Relay for Life participants brave heat to raise $55,000

Thirty teams, 358 participants, and 40 cancer survivors raised $55,902.71 in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life of Temple City July 26 at the Temple City High School track.

Even with the temperature topping out at more than 100 degrees, participants raised $5,500 more than they raised in 2013. Top participants were Elizabeth Powell, $1,671; Mary Sneed; $1,387.75; and Gina Aparicio, $1,329.50.

Top teams were: Team Longden, $9,461.06; The Real Housewives of Temple City; $6,042.50; and We Have No Fear, $5,556.

Even though the Relay for Life event is finished for another year, the opportunity to donate is not. The goal is to raise $60,000 before the end of the month. Donations can be made at the Web site www.RelayForLife.org/TempleCityCA.

Chamber to honor outstanding contributions to Temple City business community at Aug. 16 gala

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce is proud to acknowledge the following honorees who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Temple City. They will be recognized at “A Night at the Gatsby,” the Chamber’s 90th Annual Awards & Board Installation ceremony, Aug. 16 (see Page 16).

Outstanding Restaurant: El Ruizenor Grill

After opening two successful and ongoing restaurants - the original Chanos in San Gabriel and the newer Chanos in El Monte - Norma Perez and Vincent Ruiz chose Temple City to open their newest venture, El Ruizenor Grill, which has been pleasing lovers of Mexican food since 2013.

Open seven days, breakfast to dinner, El Ruizenor specializes in Oaxacan cuisine, known for its spices and sauces. El Ruizenor Grill also has a full bar for drinks.

El Ruizenor Grill is available to host parties for personal or professional celebrations, birthdays, and fundraisers for schools and churches.

El Ruizenor Grill, 5818 Temple City Blvd., Temple City 91780. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 626-286-8763 (or 8764).

Outstanding Business: Dr. Tai K. Mao, Pinnacle Dental

“My patients are the driving force that allows me to excel in my profession. Being able to provide excellent dental care allows me to change another person’s smile and life, but the trusting relationships and bonds that we form change my life as well. The friendships I’ve created with my patients have made me a better person and a better role model for my children.”

Born in Vietnam, Dr. Mao immigrated to the United States at the age of nine and has lived in the San Gabriel Valley ever since. Married to wife Ivy, they have three young children, Joshua, Oliver, and Abigail. Watching them grow has been their great joy.

Dr. Mao is active in the community to teach them the importance of donating time and effort to build a better place where we can all live together. Passionate about making a difference in the community where he lives and raise his kids, he is involved in the Neighborhood Watch, volunteers with the Kiwanis Club by providing free dental checkups, and participates in Dentistry From The Heart to provide free dental work for the community.

A graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry in Los Angeles, Dr. Mao attends more than 100 hours of continuing education per year because it gives him a further knowledge across various disciplines of new technology and techniques that are beneficial to patients in terms of treatment planning, procedure time, recovery time, and overall practice efficiency. His professional affiliations include America’s Top Dentists, the Punjabi Dental Society, and, of course, the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. When he has free time, he enjoys traveling, working out, and watching sports.

“My profession has allowed me to become more of a giver than I ever dreamt. It allows me to put a smile back on many people, to serve my community and mankind, and most importantly, to allow my kids the opportunity to become involved in the community and make a difference in other people’s lives.”

Dr. Tai Mao Dental is located at 9925 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City 91780. 626-286-3033.

Outstanding Business: Temple City Animal Hospital

Dr. Carol and Arthur Crittenden opened Temple City Animal Hospital in 1952 and were honored as an American Animal Hospital Association Accredited Hospital in 1955.

“The doctors and staff of Temple City Animal Hospital have the best jobs in the world; in equal parts we get to take care of pets – a passion from childhood for most of us – while at the same time...
Chamber to honor outstanding community service Aug. 16

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educating, reassuring and making friends with their owners. To be recog-
nized by the Chamber as we do this most
fulfilling work is a great joy. Thanks!”

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Magro donated a beautiful clock to Temple

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In 1955, Cal and Vicky Magro Sr. opened the original Cal’s Jewelers in San Gabriel. Their son Cal Jr., who had joined the family business at an early age and attended the Gemology Institute of America, opened his own store in 1978 in Temple City. In 1981, his parents closed their San Gabriel location and joined their son’s successful business.

Sadly, in 1992 Cal Sr. had a stroke and was forced to retire. That very same year Cal Jr. had a heart attack. Three months later Cal Jr. hired Eddie Gribowski, a watchmaker who also attended the Gemology Institute of America, to help him with the store and repairs on jew-

After serving churches in Illinois, Pas-
tor Walden accepted the call to start Roll-

hills Community Church in Kansas City, MO, which he pastored for 19 years and, perhaps more importantly, where he was introduced to Diona. They have been happily married for two decades.

