



The Business Advocate

June 5, 2017

Annual Luncheon Registration



- Thursday, June 29, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
60 E 5th St, Tempe

Registration is now open for the Annual Luncheon, this year's opportunity to celebrate and share our vision for the Tempe Chamber and the business community.

We'll introduce our new Chairman of the Board along

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with the incoming Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and honor those who are moving on from their terms of service. Presentations by our leadership and an awards ceremony for our members add to the enjoyment of this plated luncheon.

A highlight of the event is the video program and presentation of the [2017 Business Excellence Awards](#). The awards recognize responsible business leadership and honor those that demonstrate a passion for excellence.

The finalists for the small business category are:

- [FASTSIGNS](#)
- [Pest'R Us](#)
- [Special Moments Catering](#)

The finalists for the large business category are:

- [Tempe St. Luke's Hospital/IASIS Healthcare](#)
- [Tempe Marketplace/Vestiar](#)
- [Waste Management](#)

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Procurement with the City for This Month's Hot Topics and Lunch

- **Thursday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- **The Graduate Hotel, 225 E Apache Blvd**

Have you always wanted that elusive contract with the City? Now is your chance to learn an insider's perspective on who receives procurement contracts and why.

At this month's Hot Topics and Lunch, Michael Greene, procurement administrator for the City of Tempe, will show the ins and outs of working with the city's procurement office, including:

- Getting registered to receive bid notices
- Understanding the quote and bid process
- Strategies to win public sector bids

[Register here](#)

Hot Topics and Lunch is sponsored by SRP.

Dawn Hocking Named Business Woman of the Year

Dawn Hocking, Director of Development at TCH, was named the Tempe Chamber's 2017 Business Woman of the Year at the Chamber's annual Women in Business Conference last Wednesday among three finalists.

Hocking was bestowed the honor by CEO Anne Gill at the conclusion of the conference. The other two finalists were Margo Brown of Wave Productivity and Tracy Bullock of Sandler Training and Development.

In her [acceptance speech](#), Hocking thanked those in the room who have supported her and helped her grow.

"We were talking about a quote earlier today by Dolly Parton that says, 'find out who you are and do it on purpose,'" Hocking said. "And I think I have found that."

Watch Dawn's and the other finalists' videos [here](#).



Phoenix Chamber to Host Worksite Wellness Class

- Friday, June 16, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Greater Phoenix Chamber
- 201 N Central Ave, 27th Floor, Phoenix

The Greater Phoenix Chamber Foundation, in collaboration with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health is pleased to present the Healthy Arizona Worksites Program (HAWP) and Lactation Accommodation 101 training.

Tempe Chamber members are welcome to attend.

Join them in a free program and learn:

- How to design a comprehensive worksite wellness program to improve the health of your business and employees
- Methods of successful national and local employers to improve employee and organizational health
- How to apply for the Healthy Arizona Worksite Award

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Chamber Events At-a-Glance

Tuesday, June 6 - [Ambassador Committee](#), 8 a.m. at Sweetest Season

Wednesday, June 7 - [GRTC Committee](#), 8 a.m. at TCH

Tuesday, June 13 - [Coffee Connections 3](#), 11:45 a.m. at Boulder's on Broadway

Wednesday, June 14 - [Coffee Connections 1](#), 7:45 a.m. at Arizona Bank and Trust

Thursday, June 15 - [Hot Topics and Lunch](#), 11:30 a.m. at The Graduate Hotel



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Or click here to sign up for an online business account.



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Helping You Succeed

Should You Keep Tabs Open in a Browser?

By Ken Colburn, Special for The Arizona Republic

In Ken Colburn's weekly column of tech advice, he talks about keeping tabs open in a browser and which will run the most efficiently. Also discussed is managing your computer to assure that there is adequate memory capacity for your browsing.

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Jobs Report Numbers Low; Shortage of Workers?

By Josh Boak, Associated Press

Despite the unemployment rate falling to its lowest number in years, the actual number of new hires across the U.S. fell in the month of May.

The Associated Press details why the number could signal that the economy is running out of enough workers to hire, and why pay raises that usually follow low unemployment aren't happening yet.

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Goodbye New York, Hello Arizona

By Natalie Sherman, BBC Business

Financial jobs in the US have finally rebounded -- but they're not growing where you might think.

Read a profile by the BBC on why Arizona is becoming a new financial hub of the U.S.

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From Our Members

Young Entrepreneurs Wanted for BRiC, ASU Program

The City of Tempe Economic Development Department and ASU are hosting an **ASU Youth Entrepreneurship Bootcamp at Tempe Public Library, June 6th, 7th and 8th.** ASU Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation provided the curriculum and a special grant to help us offer this 3 day interactive free program **for youth ages 14 to 17.** Kristine Ouzts, former Director of Entrepreneurship at MCC, business banker, and dynamic instructor will be the facilitator. Free lunch is provided each day and successful business leaders and entrepreneurs will also participate in the class giving students a chance to learn from local professionals.

For more information, call 480-350-5561.

C2 Tactical Offers Father's Day Deal

Chamber member C2 Tactical is offering savings for those who want to treat their dads to a little extra firepower.

Get 15% off inclusive shooting packages all weekend when you book online using the promo code "DADROCKS"

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SRP to Recieve 2017 Freedom Award

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SRP, the only 2017 Freedom Award winner or finalist from Arizona, provides military employees full pay and benefits up to a rolling two years. SRP has also established the Joint Apprenticeship Corporate Committee, which authorizes additional hiring points only available to National Guard, Reserve and veteran apprenticeship candidates.

Salt River Project will receive the Freedom Award in a Pentagon ceremony Aug. 25

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In the Community

Tempe Town Lake Project Receives Distinction

Last year's project to replace the dam on the west end of Tempe Town Lake has been named the \$10 million plus project of the year by the Phoenix branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers, according to an article by the Phoenix Business Journal.

The project came out on top because, beside being the largest of its type in the country, it provides a measurable benefit to the community through its control of water flow and the recreation it enables.

Plus, Gannett Fleming, the city of Tempe and the primary contractor, PCL, delivered the project under budget and under schedule.

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Phoenix Mercury to Give Grant to Women-Owned Business

The Phoenix Mercury, in conjunction with BBVA Compass, is rewarding a women-owned business with a \$2,500 grant with an additional \$5,000 in marketing assets.

Women are encouraged to write a short essay expressing how winning this opportunity will make the future of their business brighter.

Submissions are due June 15, with the winner recognized at a Mercury game June 30.

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