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Mayor Chavez: Temple City remains safe and sound

Temple City remains a safe, financially sound community where residents and businesses alike can thrive, Mayor Tom Chavez said in his Feb. 23 State of the City Address.

Mayor Chavez told the audience at First Baptist Church that the experts at Safewise.com yet again had Temple City on its list of California’s 50 safest municipalities. He said much of the credit goes to Temple City’s acclaimed Neighborhood Watch Program.

Meanwhile, greater efficiency in government allowed Temple City to reduce General Fund spending by 3 percent compared to the previous fiscal year. The city also took in more money than expected because of rising property values, more construction and a robust environment for retail sales. Reserves were bolstered by $2 million to $20 million, an increase of 11 percent.

“And all of this was done while leaving untouched our high quality of services. Temple City has come to expect, if not making them better,” Mayor Chavez said.

Looking ahead, Mayor Chavez said Temple City needs to tackle the issue of revitalizing its downtown core. And essential to that, he added, is learning what stakeholders want.

“What is our vision for downtown?” Mayor Chavez asked. “We can’t arrive at our preferred destination unless we know where we’re going.”

Earlier this month the City Council agreed that Las Tunas Drive would not be narrowed as any part of revitalization efforts. The Council had been considering a proposal to reduce the traffic capacity of Las Tunas from two lanes in each direction to one so angled parking could be added.

Instead Mayor Chavez said “There is consensus a different approach can help us better achieve our aims.”

Mayor Chavez noted that increased parking has been a priority of the business community. To that end, he announced as many as 90 new parking spaces in two lots could come online in the next few years.

A major recreational amenity – the Live Oak Park Walking Trail – was announced during the speech. Mayor Chavez said the half-mile-long rubberized path is expected to be complete by early summer.

In addition, Mayor Chavez said work soon will begin on a veterans’ memorial in Temple City Park with the dedication anticipated for November.

The State of the City Address in its entirety became available for public review the Temple City Web site at www.templecity.us on Feb. 29.

Camellia festival congratulates youth float entries, winners

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the carnival games and food booths in City Park.

Congratulations to new Festival Director Dawn Tarin, this year’s General Chairmen Jon and Melissa Rains, and the many volunteers who worked with city staff, LA County Sheriffs and LA County Fire to present an entertaining and high spirited celebration of the city’s traditions that reflected the diversity of Temple City.

The following floats were recognized as winners in their categories:

Sweepstakes: La Rosa/Cloverly Rascals and Cubs, “School Town Pride.”

Best Use of Camellias: Longden Student Council, “Tiger Pride.”

Theme (as chosen by the General Chairman): St Luke’s 8th Grade Class, “Next Stop, Temple City.”

Mayor’s Award: Cub Scout Pack 156, “Blast Off Into Space.”

Grand Marshal’s Award: TCHS ACS Youth Club “Paint the Town Pink.”

Honorary Grand Marshal’s Award: Playfactory Preschool, “Playfactory Friends Love Temple City.”

Walter Temple Award: Emperor Elementary, “Eagle Pride.”


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2016 Bliss & Wisdom Chinese New Year Festival celebrates the Year of the Monkey

A variety of colorful booths adorned with festive decorations filled Temple City’s City Park, Feb. 13 as Chamber member the Bliss and Wisdom Foundation of North America hosted the 2016 Chinese New Year Festival.

The free family friendly event drew more than a thou-
sand visitors celebrating Chi-
inese traditions and the festival’s themes of love and gratitude.

Attending dignitaries in-
cluded Temple City Mayor Pro-
Tem Vincent Yu, San Gabriel
Vice Mayor Qing Ho Liao and
City of Walnut Deputy Mayor
Mary Su.

Almost three dozen exhibi-
tors offered a variety of activi-
ties, including a wide assort-
ment of tasty food including
traditional Chinese delights like
turnip cakes, taro cakes,
steamed buns, rice dumplings,
and egg rolls, as well as cotton
candy, Korean BBQ and Indian
vegetarian fare.

Other booths invited visitors
to participate in hands-on ex-
periences both educational and
entertaining like vegetarian
cooking, Chinese calligraphy,
face painting, children’s arts and
crafts, tree-planting, and, of
course, games to win a prize. To
top it off, prizes were given away
to lucky winners.

