CASA GRANDE
Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

BUSINESS UPDATE

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A Message from our Executive Director

Renée Louzon-Benn

We are off to a great start in 2026. Casa Grande and Pinal County continue to grow and our strong business network relays the message that we are open for business! The success of our businesses is vital, not only to the Chamber but to the entire community and local economy. The Chamber's partnerships help to keep Casa Grande in the forefront as one of the dynamic cities in Arizona's rapidly expanding sun corridor. Each of your businesses enable Casa Grande to offer unique products, services and connection for residents, a welcoming city for visitors and positive growth and economic development for all of us. So, thank you for choosing the Chamber – we value your membership and the value your business brings to the community.

Please be sure to register by **this Thursday**, January 15 for the **2026 Annual Dinner & 2025 Annual Awards Celebration** to be held Friday, January 23 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at The Property Conference Center. This is one of the Chamber's most anticipated signature events and it is open to non-Chamber members to attend. You can expect a scrumptious plated dinner, Silent Auction, updates about the Chamber and recognition of the volunteer services of its leadership. Also, we have added some fun, new features to the traditional event that we know you'll love.

Help us to celebrate the individuals and businesses who have helped to build Casa Grande through their hard work and dedication to community. The 2025 honorees include: **Community Service:** Matt Herman, Norris RV; **Business Excellence - Small Business:** Cook E Jar; **Business Excellence - Large Business:** Al & Riley's Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal and **Hall of Fame:** Regis Sommers. See you there!

Business of the Week

Siegel Suites Select

Congratulations to Business of the Week, the extended-stay apartments, **Siegel Suites Select**, conveniently located at 540 Cacheris Court in Casa Grande near many services, restaurants and shopping. Whether customers are traveling for business, looking for temporary or corporate housing or searching for new homes in the area, Siegel Select's spacious, fully furnished suites have excellent amenities including affordable daily, weekly and monthly rates. They offer fully equipped kitchenettes, free utilities, cable TV, wireless internet access, pool, laundromat and more.

In addition, Siegel Suites Select offers many pet friendly units and provide residents with all they need to make Siegel Suites Select their new home. The renovated studio, 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom extended-stay apartments offer residents optional housekeeping and linen services too. Staying long-term? The Siegel Rewards Program through which residents can earn points just for staying with at a Siegel Select extended-stay apartments, means the longer they stay, the more they earn. If you know of anyone in need of an extended-stay apartment, please have them call 520-276-3956 and tell the friendly staff that they you were referred by the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office.

Support Local with Chamber Branded Shirts

Stop by the Chamber today and purchase a State 48 Southwest Taco Fest Shirt or a Love It! Shirt for only $25 each! It's a way to represent Casa Grande and support local shopping.

NEW! Events Calendar

EXPERIENCECASAGRANDE.COM

Check out our **NEW** **Events Calendar** for all events in Casa Grande and surrounding areas. Events can be filtered by date, location and categories.

Have an event to promote? Click **here** for a step by step tutorial on how to correctly submit your event or how to correctly post it online for our software to locate it. For more information or further assistance, contact **Eric Snider** at the Chamber.

Upcoming Chamber Events

Join Us for Young Professionals Network

Thursday, January 15, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Café de Manuel
1300 N. Pinal Ave.

The Casa Grande Young Professionals Network (YPN) is a Chamber initiative convening individuals under 40 years of age, to connect and succeed through mentoring, development and relationship building.

Join us for networking, a brief professional development presentation and lunch!

Public Speaking Tips - How to Feel Confident In Your Work Position/Role
Dyani Juarez, City of Casa Grande, City Judge

REGISTER TODAY!

