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Do our elementary schools make the grade?

Find out at the Tempe Chamber's 2013 State of the Schools Address Wednesday, Dec. 18, 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 Chris 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 or to (480) 967-7891.

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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.

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Tempe Leadership Class XXIX project to benefit United Food Bank, those in need

Please join Tempe Leadership Class XXIX's project, Fresh Truck, in partnership with United Food Bank of Arizona (UFB) in helping to get fresh food to people in need. By donating your 2013 Working Poor Tax Credit to the UFB, you will be helping serve fresh food to those who really need it. You will need to do this by Dec. 31 for the 2013 tax credit. You can also donate starting Jan. 1 for the 2014 tax year. For instructions on how to donate and more information, contact Daniel Milner at danielmilner@tempechamber.org or (480) 736-4287.

Breakfast with the Governor

The East Valley Partnership, East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance and Mesa Community College invite you to join them at the 2014 East Valley Breakfast with the Governor on Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 to 9 a.m. This annual event gives East Valley business, education, civic and political leaders the opportunity to hear the Governor's vision for the upcoming year. Cost is \$50 for EVP/EVCCA members and \$60 for non-members. The event will be held at the Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa. Go to www.evp-az.org to learn more and register.

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. 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. If you are interested in participating and live or work in Tempe, contact Caterina Mena at 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 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. To start a toy drive, contact Kathy Estrada at kathye@tempeaction.org or (480) 350-5884.

Member spotlights

Qualcomm Life Ecosystem Collaborators announced NuWave Commerce as the 2013 Global 2net Connect App Developer Challenge winner. NuWave Commerce has leveraged Qualcomm Life's 2net Connect APIs to develop a companion application for activity and medical devices that aggregates biometric data from multiple types of devices and sensors and processes it in new innovative ways, allowing people to live healthier, more active lifestyles. NuWave Commerce is a premier web design and development firm based in Chandler. To learn more, visit www.nuwavecommerce.com

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?"

And then it started to change...

[Read the whole article here.](#)



Ribbon cuttings



All About Compression



Chick-fil-A



This past Saturday, local nonprofit Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors put up holiday lights on seven homes around Tempe to brighten the homes of those who may no longer be able to decorate on their own. Tempe Neighbors helping Neighbors started in 2009 as a group of friends that got together every other Saturday to help seniors and those with disabilities with their basic home and yard care. Learn more at <http://www.tempeighbors.org/>.

Margo Brown of Wave Productivity completed training with The Coach Approach. The Coach Approach program highlights core coaching skills specifically for those in the field of productivity and organization. This training focuses on solutions to becoming more goal-oriented, productive and organized. Looking to become more efficient and productive in your office? Contact Margo at (602) 677-8275.

ActionCOACH (<http://actioncoachaz.com>) has announced the expansion of its Arizona services led by two accomplished business leaders: Kevin Alft, Regional CEO of ActionCOACH, and Sheila Kloefkorn, president and CEO of KEO Marketing and new firm owner in the ActionCOACH network. ActionCOACH is a leader in business and executive coaching and has already helped hundreds of business owners in Arizona grow by providing the right mix of business education and proven business tools and strategies.

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.

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](#)".

Main Event



SCAN Health Plan Arizona



Sol Diablo Cantina

Renewals and new members

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

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