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Helping You Succeed



What Businesses Can Do to Help Schools

The driving reason behind the State of the Schools Address is to learn how the business community can best assist our schools. At last week's event, our panel of eight top educators shared their suggestions and requests. [Click here to continue reading](#)



Tempe Union High School District is Celebrating Three Major Accomplishments

by *Kenneth R. Baca, Superintendent, Tempe Union High School District*

As the year 2014 comes to a close, the Tempe Union High School District is celebrating three major accomplishments achieved this fall. [Click here to continue reading](#)



A Season of Thanks

by *Mary Ann Miller, President/CEO*

In November, I celebrated 15 years as President/CEO of the Tempe Chamber, and January will mark 20 years since I was hired as Public Affairs Director. It's only fitting that these anniversaries fall near days set aside to give thanks, to reflect on the past, and to plan for an even better year ahead. [Click here to continue reading](#)



Mobile App Helps You Stay Connected

Stay connected to other members and news from the Tempe Chamber of Commerce with MemberPlus app! This free app is available for download in for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices. Members can now update their own profile information, find other members, post events or member offers and so much more! [Contact us](#) if you need your member login information.

Get Involved



Tempe Chamber Committee Collecting Toys

The Tempe Chamber Military Affairs Committee (MAC) hosted its Annual Christmas Party at the Four Points by Sheraton. They teamed up with the U.S. Marine Corps to raise toys and funds for the Toys for Tots drive. The MAC collected \$200 and over 20 toys! If you'd like to donate to this special cause, please drop off new un-wrapped toys to the Chamber by noon on Monday, Dec. 15.



Want to See Your Company at the Top in 2015?

Register now to participate in the Top Companies to Work For in Arizona awards program where top companies are honored for creating the best workplace cultures. For more information and to register before January 9, [click here](#). Winners will be announced in June 2015, so don't wait!



Tempe Diablos Accepting Applications for Excellence In Education Awards

Nominations are now open for the 26th Annual Tempe Diablos Excellence in Education Awards which recognize outstanding teachers, administrators and staff members from the Tempe Elementary School District, Kyrene School District and the Tempe Union High School District. Nomination forms can be found [on their website](#).



Guest Bloggers Wanted

The Tempe Chamber would like to host YOU - our valued members - on our blog in 2015! We want to hear your expert opinion on the things that are important to your business, your customers or the Tempe community. This is a great opportunity for businesses of all sizes. If you are interested, please email [Meghan](#) with your ideas!

Last Chance for Holiday Advertising



Holiday Advertising with the Chamber

Our LAST holiday newsletter will run this week! Contact [Meghan](#) to reserve one of the limited spots left.

December 17th

\$100 Header - *SOLD OUT*

\$75 First Ad - *SOLD OUT*

\$50 Standard Ad - 2 left

\$25 Text Ad - 2 left

Member of the Week



Kiera Stroup, Sonoran Serenity Spa

Welcome to a new feature from the Tempe Chamber of Commerce! Each week, the Chamber team will randomly select a different member to interview so that they can share their experiences and advice for other members. This week we learned a lot when speaking with Kiera Stroup of Sonoran Serenity Spa! [Learn more](#)

Member News

The **City of Tempe** recently announced the December list of development projects. [Click here](#) for more information.

Davis Miles McGuire Gardner Ranked Among the 2015 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers.

Lori Zucher and Terry Anderson of **Homelife Professionals** have relocated their offices to 350 E. Elliot, Chandler, AZ.

The Arizona Art Alliance, is proud to announce the formal Phase I launch of its [new website](#) Friday, December 12th. The streamlined site will provide easy to use interface for juried artists and visitors.

Got News?

Is there something exciting going on in your business? Did you land a really big deal? Did a team member join a board? Are you offering new services? Did you sponsor an event? ***If it's news to you, it's news to us!*** If there is something you want the Tempe Chamber community to know, [please email Meghan](#) before noon on Thursdays to get your announcements in!

Free Directory Listing

Did you know that your membership comes with a **FREE** online profile? Members with completed profiles are more likely to come up on Google searches, receive calls from prospects and increased web traffic. For more information on updating your member profile, please [click here](#).

Community News



Tempe Breaks Ground on New Water Testing Laboratory

The City of Tempe recently broke ground on a new environmental laboratory that will be located at the city's South Tempe Water Treatment Plant. The 11,000-square-foot structure will be home to Tempe's chemists and water sampling team, better equipping them to sample, test and analyze the city's water supply. [Click here](#) to read more.



Lakeshore Music, Inc. (LMI), Tempe's resident concert producer at the Tempe Center for the Arts, is going back to Cuba in 2015 with its Rhythm & Views cultural exploration of Cuba's creative life. Two tours are currently scheduled, Jan. 28-Feb. 5 and Mar. 25-April 2. These are 9 day and 8 night trips which set the new benchmark for People to People educational exchanges with

Cuba. Producers Woody Wilson and Neil Birnbaum have spent the past two years working on Cuba Rhythm & Views, which focuses almost entirely on Cuba's music, art and culture. LMI is offering Tempe Chamber friends and members a discount of \$250 off the total price of the trip. All forms, visa application, itinerary, trip FAQs and ways for payment are available at www.cubarhythmandviews.com. Or, call 602.679.0590 for more information. This is truly the trip of a lifetime.

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*Use **#TempeChamber** when you are posting on social media to show your pride in your membership. You may even get a like, retreat or repost!*

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