



# News & Views

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## Welcome to your NEW Newsletter!

**W**elcome to the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center, established in 1979.

We believe in a sense of community that reaches from Nogales to Sahuarita, rich with culture and natural beauty, and driven by a strong work ethic unlike any other part of our state. It is a community that includes the artists of Tubac and the ranchers whose land reaches into the desert; the volunteers who keep Green Valley humming, and the young families creating memories in Sahuarita. It's a community that includes all of us and takes all of us to make it work.

We believe in local businesses, which lay the foundation for future planning and growth and which remain the lifeblood of families and organizations that make a difference. These are the restaurants, hotels and tourist shops. The mines and retail shops, grocery stores and golf resorts. We believe in business, and we believe in local.

And we believe in quality of life, which is built with the enthusiasm and energy of people from all over the country who now call our community home.

They came here because life is good, and they stay because they want to help make it better. We look forward to introducing our community to you through our local Green Valley News and Sun and through countless other ways where we can show - and show off - what it means to be a proud Southern Arizonan.

**Our Mission Statement:**  
*To advance the Commercial, Civic, and General Interests of Residents and Patrons of Greater Green Valley, Sahuarita, and its surrounding areas.*

**What does the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce do?**

Provide many services as a resource and reference center. We have available demographic information for new and prospective businesses and residents. As a designated office of Tourism the Chamber has available information on local and state wide attractions, events for the visitors to our area, the local residents, and their guests.

**Our Programs and Committees**  
*Members are encouraged to participate and be a part of a these programs and committees comprised of committed dedicated*

*fellows businesses.*

- **SCORE** - Support for the Business Community
- **Mature Worker** Brings together Businesses and Employees
- **Arizona Centennial** - To celebrate Arizona's 100th Birthday on February 14, 2012
- **I-19 Corridor Tourism Council** - To promote tourism and commerce in the I-19 corridor
- **Government Relations** - Addresses Federal and State issues affecting the business community and the Chamber
- **Special Events** - Organize Chamber Events through their committee and sub-committees
  - **Annual Business Expo & Taste of the Valley** - Showcase business and dining
  - **Annual Golf Event "Defenders of Our Freedom"** - Honoring our Veterans. A portion of the proceeds is donated to the Wounded Warrior Project
  - **Annual Dinner Awards** - are given to Chamber businesses, as well as to local students through our Education Foundation

- **Country Fair Float** - Build float and participate in the Country Fair Parade
- **Ribbon Cuttings**
- **Volunteer Luncheons**
- **Canoa Ranch Restoration**
- **Membership**
- **Economic Development and Sub Committees**
  - Education
  - Solar Energy
  - Recycling
- **Water Conservation**
- **Advisory Council** - Members of our Corporate Partners
- **Shop Local, Hire Local** - A program that encourages businesses and residents to support the local area by shopping local.

The Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce has grown with our communities over the past 31 years and we will continue to grow. "An active organization is a growing and strong organization." We invite you to stop by the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center and meet our dedicated staff and volunteers.

*Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers*

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS *Green Valley Pecan Company*

More than 15,000 people attended the Second Annual Pecan Festival at the Green Valley Pecan Farm on November 20th & 21st. Attendees donated 1,545 pounds of food to the Community Food Bank. The Festival helped raised over \$5,000 for local community organizations, including

the Green Valley-Sahuarita Community Food Bank, Friends of Madera Canyon, the Animal League of Green Valley and the Green Valley-Sahuarita Optimists Club.

The Festival showcased local foods, products and crafts of the Santa Cruz Valley. There were over 60 vendor booths.



**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

<p>• Large •</p> <p>Business of the Year</p>	<p>• Small •</p> <p>Business of the Year</p>
<p>• New •</p> <p>Business of the Year</p>	<p>• Non-Profit •</p> <p>Business of the Year</p>
<p>• Home-Based •</p> <p>Business of the Year</p>	

<h3>January Mixer</h3> <p>January 27, 2011, 5 to 7 pm                  Canyon Valley Memory Care                  2985 S. Camino Del Sol                  Corner of Camino Del Sol &amp; Encanto</p>	<h3>February Mixer</h3> <p><b>Carribbean Style!</b>                  February 24, 2011, 5 to 7 pm                  Santa Rita Nursing &amp; Rehabilitation                  150 N. La Canada Drive</p>	<h3>2011 Biz Expo/Taste of the Valley</h3> <p>Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 10 to 3 pm  <b>Two Great Events — One Convenient Location</b>                  Desert Diamond Casino Diamond Center                  Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information</p>
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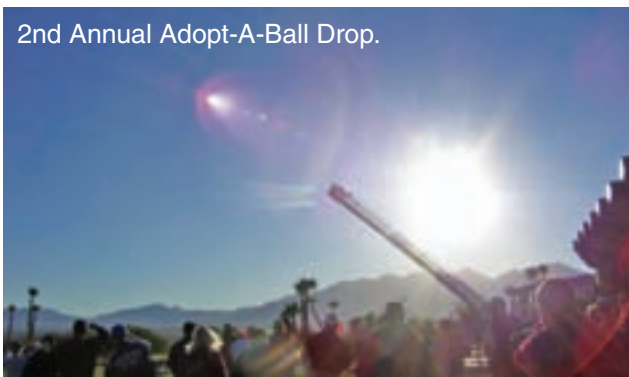
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## 2010 Defenders of Our Freedom Golf Event Will Bennett Chair

