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Tempe Chamber urges immigration reform

The message was clear: It's time to fix our broken immigration system.

Tempe Chamber President/CEO Mary Ann Miller joined more than 600 business owners, community and faith leaders, pastors, law enforcement officers and elected officials in taking that message directly to Congress on Oct. 29.

The Americans for Reform Immigration Fly-in, hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for a New American Economy, Bibles, Badges and Business and FWD.us coalesced this wide-ranging group to urge meaningful reform for our economy, faith and security.

"The Tempe Chamber has supported comprehensive immigration reform for more than five years," said Miller. "We've heard time and again from our members that this needs to be dealt with at the federal level."

Read the full article on our website.

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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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Candidate packets for 2014 Tempe City 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 or (480) 350-8241. Detailed information about the 2014 elections is available at www.tempe.gov/election.

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 kathye@tempeaction.org or (480) 350-5884.

Top Companies to Work for in Arizona

CareerBuilder, Republic Media and BestCompaniesAZ have announced a collaborative effort to produce the second annual 2014 CareerBuilder's Top Companies to Work for in Arizona program. This is the only statewide program of its kind where companies make the list based on both employer practices and employee engagement and satisfaction scores.

Message from the Chairman of the Board

*By Jeff Mirasola,
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My daughter goes to school in the United Kingdom. It's already been quite an experience in more ways than one. Along with the usual cultural, food and language differences, she's experiencing a difference in the implementation of healthcare.

When we registered for school, there was a table where she signed up for state supported healthcare. This is a service provided all students, even those from the United States, as part of your enrollment in the university. There would be no additional charge, we were told. She had to choose a provider who was close to where she lived. Most of the available clinics are located within a Boots store, much like our Walgreens.

Read the full article on our website.

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Ribbon cuttings



Interested companies can pre-register and learn more at www.topcompanies.azcentral.com. The deadline for registration is Dec. 20, 2013.

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Member spotlights

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.

The Tempe Coalition, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Tempe Community Council, which works to reduce underage drinking and youth drug use, has received the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) "GOT OUTCOMES! Coalition of Excellence Milestones Award." CADCA represents those working to make their communities safe, healthy and drug-free. Learn more at <http://tempecoalition.org/>.

Congratulations to Darryl Jacobson-Barnes, owner of All-Star Insurance Agency, for receiving the Diamond Achievement Award at the National Federation of Republican Women's 37th Biennial Convention. As the president of Tempe Republican Women, Jacobson-Barnes earned this award for demonstrating excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, programs, web presence and club functions.

On the Blog

End of 2013 Tax Tips for Business Owners

Content provided by Acceler8

There are only a few weeks left of the tax year. It's time to start

Greulich's Automotive



Residence Inn Downtown Tempe by Marriott



Bullock Training



Your Pennysaver

ways a small business owner can save money on taxes.

Track your mileage: The IRS mileage rate this year is 56.5 cents/mile, meaning you get a deduction for $.565 \times$ the number of miles you travel for business. This is a good deal and is better than taking on car expenses, such as insurance and repairs, given the high cost of gas. Take advantage of this deduction, especially if you travel a lot for business.

Meals and entertainment: As long as you discuss business before, during or after a meal with a prospect or client, you get a deduction for half of the bill. There must be a business purpose for the expense. Networking events are a good example because your goal is to build your network and, ultimately, make a sale. Also, if you have employees and you buy them lunch, you can deduct 50%. These expenses tend to be scrutinized by the IRS, so substantiate everything in case you get audited.

[Read the whole article and see more tips on our blog!](#)



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