Attendees enjoyed diverse
musical entertainment ranging
from Chinese cultural perfor-
mances like a drum perfor-
mance by the String & Bamboo
Music Group and Kung-Fu
martial arts display from the
Shaolin Temple Cultural Cen-
ter of America to Western
groups like the UCLA-tau-
choir and the Yorba Linda
Youth Orchestra.

After thanking the Bliss and
Wisdom Foundation, Chamber
President Peter Choi invited
folks to also discover the busi-
nesses and restaurants of down-
town Las Tunas.

“Today you want to try all
the delicious food at the fair,
but tomorrow is Valentine’s
day so come back for a roman-
tic dinner at one of our great
restaurants,” said Mr. Choi.
Chamber News

These companies have joined with the Chamber to give back to the local community.
Their support greatly assists our engagement with both the business community and the many community groups and service organisations in our city.

Thank You

COMMUNITY LEADER PROGRAM

Chamber of Commerce has Royal Visitation

The royal visitors, from left, were Banner Carriers Aaron Wong and Rylee Fuentes, Princess Mia Oberlander, Prince Tyler Womack (hidden behind Mia), Queen Zoe Grimaldi, King Emerson Perez, Princess Brooklynn Parayno, Prince Presley Wong, and Banner Carriers Russell Muro and Maxine Ho.

Chamber President Peter Choi offered simple advice: “Enjoy the moment!”

Free Tax seminar

Chamber Board member and CSEA San Gabriel Valley Chapter tax expert Franklin Ruedel assisting a Temple City resident during the Chamber’s Free Tax seminar, Feb. 16.

By Peter Choi

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March 3 – “Saving for College” Seminar, 2 p.m., Chamber Boardroom
March 14 – Chamber Board Meeting, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Chamber Boardroom
March 20 – Submission Deadline, Temple City Life
March 30 – Spring Multi-Chamber Mixer, 6:30-8 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton San Gabriel-Rosemead, 888 Rosemead Blvd. See ad, Page 11.

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Rep. Judy Chu is special guest at Lunar New Year Mixer

Chamber members enjoyed wine and a tasty dinner at a special Chinese New Year event, Feb. 8, hosted by new Chamber member Supreme Investment Corporation. Shown above (l-r) are President/CEO Peter Choi, City Councilmember William Man, Board Chair Ed Chen, Vice Chair Judy Huie Mena, host Tony Wu, Rep. Judy Chu, Mayor Tom Chavez, City Councilmember Cynthia Serrucli, City Councilmember Nanette Fish, Brian Mejia (office of LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich) and Clayton Arick (office of Assemblymember Ed Chau).
New Member Spotlights

Sapphire Dance Studio helps clients discover their inner and outer fit

The Temple City Chamber’s newest member welcomes fitness enthusiasts to its boutique style dance and fitness studio on Rosemead Boulevard.

Offering a wide variety of workout routines including Zumba, kickboxing, yoga and even Bollywood dancing, Sapphire Dance & Fitness Studio seeks to guide clients throughout their journey of mind, body and soul.

With a studio built to keep classes to a limit and provide one-on-one attention, the goal is to focus and guide each person throughout their journey of both physical fitness and their inner soul.

Sapphire believes each student has the potential to shine like a gemstone.

How about two hours of non-stop Hip Hop with Hollywood’s favorite dancer/chorographer Eddie Martinez? Or Casey Ho’s Pop Pilates? Work up a sweat with a Killer Abs or Killer Booty class or HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training.)

Sapphire also offers less intense options like “Soulful Yoga Dance” or “Dances from the Himalayas.”

Perhaps the best route is to switch up from one dance style to another each class to keep the fun up and the boredom down.

“At Sapphire Studio we believe each client is unique with individual needs,” said owner Shikha, “It is our goal to create a customized cross-training experience, specific to you, to streamline your way into results and, of course, dance your way to fun.”

Under the instruction of highly skilled and experienced instructors and trainers, you are sure to see results. More importantly, said Shikha, “We believe and trust one another. We build everlasting connections.”

Come join the celebration and appreciation of these special connections.

For a limited time, stop by the Chamber office and pick up a coupon for one free class.

Sapphire Dance & Fitness Studio is located at 5427 Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel, CA 91776.

