The Camellia Festival Royal Court members are (front row from left) Banner Carrier Madelynn Stone, Princess Mariko Okuda, Queen Leila Kylee Joe, Princess Keira Sugapong, and Banner Carrier Priscilla To. In the back row, from left, are Banner Carrier Tyler Kobayashi, Prince Daniel Yau, King Myles Valenzuela, Prince Devin Huang, and Banner Carrier Avery Perez. Photo courtesy of Chuck Hammond Photography.

74th Temple City Camellia Festival brings community together, delights all ages

Temple City residents were treated to many activities during the 74th annual Temple City Camellia Festival Feb. 23-25, at Temple City Park.

The Coronation of the 2018 Royal Court of first graders took place Feb. 2 to crown the King and Queen of the 74th Temple City Camellia Festival. The Camellia Festival Parade started at 10 a.m., Feb. 24, along Las Tunas Drive. Members of the 2018 Royal Court were King Myles Valenzuela and Queen Leila Kylee Joe, both of Emperor Elementary School; Princess Keira Sugapong of Encinita Elementary School; Princess Mariko Okuda of Emperor Elementary School; Prince Daniel Yau of Longley Elementary School; Prince Daniel Yau of Longley Elementary School; Princess Keira Sugapong of Encinita Elementary School; Princess Mariko Okuda of Emperor Elementary School; Prince Daniel Yau of Longley Elementary School; Princess Keira Sugapong of Encinita Elementary School; Princess Mariko Okuda of Emperor Elementary School; Prince Daniel Yau of Longley Elementary School.

Mayor Sternquist to review recent history, near future in State of the City address

Temple City Mayor Cynthia Sternquist will discuss local traditions and past successes while outlining the city council’s plans for the coming year in the annual State of the City address, Tuesday, March 13.

Open to the public, the event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Woman’s Club of Temple City, 9704 Woodruff Ave. A reception will follow.

Mayor Sternquist’s speech will focus on “building our story,” touching on the past, present and future of Temple City.

“The community remains at the forefront of our minds when it comes to the city’s efforts and we expect to continue the evolution of Temple City,” said the mayor. “From traditions that have become a part of our history to the changes coming at the library and elsewhere around town, we want to provide places where all locals can feel at home.”

During her State of the City address, Mayor Sternquist will touch upon 10 themes including new developments, the aging population and more. She will do so by painting a picture of the city’s story as it evolves, moving into discussion about the plans for Temple City’s future.

TCUSD launches mobile app to public

Staying informed on the latest school news is easier than ever with the new TCUSD mobile app. The Temple City Unified School District launched a new app this week that is designed as an on-the-go source for news and events throughout the District.

With the TCUSD application, users can easily access calendar events, preview lunch menus, check out the latest social media posts and much more.

Parents will also be able to receive “push notifications” from the District and receive instant alerts on their mobile devices when important information about their school is released.

TCUSD hopes the new app will help bolster its community engagement efforts.

According to the Pew Research Center, in 2016 about 12% of U.S. adults were “smartphone-only” Internet users, meaning they rely on smartphones rather than home broadband to access the internet. The Pew Research Center has been tracking smartphone adoption in the United States since 2010, and found that by late 2016, 57% of adults in the U.S. were smartphone users, up from 35% in 2011.

“A major highlight of the speech will include an update on the upcoming $3.9 million renovation of Temple City Library, one of the mayor’s most important initiatives over the past year,” Sternquist will also discuss the importance of keeping the Camellia Festival relevant with younger generations, the various ways in which locals can get involved by volunteering and major changes planned for downtown Temple City, including public parking and beautification efforts.

“While this speech is a testament to the past, it’s also about keeping Temple City relevant as we move forward,” said the mayor. “We want the coming generations to continue crafting the city’s story through their own lenses, with programs and policies that are key to building on the success of our community.”

Given the venue’s technical limitations, this year’s State of the City address will not broadcast live; however, the full presentation will be available online beginning Monday, March 19 at http://templecity.us.

For more information, please phone Jennifer Hylan at 626 285-2171, ext. 4111.

