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U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema to Receive U.S. Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise Award



U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema will be honored with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award for the fifth time during the congresswoman's State of the District address hosted by the Tempe Chamber.

The Chamber's prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award is given annually to members of Congress based on their votes on critical business legislation as outlined in the Chamber's [How They Voted](#) scorecard. Members who supported the Chamber's position on at least 70 percent of those votes qualify to receive the award.

Registration closes today at Noon for Thursday's State of the District. If you need to register after the deadline, please call Sukki Jahnke at (480) 736-4283.

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Chamber News & Events

Business After Hours this Wednesday

Tuesday, March 28, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Freezer's Ice House
83 E. Broadway Rd., Tempe

Make new connections in an informal setting! We're excited to be at new Chamber member Freezer's Ice House with billiards, darts, food, drinks and networking!

Members of the business community come together to enjoy a night of food, drinks, conversation and network development during this casual mixer. Expect a great crowd and lots of new connections.

[Register here](#)

Business After Hours is sponsored by



Nominate a Business for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards

Do you have a Chamber business that is outstanding? Nominate yourself or another business for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards! Winners will be chosen at our Annual Luncheon in June. Join the exclusive community of winners and apply today!

At the luncheon, we'll introduce our new Chairwoman of the Board along 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.

The deadline to nominate is **April 13**.

[Nominate here](#)

Sponsor the Leadership Conference & Expo or Donate a Raffle Item

It's never too early to reserve your space for the 2018 Leadership Conference & Expo presented by the Women in Business Council!

The Tempe Chamber is still accepting sponsorships for the conference, and registration for exhibitor booths are now open. Take advantage of over 300 attendees and business leaders and

[reserve exhibit space](#), [secure sponsorship](#) and [donate auction items](#) early to increase the length of your brand visibility!

Don't wait to gain your exposure, sign up today! Questions? Call Sukki at the Chamber office at 480-736-4283.

Tempe Leadership Class 34 Recruitment Reception

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
60 E. 5th St., Tempe

Tempe Leadership invites you to join us for an evening of mingling and fun to chat with board members and alumni about applying for Tempe Leadership Class 34. What's it like to be a part of Tempe Leadership? What are the benefits of participating? Come join us and find out! This event is free and will include a presentation on the program as well as mingling with alumni and board members.

As a program of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Foundation, our focus is to bring together community-minded individuals to engage and challenge one another, learn more about the ins and outs of Tempe and, most importantly, make a real difference in our community. Applications for Class 34 are available now at <http://www.templeadership.org/apply>. The program will commence in September 2018.

[Register here](#)

Chamber Events At-a-Glance

Wednesday, March 28 - [Business After Hours](#), 5:30 p.m. at Freezer's Ice House
Thursday, March 29 - [State of the District](#), 9 a.m. at Rio Salado Comm. College
Tuesday, April 3 - [Ambassador Committee Meeting](#), 8 a.m. at Sweetest Season
Wednesday, April 4 - [GRTC Committee Meeting](#), 8 a.m. at TCH
Wednesday, April 4 - [Ribbon Cutting - AURA](#), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 5 - [Women in Business Council](#), 8 a.m. at Sandler Training
Thursday, April 5 - [Ribbon Cutting - Community Options](#), 10 a.m.

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From Our Members

Tempe St. Luke's Employees Joins in Tempe Cares Service Project

To help increase access to locally grown and high-quality organic fruits and vegetables, employees from Tempe St. Luke's Hospital and members of the community volunteered their time and green thumbs to the city's community gardens on March 3. Armed with rakes, spades and wheelbarrows, the team tidied and refreshed garden plots as well as planted trees and installed raised garden beds.

Volunteers of all ages rolled up their sleeves to help organize, clean and work on Tempe's various community gardens, including the Ellertson/Wilson Garden, Broadmoor Elementary School Garden, Clark Park Garden, The Centers for Habilitation (TCH) and Escalante Garden.

[Read more](#)

Yoga for Today Celebrating Anniversary Open House

Saturday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. - noon

Yoga for Today

5861 S. Kyrene Ave., Tempe

Celebrating one year in business!

Yoga for Today creates a safe learning environment, free of judgement, giving you your #metime to fill your vessel. Special class schedule this day only and all classes are free!

9 - 10:15 am - Classic Vinyasa with Michele OR Slow Flow with Rebecca

10:30 - 11:45 am - Healthy Backs with Adam OR Restorative with Debbie

[Learn more](#)

Special Moments Catering's Hydroponic Journey

Traditional composting, Hydroponic crops and mass food production rarely meet in the same location.

At Special Moments Catering, they collide daily to provide hundreds of catered meals across the Valley of the Sun. Greenhouse hydroponically grown lettuce provides the base for the 100-plus salads that are served daily.

Read more about how Special Moments Catering continue to strive toward greater sustainability on our success stories page at tempe.pledge.green!

[Read more](#)

U.S. Chamber Survey on Tax Reform Impact

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is asking local chamber members to complete a survey on their impacts as a result of the recent tax reform law passed by Congress.

Has your company or a company in your community taken actions in response to tax reform being signed into law? Please share the details with the U.S. Chamber below.