For more information, phone 626-461-2570 or visit www.SapphireDanceFit.com. Like their page “Sapphire Dance and Fitness Studio” on Facebook and follow them on Instagram @sapphiredancefit.

Free program incentivizes, recognizes green businesses

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), through its San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP), has initiated a free program to increase commercial energy efficiency in the San Gabriel Valley.

The program, Go Green SGV Business Challenge, provides customized support and recognition for local businesses for their energy efficiency improvements.

The SGVEWP created the Go Green SGV Commercial Energy Solutions Guide, which serves as a general introduction to energy efficiency programs and resources available to small businesses like Edison incentive programs, rebates from SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison, and financing options.

Small businesses are connected with a program representative from the SGVEWP to discuss implementing sustainable practices in their business and creating a plan that prioritizes specific improvements.

Once a plan has been established and upgrades have been implemented, the business can then apply for the recognition program.

Earning recognition shows that the business has made a commitment to the community and its future success to going above and beyond environmental standards.

The Go Green SGV Business Challenge is being offered as a free service to businesses in all cities in the San Gabriel Valley. Sustainable businesses have been proven to have lower operating costs, enhanced brand and market advantage, increased employee engagement and productivity, and improved financial investment opportunity.

Go green. Get noticed. Visit the Web site at www.sgvenergywise.org/gogreensgv or phone 626-457-1800 to learn more and apply to the program.

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The Southern California regional meeting of the California State Board of Directors. During the visit, Board Chair Ed Chen and Vice Chair Judy Hsu Mena presented the Royal Court with comic books (Batman ’66 for boys and Teen Titans for the girls), followed by a Star Wars comic book from Board members Kelly Blake (Temple City Animal Hospital) and Pastor Jim Walden (First Baptist Church).
Temple City Mayor Tom Chavez led invited dignitaries congratulating Temple City’s newest dining hotspot, ahipoki bowl restaurant, during their official grand opening, Feb. 6. ahipoki bowl is celebrating the success of their official grand opening in Temple City. The event was attended by hundreds of people, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony which included Temple City’s mayor along with several councilmen and assemblymen. The instantly popular restaurant’s concept comes from a Hawaiian influence and has grown in popularity throughout the California area, making Temple City the perfect place for their new restaurant to open.

The food is described as a Japanese and Hawaiian fusion, which uses only the freshest seafood and ingredients available. The bowls are made fresh to order. The bowls of seafood are freshly prepared on site. Guests choose either salad or rice (white/brown) for their bowl followed by options of tuna, salmon, shrimp, scallops and yellowtail. Additional options include imitation crab, avocado or onions, finally ending with a choice of four signature sauces and a large variety of toppings to complete the bowl.

Since ahipoki bowl opened its doors in Temple City in December of 2015, the community has immediately welcomed them as a fresh dining choice. During the Grand Opening, more than 1,000 bowls were sold as the line snaked around the corner for 10 hours. ahipoki bowl has quickly becoming a leader in the booming market of fresh food quick service restaurants.

As a result of the tremendous success seen in the Temple City area, ahipoki bowl plans to expand to other locations. The ahipoki bowl restaurant is located at 5813 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City CA 91780.
I always like to ensure that my clients understand the following benefits of having a trust versus going through probate court to transfer a deceased person's assets:

1. Cost
   Trust: A typical trust package drafted by an attorney costs somewhere around $2,000. Although this is not a small amount of money, $2,000 is a lot less than probate fees.

Probate: Attorneys' fees in probate court are set by statute, which more simply means that the fees are set by the California legislature and are not negotiable like ordinary attorneys' fees. For example, as we know in the San Gabriel Valley, property prices have risen significantly in the past few years. As a result, if a person in Temple City passes away without a living trust and has one asset, a house worth $750,000, the attorneys' fees by law would be $18,000. That is a big difference in attorney's fees.

2. Choice
   Trust: If a person has a living trust, he or she can choose who get what assets and when. For instance, if you don't want to give your estate to your "problem-son" then you can choose to leave your entire to your 16-year-old grand-daughter when she turns 30 years old. You can specify that the trustee can use the trust money for your granddaughter's health, support, maintenance, and education prior to reaching age 30.

