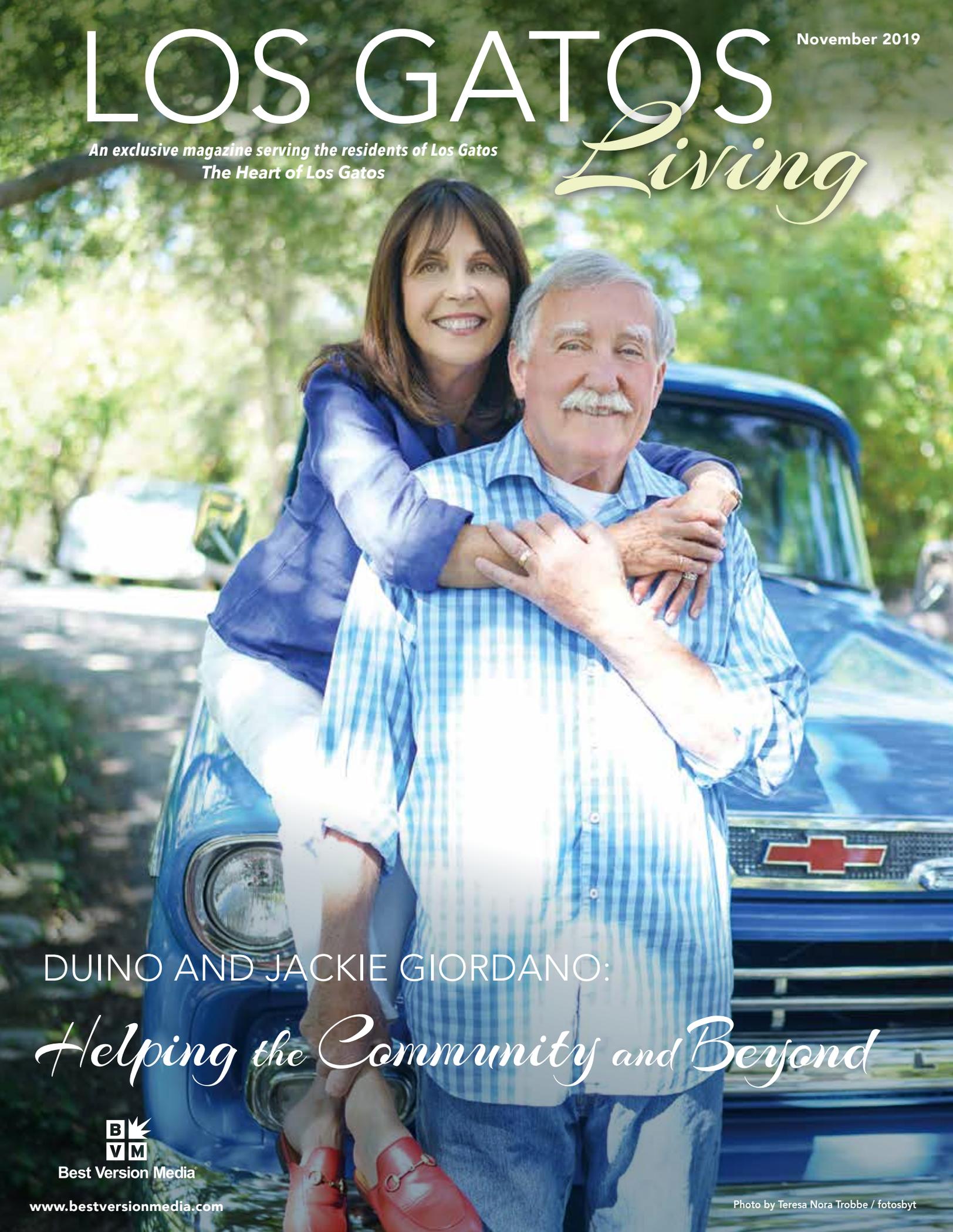


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## DUINO AND JACKIE GIORDANO:

### *Helping the Community and Beyond*

By Genevieve Laucher, Photos by Teresa Nora Trobbe

Duino and Jackie Giordano feel fortunate to have spent their lives in Los Gatos. They enjoy giving back to the community, and have done so much to help others both locally and beyond.

