CASAGRANDE

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

BUSINESS UPDATE

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Greetings from the Chamber

Andrew Long, Dean of Enrollment Services

Central Arizona College

2026 Chairperson, Board of Directors

Happy New Year, Casa Grande!
I am incredibly honored to begin my term as your 2026 Board Chair. Looking ahead, our focus is simple: Value. Based on your feedback from the 2025 Membership Survey, we are dedicated to evolving our events to ensure they serve you better than ever before.

I am particularly excited about our upcoming 2026 Annual Dinner & 2025 Annual Awards Celebration on January 23. Every year, I am amazed by the high-quality videos produced to showcase our honorees, but I am even more impressed by the actual work these leaders do to strengthen our city.
To kick off our commitment to improved event value, we are introducing the first **"Grande Graze"** during our social hour (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM). You'll have the chance to sample appetizers from Casa Grande's best eateries and vote for your favorite!

Please make your reservations by Thursday, January 15. If we haven't met yet, please come find me at the dinner—I want to hear from you so I can best serve our membership this year.

Business of the Week
Casino Pawn & Gold

Congratulations to Business of the Week, **Casino Pawn & Gold**, located at 241 W. Cottonwood Ln. in Casa Grande. Highly rated and recommended gold buyers, they will give customers cash for gold, even broken and scrap gold. Customers can expect a free consultation to buy and sell their gold to the pawn shop. As a pawn shop, they will loan or buy almost anything of value, including silver, platinum, coins, estate and diamond jewelry, used cell phones, tools, gaming systems, musical instruments, laptop computers and other items of value.

The loan process is fast, easy and involves minimal paperwork in the pawn shop. One of their friendly and knowledgeable staff members will appraise customers' unwanted items, at no cost and provide immediate loans with no credit check. They pride themselves in being the number one Casa Grande pawn shop. **Casino Pawn & Gold** also serves Arizona City, Eloy, Florence, Coolidge and Maricopa. Reviews cite Casino Pawn & Gold's excellent customer service, honesty and customer satisfaction. For more information, please contact them at 520-223-4633 or visit Monday-Saturday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm or Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tell them that you were referred by the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office.

Upcoming Chamber Events

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**)

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

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Industrial Hose
1784 N. Pinal Ave.
Thursday, January 8, 4:00 PM

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

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

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

Business Ambassadors Committee
Thursday, January 8, 7:30am - 8:30am

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

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

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.

Cornerstone Caregiving
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Category: Health & Wellness

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Category: RV Parks & Resorts

Your Graceful Living
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***Membership Information**:*
To learn more about **benefits of your membership**, *contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, call 520-836-2125, or email:* **membership@casagrandechamber.org.**

Membership has its benefits!

Did you know... Chamber members have access to the Chamber's conference room at no cost to Chamber-member businesses?

If you need meeting space for an in-person or hybrid meeting, contact the Chamber at 520-836-2125, or **email our office** to check availability. **To learn more about other membership perks**, contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, 520-836-2125, or **membership@casagrandechamber.org**.

Business Briefs

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.

Hot Spot Gymnastics invites you to **A Time to Shine Cirque De Gymnastics**, Saturday, January 10 through Sunday, January 11 at the Community Recreation Center. Join them in a fun-filled competition weekend with contests, prizes and lots of awards.

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.

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.

Join **Yoga Recovery Healing Arts Project**, Saturday, January 10, 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**.

For those impacted by the **Gila County flood event** and in need of financial assistance, the SBA has extended the application deadline to February 7, 2026.The President's major disaster declaration for the Gila County flooding event occurring Sept. 25-27, 2025, includes a 60-day Grace Period for filing physical loan applications due to the scale of the disaster. Submit your application before it's too late! Apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at **sba.gov/disaster**.

Meet Your Chamber Board of Directors

Your 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 CASA GRANDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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