Pastor Walden’s passions include teaching, leadership development and evangelism. An avid basketball player, he also enjoys chasing a little white ball around the golf course.

Outstanding Community Service

Honor Tom Chavez,

Temple City Mayor Pro Temp

Tom Chavez was born November 9,1954, in Los Angeles, California. He has lived his entire life in the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Chavez earned a Bachelors of Art Degree from California State Los An-

gles and a J urs Doctor Degree in Law from Southwestern Law School.

Mr. Chavez was elected to the Temple City Council in 2009, after having served on the Parks and Recreation Commiss-
sion for six years. Mr. Chavez served as president of the Temple City American Little League and currently is assistant
district administrator for Little League Baseball, District 18. Mr. Chavez has been an attorney in private practice in Pasadena for 28 years. He is also an ad-

junct professor at Pasadena City College teaching legal classes in their Paralegal Program.

Mr. Chavez’s community involve-

ment includes past general chairman of the St. Luke Church Fiesta and the Ca-
mellia Festival. During his term as coun-

cil member, Mr. Chavez is most proud of helping to develop a new code of ethics for city officials and working towards the development of the Citizen’s Acad-

emy.

Mr. Chavez currently serves as the
city council liaison to several standing com-

mittees; school district, city code review, strategic plan implementation and au-
dit committees. He also serves as the city liaison to the Temple City Sister City Association and the Youth Committee.

Mr. Chavez moved to Temple City in 1990 with his wife Jane and two sons, Evan and Sean. The couple celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. Mr. Chavez enjoys reading, walking with Mrs. Chavez and their dog, Kona, as well as attending Dodger games and hosting weekend barbecues.

Mr. Chavez is grateful for the oppor-
tunity to raise his family in a safe and enjoyable environment and as a city council member wants to ensure that future generations will have the same

Outstanding Community Service

LA County Sheriff’s Deputy

Kirk Cardella

Kirk Cardella began his career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Depart-
ment in September 1996. After the Acad-
emy, he was assigned to work at Men’s Central Jail. In 2000, he transferred to Temple Station. Happily married to his wife Kristen, they have one daughter

Myranda, 17, and three sons: Dylan, 21, Hunter and Jared, both 12.

In 2009, Kirk received the Deputy of the Year award while assigned to COPS bureau (Community Oriented Policing), for the VIDA program.

Deputy Cardella enjoys driving through the community, talking to the residents and hearing what they have to say. He strives hard every day to do his best and make a positive difference in Temple City. He especially enjoys work-

ing with his partners (Dep. Adams, Dep. Alvarez and Sgt. Miranda) and is truly proud of the work they do as a team.

“I would like to thank my wife Kristen and my family for all of their support and understanding through the past 18 years of my career. Kristen, you truly are my best friend and I love you to the moon and back. Nothing I have achieved or will achieve in my career would be possible without you and the kids.”

Outstanding Community Service

LA County Fire Captain

Robby Wilkinson

Bio not available at press time.
School News

TCUSD announces first day of school, Aug. 27, school site registration, back-to-school nights

The first day of school for the Temple City Unified School District will be Wednesday, Aug. 27. The District has announced registration and back-to-school programs for all schools for the 2014-15 school year.

Registration will take place for the following dates, locations and times:

- Aug. 19: Emperor round-up: 12-7 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Longden round-up: 1-7 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Oak registration 8th grade A-L: 9-11 a.m.
- Aug. 19: Oak registration 8th grade M-Z: 1-3 p.m.
- Aug. 19: TCHS arena scheduling seniors. Time not available*
- Aug. 20: Cloverly round-up A-L: 4-7 p.m.
- Aug. 20: Longden round-up: 1-4 p.m.
- Aug. 20: Oak registration 7th grade A-L: 9-11 a.m.
- Aug. 20: Oak registration 7th grade M-Z: 1-3 p.m.
- Aug. 20: TCHS arena scheduling juniors/sophomores. Time not available*
- Aug. 21: Cloverly round-up M-Z: 4-7 p.m.
- Aug. 21: TCHS arena scheduling freshmen. Time not available*
- Aug. 25: TCHS make-up arena scheduling. Time not available*

Back-to-school nights for each school:

- Aug. 26: Longden grade 4-6: 6-8 p.m.
- Aug. 28: La Rosa: Time not available*
- Sept. 2: Longden grade 4-6: 6-8 p.m.
- Sept. 4: Cloverly 6-7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8: DDSL: 6 p.m. Oak: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Emperor Time not available*
- Sept. 16: TCHS 6:30 p.m.

