



### Share your news with us!

Did your company appear in the news? Do you have new employees you would like to introduce? Have you won an award? To be featured in our member spotlights section, please send your 50-word submission to [sachiyo@tempechamber.org](mailto:sachiyo@tempechamber.org). All submissions are subject to editing to meet guidelines and formatting requirements. Submit your news by 10 a.m. on the Thursday of the week prior to the week in which you want your announcement to appear.

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#### More giving, less taking

*By Mary Ann Miller, President/CEO, Tempe Chamber of Commerce*



I come from a Black Friday family. We'd eat dinner early on Thanksgiving, then look at all the ads while plotting our strategy. Stores that gave a gift to the first hundred people would have a leg up. Tom would go to Pennys, while Sandy would take Mervyn's. Mom

worked retail so she usually had to work. When Dad was healthy, he'd go to Kmart while I took charge of Target. And we'd do it all over again the day after Christmas.

And it was fun. There was camaraderie in the line. Sometimes one person would make a coffee run and take orders from a bunch of people. You'd discuss what you were looking for while in line and grab one for that person if you got to that counter before they did. Every once in awhile someone would complain about the line and you'd think, "What the heck did you expect?"



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#### Panel to discuss elementary education at State of the Schools Address Dec. 18

The Tempe Chamber's 2013 State of the Schools Address will take place Wednesday,



And then it started to change...

[Read the whole article here.](#)

### Military Affairs Committee - Annual trip visits Nellis and more

*By Sean Donovan*

The Ruger factory in Prescott. Nellis Air Force Base. The Thunderbirds' F-16 hangar. Las Vegas.

While these settings aren't typically what come to mind when one thinks of committee meetings, they're just some of the locations the Tempe Chamber's Military



Affairs Committee (MAC) visited for three days in November.

During the latest installment of the annual trip, a group made of 23 MAC members and their guests embarked on a journey via bus to these and other destinations on a goodwill tour of sorts and a celebration of their accomplishments over the past year.

First stop was the Ruger facility...

[Read the whole article here.](#)



### Renewals and new members

Check out our newest members and see what members have renewed their membership with the Tempe Chamber.

[Read more](#)

### Groundbreaking on Liberty Center at Rio Salado

Mayor Mark Mitchell and the Tempe City Council will commemorate the groundbreaking of the Liberty Center at Rio Salado business park at a Dec. 2 ceremony. Liberty Property Trust was chosen by the City Council in February as the developer for the 106-acre, city-owned site at Priest Drive and Rio Salado Parkway, west of Tempe Town Lake. The development may create as many as 6,500 jobs over the next decade. It was among the projects highlighted by Mayor Mitchell at the Tempe Chamber's recent State of the City address.

Dec. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel Tempe, 1600 S. 52nd St.

We believe it is critical that the educational and business communities collaborate and support one another. This event facilitates a meeting with a panel of educators to learn the condition of our educational institutions and determine how best to assist them in achieving their goals. Our focus this year is on elementary education.

Panel members are Christine Busch, Superintendent, Tempe Elementary School District; Jay Heiler, Chairman of the Board, Arizona Charter Schools Association; Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Programs and Policy, Arizona Department of Education; and David Schauer, Superintendent, Kyrene School District. The discussion will be moderated by Deb Duvall, Executive Director, Arizona School Administrators.

Tickets are \$40 for members, \$50 for prospective members or \$450 for a VIP table of 10. RSVP at [www.tempechamber.org](http://www.tempechamber.org) or to (480) 967-7891.

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## Ribbon cuttings



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### Be the voice of your community

Tempe Community Council (TCC) and the City of Tempe are looking for citizens to engage in a human services grant review process known as Agency Review (AR). As a participant, you will work with your fellow community members to review human services applications and make funding recommendations to the Tempe City Council. The time commitment includes three to four days from January to March, in addition to individual proposal reading time. If you are interested in participating and live or work in Tempe, contact TCC Community Impact Manager Caterina Mena at [caterina\\_mena@tempe.gov](mailto:caterina_mena@tempe.gov) or (480) 858-2311. Learn more at <http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/agency-review/>.