Probate: Without a trust, if your "problem-son" is your heir at law, then he would receive your entire estate outright.

3. Time
   Trust: I have met with a client, drafted, and finalized a trust in less than a week. Once a person with a trust passes away, that person's trust assets transfer to the beneficiaries (almost) immediately.

Probate: My average probate case has been taking 9-12 months to complete before assets are transferred. This long time period obviously makes the grieving process even more difficult for the surviving loved ones.

Tiny does not charge for initial consultations. For more information, please contact Tony at 5703 Temple City Boulevard, 626-285-7033, or tyre@tyrelawgroup.com.

Why is the stock market still so volatile?

I'm asked: "Why's the market still so volatile?" Here's a brief answer:

Oil prices are an enormous factor, having hit 12-year lows. At the pump, we're fine with this; but oil producing nations aren't. Emerging market countries depend on international oil sales to fuel their economies. They've incurred significant debt to fund exploration and production. As petroleum prices plunge, their return on investment is terrible.

International sanctions were lifted on Iran and their oil production ramped up just as China's demand declined. American producers are cutting back on production, hoping to wait out this time of low profit margins.

Additionally, perceptions of China continue to play an outsized role. The Shanghai Composite index lost 10% in the first week of 2016. A staggering 7% in just one 30-minute interval.

China's economic growth rate has slowed to 6.8%, which matched expectations. This is still a strong growth rate, at about three times ours.

Chinese industrial output has indeed dropped. But the swift stock market plunge was caused by something else: individual investor panic inside of China.

Government regulation of the Chinese stock markets has become counter-productive. Bureaucrats decided that trading would stop if the Shanghai index rose or fell more than 5%, which it did.

The stock market shut down and when it restarted, Chinese investors hit the sell button.

At the Camellia Festival Luncheon following the parade Feb. 27, Adam Hsu (office of Assembly member Ed Chau), Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Ed Chen and Brian Mejia (office of LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich) gathered for a laugh or two. Photo by Peter Chiu
Hometown Pride

Scenes from the 72nd Camellia Festival Parade, Feb. 27


City employee Emilia Kokayko checks out the Longden Elementary School float, “Tiger Pride.” In honor of Astronaut Steve Lindsey, the tiger is wearing a space helmet.

Grand Marshal Astronaut Steve Lindsey with his mother Lois Lindsey admire the Emperor Elementary School float, “Eagle Pride.”

Parade and Festival Photos by Peter Choi

St. Luke students explain their trolley parade float, “Next Step, Temple City,” to Judge Lynne Hanamoto.

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See winning float news, Page 2
NASA Astronaut and Grand Marshal Steve Lindsey and his mother Lois Lindsey greet the crowd.

Special guest Josette Temple, granddaughter of Walter Temple.

2016 Theme Winner Giordano Camera once again created the winning theme, “Hometown Pride,” and thus repeated the honor of riding in the parade.

The Pride of Temple City High School Marching Band leads the parade.

PARADE AND FESTIVAL PHOTOS BY PETER CHOI

Guadagno & Sons provided rides and games.

See more festival photos on Pages 7 and 10.
TCHS students excel in Science Bowl at JPL

Temple City High School’s Science Bowl Team finished the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl regional competition with only one loss. The event took place Jan. 30 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Team members included Jason Chen, Celena Chen, Caleb Kuo, Ryan Lee and Alec Ye.

“This was definitely a breakout year for our TCHS Team,” said Team Advisor Hank Bailey. “TCHS should be proud not only of their academic achievement but also in the way they conducted themselves throughout the competition.”

The high school competition began in 1991 as the National Science Bowl. It is a highly competitive science education and academic event among teams of high school students who compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math.

Each team is composed of four students, one alternate student and a coach.

Regional and national events encourage student involvement in math and science activities of importance to the Department of Energy and the nation.

Temple City High School instructor Carina Quan is a member of The Purist Group. With the help of Mr. Lee, TCHS’s counselors, and the many Purist members, Ms. Quan was able to have an event to provide tools for many students at TCHS. Many of the organization’s members and supporters are car fanatics, well-known business leaders, government officials, and celebrities.