Parks & Recreation hosting kids Easter egg hunt, March 31

Get ready to greet the Easter Bunny when he stops by Temple City’s annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31 at Live Oak Park. The event brings together all members of the community for a fun, family-friendly morning that will be sure to create as much excitement for adults as it will for the kids.

“We’ve been hosting this event for many years, and it is one of our favorites,” said Cathy Burroughs, the city’s parks and recreation director.

“The kids love all the activities and a chance to see the Easter Bunny while their parents and others enjoy coming together for one morning.”

A pancake breakfast will kick off the event at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast, served through 11 a.m. at a cost of $2 per child and $3 per adult, will include sausage, eggs, coffee, milk and juice.

Meanwhile, more than 4,000 eggs will be scattered across Live Oak Park for three different age-based egg hunts. The first one, for children ages 1-5 (with a special area for toddlers and parents), will open at 9:45 a.m., followed by another hunt for those ages 6-7 at 10:15 a.m. The last hunt will begin at 10:45 a.m. for those ages 8-9. Parents should remember Easter baskets for their kids.

Other children’s activities include arts and crafts, as well as a visit and free photo with the Easter Bunny.

“Show up and have a good time,” Ms. Burroughs said.

For more information, phone the City Parks and Recreation Dept. at 626-579-0461. See ad on Page 3.
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Britton Chiropractic
Yelp’s No. 1 Chiropractic clinic in Arcadia Britton Chiropractic celebrated its move to its new location in Temple City with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony, Feb. 17. Open six days a week, the new facility at 9674 Las Tunas Drive is more than 2,300 square feet and offers a wide range of services. “We offer the best possible evidence-based chiropractic care, massage, physical therapy, rehabilitation and exercise to our patients,” said Doctor of Chiropractic, Anthony Britton. “We want people to actually enjoy going to the doctor’s office, which leads to them staying on track with their treatment goals and achieving a superior recovery.” With patients ranging from the age of eight weeks to 104 years, Dr. Britton emphasizes that the gains from chiropractic care are much more expansive than people might think. “The greatest misconception most people have about chiropractic treatment is that we only treat back pain,” said Dr. Britton. “We provide for a wide variety of conditions such as migraines, vertigo, frozen shoulder, TMJ, plantar fasciitis, tennis elbow, and more.”

Camellia Gifts
Temple City Mayor Pro Tem William Man and City Councilmember Tom Chavez joined dignitaries, neighbors, friends and family of owner Amy Wong to celebrate the grand opening of Camellia Gifts Feb. 7. Camellia Gifts is located at 9126 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780. Tel: 626-287-1268. www.camelliaflats.com. Business hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday, closed on Sunday. (Monday by appointment only.) In photo on left are Board member Franklin Ruedel, Camellia Gifts owner Amy Wong, and Chamber member Devlin Chung (Edward Jones Financial).

Their Majesties visit the Chamber
As part of their duties leading up to the big day, the 2018 Camellia Festival Royal Court paid a visit to many community organizations including the Temple City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on Feb. 12.

CHAMBER GRAND OPENINGS

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California American Water and Transtech Engineers have joined with the Chamber of Commerce to give back to the community. Their support greatly assists our engagement with both the business community and the many civic and service organizations in Temple City. Their support is greatly appreciated.
March 20 is the submission deadline for April issue of Temple City Life

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

Sat., March 31, 2018
10144 Bogue St., Temple City

Egg Hunts
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (1-3 years old)
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (4-5 years old)
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (6-7 years old)
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (8-9 years old)

Pancake Breakfast
While supplies last
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
$2 per child (under 12 years old)
$3 per adult
table served

For more information, please call (626) 579-0461.
Chamber’s Bliss & Wisdom Foundation hosts Chinese New Year celebration...

Enjoying the traditional Lion Dance are (front row L-R): Temple City Mayor Pro Tem William Man; Chamber Board members Jim Walders and Rita Padilla. Attending dignitaries and VIPs included Mary Su (Mayor of Walnut), Ruth Low (Mayor of Diamond Bar), Helen Chen Marston (Temple City Planning Commission Chair), Tim Huang (President, Temple City Chinese American Association), and Susan Rubio (Mayor Pro Tem of Baldwin Park).