*Time not available. Please phone school for information: TCHS 626-548-5042; La Rosa 548-5082; Emperor 548-5085.

City News Briefs from the City Manager

Temple City Manager Donald Pesman’s Report to the City Council of July 18 includes the following information:

Proposed Percent-for-Art ordinance being drafted by staff to create art fund

The city staff is preparing a draft Percent-for-Art ordinance to require the City to set aside 1% of capital improvement project costs for public art; furthermore, newly permitted private development would be required to pay anywhere from .5% to 1% of total (permit) project valuation into a public art fund. Qualifying projects and associated valuation thresholds will be recommended upon City Council review of the draft ordinance this fall.

City removes hazardous material from former mortuary property

Removal of asbestos and other environmental hazards was completed July 19 at the former mortuary property at 5800 Temple City Boulevard. The law requires this type of remediation.

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Chamber hosts successful social media seminar

Social media expert Margaret M. Brown led a lively, free-form seminar on Instagram and Twitter in the Chamber Boardroom on July 10. Attendees learned how to build customer relationships and raise brand awareness utilizing the two Apps. Ms. Brown, founder of SocializeLA.com, a full-service social business agency, was a smart, articulate and informative speaker who answered questions and offered best practices to students who included a professional business consultant, a non-profit director, and a documentary filmmaker. Ms. Brown can be reached by phone at 626-710-4221 or e-mail Margaret@socializeLA.com. Her twitter handle is @margmarieb.

The Chamber Welcomes New Members and Renewals

BUSINESS RENEWALS
San Gabriel Hilton
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John Martin
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For information about the benefits of membership, please phone 626-286-3101.

Chamber News

Many thanks to the generous sponsors of A Night at the Gatsby, Aug. 16

By Peter Choi

This year is the 90th Anniversary for the Temple City Chamber of Commerce and we are celebrating in a big way with “A Night at the Gatsby” on Saturday, Aug. 16. I would like to personally thank the many Chamber members, local businesses, professionals, and organizations that have stepped forward to support our event.

They say you are known by the company you keep which means we must be doing something right to have such an amazing group who have donated, among the many raffle prizes, a 42-inch LED flat screen TV, a one-year membership to Gold’s Gym, a two-night stay in Las Vegas, gift certificates for local restaurants and tickets to the movies.

First I’d like to thank our Platinum Sponsors: Athens Services, California American Water and Southern California Edison and our Gold Sponsor Sunnyslope Water Company. Their generosity has underwritten the event and allowed us to commemorate a very special anniversary in grand style.

Recognizing our special role in the community, we decided to donate ourselves a portion of our proceeds to help refurbish the gym/workout room of the Temple City Sheriff’s Station. These brave men and women help keep our city safe which is so important to a strong business community. And they have donated themselves a ride around the harbor in an LA County Sheriff’s boat.

The quality of our raffle prizes will certainly induce attendees to try their luck at the casino games or just buy raffle tickets. You’ll have to be one of the lucky few to discover what prizes have been donated by American Medical Response, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, CEMCO Strength Equipment, Gold’s Gym Arcadia, Hilton San Gabriel, The Hat restaurant, Irwindale Event Center, the Los Angeles Register, Marriott Hotels, Office Depot, Sam’s Club, Super A Foods, Sushi In The Box restaurant.

A special thanks to local individuals who donated such as our Board Chair and Realtor extraordinary Rita Padilla, Dr. Wenli Jen, the Law Office of E. Thomas Chavez, and Realtor Helen Chen Marston.

A very special thank you to Chamber members local Realtor Jackson Wong of ReMax/ Omega, Min W Fish & School, Starbucks, and Fanny’s Flowers.

I would also like to thank Board member Judy Huie Mena, owner of Planet Preschool, for her energy and ideas she brought as Chair of the Event Committee, our Managing Editor Philip Pettus for his design work on our flers and promotional materials, and my Executive Assistant Stefanie Stowers whose hard work and attention to detail have kept things organized, both here and on all the many Chamber activities over the past few months.

I hope you will join the Chamber and our special friends at our gala. Let’s party like it’s 1999, oops, make that 1924.
Business News

Flowers for veterans featured in Teleflora’s Smile Week

The program started July 20 and is implemented by 40 nationwide volunteer units of Teleflora to promote the strengthening of the floral industry through educational programs for florists.

