattie Ann handled the fruit & potatoes; Andy, Frank H., Allen, Steve & my Frank carried all of the boxes of food for the families. Darleen was one of our main transportation drivers, with the help from Allen & Steve, and Mary & Frank. Darleen would have just a few minutes before she was off again. Mary kept the toy bags in order for me, which was a big help at the front. Molly and her dad delivered to two of the senior groups and Gayle, Allen, Susan, Andy and Patty Fairman delivered to the last big group.

Our cosmetic room was a hit. Gayle, her friend Susan, & Patty Fairman helped all of the women. Every lady got to pick out 4 small items or one kit. The value that each person received, ranged from \$40 to \$100 per person. Gayle gave Imes cat food to everyone that had a cat. When the ladies walked out from picking out the items, some of them had tears in their eyes. They were so thankful and happy. I knew this would be great, but just didn't know how much it meant to these ladies to get to pick out high-end makeup for themselves. As some of them commented, this is the last thing they would be able to buy. There were lots of hugs.

Christmas Baskets Summary

Cash Donations:	\$ 2,260.00
Spent on groceries/toys & clothes:	\$ 2,257.18
(coupon savings: \$7,639.49 - 4,303 items purchased)	
Donations: Food, clothes & Toys:	\$ 5,300.00
Cosmetic Donations:	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>
Total:	\$16,060.00

Total Value: (including coupon savings) \$23,699.49

Hours: 1,400 1,400
Miles: 1,800

DCSC's Dorothy Smith sends a BIG thank you to all. With all of us working together, we made this a success for all of the families.

I tried to shorten my report, but there are so many things that happened. I wish we could record everything. As a thought for next year, maybe you can see it live. I would love to continue on with all of the wonderful work you all have done, but we don't have the room. So I just want to say to all of you that helped and many different ways – THANK YOU. I'm so blessed this year to have so many wonderful people working on this project. Please forgive me if I missed anyone's name. I truly thank all of you for continuing to allow me to Chair this project. Allen, one of your duties as Leading Knight is charity and you performed it well. You and Gayle donated so much, down to the 5 beautiful fresh trees you donated to the families. They were so happy. You saw their faces as a couple of the families were leaving.

Bless all of you!

Ruth Purbaugh & Allen Cook
Emblem Chairman Elks Chairman

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