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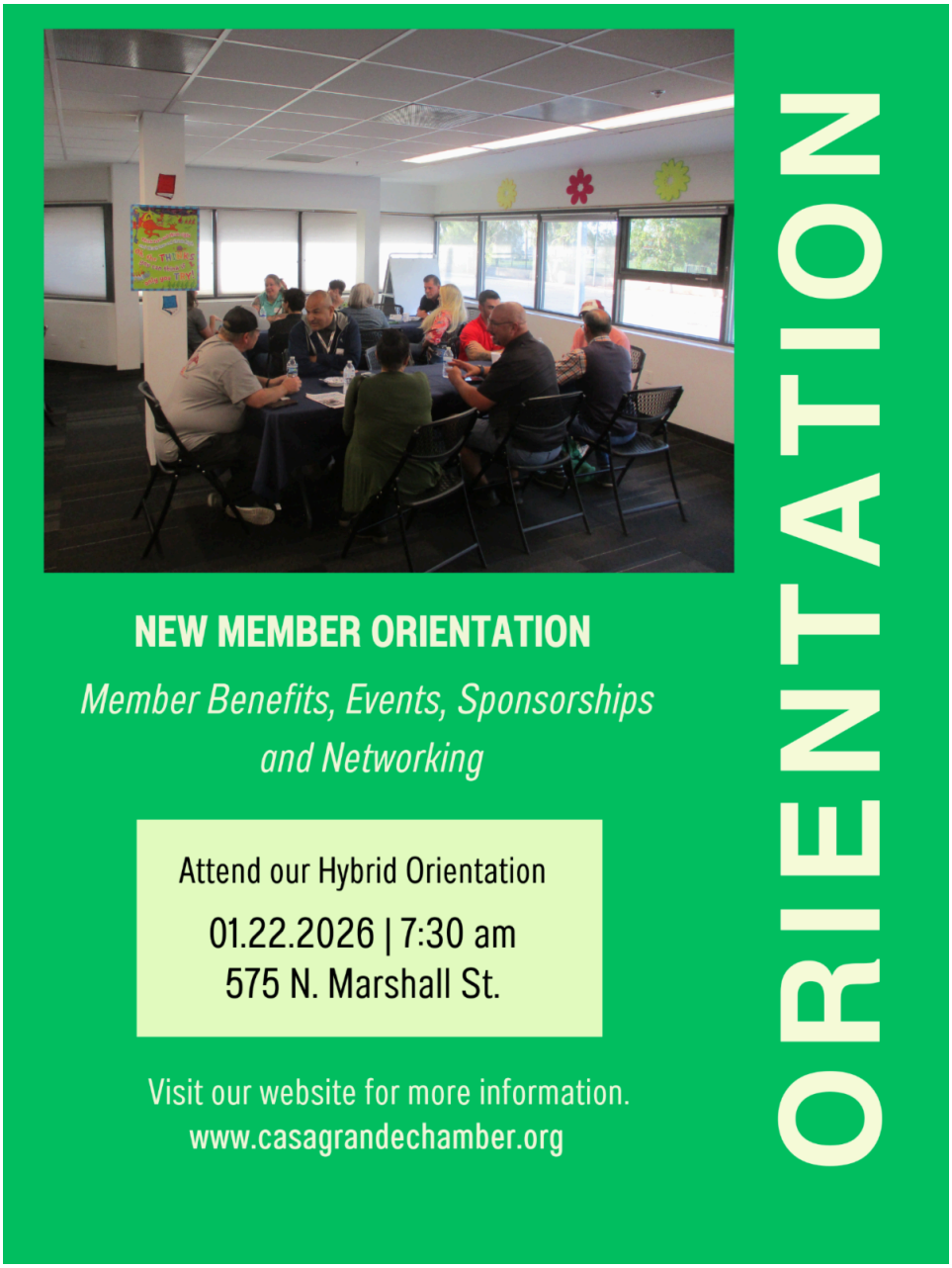

Join us for a New Member Orientation to discuss all member benefits, events, sponsorships and networking with other new members. This orientation is geared towards members who just joined or have joined within the past year. It is **FREE** to participate to learn about all the opportunities that your membership can provide to you.

Orientation will take place hybrid at the Chamber Board Room or on Zoom.

Zoom link will be emailed to you after registration is complete!

For more information, contact **Ken Saltzmann** via **email**.

The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office cordially invites you to attend the

Annual Dinner & Awards Celebration

Friday, January 23, 2026

2025 Honorees
Community Service: Matt Herman - Norris RV
Business Excellence - Small Business: Cook E Jar
Business Excellence - Large Business: Al & Riley's Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal
Hall of Fame: Regis Sommers

The Property Conference Center
1251 West Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande

6:00 pm ~ No-Host Reception, The Grande Graze Appetizer Competition and Silent Auction
7:00 pm ~ Plated Dinner
Awards Presentation to Follow

NEW THIS YEAR: Introducing *The Grande Graze Appetizer Competition* Social Hour. Attendees will receive a complimentary drink ticket and the opportunity to taste and vote for your favorite Chamber Member's Appetizer. The competition will begin at 6:00 pm on the back patio. Enjoy starters while hearing music from our very own CGUHS Guitar Students.

REGISTER TODAY!

Chamber Member Pricing: $90 per person or $720 for a Reserved Table of 8

~ Semi-formal/Business Attire ~

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January Business After Hours

Wednesday, January 28, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by

WM
1310 N. Jefferson Ave.

~ Make business connections!
~ Food, networking and fun!
~ 50/50 (**tickets are CA$H only**)

Golf Themed - come wearing your favorite golf attire (hat, shirt, pants, etc.)

NO CHARGE
for Chamber Member Representatives to attend
($20 for Prospective Members)

Recent Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, January 8 we were pleased to join **Industrial Hose** for their recent ribbon cutting. You can find them located at 1784 N. Pinal Ave.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Cornerstone Caregiving
820 W. Cottonwood Ln., #3
Thursday, January 15, 3:00 PM

Good Ruby Christian Store
973 E. Cottonwood Ln., Ste. 101
Thursday, January 22, 10:00 AM

Your Graceful Living
1381 E. Prickly Pear Dr.
Thursday, January 22, 3:30 PM

EFP (Engineered Foam Packaging)
1341 S. Sunland Gin Rd.
Thursday, April 2, 3:00 PM

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

Young Professionals Network
Thursday, January 15, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Healthcare Roundtable
Wednesday, January 21, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Hybrid Meeting

Government Affairs Committee
Wednesday, February 4, 7:30am - 8:30am - Hybrid Meeting

Business Ambassadors Committee
Thursday, February 12, 7:30am - 8:30am

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.