Duino's parents, Bart and Dalida, immigrated from Italy. His father immigrated with ten others from his village in Italy to work here. He peddled vegetables and met Duino's mother at Redwood Estates where she lived with her sister and father, the only other family members here. They got married and bought their house in Los Gatos. Duino is the youngest of their three sons.

Jackie grew up in Campbell on a chicken ranch until the late 50s. When she was ten years old, she and her family moved to Los Gatos. She attended Catholic schools and Duino went to public schools (he was the first 8th grade class at Fisher, and graduated from Los Gatos High School) so the two didn't meet right away.

Duino saw Jackie visiting one of his neighbors, and asked who she was. His neighbor wasn't too helpful, but eventually, Duino and Jackie got to know each other and began dating in the 60s. In September 1970, they were married, and celebrated their 49th anniversary this year. They bought their first home in Los Gatos just before getting married. They've lived in four homes over the years, all in Los Gatos!

Duino grew up picking apples with his family and doing other agricultural work. He volunteered for Billy Jones Railroad and had a summer job working at the parks department alongside his father, who was a park caretaker. Los Gatos used to be very different; it was all agriculture and no freeway until the mid-50s, with the train coming all the way downtown where the post office is now. One fall, schools delayed opening because of a late prune crop.

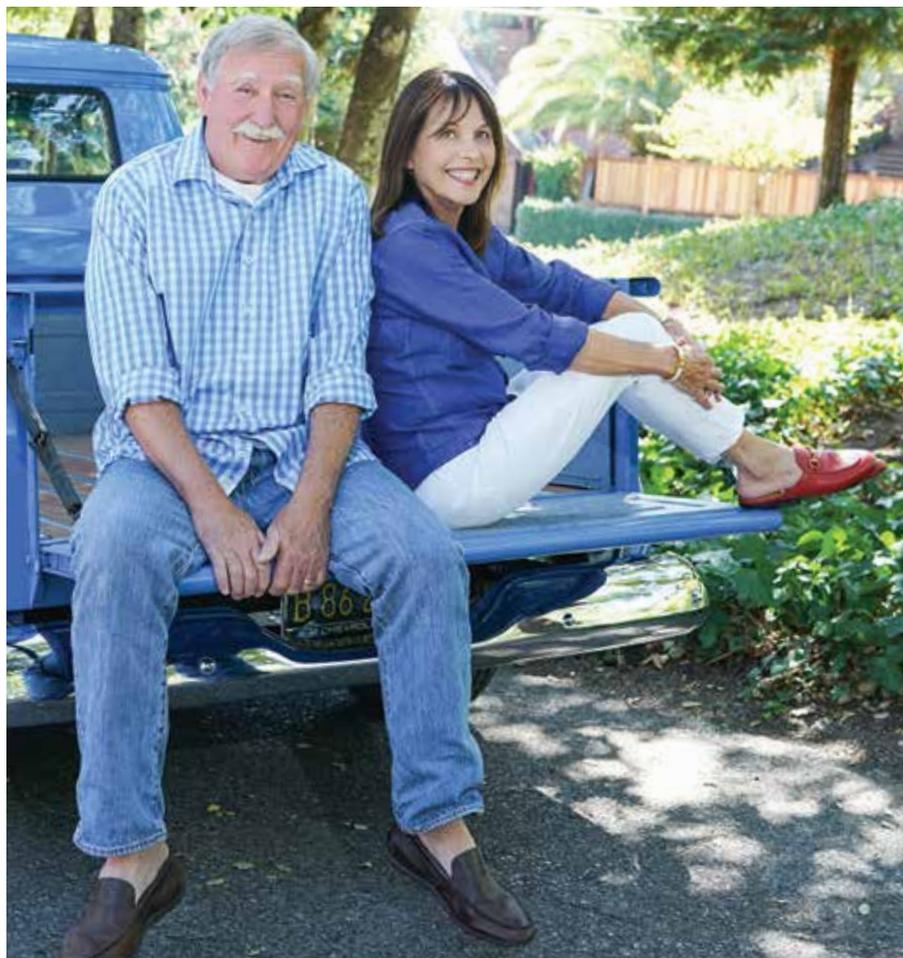


While still in high school, Duino started working at a gas station and then at a garage behind the gas station. After graduating from Los Gatos High in 1966, he worked at the garage nearly full time, and did a lot of work on police cars. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1966 before he was drafted, and worked as an antenna maintenance and outside wire specialist.