**T**hrough a strong team effort the 2010 Defenders of Our Freedom Golf Event was again successful in raising funds to support the Wounded Warrior Project. The true story of the tournament belongs to our volunteers and members who rose to the occasion and committed themselves to insuring the tournament would be a success. My sincere thanks go out to all of them.

Nina Keck led the charge making sure we stayed on course. She and her volunteer team performed flawlessly. Kim Beirne pulled together the raffle with great prizes and a smooth delivery at the drawing. Our Honor Guard from Davis Monthan was arranged by past president Kevin Jordan, Commerce Bank of Arizona, who also sponsored the Honor Guard in the tournament. The golf ball drop was a success again despite the last minute gear box failure on the fire truck. Bill Bohling and his firefighting team came through



with plan B and the crowd enjoyed the event.

Joe Smith, Canoa Ranch Tournament Director was of great assistance, and Lynn Greenes, Grill on the Green, was great to work with on planning the meals and

provided plenty of good food for our participants.

Financially the tournament was a success and we collected enough money to donate a check in the amount of \$1,200 to the Wounded Warrior

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## CareMore mixer a great success!

A great, networking group of Chamber members filled the brand-new CareMore facility on Esperanza for our November 18th Mixer. CareMore had just opened their Green Valley facility the first part of November. Attendees took tours and meandered through the many rooms, enjoying food and drink. CareMore hired our "New Business of the Year", Twist & Shout, to cater the event.

President, Bob Childs, welcomed everyone. Upcoming activities such as Toys for Tots, The Pecan Festival and the Amado Chili Cook Off were presented. Raffle prizes were donated by: Dolly Steamboat, Green Valley Recreation, Jan Petzler/Long Realty, Nadine DiGiacomo/Mary Kay, Arizona Hearing Specialists, Dr. Robert Fridrich, CareMore, Pat Prill/Chamber Volunteer, Rose West Accounting, Parcel Plus, Twist & Shout, Canyon Valley Memory Care, Green Valley Covered RV & Storage, ABWA, Tucson Federal Credit Union, and Walt Henderson.



The December Mixer hosted by Home-Based Businesses and the Chamber was held at the Chamber Offices. Home-Based Businesses involved were - Kamp K-9, Control Systems, LLC, Al's Carpet Cleaning Services, Life Sonoran Homes, Arizona Opera League (Green Valley), Nadine DiGiacomo (Mary Kay Cosmetics), Maria Pringle (Mary Kay Cosmetics) and Cruise Holidays. The holiday spirit was evident in all who attended.

The holiday season is a time to give thanks. We are so grateful and want to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to all of our Chamber members and volunteers who give of their

time and talents.

Thank you to Jan Dougherty and her team, who put in countless hours and work for the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce float that was entered into the White Elephant Parade. Thank you to Ben Duncan, who not only worked on the float, but also pulled it through the parade.

Thank you to Will Bennett who headed the Defenders of our Freedom Golf Tournament. The tournament, golf ball drop, mulligan sales and raffle tickets raised money not only for the Chamber, but also for the Wounded Warriors.

Thank you to all who have hosted Mixers, donated raffle

prizes, sold tickets, manned registration tables, and helped in all the ways needed to pull off the many Chamber events every year. You know who you are - too many to list - but you are so appreciated. For those of you who have not volunteered to help, please step up and talk to one of us on the Special Events Committee. We are always in need of more volunteers and it leads to new friends, some really great times and a good feeling knowing that you are supporting YOUR Chamber.

Thank you to Jim, Sandy and the volunteers at the office. They are always there when we need them and always with a smile and friendly face.

The last thank you is for two special ladies. Thank you to Karen Rans, my Special Events Co-Chair this past year. She is stepping down and I will miss her greatly, but you'll see her around still helping with Special Events. A big welcoming "Thank You" goes to Nadine DiGiacomo who will be replacing Karen Rans as the new 2011 Special Events Co-Chair.

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# Golf Event Cont.

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Project.

We would like to say thank you to the 83 golfers who participated in this event, as well as the following organizations and people who made this event successful. David Lyons for the invocation, The Honor Guard from Davis Monthan for posting of the colors, Trinan Verwys for singing the National Anthem. Jim Green Green with Inn at San Ignacio and Michelle Jackson with Cruise Holidays for their hole-in-one prize donations,

In addition we would like to thank everyone who participated in our Adopt A Golf Ball Drop, and last but not least, the following sponsors, members, and volunteers who made this event possible:

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Congratulations are extended to the following big winners in the Adopt A Ball Drop. Ken Franko 1st Place winning \$385.50, Bill Bennett 2nd place winning \$160.63, and Sven Carlsson 3rd place winning \$96.37.

