



Greater Casa Grande
Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS UPDATE

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A Message from our Executive Director

Renée Louzon-Benn

The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce is both the voice of business and the voice of the customer. Our Chamber acts as a convener, a catalyst and a champion for the benefit of our members and the community. We champion our members and the Chamber through marketing and promoting businesses, connecting them to potential customers and clients. We are a catalyst for economic development, as we continue to make the Chamber's many tools and resources to strengthen and grow their businesses available to our members. The Chamber provides opportunities for our Chamber members to gather and strengthen their individual businesses in many ways. Businesses can participate in or attend Chamber events and programs; serve on committees, task forces, or boards and stay informed about local business news through the Chamber's e-newsletters and notifications.



On the Chamber's Annual Membership Survey last fall, members indicated that the Chamber's Biz Outlook Luncheons were one of the Chamber programs that offered the most to their businesses. The [Biz Outlook Luncheon](#), Friday, June 2 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at The Property Conference Center, is the perfect example of the Chamber's role as convener, catalyst and champion. City of Casa Grande Mayor Craig McFarland will be the guest speaker at the luncheon. Reservations are required by May 26. Let your Chamber work for you! For more information, or to make reservations, please click this [link](#).

Business of the Week
VFW Post 1677 - Veterans of Foreign Wars



Congratulations to Business of the Week, [VFW Post 1677 - Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), 111 E. 2nd St. in downtown Casa Grande whose mission is: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans. Since 1899, the VFW has been the nation's leading veterans service organization in the fight to better the lives of all those who've worn the uniform of the United States military. It is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

As yesterday's defenders of freedom, they want to welcome today's military service members into their ranks to become part of their elite group. The VFW offers its members camaraderie, empowerment and access to a vast network of resources as well as assistance securing the benefits their members have earned, whether that means providing free, professional help filing or appealing a VA claim, offering scholarships for post-secondary education or providing VFW is there for America's veterans. If you would like to become part of this great organization or learn more about it, please call Hugh at 520-836-5199 and tell him you were referred by the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Chamber Events

May Business After Hours
Wednesday, May 24, 5:15pm - 7:00pm
Hosted by

The Opportunity Tree

209 W. 1st Street, Casa Grande

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

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:

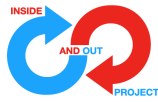


Table Display Sponsor:



Business Display Sponsors:





~ **Buffet Lunch** ~

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

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



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Rodeo Dental & Orthodontics

Monday, June 5, 3:30pm

1377 E. Florence Boulevard, Ste. 155

Recent Ribbon Cuttings



We were honored to participate in the ribbon cutting and plaque presentation for **Caliber Collision** at their service center, 1421 E. Florence Boulevard. The event also offered good eats from a taco truck, the opportunity to watch firefighters train with the jaws of life, and encouraged participation in their blood drive.

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. Please **RSVP by 5:00pm on Monday, May 15** if you will be attending this informative event.

Space is limited, so please contact Ken at 520-836-2125 or membership@casagrandechamber.org to RSVP.

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

[Business Ambassador Committee](#)

Thursday, May 11, 7:30am - 8:30am

[Young Professionals Network](#) (Meets every other month)

Thursday, May 11, 4:00pm - 5:30pm

[Government Affairs Committee](#)

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

[Healthcare Roundtable](#) (Meets every other month)

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

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 - April 2023

THANK YOU to the following Chamber Members for renewing!