...Wu Shu Action Star Academy enjoys the fun

Chamber member Jing Li of Wu Shu Action Star Academy brought her family to enjoy the Third annual Chinese New Year Festival hosted by the Bliss & Wisdom Foundation of North America, Feb. 10, in Temple City City Park. Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of vegetarian foods while learning about protecting the environment, reducing plastic in the oceans, and taking care of their health.

Coach Richard Marquis of the Play Smarter Basketball Class Program has traveled throughout Mainland China with parents and students of his Play Smarter International Basketball Camp.

TCUSD mobile app CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

access the Internet.

“Smartphones are a central mode of communication for most of us. This app brings together resources from all of our digital platforms in one convenient location,” said Superintendent Kathy Perini.

“It’s a great tool not just for busy parents and students, but members of the community.” The TCUSD mobile app is free, and available through iTunes and the Google Play stores now.

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Play Smarter Basketball Classes

Best year-round weekend coed basketball classes in the San Gabriel Valley

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Classes
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• Sundays 10 a.m.-12 Noon, & 2-4 p.m. at San Gabriel Academy, 8827 E. Broadway in San Gabriel

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Min W hosts Lunar New Year Art Show

Chamber member Min W Fine Art Gallery of Temple City hosted a Chinese Lunar New Year Art Show presented by the U.S.-China Institute of Contemporary Art. Artist Min W was recognized for her “peony” painting. In the photo, Chamber members Rita Padilla (flowered blouse) and Min W (rose lapel) join artist Liwei Zhuang who displays his calligraphy artwork. A video of the event is part of a cultural exchange with China. Buy art or sign up your kids for art classes at Min W Fine Art Gallery & School, 9908 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City. For more information, phone 626-348-9912.

Planning Commission seeks input on Code Update

What is the right height for new commercial buildings? What are the uses that should be allowed along Las Tunas Drive? The City is updating its Zoning Code and is seeking community input on these questions and more.

Over the next few months, the Planning Commission will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the City Council Chambers to gather input on the Zoning Code Update. Each meeting will be oriented to different subjects. Please see the schedule below:

- March 27: Mixed Use
- April 24: Industrial Zones
- May 22: Single-Family Residential (R-1)
- June 26: Multi-Family Residential (R-2 & R-3)
- July 24: Signs
- August 28: Administration and Processes
- September 25: Entire Zoning Code

Visit MakeTCHappen.com, e-mail planning@templecity.us, or phone 626-656-7316, for more information.
Giving back to the community with Smiles for Life

So I can’t believe almost 20 years have gone by since I almost quit my job.
But I was my mom’s caregiver and sharing her healthcare journey changed my life ... and even created a culture. Though Mom encountered many well-intentioned skilled professionals, often the reassurance, empathy, and humanity fell short; it was like the system was just too big and impersonal. Why not see co-workers and patients alike as family, not numbers?

About a year before my mom passed, two of my team and I ventured down to La Jolla for a conference. For my practice, the conference changed everything. It marked the beginning of Smiles for Life.

Smiles for Life opened our eyes to possibilities we’d talked about but hadn’t lived. What if we could extend friends and family serving friends and family beyond our walls and into the community?

Since 1998, we’ve walked the talk. We’ve looked for opportunities and therefore seen them. And that special time of year, March 1-June 30, will mark 20 years of Smiles for Life and a purpose even beyond providing the best dental care we can.

This year, we’ll again offer teeth whitening at greatly reduced fees with all funds going to charity. Half of the funds will go to a national charity chosen by that amazing progressive organization that started it all, the Crown Council. Half of the money will go to a local non-profit organization of our choosing.

We are proud to be partners, family, and raving fans of Pasadena’s Foundation for Living Beauty. Living Beauty was founded in 2005; the organization provides emotional and physical support for women who have cancer. Living Beauty serves more than 450 women who are in various aspects of their “journey” with cancer.

