



Greater Casa Grande  
Chamber of Commerce

## ***BUSINESS UPDATE***

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### **Greetings from the Chamber**

**Brian Gardanier - APS**

**Chairperson, Board of Directors**



The Chamber Board utilizes your input, whether it's comments received in-person or via email, or your responses to our annual Membership Survey. According to the results of the survey, 91.67% of survey respondents use social media for their businesses. Chamber members find that the weekly e-Newsletter, online registration for events and social media posts have been most helpful to their businesses. The Chamber has increased its social media, website presence and digital interactions in the past couple of years and will continue to implement new ways to communicate with our members, as technology evolves.

Other results of the survey indicate that business connections/community engagement, referrals to Chamber members' businesses by the Chamber and opportunities for business promotion increase the value of Chamber membership. In 2022, the Chamber increased the number of Biz Outlook Luncheons from three to four and the response has been positive. While survey respondents cited one reason for not attending more Chamber events is a lack of time, the exception seems to be the Biz Outlook Luncheons. We will again have four luncheons in 2023, bringing topics of value to Chamber members.

It has been my honor to serve our Chamber members as the 2022 Chairman of the Board and want to thank each of you for your membership and your enthusiasm for business growth in the community. Thank you to our excellent, hard-working Chamber staff, too!

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### **Help us learn about accessible WIFI in Casa Grande.**

We have composed a brief survey to learn what our members are doing. Please take a minute to complete this very brief survey - [click this link](#).

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## Business of the Week



Congratulations to Business of the Week, [Lopez Advanced Automotive](#) - a small, quality-focused auto repair business, owned and operated by husband-and-wife team R.H. "Joe" Lopez and Rachel Lopez. Joe is an ASE certified Master Technician with more than 38 years of experience, having owned and operated a successful auto repair shop in California for 20 years, while Rachel is the office manager.

Lopez Advanced Automotive is committed to quality, integrity, and to providing a superior and personalized service experience. If you need automotive service, please call Joe or Rachel at 520-464-4141 or stop by the shop at 17719 West Palm Avenue in Casa Grande, and tell them the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce referred you.



Learn about business energy solutions at [aps.com/s4b](https://aps.com/s4b).



## Upcoming Chamber Events

### December Business After Hours

Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 5:15pm - 7:00pm



825 W. Beechcraft St.

**RSVP Requested by Tuesday, December 20**

## **3rd Annual Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest!**

- ~ Make business connections!
- ~ Celebrate the holiday season with food, drinks, networking and fun!
- ~ 50/50 and Door Prize Drawings (tickets are cash only)
- ~ New Member plaques will be presented!



## **Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings**

### **Sun Life Health - OBGYN**

Wednesday, December 7

4:00pm- 5:00pm Open House | 4:30pm Ribbon Cutting  
580 N. Camino Mercado, #8

### **Title Security Agency, A First American Company**

Friday, December 9

2:00pm - Ribbon Cutting  
442 W. Kortsen Rd., #101

## **Recent Ribbon Cuttings**



We were delighted to join the team at [Ashley Furniture Homestore](#), for a plaque presentation and ribbon cutting during the grand opening of their new Casa Grande furniture outlet located at 1005 N. Promenade Pkwy., #105.

## Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

### [Government Affairs Committee](#)

Wednesday, December 7, 7:30am - 8:30am - Hybrid Meeting

### [Business Ambassador Committee](#)

Thursday, December 8, 7:30am - 8:30am

### [Young Professionals Network](#) (Meets every other month)

Thursday, December 8, 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Business - Community - Connections - Opportunity  
These are the Chamber's areas of focus...and also a great way to promote our member businesses and Casa Grande Community.