### TCAA toy drive

Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) and its corporate donor, IKEA Tempe, will be partnering in conjunction with nonprofit organization Holiday Toy Shoppe for low-income and homeless families in the Tempe area, to provide space, storage and donations. Toy drives are needed from the community.

Each year, TCAA provides a "store" from which parents can choose gifts for their children. The families are selected among TCAA's participants in the emergency services, food pantry and Health Start Prenatal Programs. To start a toy drive, contact Kathy Estrada at [kathy@tempeaction.org](mailto:kathy@tempeaction.org) or (480) 350-5884.

### City now accepting nominations for MLK Diversity Awards

The Tempe Human Relations Commission, together with the City of Tempe, is seeking nominations for the 16th Annual MLK Diversity Awards. Award winners will be recognized at Tempe's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, "Together We're Better," Diversity Awards Brunch, on Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at The Buttes Resort in Tempe.

To be eligible, nominees must live, work or volunteer in Tempe and demonstrate a commitment to honoring and celebrating diversity in the Tempe community. Six nominating categories are offered:

Nominations must be received no later than Dec. 6. An online nomination form is available at [www.tempe.gov/MLK](http://www.tempe.gov/MLK). To request a printed nomination form, contact Ginny Belousek at (480) 350-8979.

### Wash Wizard holds toy drive/fundraiser

Wash Wizard Auto Spa, America's greenest car wash, 1845 E. University Dr. in Tempe, will be a toy collection point for the Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) holiday toy drive. The toy drive will be held Dec. 2 and 3. Wash Wizard will also donate 25% of its car wash revenue on those two days to support TCAA's needy families and children's holiday programs. Help bring a smile to children and some comfort to families by dropping off a new unwrapped toy and washing your car. Contact Kathy Estrada at [kathy@tempeaction.org](mailto:kathy@tempeaction.org) or (480) 350-5884 or visit [www.washwizardexpress.com](http://www.washwizardexpress.com) for more information.

### Candidate packets for 2014 Tempe City



Chick-fil-A



Main Event



SCAN Health Plan Arizona

## Council now available

Tempe residents interested in running for City Council seats in 2014 can pick up candidate packets at the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth St. Each packet provides all the information necessary to run for one of three City Council seats, all with terms of office that begin in January 2015. For questions, contact the City Clerk's Office at [clerk@tempe.gov](mailto:clerk@tempe.gov) or (480) 350-8241. Detailed information about the 2014 elections is available at [www.tempe.gov/election](http://www.tempe.gov/election).

## Member spotlights

Darryl Jacobson-Barnes, owner of All-Star Insurance Agency, was re-elected unanimously as the president of Tempe Republican Women for 2014. She will be installed along with the rest of the board Dec. 9, at the TRW annual Christmas Party. For more information, visit [www.temperw.org](http://www.temperw.org).

Make-A-Wish Arizona helped one little boy Batman for a day last month. On Oct. 19, Ezra was transformed from a mild-mannered Arizona wish kid into the brave superhero Batman to help save the residents of Tempe! Ezra, who is battling cancer, got to save the day and have a blast doing it. Check out the coverage from "[The Today Show](#)".

The Arizona Technology Council named Telesphere CEO Clark Peterson as the recipient of the 2013 "Ed Denison Business Leader of the Year" award. The award is presented to an individual who contributes to Arizona's technology industry through sustained growth of their business or company. Winners are evaluated by a selection committee of experts independent of the Council. Telesphere is home to approximately 100 employees nationwide and represents a significant investment in the local economy with more than 60 employees based in the Phoenix area. Congratulations, Clark!

Tempe Community Foundation, a program of Tempe Community Council, is pleased to announce that grants totaling close to \$24,000 were awarded to three local nonprofits - funds that will help support youth development, respite for caregivers and additional support for our seniors and disabled - providing for a brighter tomorrow. The Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter was awarded \$10,000; EMPACT was awarded \$11,435; and Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors was awarded \$2,500. Learn more at [www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/tcf](http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/tcf).



Sol Diablo Cantina

## Our leaders

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