The stories are powerful. I’ll share them during Smiles for Life. A quote from one of those stories reads, “Breast cancer has given me gifts. I’m the best person I’ve ever been.” And doing something simply to make a difference for another human being gives us all at least a shot at fulfillment and maybe even becoming the best person we can be.

St. Luke Church to host discussion on human trafficking – public invited

The Social Justice Concerns Ministry of St. Luke Catholic Community will host a discussion night about Human Trafficking at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, in the St. Luke Parish Hall, 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City.

Human Trafficking is the fastest growing illegal enterprise in the U.S, including in the Los Angeles area. Learn what the community can do to fight human trafficking of vulnerable populations, such as poor families, runaway or homeless youth, victims of violence, and unsuspecting young people.

Susan Patterson, author of How You Can Fight Human Trafficking, Over 100 Ways to Make a Difference, will join the discussion and share her insight.

For more information, email the Social Justice Concerns Ministry at stlukesjc@gmail.com or phone the Pastoral Office at 626-291-5900.
**Legal Report**

**By Tony J. Tyre, Attorney at Law**

7030 Temple City Blvd., Temple City.

For more information, phone 626-285-7033 or email tyre@tyrelawgroup.com.

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**BY SERKAN ERENAY**

One of the most common questions homeowners are curious about is whether they need to hire an architect or a designer for their remodeling project. For small projects such as adding a new wall or removing a non-bearing wall, a contractor can be contacted directly. However, if one would like aesthetically pleasant results for a room addition, new kitchen or bathroom and renovation, consider hiring an architect or design professional to create the plans for city submittal.

A city permit is usually required for construction. These professionals know what is required for construction permit submittal as well as the construction documents required for the contractor to build the project. An architect or designer can provide information regarding the structural requirements of a project along with the aesthetic considerations. If the project involves a new room addition or any structural changes to the existing house or business building, a California licensed structural engineer must prepare the structural projects.

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**Do you need an architect or a designer for a remodeling project?**

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It’s that time of the year: tax season. When most of us think of tax season, we think of our individual and business tax returns since these are the most common tax forms. Most of us do not think of the tax obligations relating to trusts, but many of us should.

Many of my clients are surviving widows or widowers who had trusts drafted with her or his spouse a number of years in the past. Today, with Congress’ recent tax changes, the tax estate exemption per person is $11 million (or $22 million for a married couple). This means an individual person can have $11 million in assets upon death without estate taxes. However, a number of years ago, the estate tax exemption was significantly lower.

For instance, the exemption was only $675,000 in 2001. As a result, many estate planning attorneys commonly drafted “A-B” Trusts for clients. When the first spouse passed away, the trust became split into two components: the Survivor’s Trust and the Decedent’s Trust. In 2001, the benefit of the “A-B” Trust was that it allowed the survivor to “fund” the Decedent’s Trust with assets to preserve the decedent’s $675,000 exemption limit. This was important because many people were paying estate tax back then with lower exemption limits than people pay now with an $11 million exemption.

Nowadays, an “A-B” Trust does not make sense for most of my clients. The most negative aspect of an “A-B” Trust is that it must be split into two trusts when one spouse passes away into the Decedent’s Trust and the Survivor’s Trust. The Decedent’s Trust becomes an entity like a corporation and becomes irrevocable, which means the trust cannot be changed. This means the surviving spouse must manage two trust instead of one.

Additionally, what most people don’t know is that many surviving spouses should likely file a trust tax return for the Decedent’s Trust. As an entity, the Decedent’s Trust should have a tax return if it has income above $600.

Without going into too much legalese, if you are a surviving spouse you should speak to an attorney or tax professional about your trust tax obligations. If you are currently married and have an older trust, you should speak to an attorney about potentially having your trust redrafted.

With the change in the exemption limits, attorneys have changed the ways they draft trusts. It is very important for you to know the consequences for the type of trust you choose to have drafted.

