



*Congratulations*  
**DUARTE**



**MOUNTAIN VISTA PLAZA**

**A 50th Anniversary Event**

*The Rotary Club of Duarte  
and  
The City of Duarte*

*present*

**“The Mouse That Roared”**

**A Rotary Forum  
Commemorating the  
Landmark Supreme  
Court Case of 1987**



**May 4, 2007**

## Forum Panelists



*Carol Agate, an Administrative Law Judge, was the ACLU attorney for the three women members in the lawsuit against Rotary International and was the attorney of record in the Supreme Court Case.*



*Ken Caresio is the former City Manager of Duarte who was a member of the Duarte Rotary during the entire course of the court case.*



*Mary Lou Elliott was the principal of Andres Duarte Elementary School in 1977 when she joined the Duarte Rotary as the first woman Rotary member in the world.*



*Sanford K. Smith, who was an attorney for the Duarte Unified School District, provided his services to the Duarte Rotary pro bono throughout the nine year case.*



*Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, Principal at Maxwell School in Duarte, joined the Ex-Rotary of Duarte but was elected the first female president of Rotary in the world of the reinstated Rotary Club of Duarte.*



*Christine Montan is District Governor for Rotary International District 5300. She was the first woman member of the Alhambra Rotary in 1987 and is a fourth-generation Rotarian.*



*Shelan Joseph, an American Civil Liberties Union Affirmative Action Attorney, serves on the ACLU Southern California and ACLU National Boards of Directors.*



*Mary Ann Lutz, moderator for today's panel, is Rotary Assistant Governor for District 5300 and is a Councilmember for the City of Monrovia.*

Not Pictured: *Luke McJimpson was principal of Duarte High School, one of the eight male Rotary members who voted to accept the first women into the club.*

## Program

**Welcome**  
**Lois Gaston**  
**Mayor, City of Duarte**

**Introductions**  
**Cecilia Arnerich**  
**President, Rotary Club of Duarte**

**Moderator**  
**Mary Ann Lutz**  
**Rotary Assistant Governor, District 5300**

### Discussion

**There will be a public question and answer session following the discussion.**

**Meet and Greet directly following program.**

*In 1977, the tiny Rotary Club of Duarte ignited a firestorm when it admitted three women as members against Rotary International rules. When the club's charter was revoked for refusing to dismiss the women members, the Duarte Rotary filed a lawsuit against Rotary International charging gender discrimination. The case ended in victory for the Duarte Rotary in the United States Supreme Court on May 4, 1987, and opened the doors to women in Rotary and all other service clubs in the nation.*