



Greater Casa Grande
Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS UPDATE

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February Business Before Hours

It was a beautiful morning for our February Business Before Hours hosted by [Theta Wellness Center of Arizona](#) located at 958 East Rodeo Road, Suite 21. We had almost 30 attendees at the Chamber's monthly morning networking event, and everyone received a Valentine's Card containing a coupon for one of Theta's many unique, cutting edge services upon arrival.

Congratulations to our ☐Minute at the Mic☐ winners: David Rafeedie, [David Rafeedie Coaching](#); Scott Metteauer, [Rox Media Group](#); Dr. Brett Stewart, [Stewart Clinic of Chiropractic](#); Susan Conn Hood, [Juice Plus](#); Lori Soteris, FNP, [Essential Health and Medicine](#); Debie Neely, [Kiva Insurance, LLC](#), Michael Finelli, [Family Heritage](#), and Steve Harris with [Casa Grande Dispatch](#).

Business - Networking - Community - Opportunity

These are the Chamber's areas of focus...and also a great way to promote our member businesses and Casa Grande community.

Mark your Calendars

Business After Hours

5:15pm - 7:00pm, Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Dell's Pizza and Sports Bar, 1654 North Pinal Avenue
Theme: "Cowboys (Boots & Saddles)"

Business Before Hours

7:30am - 8:30am, Friday, March 13, 2020
Deadlift Coffee Shop, 305 North Florence Street
Theme: "St. Paddy's Day"

Market your business!

Remember that door prizes and donations are always welcome.

2020 Save These Dates

View all 2020 events at a glance on our [website under the "About Us" tab!](#)

2020 SAVE THESE DATES

Business Before Hours (7:30 am - 8:30 am)

- ✓ January 10 – Compass Christian Church, 1510 N. Casa Grande Ave.
- ✓ February 14 – Theta Wellness Centers of Arizona, 958 E. Rodeo Rd., Ste. 21
- ✓ March 13 – Deadlift Brew & Shakes, 305 N. Florence St.
- ✓ April 10 – Casa Grande Trap & Skeet AZ, Inc., 8015 S. Isom Rd.
- ✓ May 8 – Old Town Club, 412 N. Florence St.
- ✓ June 12 – Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #388, 2281 E. Florence Blvd.
- ✓ July 10 – Keller Williams Legacy One Realty, 475 E. Cottonwood Ln.
- ✓ August 14 – OfficeMax, 1346 E. Florence Blvd., Ste. 2
- ✓ September 11 – Buffalo Wild Wings, 859 N. Promenade Pkwy
- ✓ October 9 – Batteries + Bulbs, 1275 E. Florence Blvd., Ste. 6
- ✓ November 13 – St. Vincent de Paul Society, 405 E. 2nd St.
- ✓ December 11 – Culver's of Casa Grande, 2453 E. Florence Blvd.



Biz Outlook Luncheons (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

- ✓ February 21 – The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Hwy.
- ✓ May 15 – Robson Ranch, 5750 N. Robson Blvd.
- ✓ August 21 - The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Hwy.

Home, Health & Garden Show/Car & Truck Show
Saturday, January 11, 2020 ~ 10 am - 2 pm
Location: Promenade Casa Grande

28th Annual Business Showcase (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

- ✓ October 14 - The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Hwy.
- ✓ [Annual Fall Golf Tournament \(8:00 am shotgun start\)](#)
- ✓ November 6 - TBA

2020 Annual Dinner & 2019 Awards Program
Friday, January 24, 2020 ~ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: The Property Conference Center

Business After Hours (5:15 pm – 7:00 pm) (*4th Wednesday unless otherwise indicated)

- ✓ January 22 - Power Bound Electric, LLC, 17860 W. Palm Ave, Unit A
- ✓ February 26 - Dell's Pizza & Sports Bar, 1654 N. Pinal Ave.
- ✓ March 25 - Casa Grande Dispatch @ Neon Sign Park, 408 N. Sacaton St.
- ✓ April 22 - Absolute Construction - Showroom - 402 N. Florence St.
- ✓ May 27 - Black Box Theatre, 407 N. Sacaton St.
- ✓ June 24 - TBA
- ✓ *July 29 - Southwest Gas Corporation, 1070 W. Gila Bend Hwy.
- ✓ August 26 - Sun Life Center for Children, 1856 E. Florence Blvd.
- ✓ September 23 - Skydive Arizona, 4900 N. Taylor St., Eloy, AZ.
- ✓ October 14 - 29th Annual Business Showcase, The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Hwy.
- ✓ *November 18 - Eva's Fine Mexican Food, 665 N. Pinal Ave.
- ✓ *December 16 - ACO, Inc., 825 W. Beechcraft Dr.



NOTE: If cancellations occur these locations can change.
For the most current listing of Chamber events always
check the Chamber's website Day Planner at
www.casagrandechamber.org

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Biz Outlook Luncheon

Such a fun and informative Biz Outlook Luncheon this past Friday! The room was packed with attendees eager to hear from speaker Michael Boike, Senior Manager of Manufacturing at [Lucid Motors](#), and the Chamber was honored to present the new electric car company with their membership plaque at the event. Thank you to [Banner Casa Grande Medical Center](#) for being our Feature Sponsor, and Brian Kellar, CEO for

his update on all that's new and in the works at the hospital. Thanks go out as well to [The Property Conference Center](#) for providing the wonderful food and atmosphere, and to everyone who joined us to learn more about some of the big things happening right here in Casa Grande!



