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Nov. 4, 2013



### 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.

**Early voting began Oct. 10. Support Tempe schools. Vote "Yes" for Tempe Union. Vote "Yes, Yes" for Kyrene.**

Check out our new [advertising opportunities](#), and learn how your ad can appear here!



### 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.*

[Read more](#)

### Message from the Chairman of the Board



*By Jeff Mirasola, CenturyLink Chairman, Tempe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*

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.

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### Take a trip with the Military Affairs Committee!

The Tempe Chamber's Military Affairs Committee is hosting a trip to Prescott and Las Vegas this month. It will include exclusive access to military bases and facilities that are normally off limits to the public.

The three-day, two-night adventure takes place from Nov. 13 to 15 and features:

- A visit and tour of Ruger's manufacturing facility in Prescott. Tours of the plant are normally unavailable to the public, but arrangements have been made to allow this special visit.
- A guided tour of Nellis Air Force Base just outside of Las Vegas. Nellis is home to the Thunderbirds and more USAF squadrons than any other base.
- A tour of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and surprise stops along the way!

For more details or to RSVP, contact Courtney McIntyre at

[courtneymcintyre@tempechamber.org](mailto:courtneymcintyre@tempechamber.org) or (480) 736-4281. [See all trip details and register online here.](#)



**Ribbon cuttings**

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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.

NEW



Greulich's Automotive

### Business Excellence Awards Nominations Sought



Business Excellence Award recipient AlphaGraphics at Elliot and Kyrene

The Tempe Chamber is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Business Excellence Awards. These awards promote the advancement of responsible business leadership in our community and

publicly honor local businesses that demonstrate a passion for excellence. Last year's recipients were AlphaGraphics at Kyrene and Elliot and Statera.

Values we look for in nominees include a demonstrated record of success and growth, community involvement and leadership, dedication to employees and commitment to customer service.

All companies that are members of the Tempe Chamber are eligible. Self-nominations are encouraged. All applying companies will be reviewed by a panel of local business people and judged on their success in embracing these core values. The awards will be presented at the Breakfast for Chamber Champions in February 2014.

Nominations must be submitted to the Tempe Chamber by Monday, Nov. 18. Simply e-mail the name of the company and their contact information to Sean Donovan at [sean@tempechamber.org](mailto:sean@tempechamber.org).



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### Guest Editors Luncheon and Expo

The In Business Magazine annual Guest Editors Luncheon is a gathering of business professionals, decision makers and leaders. The symposium-style event will include a gourmet lunch, a keynote speaker and participation by each guest editor in attendance. As a member of the Tempe Chamber, you can receive \$10 off the ticket price by using discount code TCC-LUNCH-Nov15.

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### Survey on underage drinking

The Tempe Coalition, whose mission is to reduce underage drinking and drug use, is conducting a survey to gauge community perspective on the issue. If you live or work in Tempe, please spend five minutes to take a short online survey. It must be completed no later than Nov. 15, and it is completely anonymous. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

### Doing business in Mexico and Nogales, Sonora workshop

This business-to-business event will take place Nov. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Consulate General of Mexico, Nogales, Arizona, 135 W. Cardwell St., Nogales. To register or learn more, call (520) 988-8520 or send an email to [email.asesmaj@consulmexnogales.com](mailto:email.asesmaj@consulmexnogales.com).

### 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.

Interested companies can pre-register and learn more at [www.topcompanies.azcentral.com](http://www.topcompanies.azcentral.com). The deadline for registration is Dec. 20, 2013.

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## Member spotlights

### Your Pennysaver



### Midwest Medical Billing



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#### Our leaders

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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.

Make-A-Wish Arizona, the founding chapter of the international wish granting organization, had a record fiscal year in 2013, wrapping up Aug. 31 with 317 wishes granted and more than \$3.5 million in generated revenue. This was in large part due to commitments and support from Tempe businesses, including but not limited to Tempe Marketplace, Insight, ASU's Chi Omega sorority, and As You Wish pottery. Contact Chris at [cmoss@wishaz.org](mailto:cmoss@wishaz.org) for more information on how you and your business can make a wish come true.

Exciting changes are happening at Shalimar, Tempe's historic golf course built in 1961. Top to bottom and front to back, a major remodel of everything is under way, including the pro shop, clubhouse, the range and course. Call (480) 838-0488 for more information.

*Joe Hughes  
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Aqeel Shahid  
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