Bruce, co-owner with wife Fanny, of Fanny’s Flowers, is the president of the Los Angeles Coastal Counties Unit of Teleflora. Teleflora supports the LACCU by supplying happy face cups. Wholesale flower suppliers donate the flowers.

This year the LACCU members, the Girl Scouts, American Legion, Elks Lodge, and Teleflora employees volunteered their time to make floral arrangements and deliver them to veterans being treated at the West Los Angeles Veteran Administration Medical Center. Everyone needs a smile now and then. Happy Make Someone Smile Week.

Investing in the future

In the Chamber’s latest financial investment seminar, new Board member Gabriel Lynn of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, addresses attendees in the Chamber Boardroom, July 23. To learn about future seminars, please check Temple City Life each month. Photo by Stefanie Stowers.

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• Bookkeeping and Accounting
• IRS record keeping requirements for business success
• Corporation, Partnership or Sole Proprietor: What to consider when selecting a business structure
• Running a business out of your home

For more information on these tax workshops, phone the Temple City Chamber at 626-286-3101 or email Stakeholder Liaison lisa.a.hamilton@irs.gov

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Chamber member Bruce Watara of Fanny’s Flowers shares a smile as he volunteers for Make Someone Smile Week, Teleflora’s annual benevolent program to bring smiles across America.
New rules apply for IRA beneficiary who isn’t a surviving spouse

Q. Emmy, I’m considering changing my IRA’s beneficiary from my wife to my granddaughter. Could this create potential problems?

A. Your wife has more flexibility when assuming control of your IRA. She can remain the beneficiary and easily access the account if she’s under 59-1/2 when you pass. She’ll pay a 10% penalty for withdrawing before age 59-1/2.

Alternatively, she can roll over your IRA into her preexisiting or newly created IRA and postpone mandatory distributions until she’s 70-1/2. The rules remain the same as if this account were hers all along.

When an IRA beneficiary isn’t a surviving spouse, new rules emerge. Your granddaughter cannot roll over your IRA directly into her name.

The IRA must be retitled to indicate this is now an inherited IRA.

If the funds are moved into a new IRA account, your granddaughter must do this through a “trustee-to-trustee” transfer. Otherwise, the IRS will consider the transfer a “total distribution” subject to full taxation and effectively ending the IRA.

Non-spouse beneficiaries must begin taking distributions by Dec. 31 of the year after inheriting. However, your granddaughter can stretch the withdrawals across her life expectancy. Smaller withdrawals taken over many years may allow the IRAs’ pretax value to increase.

Your wife can choose to disclaim your IRA as her inheritance within nine months after inheriting. Ownership would transfer to the contingent beneficiary, assumably your granddaughter. This would postpone the need to make your decision now; your family could delay assessing the pros and cons until the time comes.

For a less simplified answer, please contact a qualified financial advisor.

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Money at Work

Emmy Hernandez is an attorney and a financial advisor helping clients in the San Gabriel Valley grow and protect their wealth. Questions for Emmy can be submitted to emmy.hernandez@natplan.com. She can also be reached at 626-943-8823. Visit her Web site at www.ehfinancial.com.

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Estate planning: the overlooked four essential documents

As an attorney who practices primarily in estate planning, I often encounter people who ask, “Why do I need an estate plan?” My answer, “So your last wishes are carried out properly in the most timely and cost effective way possible.” However, this statement does not cover all aspects of estate planning.

There are four essential documents to almost every estate plan.

The living trust
As many people know, a trust is a legal document that puts real and personal property in trust, which means such property does not go through the lengthy and costly probate court process. The property can thus pass to the heir more quickly and with less cost.

A pour-over will
This type of will is essential to make sure that any property accidentally left out of the trust or acquired after the trust was signed is added to the trust. A pour-over will essentially states, “I leave all property not named in my trust to my trust.”

Advance healthcare directive
This allows a person to choose who would make medical decisions should that person become incapacitated. Durable power of attorney
This allows a person to choose who would make financial decisions should that person become incapacitated. Some people don’t care what happens to their estate once they die; however, I think all of us care who would make our medical and financial decision if we are not in the right state of mind to make these decisions.

I often feel that more emphasis is put on the importance of the will and trust documents, which are very important after a person passes. However, I would like to highlight and underlined the importance of an advance healthcare directive and durable power of attorney which are equally significant, especially when a person is alive.

Would you want your emotional mother to be in charge of making life ending decisions? Would you want your financially irresponsible child in charge of your financial affairs? I don’t think so. With these documents, you have the power to select who these people would be.