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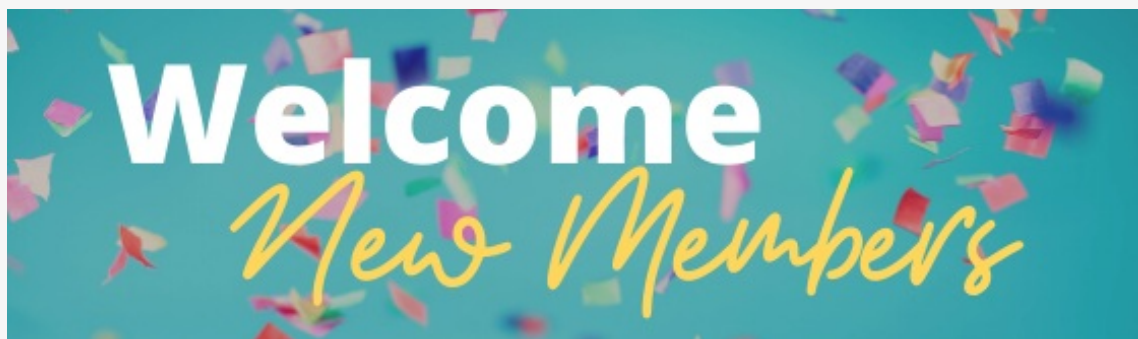
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**Join us for our upcoming programming!**

- Parenting skill building classes
- Overdose prevention and awareness workshops
- Casa Grande Alliance Coalition
- Casa Grande Youth Alliance

**Utilize our community resources!**

- Computer lab/internet access
- Community resource navigation
- Narcan community distribution point



### [Ashley Furniture Homestore](#)

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Casa Grande, AZ 85194  
(520) 532-1012

[Rschoenthaler@ashleyfurniture.com](mailto:Rschoenthaler@ashleyfurniture.com)

Category: Retail & Shopping

### [Beyond Horizons Photography](#)

Frederick Schiele  
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### [Kohler Company](#)

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Category: Manufacturers & Distribution Centers

### [Rodeo Dental & Orthodontics](#)

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Category: Photography & Video Services

### **Hernandez Mobile RV Repair**

George Hernandez  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122  
(520) 276-4250

[george@hernandezrv.com](mailto:george@hernandezrv.com)

Category: RV Sales & Services

### **HERO AC & Heat LLC**

Sam Lara  
3009 N. Rockwell Ave., #2  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122  
(520) 518-0754

[herohvac5@gmail.com](mailto:herohvac5@gmail.com)

Category: Air Conditioning

Category: Dental & Oral Healthcare

### **Scooter's Coffee**

Doug & Dianne Nixon  
964 E. Cottonwood Ln.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122  
(206) 226-8909

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Category: Restaurants

**Membership Information:** To learn more about [benefits of membership](#), contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, call 520-836-2125, or email: [membership@casagrandechamber.org](mailto:membership@casagrandechamber.org)

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## **Business Briefs**

The [City of Casa Grande Planning Department](#) will be hosting an Open House for the community to see and discuss the [Florence Boulevard Streetscape Project](#). Scheduled 4pm - 6pm, Monday, December 12, the open house is scheduled to be held in the City Council Chambers. Following the Open House, City staff will take public comments and fine tune the conceptual plans before presenting it to the Planning Commission and City Council.

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The [Rotary Club of Casa Grande Daybreak](#) is hosting a New Year's Eve Masquerade Gala, Saturday, December 31, 8:00pm - 1:00am, at the Paramount Theatre, 420 N. Florence Street. Proceeds will support the Rotary District 5500 Exchange Student Program and the Casa Grande Daybreak Rotary Club Student Success Program. The black tie event will include a silent auction, and exchange student presentations. Tickets \$100. To order tickets, use the [QR code on this flyer](#).

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Check out [Grande Central Station, Inc.](#)'s new website, [grandecentralstation.org](http://grandecentralstation.org). You can also follow them at on Facebook, visit <https://www.facebook.com/grandecentralstation>

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The [VFW Post 1677](#) - Veterans of Foreign Wars - Picacho Peak VFW Riders have announced their 2023 Fundraising Raffle. There are three prizes, tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 - drawing to be held January 2022. See [attached flyer](#) for prize details. To purchase tickets, contact Dave Hood - 520-252-5044.

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## **Membership has its benefits!**

**Did you know...** The Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce will provide **Certificates of Origin at no cost to Chamber-member businesses?** This is a significant money-saving benefit to our members who are manufacturers, processors, and distributors. For more information, contact the Chamber at 520-836-2125, or [email our office](#).

To learn more about other [membership perks](#), contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, 520-836-2125, or [membership@casagrandechamber.org](mailto:membership@casagrandechamber.org).

## Meet Your 2022 Chamber Board of Directors

Your Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce is served by a Board of Directors that represents our business members and advocates on behalf of our business community.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREATER CASA GRANDE CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**



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