

# Grad-Time Herald

## THANK YOU TO ALL TDFS SUPPORTERS!

With the 2019 year winding down, we must take the time to once again thank all of our wonderful TDFS friends, supporters, and donors. We have had such an exciting year that began with friends meeting at the Berkheimer and Heuer residences to ending the year with friends at our fun-filled holiday party. In between we celebrated the **fifth** Original Derby Days and spent eight weeks barbecuing at Concerts in the Park. In October we held our ever-popular "Night Under the Tustin Moon" Italianfest and topped off 2019 with a generous grant from our friends at the Tustin Community Foundation Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast. TDFS thanks all of you for your support of our scholars in 2019!

### Laurie & Jonathan AbeLove - Vera Crawford Winners



The **VERA CRAWFORD AWARD** for outstanding volunteer service is awarded annually to a member who has offered hours and hours of dedicated service to TDFS. **Laurie & Jonathan AbeLove** have been volunteering at TDFS events for many years. They are more famously known as our Original Derby Day announcers. Between the two of them, event guests are treated to Jonathan's wry sense of humor and Laurie's gracious comments on each of the jockeys and the race event happenings. In addition, they come to help set up and clean up at events. They bring friends and relatives

with them. They promote our message with other non-profits in Tustin. They have been, simply said, everywhere when we have needed them, and we have been a lucky beneficiary. TDFS is not the only Tustin non-profit that has benefitted from their time and talents. Both are busy in their own lives, but always find the time to donate hours and service to all of us. TDFS is very pleased to have dual-award winners this year! We thank them both deeply for their generosity!

### Community Service Award to Leticia Clark



While this award is not always awarded annually, the 2019 Committee felt that the perfect candidate had been found for the **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**. Given to a non-member of TDFS, this award recognizes the time and service given to our organization as it strives to raise scholarship dollars for our worthy graduating TUSD seniors. **LETICIA CLARK** has helped the Community become more acquainted with the role that TDFS plays in Tustin. She can be seen at many of our events bringing along friends and family members to enjoy themselves. For the last three years, she has been a "jockey" at the Original Derby Day event. TDFS is always mentioned in her blogs and in her online newsletters. She promotes the importance of supporting student scholarship with her personal donations. As a member of the Tustin City Council she is seen all over Tustin. She is a consummate supporter of TDF's mission and goals. TDFS is very proud to have her represent us with this award!

### TCF Honors TDFS with Grant Money



TDFS is a 2019 recipient of a Tustin Community Foundations grant! Awardees were recognized at the 2019 Tustin Mayor's Community Breakfast held at the Salvation Army. TCF has been a long time supporter of its scholarship-raising events. A grateful President Machado received the grant. TDFS thanks TCF for their generous award.

#### TDFS Facts to Know...

- TDFS HAS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 1987.
- EACH SCHOLARSHIP IS WORTH \$5,000 (\$1,250 EACH YEAR).
- TDFS IS AN OFFICIAL CHARTER OF SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA .
- TDFS IS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER NON-PROFIT 501 c (3)
- ALL PROFITS FROM ALL EVENTS GO TO FUND OUR SCHOLARSHIPS.
- SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO GRADUATING SENIORS FROM TUSD HIGH SCHOOLS.

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## SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK A SUCCESS

### Current TDFS Scholars

**Juan Avila Jr.**  
Tustin High  
**Stone Bodini**  
Foothill High  
**Emma Braden**  
Foothill High  
**Laura Braden**  
Foothill High  
**Alanah Calvillo**  
Foothill High  
**Darren Gerchick**  
Beckman High  
**Marissa Gerchick**  
Beckman High  
**Scott Leandro**  
Foothill High  
**Daniel Lopez**  
Tustin High  
**Jose David Lujan**  
Beckman High  
**Grace Norman**  
Foothill High  
**William Otmayer**  
Foothill High  
**Riley Prendergast**  
Beckman High  
**Ayushi Sharma**  
Tustin High  
**Austin Stark**  
Foothill High  
**Macy Stark**  
Foothill High  
**Isabelle Yardumian**  
Tustin High

The SUMMER OF 2019 found TDFS busier than ever at the City of Tustin's eight-week series called Concerts in the Park. Linda Ladd found her volunteers each week to help her with set up and clean up. Students, both scholars and regular high schoolers, along with scholar-parents helped to sell our famous hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and bratwursts. Many friends donated the delicious baked goods that were sold each week. We had three outstanding grillers doing the cooking each week in John Nielsen, James Sullivan, and Clint Stark. Board members, present and past, helped with the work in the booth. Our set-up and clean-up crews were ever faithful each week. Despite some initial legal challenges, TDFS persevered and found all of the right equipment to operate successfully and to profit enough dollars for another scholarship! Our thank you to all who helped us to be able to do this, especially the Tustin Community Foundation with a generous grant that helped TDFS to be able to purchase all of the necessary set up equipment. We also thank them for our BBQ grill! Special "thank you" to the Tustin Kiwanis Club and to International Concern for allowing us to use their banners for two weeks of cooking. Thank you to Garrison DeVine and his staff at the Tustin Area Senior Center for allowing us to store our items safely. It was hot weather, and the music was loud, but our customers were still hungry to eat! The best news, of course, is that TDFS earned profited with monies to support one-and-a-half scholarships for 2020! Thank you to all for a successful 2019 Concerts in the Park!