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Notice of 123rd Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Sunny Slope Water Company

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of Sunny Slope Water Company, a California corporation, will be held at the office of the Company, located at 1040 El Campo Drive, Pasadena, California 91107 in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Monday, the 19th day of March 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting and the determination of any matters postponed for hearing at said meeting from previous meetings of the shareholders.
2018 Camellia Festival Parade Scenes
Feb. 23, 2018

Host band - the Temple City High School Marching Band, “The Pride Of Temple City,” Drum Major - Vallerie Htun (Ton), Auxiliary Unit Leader Kelly Morrison, Band Director Bert Ferntheil. Auxiliary Director Sandee Kidd.

The four Royal Court Banner Carriers proudly carried their banner. See formal photo, Page 1.

The 2018 Royal Court was celebrated as they rode down Las Tunas drive on a float decorated and pushed by members of the Temple City High School Associated Student Body. See formal photo, Page 1.

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The Honorary Grand Marshals Award winner was the float called “What Inspires Us,” built by the Longden Student Council. The float represents a heart bursting with what inspires them.

The Best Use of Camellias trophy was awarded to St Luke’s Class of 2018 for their float called “The Music in Me.” St. Luke Catholic School 8th grade class has participated in the Camellia Parade for more than 20 years. It is a tradition for the 8th Grade students to design and build a float.

Cub Scout Pack 156 was recognized with the Animation trophy for their float “World Peace.” Cub Scout Pack 156 is inspiring World Peace with their float. They put the names of each family that donated Camellias on each card.

Mermaid Cast Float
The Josette Temple Award went to TCHS Performing Arts for their float “The Little Mermaid.” Temple City High School’s annual Spring Musical, Disney’s “The Little Mermaid,” will be performed March 9, 10 & 11 at the beautiful San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. Visit www.templecitybrighterside.org/index.html to purchase tickets.

Photos courtesy of Temple City Camellia Festival
Dawn Tarin, Festival Director
St. Luke Parish Fiesta pre-sale tickets available: grand prize $5,000

Pre-sale tickets for St. Luke Catholic Community’s 31st Annual Fiesta are now available.

The annual community event April 27-29 at 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City, will feature a food court with a diverse selection of menu offerings, live entertainment, rides, carnival games, a food pavilion/beer garden (with TVs), and a boutique & craft fair.

Ride tickets and unlimited ride wristbands (select hours) are currently available.

The event, host to more than 7,000 Greater San Gabriel Valley residents, is the Parish’s main fundraiser with proceeds directed toward Parish and elementary school maintenance needs.

Event is subject to change. For more information, phone the Pastoral Office at 626-291-5900 or visit Web site www.stluketemplecity.org/kiesta.
Yard sale planned for April – Thanks, donors

By Monique Weiland

The next Blue Star event is the annual yard sale toward the end of April, in the April Temple City Life. Now is the time to start cleaning out the closets, garages, and storage units of items that need new homes and in the process benefit the Blue Star program.

All fund-raising events allow Blue Star Banner volunteers to continue to send out gift packages and bold dinners to celebrate the individuals from Temple City who put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms Temple City residents enjoy every day. The yard sale is one of the ways to give back.

Active military personnel from Temple City have received gift packages full of Girl Scout Cookies from the following Temple City Blue Star Banner supporters: the owners of Pasadena Motor Cars, Gene Benson, Owen and Aaron Curtis; the Richard Wenzel Family, the Fox Family, Larry Brady of Arizona, and Pete Talley of State Farm Insurance in Glendora.

Because of the gifts we send through gift packages, letters, and banners along the streets of Temple City, the gratitude is returned to the Blue Star Program in many ways.

For example, one of the Temple City US Air Force members sent Sharon Johnson a special Air Force patch for serving in the European military theater, a special forces patch, and a USAF-black beanie, as tokens of appreciation.

Blue Star has also received American Flags that were aboard aircraft and flown in Afghanistan and Iraq. These items have been carefully secured in shadow boxes that will be proudly displayed at the next Blue Star Recognition Dinner, Nov. 2.

For more information about the Temple City Blue Star Program, please phone Ms. Johnson at 626-285-5852.

Learn Temple City history at Historical Society gathering, Sunday, March 18

The Temple City Historical Society will meet Sunday, March 18, to hear Mark Nelson from the San Dimas Historical Society tell “The History of Barbed Wire.” Members and the public are invited.

