

# TEMPLE CITY KIWANIS CLUB

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"THE CAMELLIA CLUB"  
TEMPLE CITY CALIFORNIA  
Chartered August 8, 1939

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**MONDAY**

**T. C. KEY CLUB** - 12:30 P. M.  
T. C. High School, Rm 406

**TUESDAY**

**ALHAMBRA** - 5 p.m.  
Bank of America  
160 W Main St, Alhambra  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

**SAN GABRIEL** - 7:30 a.m.  
Colonial Kitchen (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)  
1110 Huntington Dr., San Marino

**TEMPLE CITY** - Noon  
Bahooka Family Restaurant  
4501 Rosemead Blvd. - Rosemead

**WEDNESDAY**

**ALTADENA-CROWN CITY** - Noon  
1st and 2nd Wednesdays  
Altadena Community Center  
730 E Altadena Dr., Altadena  
3rd 4th 5th Wednesdays  
Villa Gardens  
842 E Villa St., Pasadena

**MONTEREY PARK** - 12:15 P. M.  
Monterey Hill Sterkhhouse  
3700 Ramona Blvd.  
Monterey Park

**SOUTH PASADENA** - Noon  
Calvary Pres.Church  
1050 Fremont (at Oxley) So.Pasadena

**BUILDER'S CLUB** - 12:20 P. M.  
Oak Avenue Intermediate School  
Room 511 (near the lunch area)

**THURSDAY**

**PASADENA** - Noon  
University Club 175 N. Oakland Ave.

**ROSEMEAD** - Noon  
Social Hall, California Mission Inn  
4807 Earle Ave., Rosemead

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 TUESDAY 12:00 P.M. VOL. 73 NO. 52**

**THIS TUESDAY**

We are dark this Tuesday because of our Installation on Saturday. DON'T go to the world famous Bahooka unless you like to eat alone.

**LAST TUESDAY**

Incoming VP Frank Deckon needs program chairmen. You can split the responsibility with another member for a month. Ronald McDonald Meals of Love will be Wednesday, October 3. The theme is turkey. Main Dish, Steve M and Rich W. Salad, Sue M and Mike M, Dessert, Chuck S and Matt S, Bread, John G, Drinks, Ron D. Key Clubbers Stella and Vivian came to thank our club for our support as they go to college. Bruin and Stanford members were happy, USC upset. Tony Straub celebrated a club anniversary and Jim "Grizzly Adams" Robuck a wedding anniversary.

We always gave President Rich a hard time when he wanted to read a short story. Matt Smith has offered his prose. "Rich is a Kiwanian from Temple City whose attempts to tell stories is a pity. He laughs by himself, along with nobody else, while the looks on our faces aren't pretty. The harder he tries, the more we all cry, because his stories just keep getting more...less and less witty."

We did not have a regular program as John Gera read several short stories that we were to rank. Some were humorous, and some thought provoking. John Chandler submitted the winning true story "War Horse - Reckless". He also won a \$35 gift certificate for the other restaurant on Rosemead...Northwoods.

The story of Reckless is not only remarkable - it is unusual. And once you learn about her, you will see why the Marine Corps not only fell in love with her - but honored her and promoted her every chance they got. And it wasn't just the Marines that served with her in the trenches that honored her. Her last promotion to Staff Sergeant was by Gen. Randolph McC Pate - the Commandant of the entire Marine Corps. You can't get higher than that in the Marines.

Reckless joined the Marines to carry ammunition to the front lines for the 75mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marines - and she quickly earned the love and respect of all of the Marines that served with her. Lt. Eric Pedersen paid \$250 of his own money to a young Korean boy, Kim Huk Moon, for her. The only reason Kim sold his beloved horse was so he could buy an artificial leg for his older sister, Chung Soon, who lost her leg in a land mine accident. Kim's loss was the Marines' gain.

It was not only Reckless' heroics that endeared the Marines to her - it was her incredible antics off of the battlefield. You will not believe her antics when she was being ignored, or if she was hungry - let's just say you never wanted to leave your food unattended. As legendary as she was for her heroics - her appetite became even more legendary. This horse had a mind of her own - not to mention, being very determined.

Reckless had a voracious appetite. She would eat anything and everything - but especially scrambled eggs and pancakes in the morning with her morning cup of coffee. She also loved cake, Hershey bars, candy from the C rations, and Coca Cola - even poker chips, blankets and hats when she was being ignored - or if she was trying to just prove a point.

One of Reckless' finest hours came during the Battle of Outpost Vegas in March of 1953. At the time of this battle it was written that, "The savagery of the battle for the so-called Nevada Complex has never been equaled in Marine Corps history." This particular battle "was to bring a cannonading and bombing seldom experienced in warfare ... twenty-eight tons of bombs and hundreds of the largest shells turned the crest of Vegas into a smoking, death-pocked rubble." And Reckless was in the middle of all of it.

Enemy soldiers could see her as she made her way across the deadly "no man's land" rice paddies and up the steep 45-degree mountain trails that led to the firing sites. "It's difficult to describe the elation and the boost in morale that little white-faced mare gave Marines as she outfoxed the enemy bringing vitally needed ammunition up the mountain," Sgt. Maj. James E. Bobbitt recalled.

During this five-day battle, on one day alone she made 51 trips from the Ammunition Supply Point to the firing sites, 95% of the time by herself. She carried 386 rounds of ammunition (over 9,000 pounds - almost FIVE TONS! - of ammunition), walked over 35 miles through open rice paddies and up steep mountains with enemy fire coming in at the rate of 500 rounds per minute. And as she so often did, she would carry wounded soldiers down the mountain to safety, unload them, get reloaded with ammo, and off she would go back up to the guns. She also provided a shield for several Marines who were trapped trying to make their way up to the front line. Wounded twice, she didn't let that stop or slow her down.

What she did in this battle not only earned her the respect of all that served with her, but it got her promoted to Sergeant. Her heroics defined the word "Marine." She was BELOVED by the Marines. They took care of her better than they took care of themselves - throwing their flak jackets over her to protect her when incoming was heavy, risking their own safety.

Her Military Decorations include two Purple Hearts, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with star, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, all of which she wore proudly on her red and gold blanket, along with a French Fourragere that the 5th Marines earned in WW1.

There has never been a horse like Reckless, and her story needs to be honored.

**KIWANIS KALANDAR**

September 22 - Installation of Officers at Historical Society Building

September 25 - We will not be meeting on Tuesday

October 22 - Chamber Installation at San Gabriel Hilton honoring Ron Dorazio

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials."  
- Chinese Proverb

**See you Saturday, Jerry**

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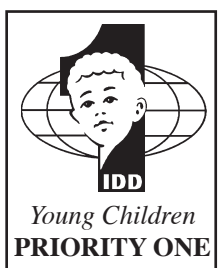
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Lt. Governor  
LH-Legion of Honor  
LM-Life Member
- DPP-Distinguished Past**  
President and Year
- PP-Past President & Year**
- KY-Kiwanian of the Year**  
SM-Senior Member
- DSA-Distinguished Service Award**
- LEGEND:**  
LH-Legion of Honor  
LM-Life Member  
PLG-Past Lt. Governor & Year  
HM-Honorary Member  
PP-Past President & Year  
KY-Kiwanian of the Year  
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