[Learn more](#)

SRP Weighs Price Reduction

For the third time in the last three years, SRP's Board of Directors at a March 27 meeting will be considering a decrease in electricity prices for more than 1 million Salt River Project customers.

Under the six-month temporary decrease, recommended today by SRP management, prices would be reduced by approximately 1 percent effective with the May-through-October 2018 billing cycles. Prices will return to original winter season prices approved in 2015 with the November 2018 billing cycle.

The \$18.8 million temporary decrease in the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Mechanism, a component of overall prices, will save the typical SRP residential customer an average of \$1.56 per month during the six-month period when temperatures and electric bills are the highest of the year.

[Read more](#)

Boys & Girls Club Seeking Sponsors, Auction Items for October Golf Tourney, Gala

The Boys & Girls Club is seeking sponsorships for their upcoming Golf for Kids Tournament and Night of Champions Gala & Auction.

The Boys & Girls Club hosts over 600 of the valley's leading business men and women for the two events. The Night of Champions Gala & Auction will featuring Saved By the Bell's & Boys & Girls Club Alumni Mario Lopez, 2017 America's Got Talent Finalist Evie Clair and Arizona Sports 98.7 afternoon drive hosts Burns & Gambo.

More information can be found at the link below.

[Learn more](#)

Eliances Entrepreneur Summit April 24

Eliances®, the only place “Where Entrepreneurs Align,”™ is hosting well-known business leaders, TV stars, sports figures, and Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone at a private event on April 24 in Scottsdale at its partner location of ASU SkySong.

The event, billed as GRANDtable, is the premier Eliances experience featuring headline-making A-listers and local entrepreneurs. Eliances members and guests in attendance not only learn business tips, but personally can discuss their plans with CEOs such the co-founder of Priceline.com, the founder of Yard House restaurants (sold to Darden Restaurants for almost \$600M), the founder of China Mist, the co-founder of Barnana (who previously flew in to be interviewed on Eliances Heroes radio show), Kevin Harrington (Shark Tank) partner and founder of SharkReach, AZ Coyotes President, a 2x Super Bowl Champion, the founder of EnlighTea, Danby CEO (with over \$400M in annual sales) and tons more!

A private registration link is open for Tempe Chamber members below.

[Read more](#)

Do You Have News to Share? Tell us!

The Tempe Chamber is always interested in sharing the news and events of our members. From a grand opening to a milestone, this is the place to tell your story and reach thousands!

Send stories and events to [Chris Samuels](#).

In the Community

City Hosts 3rd Annual Dementia Friendly Tempe Community Summit

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. - noon
Pyle Adult Center
655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

For the third-annual Dementia Friendly Tempe Community Summit, the City of Tempe is focusing on tools for resilient caregivers.

Summit highlights include: Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell shares his story as a family caregiver; Dr. Maribeth Gallagher and Sussy Faravo, LCSW bring specific strategies to help caregivers not only survive, but thrive; agencies and organizations that provide critical resources for caregivers.

To register, contact the Banner Alzheimer's Institute at (602) 839-6850 or email BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com.

[Learn more](#)

Arts & Culture Sales Tax Public Meeting

Wednesday, April 25th, 6 p.m.
Tempe History Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

Tempe community members are invited to learn more about a November 2018 city election question on a dedicated sales tax for arts and culture at a meeting on March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

The current city sales tax increase (one tenth of one percent), authorized by Tempe voters in 2000, expires in 2020. It has funded the construction and operations of the Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust, as well as other arts and culture offerings in the city. The City Council directed in May 2017 that city staff pursue a future ballot proposition to request a permanent arts and culture sales tax of the same amount (one tenth of one percent) to fund arts and culture in Tempe.

The March 28 public meeting also will cover a future ordinance that will be considered by the City Council that would be a companion to the ballot resolution. The ordinance would authorize the existing Tempe Arts and Culture Commission to advise the Council on the management of the tax funding and the realization of the Arts and Culture Plan, if the tax measure passes. A similar arrangement is in place with the Tempe Transportation Commission and its advisory role related to the 1996 dedicated tax for transportation in Tempe.

[Read more](#)

Tempe Seeking Sponsors for Care Fair

The City of Tempe and the Tempe Community Council is seeking business sponsors for their upcoming Care Fair Saturday, April 21 at the Tempe Library Complex.

The first Care Fair is a fun way to fulfill our mission by offering a one-stop source for those in our community to be connected with services they, or someone they know, may need and learn about ways they can help care for others through volunteering.

By sponsoring Care Fair Tempe you'll help connect the Tempe community with vital resources residents need should they be in crisis, need stability or want help to become or remain independent as well as give residents simple ways to care and give help to a neighbor or agency serving our community.

Sponsorships start as low as \$250. Click the link below for more information.

[Read more](#)



SCORE a Business Mentor at the Chamber Office

Greater Phoenix SCORE is a nonprofit organization that provides free mentoring to small business owners and entrepreneurs, as well as seminars and special events to benefit small businesses across the valley. Each of the 75 SCORE mentors has extensive business experience to help you start a business, grow your business or work through difficult business management issues.

SCORE appointments are held at the Chamber office each Wednesday afternoon and are available by making an appointment at the link below.

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