Members of TCHS Science Bowl Team, from left, are Faculty Advisor Hank Bailey, Joanne Su, Celena Chen, Ryan Lee, Alec Ye, Caleb Kuo and Jason Chen.
Foothill Credit Union offering scholarships to college bound students

Foothill Federal Credit Union is again offering its College Bound Scholarship. As a committed partner to education and financial literacy awareness in the Foothill communities, Foothill Federal is proud to give back to local students with this scholarship opportunity.

Foothill Federal offers several scholarships with a maximum of $2,000 to each recipient. Scholarships are open to members of the credit union who have a MoneySmart or MoneyBound account. Applicants must be entering their freshman or sophomore year of college. If chosen, the award will be paid directly to the student on April 21 at Foothill’s Annual Meeting.

Applications will be distributed to local high school career centers but can also be accessed via Foothill’s Web site at www.foothillcu.org. The application deadline is March 31.

To qualify, an applicant must provide a school transcript, letters of recommendation, and a personal essay. This year, students have the option to also include a short video to highlight his or her personality and future goals.

In 2015, Foothill Federal awarded three major scholarships at $2,000 each. The winners, Anika Lars, Jacob Kramer and Gilbert Shen, attended Foothill’s annual meeting to receive recognition and accept their scholarship checks.

Foothill Federal specializes in serving local school district and hospital employees. In addition to offering student scholarships, Foothill supports the advancement of education by offering Classroom Improvement grants and teaching financial literacy classes at local schools.

For more information or to schedule an interview with a Foothill Federal Credit Union representative, please phone Melinda Dilwicius at 626-445-0950, ext. 6246, or e-mail Ms. Dilwicius at mdilwicius@foothillcu.org.

Blue Star Banner Program celebrating 12 years

Gather items now to benefit Blue Star Banner yard sale

The Blue Star Program has four main activities:
• To hang recognition banners of the active and veteran military personnel from Temple City to acknowledge their sacrifice and to remind us of the importance of patriotism.
• To send gift packages to the active military personnel to let them know we care and that they are not forgotten.
• To conduct recognition dinners to welcome new families into the Blue Star fold and to let them know we support them too.
• To conduct fundraisers to make the first three items possible.

The Blue Star Program is successful thanks to the volunteers. This month, we acknowledge the Temple City Kiwanis Club, the Temple City American Legion, the West San Gabriel Valley Realtors Foundation and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce for their generous support.

Blue Star Chairman Sharon Johnson recently received a package from MA3 Arroyo’s Navy unit who wanted the Blue Star Program volunteers to know how much they appreciated the care packages they have received by taking a group picture of the unit, having every member sign the picture, and sending it to Ms. Johnson.

It is Girl Scout cookie season. Those yummy treats are perfect for the spring care packages. Please support the Blue Star Program by donating Girl Scout cookies (Thin Mints are everyone’s favorite), candy, DVDs, socks, books, etc. Phone Sharon Johnson at 626-285-5852 for more ideas and to schedule delivery of your donation.

The date has not been solidified but the Blue Star Banner Yard Sale will be held this year. Now is the time to go through your attic, closets, and garage for the items to donate to the yard sale that will cover the cost of new and replacement banners.

Spreading the joy

Temple City High School student Jessica Huang was one of many young volunteers raising money for community groups at the 72nd annual Camellia Festival, Feb. 26-28. Photo by Peter Choi.
Faith United Methodist Church
Pastor Matthew Chong
5957 Golden West Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3126
10 a.m. Worship Service in Mandarin
11:30 a.m. Praise service in English

First Baptist Church of TC
Jim Walden, Senior Pastor
6019 Baldwin Ave. • Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3126
web site: www.templecitybaptist.org
e-mail: tcbchurch@templecitybaptist.org
Jim @templecitybaptist.org
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

San Gabriel Community Church
Steve Balentine, Senior Pastor
117 N. Pine St., San Gabriel
626-287-0486
www.sgucandcs.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Youth Program, Jr. & Sr. High, 7 p.m.

