



Casa Grande  
Chamber of Commerce

## ***BUSINESS UPDATE***

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### **Business of the Week Whataburger**



Congratulations to Business of the Week, [Whataburger](#). On Aug. 8, 1950, an adventurous and determined entrepreneur named Harmon Dobson opened up the world's first Whataburger in Texas. From that original little burger stand, Whataburger, now with more than 900 locations in the US, is the hometown hamburger place that hasn't compromised. Today, each and every Whataburger is made-to-order, when it's ordered.

The signature burger is made with 100 percent pure, never-frozen beef and served on a big toasted five-inch bun with all "the extras" to suit the individual taste of every customer. Your Whataburger will be made just like you like it, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The menu has expanded to include breakfast, salads, chicken, desserts and much more, plus your meals can be ordered online on the free Whataburger app. So, head over to our local [Whataburger](#) located at 1785 E. Florence Blvd. to sample what's new

and enjoy your traditional favorites. Be sure to tell Bri and her team that the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce referred you!

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## Upcoming Chamber Events

### May Business After Hours

Wednesday, May 24, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by



209 W. 1st Street, Casa Grande

~ Make business connections!

~ Food, networking and fun!

~ 50/50 and Door Prize Drawings (tickets are CA\$H only)

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## BIZ OUTLOOK LUNCHEON



City of  
Casa Grande

### Mayor's Update

with

City of Casa Grande Mayor: Craig McFarland

Friday, June 2, 2023 - 11:00am - 1:00pm

The Property Conference Center, 1251 West Gila Bend Highway

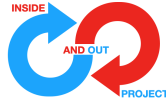
#### Featured Sponsor:



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~ **Buffet Lunch** ~

\$35 Per Person (open seating) | \$280 - Reserved Table (for 8)

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)** and check out Sponsorship Opportunities

## April Business After Hours



We had a large and lively attendance at our April Business After Hours, hosted by **[A Latte Vino](#)**, 958 E. Rodeo Road, #1. Attendees mixed and mingled while enjoying tasty eats from "The Vino." Our thanks to owner, Tanya Powers and the A Latte Vino team for making this a fantastic networking event.

We were pleased to welcome and present member plaques to new members, **[Andrew Sanders](#)**, Individual Supporter, **[Keith Seaman, Arizona State Representative](#)**, **[Boss Up Custom](#)**, **[Casa Grande RV Resort](#)**, **[H&S Metals](#)**, **[Inside and Out Project](#)**, **[Keller Williams Realty - Waliece Anderson](#)**, **[Kohler Company](#)** and **[Paychex](#)**.

Congratulations to ☐ Minute at the Mic☐ winners: Germaine Pesquiera, **[Alluvion Communications](#)**; Jackie Guthrie, **[AZ New Horizon Realty](#)**; Kevin Connors, **[Central Arizona College Small Business Development Center](#)**; Grover Ramsey, **[Elks Lodge #1957 - Casa Grande Valley](#)**; Kristin Gramando, **[J. Warren Funeral Services](#)**; Tomi Yubeta, **[Mitchell & Crosby Family Dentistry](#)**; Melesa Stewart, **[Stewart Clinic of Chiropractic](#)**; Ravi Jassal, **[H&S Metals](#)**; Selena Garcia, **[Rodeo Dental](#)** and 50/50 winner Grace McMillin, **[Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library](#)**.

Thank you to door prize donors **[A Latte Vino](#)**, **[Angels Care Home Health](#)**, **[Health Markets](#)**, **[Hughes Plumbing Supply](#)**, **[J. Warren Funeral Services](#)** and **[Seeds of Hope](#)**.

# Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

## Government Affairs Committee

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

## Business Ambassador Committee

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

## Healthcare Roundtable (Meets every other month)

Wednesday, June 21, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

## Young Professionals Network (Meets every other month)

Thursday, July 13, 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.

## New Member Briefings are Back

Have you joined the Chamber in the past year? You're invited to the Chamber's next New Member Briefing, **3:30pm, Wednesday, May 17** at the Chamber, 575 N. Marshall Street. We encourage you to come and learn more about how to get the most out of your membership investment and network with other new members.

