CASA GRANDE

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

June's Business After Hours at Iron City Polaris was a powerful reminder of what makes our Chamber special. More than 80 members showed up to connect, share ideas and enjoy great food from Almari Mexican Grill & Bar. Moments like that reinforce something essential: we are stronger when we show up for one another.

With that in mind, I want to leave you with one reminder and one opportunity.

The Reminder: The Chamber Champion Program

We officially launched the Chamber Champion Program and participation is simple but meaningful. To be a Chamber Champion, members commit to:

- **Once a month, leave a positive online review for a Chamber member business you've worked with**
- **Attend one Chamber event each quarter**
- **Pledge to shop locally first whenever possible**

I've included a few examples of **member reviews**, along with my most recent one for Pristine Cleaners, to show how small actions can make a big difference.

The Opportunity: Supporting Lucid Employees

The recent news of layoffs at Lucid Motors is difficult for our community. Manufacturing is cyclical and while there are highs and lows, the lows give us a chance to step up.

If your business is hiring, this is a moment to look to the talented individuals recently impacted. The City of Casa Grande and Lucid Motors are partnering with Arizona@Work Pinal County to help place affected employees.

Please reach out directly to Sonia Cortez at Arizona@Work Pinal County if you have openings:

- Phone: 520.981.0732
- Email: **scortez@eckerd.org**

Your outreach could make a real difference for someone navigating a tough transition.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to our Chamber community. When we act together, we create resilience, opportunity and momentum for all.

Congratulations to RGA - Rubber & Gasket Company of America

Business of the Week

For more information about **RGA - Rubber & Gasket Company of America** please visit their **website**.

Upcoming Chamber Events

Join Us for Young Professionals Network

Thursday, July 16, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Texas Roadhouse
1910 E. Florence Blvd.

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!

Jacob West - Cactus Mine, Mine Geologist II

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The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office invites you to attend our next

Biz Outlook Luncheon

Pinal County Mining Update a Panel Presentation

Moderator:
Steve Trussell, President of the Arizona Mining Association

Speakers:
Cactus Mine - Travis Snider, VP Sustainability and External Relations
Florence Copper LLC - Sophie Dessart, Manager Communications and Public Affairs
Ivanhoe Electric - Kami Ballard, Director - Permitting, Environmental and Social Responsibility

Friday, July 17
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

at

Robson Ranch Hermosa Ballroom

CLICK HERE
for Pricing, Sponsorships and Registration

Reservations are Required (deadline Thursday, July 9)

*****Have a question for the panelists? Email Renée in advance of the luncheon to ensure it's included in the discussion!*****