First Lutheran Church
9123 Broadway, Temple City 91780
Office 626-287-0960
www.firstlutheran.org
Bible Study - Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Traditional worship
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

San Gabriel Mission Catholic Church
Pastor FR. Tony Diaz, CMF
428 South Mission Dr., San Gabriel 91776
626-457-3035
www.sangabrielmissionchurch.org
Services at 6 p.m., with soup and sandwiches at 5 p.m., Wednesday day, March 27. The church will be continuing its Lenten worship activities, Holy Week and Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m., San Gabriel Mission Catholic Church.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Rev. David Palmer, Pastor
5957 N. Golden West Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3129
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.
E-mail: info@templecityumc.org
Website: www.templecityumc.org

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charles Castles, Pastor
9642 Live Oak Ave.
626-287-1987
wpc@stbcglobal.net • www.tc-presbyterian.org
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
All Children Welcome • Nursery • Children’s Church
Bible Studies on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
Phone for information.

First Baptist Church of Temple City to host Benefit concert, April 2
First Baptist Church will be hosting a concert, at 3 p.m., April 2, at the church.
The event is a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the Jacob Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund helps send youth to Christian camp.
The featured performer is Justin Gambino. He is a singer, songwriter and founder of the group Shattered Silence. He hails from Angleton, Texas and is making this a stop as part of his “Your Hands and Feet Tour.”
Food, refreshments, and merchandise will also be available. Donations can be made if you’d like to help but can’t attend.
The Burns Family started this fund as a legacy to their son Jacob who they lost in 2012. Camp was an important part of his life where he made lasting memories and grew closer to God. They want to help make this possible for other young people.
For more information or to make a donation, please phone the Church Office at 286-3125.

First Lutheran Church announces Lenten activities, Holy Week worship
First Lutheran Church of Temple City will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 24.
The congregation will join with First Evangelical Lutheran Church of El Monte for a Good Friday service at 7 p.m., Friday, March 25 in El Monte, 4900 Kings Row, El Monte 91731.
First Lutheran’s Easter Sunday service will be at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, March 27. The church will be continuing its Lenten worship services at 6 p.m., with soup and sandwiches at 5 p.m., Wednesday March 2, 9, and 16.

Temple City’s Churches invite you to celebrate Holy Week and Easter
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St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community in Temple City welcomes exhibitors and vendors to participate in the Parish’s Annual Fiesta set for April 22-24, 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City.

The fiesta features a boutique and craft fair and an exhibitor area, along with a food court, a pavilion/beer garden with TVs, a plant booth, great carnival games, spectacular rides, and live entertainment.

The boutique and craft fair features nearly two dozen vendors and also showcases handcrafted and boutique style items created and donated by parishioners. Vendors can purchase space for all three days or just Saturday and Sunday ($115 for Friday-Sunday/$125 for Saturday and Sunday).

Exhibitor/vendor space is also available on Saturday and Sunday in the exhibitor area ($125 for Saturday and Sunday/$100 for Saturday or Sunday) for companies and organizations that want to showcase their products and services. Additionally, sponsorship packages range from $25 to $2,000 and in-kind donation sponsorships are welcome.

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So a little while ago, I started writing a piece titled “Is Forty Years Enough?” And last week, mostly because I’d been a jackass, I wound up in the hospital for a couple of days and missed an entire week of work. I’d missed THREE DAYS in four decades. Turned out, last week was the best I’d spent since being marooned in Positano, that hellhole located on the Amalfi Coast of Italy.

It was actually the closest I’ve come to meeting my maker (plenty of time for that – later.) And just because Of and I both attended USC, don’t blame our stupidity on the Trojans.

And yeah, 40 years ain’t nearly enough.

I’d hit a plateau; hadn’t lived up to some lofty goals I’d set; felt I was betraying the people I really respect, appreciate, and love. And since I’m a white guy who was becoming frustrated and a little resigned, I was probably only a touch of hatred and bitterness away from becoming a freakin’ Donald Trump supporter.

While I was in the hospital, two nurses complimented me on being so healthy and being in such great shape; they couldn’t believe the miles on my chart. “What do you do?” I’d been there when nurses had asked my 100-year old aunt the same question.

“I love being active. I love the experience of competition.”

So I busted out of Kaiser Wednesday night, engineered our quarterly team meeting the next day, and joined half of our team for the most inspiring, fun clinical training from the coolest, smartest colleague I’ve ever met (and he’s my mentor.) And we’re no slouches. We generated the top restorative Invisalign case in North America for 2014-2015. But we’ve been stingy because I’ve been stingy. It takes guts to be a great team. And we’ve been very good. But we can be great.