The Chamber would also like to extend their thanks to Will Bennett with Bill's Home Service for volunteering to be this year's Chairperson for our Golf Event. Thank you Will, we truly appreciate all of your hard work on this event.



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**BIG BAND**  
DINNER DANCE  
(Surf & Turf Special)

MUST BE 21 or OLDER • PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED • RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED • MAXIMUM 200 SEATING CAPACITY

Located 5 Miles South of Green Valley • Take Exit 48 then East Frontage Road South 2 Miles

# EVENTS

## Continental Shopping Plaza Sidewalk Sale & Juried Art Show

**January 12 - 15, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### Continental Shopping Plaza

The Continental Shopping Plaza will be featuring plaza-wide sidewalk sales and four rows of juried artists offering a wide variety of mediums for show and sale. For information call 520-625-5005. Additionally, the Amado Food Bank will be holding a food drive. The Amado Food Bank is located at the Amado/Cow Palace intersection and is in Pima County. It serves people not only from Amado but also Arivaca, Green Valley and Sahuarita. They are really struggling right now and many people are leaving there empty-handed due to no food being available.

### Business Breakfast "How to Manage Your Credit" with speaker Marty Taylor, Washington Federal Savings

**January 16, 2010 • 7:30 a.m. • \$10**

### La Posada El Dorado Room

RSVP required, for additional information contact the Chamber 625-7575.

### Casa de Esperanza's

'Celebration of Hope'

**January 29, 2011 • Cocktails &**

**Silent Auction 5:30pm, Dinner 6:45pm**

**Diamond Center -**

**Desert Diamond Casino**

An annual fundraising event featuring a silent auction, entertainment celebrating youth & dinner. Tickets are \$100 each or a table of 8 for \$720. Contact Joanne @ 625-2273 ext. 39 or stop be 780 S. Park Centre Ave., Green Valley for tickets or more information.

### Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

**January 29 - February 13, 2011**

### Business Expo & Taste of the Valley

**February 1, 2011 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### Desert Diamond Casino

The Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Taste of the Valley will be held on February 1st at the Desert Diamond Casino. This is a great event! This day-long event gives all area residents, visitors and newcomers an opportunity to see, hear, and find out what your business is all about. As a participant, you will be able to decorate your booth, prepare, display and present what best represents and promotes your business. For Vendor Information contact the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce at (520) 625-7575.

### Festival of the Arts

**February 9 - 13, 2011 in Tubac**

Every February, the Tubac Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor the Tubac Festival of the Arts. The major event of

the year for Tubac showcases the work of hundreds of visiting artists, craft persons and musicians from around the country and Canada. While the show is juried for quality, it is not pretentious. Serious paintings share the street with whimsical sculptures and New Age music. In addition to Tubac's many fine restaurants, during Festival you'll find a food court packed with delicious treats.

### Tucson Rodeo Parade

**February 24, 2011 • 9:00 a.m.**

The 2011 Tucson Rodeo Parade will be held Thursday, February 24, 2010. The Parade starts at 9:00 A.M. at Ajo Way west of Park Ave., and proceeds south on Park to Irvington Rd., west on Irvington Rd. to 6th Avenue, passing the grandstands on Irvington Rd. between 3rd Ave. and 6th Ave. There is pre-Parade entertainment in the Grandstand area beginning at 8:00 A.M. Tucson Rodeo Parade grandstand tickets are not available online. Call (520) 294-1280.

### 2nd Annual Rick Williams

**Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk**

**Saturday, March 19, 2011**

**Registration 8:30 a.m. 5K run at 9:30,**

**Walk Begins at 10:00 a.m.**

**La Posada Retirement Community**

**350 E. Morningside Road**

It's easy to register online at [www.lustgarten.org](http://www.lustgarten.org). For additional information call (866) 789-1000.

## CHAMBER MEETING CALENDAR

**Tuesday, January 11**  
**Membership Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
5:15 p.m.

**Thursday, January 13**  
**Events Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 18**  
**EDC Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
5:00 p.m.

**Thursday January 20**  
**Government Relations Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday January 25**  
**Board of Director/ Advisory Council**  
La Posada El Dorado Room  
7:00 a.m.

**Thursday January 27**  
**Chamber Mixer**  
Canyon Valley Memory Care & Valor HospiceCare  
5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 1**  
**Business Expo/Taste of the Valley**  
Desert Diamond Casino  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 8**  
**Membership Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
5:15 p.m.

**Thursday, February 10**  
**Events Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 17**  
**Government Relations Committee Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 22**  
**BOD Meeting**  
GVSCofC  
7:00 a.m.

**Thursday, February 24**  
**Chamber Mixer**  
Santa Rita Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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