## 2020 TDFS Board of Directors Duly Installed

With a beautiful bouquet of roses, Past TDFS President, Patty Lee, installed the 2020 TDFS Board of Directors under the leadership of President Linda Ladd. Laura Martin, VP of Membership; Laura Valencia, VP of Scholarship; Tammis Berkheimer, Treasure, and Past President Pat Machado were duly initiated into their new roles for 2020. President Lee emphasized that 2020 President Linda Ladd would be receiving a colorful group, but very uniquely talented people to help her in leadership role. Outgoing President Pat Machado thanked everyone, on behalf of the 2020 scholarship class, for their support for a very successful financial year. President Ladd stated how happy she was to be leading TDFS and shared her goals for the organization. With an emphasis on "paying it forward for the kids," she is excited to be taking the reins once again. She thanked her many supporters, especially her family. Linda is looking for a few more members to fill some position on her Board; so please contact her if you can help serve with this dynamic and dedicated group.



## “UNDER THE TUSTIN MOON” EVENT A POPULAR SUCCESS

It may have been a chilly Saturday evening, but the pizzas and pastas were hot! The drinks were deliciously cool, the ambiance very Italian, and the company simply delightful! The third annual Italianfest just proved that, when it comes to Italian food, **Laura Valencia** knows it best! The extremely talented Chair of this wonderful event, Laura's reputation is ensure that everyone has a good time—Italian-style! Our pizzaman, Rex, and his worthy crew, provided scrumptious food fare accompanied by sides of salads, pastas, and sugary desserts. All beverages were Italian—wine, beer, soda, coffee; even the water—of course! TDFS thanks all of the Board members, family members, scholars, scholar families, friends, and donors of door prizes, silent auction items, and food and beverages for helping to make this evening



## THANK YOU TO OUR “UNDER THE TUSTIN MOON” DONORS

Aleia's  
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Bob's Famous Cheesecakes  
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Centro  
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DeCecco

Divvy Up  
Dream Dinners  
El Emporio Italiano  
Fiorucci  
Follow Your Heart  
Foustman's Artisanal  
Frangipani Estate Winery  
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Italian Express  
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Jonas Brothers Concert  
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Messy Monkey  
Mighty Ducks  
Palmini  
Pizza Pie  
Ristorante Mascarpone's  
Roma d'Italia  
Romeo Cucina  
Round Table Pizza  
S. Pellegrino  
San Clemente Winery  
Sees from Italy

17th Street Grill  
Spoonful of Comfort  
Stonefire Grill  
Tustin Community Foundation  
TJ's Woodfire Pizza  
Tutto Fresco  
Twenty-one Pilots Concert  
Vigo & Alessi  
Winebow Fine Wine & Spirits  
WineWorks  
Wise Guys Pizzeria  
Yo Mama's Foods  
Z Pizza

## THANK YOU TO OUR “UNDER THE MOON” SPONSORS

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**2020 TDFS  
 Board of Directors**

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 President

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 Vice President, Scholarships

**Laura Martin**  
 Vice President, Membership

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**Open Position**  
 Corresponding Secretary

**Dr. Patricia Bain Machado**  
 Past President

**Patty Lee**  
 Past President

**SAVE THESE 2020 DATES**

**Feb. 1 - TCF's Paper Football Challenge**

**Feb. 20 - Scholarship Apps Due (on-line)**

**May 2 - TDFS Original Derby Day**

**June 10 - July 29  
 Every Wednesday  
 Concerts in the Park**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DR. PATRICIA BAIN MACHADO**



While this is certainly not a "farewell" message, I am leaving a role that I have enjoyed these past two years. TDFS, as those who know me, understand that it is my favorite non-profit organization in Tustin. When I joined as a member in 2008 it I knew that there would be continual activity to fundraise dollars for TUSD scholars. Little did I know just how involved I would become. I can honestly state that many friends, family members, and community groups have come forward to help with the physical labors and mental planning that accompany each of our fundraisers. I have planned with some very fine people, begged and pleaded with donors to come to our events, to meet our scholars, and to speak with their parents to realize how important all of our activities become to meet our annual scholarship goals. I wanted each event to be a fun; one that attendees would remember and appreciate; then want to come back again the following year. I feel that TDFS achieved many of these goals. I thank all of you for believing with us the importance of supporting young men and women. It is critical that we not only mentor them along their educational journey, but show them how they can support their future successes through volunteering. God bless! I will definitely see you around Tustin!

**DEEP APPRECIATION TO OUR 2019 DONORS**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Laurie & Jonathan Abelow | Michelle Gamberutti        | Erin Nielsen                 |
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\*in memory of Frances Logan  
 +in memory of Ceil Kirby

**SINCERE "THANK YOU" TO OUR 2019 EVENT SPONSORS**

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| Aquarium of the Pacific | Bristol Farms/Rick Ellis     | Fenny's Flowers    | Bob Machado            | Philharmonic Society   | SoCal Wines                       | Tustin Community Foundation |
| Aloha Printing          | Brushstrokes                 | Goodyear Airship   | Medieval Times         | PRP International      | South Coast Repertory             | Tustin Police Foundation    |
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| Blondies                | Eggland's Best               | Laguna Art Museum  | Nothing Bundt Cakes    | Santa Ana Zoo          | Total Wine & More                 | Carolyn Wood                |
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