- [AmFog Nozzle Technologies/KJ Diversified Inc.](#)
- [Arizona Institute of Neurology & Polysomnography](#)
- [B & G Auto](#)
- [Banner Urgent Care](#)
- [Big House Café](#)
- [Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor](#)
- [Buffalo Wild Wings](#)
- [Casa Grande Animal Hospital](#)
- [Casa Grande Jewelry & Pawn](#)
- [Clark's Septic Tank Service](#)
- [The Cleaning People](#)
- [Collier Counseling Center](#)
- [Cook E Jar](#)
- [Elite Towing](#)
- [Eloy Village Apartments](#)
- [EmployBridge](#)
- [Francisco Grande Hotel & Golf Resort](#)
- [Gallo Construction Inc.](#)
- [H&S Metals Recycling Co.](#)
- [Health Markets](#)
- [Hexcel Corporation](#)
- [Lactalis US Yogurt - Casa Grande](#)
- [Lawson Realty](#)
- [Medicare Mike LLC](#)
- [Metal Solutions LLC](#)
- [Mi Amigo Ricardo](#)
- [Optima Medical](#)
- [Pinal Council for CASA/Foster Inc. \(PCCI\)](#)
- [Professional Eyecare Associates](#)
- [The Property Conference Center](#)
- [Revive Health and Wellness](#)
- [Small Animal Clinic PC](#)
- [Spartan Truck Company](#)
- [Sundance 1 RV Resort](#)
- [Title Security Agency, a First American Company](#)
- [Western State Bank](#)

Member Promotional Opportunities

To learn more about exclusive opportunities available to you,

Business Briefs

[Yoga Recovery Healing Arts Project](#), a 501(c)6, is hosting their [May Open Mic Night](#), Casa Grande's Monthly Music & All-Arts Show, by and for the people. The event is schedule for 6:00pm, Saturday, May 13, at a new location, Heritage Hall at [The Museum of Casa Grande](#), 110W. Florence Boulevard. Artist Sign up is 5:30pm. To volunteer or sponsor, email info@yrhap.org.

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.

[Central Arizona College \(CAC\)](#) has several announcements this week.

Applications are now being accepted for the [Young Advanced Technology Academy \(YATA\)](#) to be held in June at the CAC Signal Peak Campus (8470 N Overfield Rd., Coolidge, AZ 85128.) The YATA camp is open to Pinal County students who will be entering 7th-10th grades in the Fall of 2023.

The theme for this year is career exploration. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the different career paths available at Central Arizona College. They will gain experience with Drones, Renewable Energy, AIT, Robotics, 3-D Printing, Fire Science, & more. Additionally, they will learn teamwork, communication skills, problem-solving skills and time management. Follow [this link for more information](#).

CAC will offer in person and remote [New Student Orientation Sessions](#) beginning this month and throughout the summer to prepare students for summer and fall 2023 classes. New Student Orientations are open to prospective students, current students, parents and guests. They are designed to help students navigate their college experience and will focus on topics such as setting up an advising appointment, how to utilize financial aid and using technology resources like Blackboard and email. Attendance at an orientation session is encouraged for first-time students and those who are new to CAC.

Read both of [these releases in their entirety here](#).

WeSERV REALTOR® Association announced [Coldwell Banker ROX Realty REALTOR® Erin Dugan](#) as a winner of a 2023 Young Professionals Network 40 Under 40 individual award for the second year in a row! "I am so thankful to belong to an amazing association, with my phenomenal brokerage, in my hometown," said Dugan. "I was extremely honored to learn someone has nominated me, for the second year in a row." In 2022 Dugan was also

recognized as part of Coldwell Banker's International President's Premier for being part of the top 18% of Coldwell Banker agents worldwide. Of the 25 individuals, ten teams and five mega teams WeSERV honored as winners with their 2023 awards, Dugan was the only Pinal County based agent in the group. Read the entire [press release here](#).

The [Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\)](#) provides transportation planning services to the communities of Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and rural portions of Pinal County. Sun Corridor MPO is currently working on the [Regional Transportation Plan 2050](#) update to identify transportation system improvement priorities that support future growth in the region. They need your help shaping our region's future transportation plan! Please take this [short survey](#).

[Synergisity Consulting, Training & Development LLC](#) is looking to offer Child Care and Babysitting Certification course to youth in the Casa Grande area. They are seeking feedback to determine the potential of attendance and frequency.

This course is a Health and Safety Institute (HSI) professional course and may be taken as a stand alone or combined with CPR/AED & First Aid certification. If you are interested in this course, please take a moment to [complete this brief survey](#). [Contact Peggy](#) at Synergisity Consulting, Training & Development LLC for more information.

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 2023 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?

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREATER CASA GRANDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