In addition, you can choose what power you give your agents. For example, would you or would you not want to be resuscitated with a life terminal disease? You have the power make these decisions even while incapacitated by limiting your agent’s power in your advance healthcare directive. You can similarly limit the power of your agent in a durable power of attorney.

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Roadhouse Coffee announces closing in Temple City Square shopping center

Local coffee lovers reacted with sadness upon hearing the news that Temple City’s Temple City Square center, served its last Iced White Cadillac coffee drink and PCH tuna sandwich on July 29. A large part of the affection for Roadhouse was due to its owner Carl Cicchetti (pronounced Chi-KET-ee), described by one yelp reviewer as “a lovable grouch who runs an extremely clean and efficient place,” and by another as some-one who “remembers me by name (and makes) everyone who comes in feel like they are regulars and makes them feel at home.” As a third reviewer noted, “the best part is Carl. He gets to know his customers and treats them like family. This place is where small business and personal touch come together.”

Mr. Cicchetti offered this statement: “Roadhouse Coffee has reached the end of the road. Our month-to-month lease has been terminated. Roadhouse Coffee was established in June of 1994. “It was the first of its kind to offer a venue for young and old alike. A place for people to feel at home away from home. A local eatery where everyone knew your name. I sincerely regret closing our doors and our home to our faithful friends. I will miss you all. Sincerely, Carl Cicchetti.”
Miracle housing market:

Why now is the time to buy or sell a home

By Rudy Lira Kusuma, Realtor®

After years of nothing but negative reports about the housing market, it is hard to believe recent news about the “housing market rebound” and “why now is a great time to buy or sell a home.”

However, the reality is that the housing market has recovered remarkably quickly and created unique opportunities for those looking to buy or sell a home.

For those looking to buy a home, interest rates for mortgage loans remain incredibly low. For 2014, the average annual rate has hovered around 4 to 4.5%.

These low interest rates make buying a home more affordable than at almost any time in the last 40 years.

For those looking to sell, home prices are up significantly and continue to rise. In fact, home prices rose by 12% in January 2014 compared to January 2013. What’s more, there are not enough homes on the market to meet the current demand. The simple principle of supply-and-demand is helping those selling a home get top dollar for it.

I have a report entitled, “The Miracle Housing Market,” that further explains why now is the perfect time to buy or sell a home. Access this report at www.MiracleHousingMarket.com.
Calling all square dancers; two clubs offer affordable dancing fun

It is said that square dancing combines exercise, friendship and fun in one package. Two separate square dance groups spreading the joy and healthy exercise of square dancing have invaded Temple City and are looking for new participants to join the fun. Each club starts this fall in September and is accepting new dancers for first three weeks. The first lesson is free.

The San Gabriel Valley B’n B’s Club

What: Modern Square Dancing
When: Sundays, September 14, 21, or 28, 2014 (Accepting new dancers for first three weeks)
Where: Community of Christ Church, 9468 Broadway, Temple City
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Cost: First lesson is free, $5 per lesson after that.
Instructor/Caller: Frank Lescrinier
For more information, phone Judy 626-287-1946 or Marlene 626-359-7924

The Grin-N-Square It Dance Club

What: Modern Square Dancing
When: Tuesdays, starting Sept. 23, 30, or Oct. 7 (Accepting new dancers for first three weeks)
Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 5319 N. Halifax Road, Temple City
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Cost: First lesson is free, $5 per lesson after that.
Instructor/Caller: Phil Farmer
For more information, phone Randy and Pat 626-358-6485

New sport offers challenge similar to chess

“Wiser” or “Wiser-Ball” is a new sport that is quickly gaining immense popularity across the world and is now being played in the local parks of San Gabriel Valley. This challenging new sport brings strategy, teamwork and high levels of technical skill together in a game that can be played almost anywhere, with 2-14 people. Each team begins with up to five to seven wiser-balls, depending on the number of players. The object of the game is to eliminate all of the opposing team’s balls by hitting or “locking” them.

The strategy of Wiser almost mimics that of chess where each move needs to be carefully thought out. The “US National Wiser Athletics Association” (USNWAA), based in South El Monte is looking to promote Wiser through a tournament played by athletes representing local high schools.

The Tournament, set to take place in October, will focus on two vs. two matches and includes free-entry, and more than $2,000 worth of prizes for participating players. The tournament will take place at a local park or high school in the community and invites everyone to come and see for themselves the intrigue behind Wiser.

More information can be found on their Web site at www.usnwaa.org, or you may email Manager Peyman Heyrani at peyman@usnationalwiser.org.
A donation, or support the Blue Star Program.


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Nothing is more than $3 and all proceeds go to the program. For more information, phone Sharon Johnson at 626-285-5852.

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