Duino did his military training in Texas, and worked on antennas, phone communications, and fiber optics around the world. For his 30 years in the Reserves, he traveled to Korea, Alaska, Germany, and more working on communication equipment for at least two weeks each year. Duino also worked at nearby Air Force facilities including Mount Umunhum, Mount Tamalpais, and the Chico Communications Air Force facility. Additionally, he worked on community service projects at Stanford, the Oakland hills, and more. He retired from the Air National Guard as Chief Master Sergeant in 1996.

When Duino returned from active duty, he went to West Valley College. He took an introductory law enforcement course, and some of the officers he knew from Los Gatos Police Department suggested that he become a reserve police officer. He started his career as a reserve officer in 1969, and by October 1970 was working full time. Duino was with the Los Gatos Police Department for nearly 35 years, and retired in April 2004.

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Duino enjoyed providing service to the community he loved and grew up in. When he first started working at the police department, all officers were required to live within 15 miles of the station, and they were very close. Duino held multiple positions throughout his years, and really enjoyed working as a juvenile officer. He helped with the diversion program, where he counseled and worked with teens. They also got the chamber of commerce to

support presentations at the schools, and Duino liked going back to the schools he attended and doing programs there.

While working full time and married, Duino earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of San Francisco. His career at the police department progressed, and he retired at the rank of captain.

Jackie also attended West Valley, and took a separate program to become a medical assistant. She worked at a medical office until the early 70s, when she went to work for her father. He owned Village Printers, a printing business in Los Gatos. When she and Duino had their two children, she stayed at home to raise them until they were old enough to go to schools. She then volunteered with Santa Clara County as a tutor, and she watched teens' babies so that they could finish school.

Jackie was also appointed by the Superior Court of Santa Clara County to another program called Child Advocates, where she worked with children who were in foster care. She provided services to help young children who were moved from their families. She worked with one family over multiple years, and helped reunite the son with his mother. Although they did not live close by, Jackie helped the boy get through school, and she and Duino grew close to the family. They are still in touch after all these years.

After his retirement from the police department, Duino got involved with the veterans' community including the Veterans



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Memorial and Support Foundation. He has also been on the board of the Los Gatos Community Foundation for many years, once serving as president. A major project for this foundation was raising funds for the Lyndon bandstand in Oak Meadow Park and restoring the Lyndon Cupola, built in 1887 by Lyndon Farwell, to sit atop the bandstand. Additionally, he volunteers for the American Red Cross responding to disasters all over the country. Since he started, he has deployed close to 50 assignments for disasters including fires, mudslides, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, explosions, and volcano eruptions. He spent seven weeks on the east coast for Hurricane Sandy. Duino also is a blood donor for the Red Cross.

Besides all that they do to serve the community and beyond, Duino and Jackie also love spending time with their family. They have two children and five granddaughters. Their son Bart lives off of Skyline in the Santa Cruz mountains, and he and his wife Fawn have three daughters: Stella, age 10, Scarlet, age 9, and Lucy, age 5. Duino and Jackie's daughter Katie lives in San Anselmo, and she and her husband Shaun have two daughters: Kennady, age 5, and Delaney, age 2.

Jackie and Duino host Easter Sunday each year for both sides of the family. Duino's brother hosts Thanksgiving. Up until 2012, his sister-in-law hosted Christmas dinner, then she turned it over to Duino and Jackie's nephew, who lives on the property where Duino and his brothers were born and raised.

Jackie and Duino also enjoy traveling with their family. They went to New York in May with their children and grandchildren. They have also traveled to Italy many times. Duino first traveled to Italy with his family as a child, taking a train to New York and a ship to France. He also went by himself in high school, and made lifelong friends. Duino's other hobby is playing bocce ball. He plays at Campo di Bocce, plays fundraisers for charity, and helps with tournaments at San Jose State and for the San Jose Youth Authority.

Duino and Jackie love living in Los Gatos. With all of his traveling over the years, Duino is grateful to Jackie for taking care of their kids. They both enjoy helping others, and Duino was honored as the 2013 Los Gatos senior citizen on the year and was grand marshal of the Christmas parade. We are fortunate to have the Giordanos in our community!



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