

# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Kiwanis Club Celebrates Fighting Spirit

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

In May, the Kiwanis Club of Glendale made a special presentation as part of its Fulfill A Dream program. According to the Kiwanis' website, each year the Fulfill A Dream committee looks for a child or young adult from the Glendale Unified School District who is facing a great challenge, demonstrating inspiring courage, and serving as a bright light to those around them. They are honored, recognized and celebrated to help strengthen and empower them as they move forward on their journey.

This year's recipient was Anabell Torabyan who attends Crescenta Valley High School. She attended the May Kiwanis Club luncheon and presentation with her parents Ararat and Anita and her brother Andrew.

Kiwanis Club vice president and Fulfill A Dream committee chair Shant Sahakian shared some of the Torabyan's story with those attending the luncheon.

Ararat and Anita immigrated to the United States in the early 1990s. The family has met health challenges in recent years. Ararat was diagnosed with leukemia in 2009 and oral cancer in early 2015. Shortly after this last diagnosis, Anabell was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Her diagnosis necessitated that she be homeschooled while undergoing chemotherapy.

Despite this, she maintained straight As in her studies and achieved a 4.0 GPA. She plans on rejoining her classmates at CVHS this summer.

In attendance at the luncheon was Dr. Ilin Magran, coordinator II, Student Support Services/Healthy Start.

"The minute I walked into [the Torabyan] house I saw the positive energy and the kindness in them. Anabell and her mother are very positive and optimistic that things are going to work out and she is able to recover and go back to CV High and enjoy her high school years as a young bright girl," said Magran. "I will always be on her side with whatever she may need, whether it is social emotional support or educational and guidance in which classes and direction to take in life."

Anabell loves math, science and Greek mythology. At the luncheon she was presented with several gifts to build on these interests including an autographed copy of the book "Trials of Apollo," the latest in a series that Anabell is particularly fond of. Glendale Community College also sent a Greek arrowhead from the Greek Bronze Age dating to 400 BC and offered a private tour of the GCC Planetarium. The Getty Museum will also provide a private tour of the Getty Villa and Museum, which includes many artifacts from Greek mythology. Additional



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale celebrated the spirit of Anabell Torabyan (holding certificate) at its May 27 meeting. From left are Shant Sahakian, Ilin Magran, Cathy Keen, Anabell, Jose Sierra, Andrew Torabyan, Anita Torabyan and Ararat Torabyan.

gifts included TV show tickets, a tour of DreamWorks and tickets to Universal Studios, among others.

Ararat, whose oral cancer is in remission, thanked the Kiwanis Club members for their generosity.

"I don't think 'thank you' is enough," he said. "We need better words in our dictionary."

## GHM and RadNet Form Joint Venture

Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center ("GMH") and RadNet, Inc. ("RadNet") announced a newly formed joint venture, which will provide expanded health services in the greater Glendale Community.

RadNet and GMH opened Imaging Specialists of Glendale, a full-service, outpatient imaging center located at 700 N. Central Ave. Imaging Specialists of Glendale will provide MRI, CT, X-Ray, ultrasound and fluoroscopy, and will complement GMH's existing radiology services.

Also, the Marcia Ray Breast Center will become

the Marcia Ray Breastlink Women's Imaging Center (MRBWI). The new MRBWI will continue a longstanding tradition of compassionate, high quality, patient centered care. MRBWI will offer a full scope of complementary breast care services, which include the detection and treatment of breast cancer – conveniently located in the same building.

"Dignity Health is one of the largest and most prominent systems in the country, and we look forward to successfully building an imaging platform within the Glendale community," said Dr. Howard Berger, M.D., chairman of RadNet.

GMH Hospital President Jack Ivie added, "GMH is pleased to collaborate with one of the nation's leading health care companies, and the No. 1 imaging center chain according to Radiology Business Journal. Partnering with RadNet will ensure that our patients have access to excellent care delivered with humankindness."

RadNet and GMH will pursue additional oncology and surgical services opportunities, and looks forward to offering comprehensive breast care center to existing and new patients in the greater Glendale community.

## Crows Nest Sports Grille Named Small Business of the Year 2016

The Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce named The Crows Nest Sports Grille Small Business of the Year 2016. It was honored at the small business breakfast on June 3.

The Crows Nest is a family restaurant and sports grill with a large selection of beers on tap. The menu is American fare with a focus on high quality ingredients. It was conceived and built by the Miner family – Art and his wife Susan co-operate the restaurant. Art enjoyed a

successful career as an aerospace engineer before opening The Crows Nest. He has been involved with the community for most of his life and is a dedicated father and husband. He was instrumental in cleaning up the transient encampment in the Big Tujunga Wash this past year and is an advocate for the Sunland-Tujunga community's enhancement. His mother was chamber president for three consecutive years and has been active in the community for

decades.

Susan is an active engineer while setting time aside for the family business. She oversees the company books and manages the over 70 vendors it takes to successfully run The Crows Nest. The Crow's Nest family-family and is a place to hang out and watch sports on their 25 big screen TVs or to kick back and listen to one of the many bands that perform on weekend nights.

The Crows Nest is located at 7279 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga.

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