The museum will be open from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments and the general meeting at 3 p.m.

The gathering will be in the Museum Hall with the entrance at 9704 Woodruff Ave., Temple City. Phone the office at 626 451-0833 and leave a message for information.

Membership for 2018 and donations are welcome. Single membership is $15 and family membership is $25. Business membership is $35.

Membership information and checks can be mailed to Historical Society of Temple City, P.O. Box 1379, Temple City 91780. For more information, phone Secretary Delora Brown, at 626 287-7393 or e-mail delorabrown@att.net.

SONshine House Preschool hosting open house, March 16

First Lutheran Church and SONshine House Preschool invites parents to the campus during its annual open house from 4-6 p.m., March 16, at 9141 Broadway, Temple City. Classes are offered for children 2-6 years old. The program includes a full day or part time schedules.

As a ministry of First Lutheran Church, the goal is to offer a program that is safe, nurturing and developmentally appropriate in a loving Christ-centered environment.

The school offers a Christian curriculum that includes Bible themes, stories and activities.

SONshine also seeks to offer a program that supports the whole child with skill building activities for fine and gross motor development, early math skills, phonemic awareness, science, culture, language and reading and Kindergarten readiness.
United Methodists celebrate Easter with multiple activities

The Temple City United Methodist Church celebrates the Easter season with a variety of religious activities. The public is invited to attend and join in all worship services and learning opportunities.

The high points begin with the Palm Sunday 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services, March 25 with special choral music at the 10 a.m. service. On Sunday, April 1, the Easter celebration starts with an 8 a.m. service at the Temple City Park followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children and the young-at-heart.

The traditional Easter service is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by the 11:30 a.m. Bilingual Easter Service. The regular Sunday evening services are continuing.

In addition, during Lent, the Rev. David Palmer is leading the church Life Groups in the study “Life with Jesus is Better.” Pastor Palmer said “We’ve all been given a certain amount of time on earth, with resources, relationships, and opportunities. Every day we have a choice of what we are going to do with them.” For additional information, visit http://templecityumc.org/
AM Essential Legal Documents opens new office for public service

Chamber member AM Essential Legal Documents, Inc. is open for business at its new office, 43 E. Huntington Drive, Unit D, Arcadia, CA 91006. In the photo Chamber President Peter Choi congratulates owner Aida Melvin with a plaque. AM Essential Legal Documents is a bonded and registered Legal Document Assistant, Certified Paralegal and Notary Public. Ms. Melvin can prepare needed legal and court documents in a timely manner and for a fraction of the cost of a traditional attorney fee. “Our clients will never find hidden fees or costs with our services since we offer a flat fee pricing and we provide you with an affordable payment plan,” said Ms. Melvin.

For more information, phone the office at 626-538-4299 or 626-531-5420, Cell 626-247-4425 and Fax 626-226-5885. E-mail Aida at aidaslegaldocs@gmail.com or visit the Web site www.amessentiallegaldocumentsinc.com.

Kumon helps students achieve by becoming focused, motivated

Kumon Math and Reading Center of Temple City is an after-school academic enrichment program that has helped children achieve success worldwide by instilling the motivation to learn on their own. Whether your child is seeking enrichment, needs help catching up or is just beginning his or her academic career, Kumon is designed to help him or her develop a love of learning.

Students advance through the program at their own pace with an emphasis on individualized learning which helps your child become focused, motivated and self-reliant. Kumon is a program that lets a child challenge himself/herself with higher grade math/reading materials as the child masters the earlier concepts.

For example, student Aldon, in photo above, returned to Kumon after a break in 2015. With hard work, perseverance and patience, he reached Level J (Algebra 2) at the age of 11. Of course, Aldon is a normal, everyday kid who enjoys reading books, playing video games and hanging out with friends.

Kumon is hosting the Chamber’s Networking Mixer March 14. (See flier, Page 3). Kumon Math and Reading Center of Temple City is located at 9666 E. Las Tunas Drive, Temple City. For more information, phone 626-287-8434 or visit www.kumon.com/TEMPLE-CITY.