Join Executive Director, Renée Louzon-Benn, and Member Engagement Manager, Ken Saltzmann, as they provide a detailed overview on how to get the most out of your Chamber membership. This event is limited to new Chamber members only and will be very beneficial to meeting other new Chamber members and refreshments will be served.

Space is limited, so please contact Ken at 520-836-2125 or [membership@casagrandechamber.org](mailto:membership@casagrandechamber.org) to RSVP.



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# CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE

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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

## 110% Club

We want to recognize and thank these members for their generosity and continued support, in electing to donate 10% or more of their existing dues to the Chamber in addition to their annual membership investments.

• [Al & Riley's Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal](#)

• [Medicare Mike](#)  
• [Metal Solutions LLC](#)



- [AMS Insurance](#)
- [Andersen & Sarnowski, P.C.](#)
- [AZ New Horizon Realty](#)
- [Banner Casa Grande Medical Center](#)
- [Branham's Exterminating Co.](#)
- [Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona](#)
- [Caywood Farm Tours, LLC](#)
- [The Cleaning People](#)
- [Rona Curphy, Individual](#)
- [Dell's Pizza & Sports Bar](#)
- [Farmers Insurance -The Abbott Insurance Agency](#)
- [Giddens Tire Pros](#)
- [Helping Associates](#)
- [HomeSmart Premier](#)
- [J. Warren Funeral Services](#)
- [Legion Protection Agency](#)
- [Lessor's Business Machines](#)

- [Mi Amigo Ricardo](#)
- [MOAA - Military Officers Association of America](#)
- [Pinal County Federal Credit Union](#)
- [Premier Cardiovascular Center Casa Grande](#)
- [Professional Eyecare Associates](#)
- [Solberg Engineering](#)
- [Spartan Truck Manufacturing](#)
- [State Farm Insurance - Lorrie Carter Agent](#)
- [Sun Life Center for Children](#)
- [Sun Life Center for Women](#)
- [Sun Life Family Dentistry](#)
- [Sun Life Family Health Center](#)
- [Sun Life Pediatric Dentistry](#)
- [Sun Life Walk-In Care](#)
- [Synergisity Consulting, Training & Development](#)
- [Western State Bank](#)

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## Business Briefs

Mark your calendars for May 17, when [Run for the Wall](#) (RFTW) will visit [Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge #1957](#). RFTW is the "largest and longest organized cross-country motorcycle run of its kind in the world, traveling from California to the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans Memorial". With the exception of 2020 and 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, RFTW has completed this annual ride since 1989, making this year number 33! With a total of 4 routes (Central, Midway, Southern, Sandbox) traveling across the USA, approximately 1800 participants will conclude this epic journey at The Wall in Washington, D.C. <https://www.vvmf.org/About-The-Wall/>

The Southern Route riders, currently at 340 participants, will be traveling on Interstate 8 as they approach Casa Grande, making an exit on Trezell Road, and riding up Trezell Road to Florence Blvd where they will enter the parking lot of the Elks Lodge. The expected time of arrival is between 5:00pm – 5:30pm.

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You are invited to join [J. Warren Funeral Services](#) at the [Annual Memorial Day Event](#) Monday, May 29, 9:00am at Mt. View Cemetery, 15506 Skyway Avenue, Casa Grande.

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[Central Arizona College \(CAC\)](#) has recently received a new five-year, \$2,894,780 Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (Title V) grant from the Office of Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Ninety-seven percent of the project is funded by this federal grant and the remaining 3% (\$100,210) is supported by Central Arizona College funds. CAC will use the Title V grant funds to increase the retention rates of its Hispanic and other traditionally underrepresented students. The college will provide resources and educational opportunities to help these students complete their education at CAC and transfer to four-year institutions. Read the [entire press release here](#).

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*Do you have a business update? Send an email brief to [president@casagrandechamber.org](mailto:president@casagrandechamber.org) to be included in the Business Briefs.*

*Submit text or PDF.*

*Photos are considered advertisement and we will reach out to confirm your ad.*

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# Meet your 2023 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.

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