Business of the Week

Congratulations to [Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar](#) for being this week's Business of the Week. Boston's has some of the best gourmet pizza and other scrumptious snacks and meals in town, plus with enough space to accommodate small and larger groups alike, it's the perfect place to gather with family and friends and also hold business meetings. Kids even eat free on Sundays! They are open from 11am to 10pm, 7 days a week and conveniently located at 804 North Cacheris Court (on Florence Blvd. just west of the I-10).



Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar is the place to relax and enjoy a great selection of tasty food and beverages. When you visit Bianca and her friendly staff tell them the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce sent you!

Business Briefs

Arizona @ Work is holding a job fair on Wednesday, February 26th from 10am to 2pm at the Artisan Village Community Center in Coolidge. Check out their [flyer](#) for details regarding the many employers who will be on site.

Generation Living Trusts is offering a free estate planning seminar, Thursday, February 27, 10:30 am - noon at the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce meeting room. They will discuss the differences between wills & trusts, and explain how to protect yourself and your family from the perils of probate. This 30 minute presentation will be followed by a short Q & A to address any of your specific questions. To sign up, contact Bill Steele, 480-213-3578.

UltraStar Multi-tainment Center presents the Festival Band on Saturday, February 29th at the Luxe Lounge. See the event flyer [here](#).

The Arizona Department of Transportation is offering a **free training program that helps that helps women launch careers in transportation construction**. ADOT's On-The-Job-Training Supportive Services Program helps to address under-representation by women in the field. Of the more than 600 graduates since this pre-apprentice training began in 2014, about 35 percent have been women. The next two-week Construction Academy will be held March 2-13 in Phoenix. For more information about this training, click [here](#).

DANX To The Rescue will hold a free dog training workshop on Saturday, March 14th from Noon to 1pm. Did you know anxiety in dogs can cause health issues? This short workshop will help you to recognize when your fur baby is having anxiety and how to help! In this class you will learn the do's & don'ts, how to build confidence, and a trick. Review the requirements and register by [clicking this link](#).

Politics in the Park, May 12, 2020 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Casa Grande Neon Sign Park, located at 408 North Sacaton Street. Meet various candidates from local, county, state and national races for the upcoming 2020 primary election. Food trucks will be on the property for dinner with seating in the Central Event Hall. Candidates interested in participating should call Zoe Cooper, Special Projects Director with Casa Grande Valley Newspapers at (520) 423-8658.

New Travel ID mandatory by October 1, 2020 – In Dry Heat – Chamber Business News, Victoria Harker explains how Arizona is making it easy to get your travel ID. To read more, click [here](#).

On Tuesday, February 11, a ribbon cutting was held at Combs High School, signifying the **official launch of CAC Connect, A J.O. Combs Educational Partnership**. CAC Connect will allow CAC staff and faculty the opportunity to assist high school students with the exploration of career options and applying online and registering for classes, while having convenient access to interact with high school and college staff simultaneously, from the comfort and familiar space of their high school. Dr. Jackie Elliott, CAC President stated that CAC recruiters and counselors on the Combs campus care about students "being successful and about helping everybody in Pinal County have opportunities for higher learning and opportunities to do great things."

Katie Boddy is the new Director of the Central Arizona College Small Business Development Center in Casa Grande. She can be reached at 520-494-6610 or katherine.boddy@centralaz.edu. Check out the SBDC's no-cost counseling options for all phases of small business ownership in Pinal County, or register to become a client at www.centralaz.edu/biz.

APS is making a commitment to Arizona. By 2050, APS will deliver 100 percent clean, carbon-free and affordable electricity to our customers. This goal includes a nearer-term 2030 target of 65 percent clean energy, with 45 percent of our portfolio coming from renewable energy. APS also will cease all coal-fired generation by 2031. Find more information on their [website](#).

Individual Income Tax Filing Season in Arizona is now open: For information about e-filing 2019 taxes, click [here](#). On the Arizona Department of Revenue website, taxpayers can also view a list of [software providers](#) certified to submit electronically filed returns with the department and access [Arizona tax forms and instructions](#) (including instruction booklets) . Instruction booklets will also be available at ADOR offices and local libraries.

Taxpayers are reminded of Key Changes to 2019 Tax Year Income Tax Returns: The Arizona Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers that there are adjustments in the individual income tax returns for 2019. To read more, click [here](#).

Do you have a business update?

Send an email to events@casagrandechamber.org to be included in the Business Briefs.



Please join in support of
your business member
colleagues
by attending these
**Open House and
Ribbon Cuttings**

[Oceano Beauty](#)

615 East Florence Blvd., Suite #1
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Ribbon Cutting @ 12:00pm

City and County Stats for January 2020



[Casa Grande & Pinal County Labor Force Stats - December](#)

[Casa Grande Tax Collections FY 19-20](#)

[Pinal County Tax Collections](#)

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 a great benefit to our members who are manufacturers, processors, and distributors. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 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.

2020 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. [Meet your Board of Directors](#)

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