RENEWALS - December 2025

THANK YOU to the following Chamber Members for renewing!

- Abbott Nutrition
- Affordable Movers
- All Copy Products
- Arizona Gateway Logistics
- Arizona Medical Waste
- Banner Casa Grande Medical Center
- Banner Medical Group
- Barnum Mechanical Inc.
- Casa Grande Family Dentistry
- Casa Grande Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, PC
- Cooper & Reuter
- Copper Sky Assisted Living
- Culver's of Casa Grande
- CVS Health
- Desert Springs Ranch RV & Resort
- Fiesta Grande RV Resort
- Frito-Lay
- Jeff's Appliance Repair
- Pinal Fairgrounds & Event Center
- Robson Publishing - Robson Ranch Views
- Skydive Arizona
- SkyVenture Arizona
- Vern Lewis Welding Supply
- Walton Orthodontics

- **Cote Investigations & Associates**
- **Cottonwood Crossing Apartments**
- **WeSERV, Pinal County Chapter**

Member Promotional Opportunities
To learn more about exclusive opportunities available to you, visit the **Member Promotional Opportunities** page on our website.

Business Briefs

The Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness presents the **3rd Annual Reentry Roundtable** on Tuesday, January 20. The roundtable will take place at the San Tan Valley Central Arizona College Campus. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Click here for a detailed view of the **agenda**.

The **Central Arizona College** Superstition Mountain Campus will host the first annual **Superstition Spring Fling** on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact Kimberly Elliott, Student Services Director at (480) 677-7737 or **kimberly.elliott@centralaz.edu**.

EFP (Engineered Foam Packaging) is partnering with **ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County** on Friday, January 16th for their **on-site hiring event**. For any questions, contact **inquiries@efppackaging.com**.

MainStay Suites is offering an **exclusive offer** for Chamber members and visitors! Whether you are here for a quick visit or a longer stay, MainStay Suites offers spacious accommodations. Click **here** to scan QR code for a discounted stay.

HomeSmart Premier has private offices available to rent for only $500 per month. Do you need a professional space to meet with your customers or clients? Is working from home too hard because of the distractions and noise? You can have a quiet space to lease with 24/7 access and all utilities included for a very low price. There is also a conference room available for no extra charge. Centrally located at Cottonwood Rd/Trekell Rd. Call Dayv Morgan at 480-251-4231 for more information.

Casa Grande Union High School District is looking for Community Interviewers. Help prepare students for their future by volunteering as an interviewer at the **Annual CGUHS Community Interviews**. The event will take place on Tuesday, January 13 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm in the main gym. For more information, contact **Vanessa Stephens** or call (520) 836-8500 Ext 3123.

Join us on January 30 at 3:00 pm for the "CG Wins" community pep rally to honor remarkable achievements by some of our community members. All monetized proceeds will go to the Casa Grande Food Bank. Some community recipients that will be rewarded for their achievements are:

- **Kenny Salinas:** President of the Casa Grande Food Bank, Arizona Cardinals Fan of the Year, and up for NFL Fan of the Year to be announced on February 5.
- **Jesus Ramos:** Current WBC World Champion Boxer

- **Kayla Tacker:** Arizona Cardinals High School Girls' Flag Football Player of the Year. Finalist for NFL Girls' Flag Football Player of the Year.
- **Sawyer Barth:** who won a prestigious college scholarship that is worth over $450,000 to pay all expenses to attend Duke University
- **Casa Grande Union Spirit Line:** which will be competing in the National Championship Finals in California in December.

For more information, contact **Jeff Lavender** or **Jennifer Kortsen**.

Against Abuse, Inc. (AAI) is pleased to announce that Maria-Elena Ochoa has been hired as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1. Ms. Ochoa has been part of AAI since 2015 and her transition into the CEO role is the result of a thoughtful, long-term succession plan. To learn more about Maria-Elena and her accomplishments, click **here**.

Achieve Pinal and AARP Experience Corps Reading Program are looking for volunteer tutors. Volunteers must be 50 years or older and be able to pass a background check - no experience needed! This is a **volunteer-based tutoring program** that is proven to help children who aren't reading at grade level become great readers by the end of third grade. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable program, contact Patti King at (520) 836-6868.

Join **Yoga Recovery Healing Arts Project**, Saturday, February 14, for the next Open Mic & More! All Arts Community Stage at The Museum of Casa Grande! Come enjoy the show and share your music, dance, poetry, skills, stories and more. All arts, all ages welcome. See you there! Volunteers RSVP to **Info@yrhap.org**.

Do you have a business update for our newsletter?
Email **president@casagrandechamber.org** by Friday for inclusion the following Monday.
Formats: email, press release in Word, and PDF documents.

Meet your Chamber Board of Directors

DID YOU KNOW we are served by a Board of Directors that represents our members and advocates on behalf of our business community?

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