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July Business After Hours

Wednesday, July 22, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by

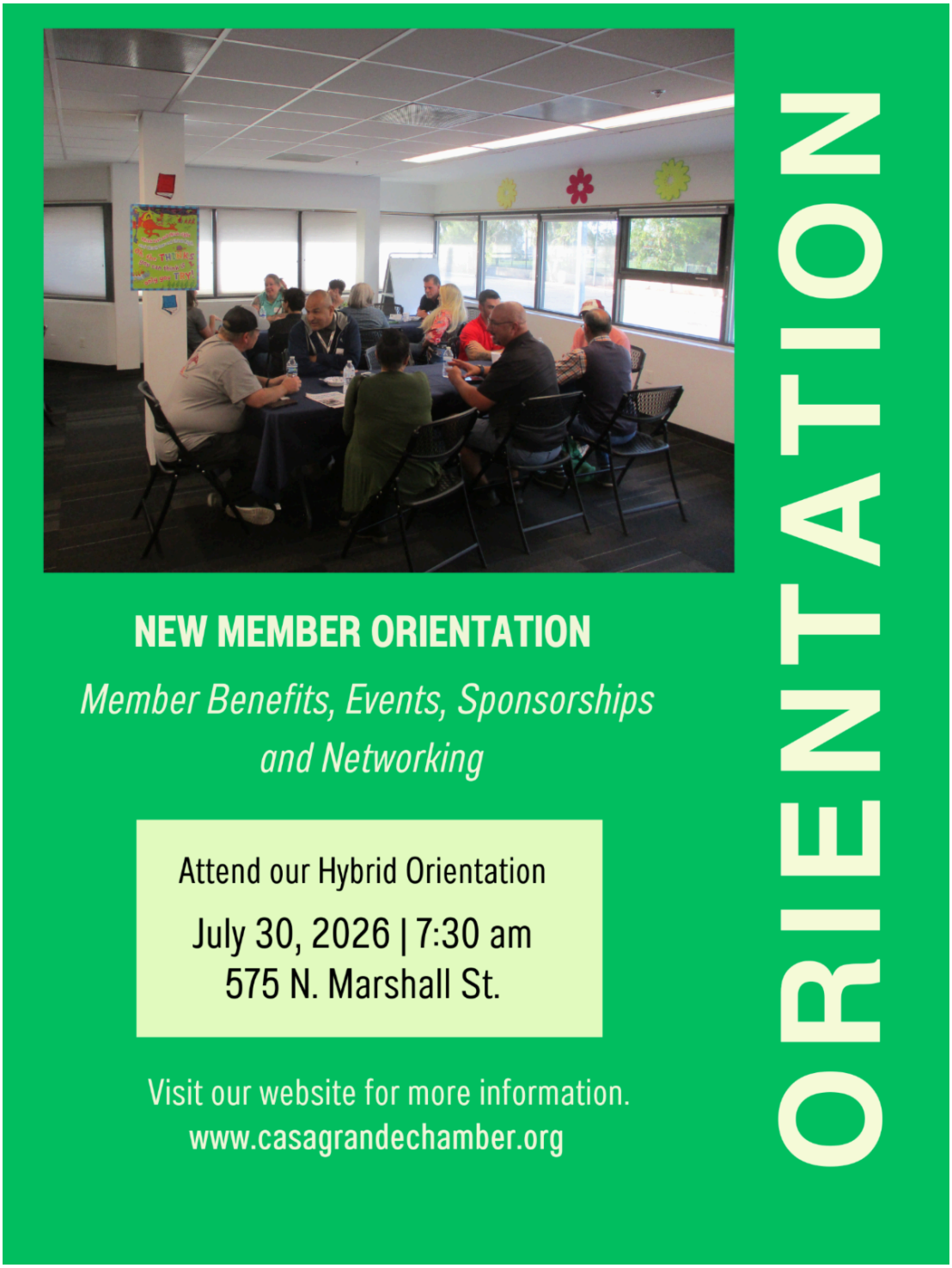
Coyote Den Saloon
958 E. Rodeo Rd., #1

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

Wear Your Favorite Striped Shirt

NO CHARGE

for Chamber Member Representatives to attend
($25 for Prospective Members)



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 33rd Annual

CASA GRANDE

Business Showcase

A Business After Hours Event!

61 Indoor Exhibit Spaces

~ Exclusive to Chamber Businesses
~ Food, Beverage and Cash Bar
~ Prize Drawings

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

4:00 to 5:00pm ~ Exhibitor Business to Business Networking
5:00 to 6:30pm ~ Open to the Public **(FREE ATTENDANCE)**

Hosted by The Property Conference Center
1251 West Gila Bend Highway

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Upcoming Ribbon Cutting

HOHP Eagles Landing Veteran Center
100 E. Florence Blvd.
Saturday, July 11, 9:00 AM

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

Business Ambassadors Committee
Thursday, July 9, 7:30am - 8:30am

Healthcare Roundtable
Wednesday, July 15, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Hybrid Meeting

Young Professionals Network
Thursday, July 16, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Government Affairs Committee
Wednesday, August 5, 7:30am - 8:30am - 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.

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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

Vantage West Credit Union is proud to announce they have been recognized by Forbes as one of **America's Best-In-State Credit Unions**, earning the prestigious honor for the fourth consecutive year.

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Central Arizona College is pleased to announce the following:

The **Central Arizona College** Board of Governors is pleased to announce that they have selected three finalists for the President of Central Arizona College. They would like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify their new President. **Public forums will take place July 13, 14 and 15, and each candidate will participate in two 1-hour forums**. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in one of the open forums. Forums will be accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students and the general public. Click **here** to learn more.

The Central Arizona College Foundation recently received a donation from Central Arizona College's Support Staff Association to establish the **500 for 500 Book Scholarship**. CAC's Support Staff are dedicated to ensuring students receive financial support for purchasing books needed for college courses. A $500 scholarship will be provided per semester each academic year, beginning in Fall 2026. Tax-deductible contributions can be made online at **www.centralaz.edu/give** to support this and other CAC scholarships.

Podium Club at Attesa LLC will be closed from Saturday, July 4 - Sunday, July 26 to perform maintenance, necessary repairs and upgrades. These improvements will allow them to reopen the chicane and introduce additional track configurations for both drivers and riders. Click **here** to learn more.

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, July 11, 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**.

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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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