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It always amazes me that we can accomplish so much when we join together and work toward the prosperity of our members and the betterment of our community. As 2018 draws to a close, I am reminded of why Chambers are so important to our businesses and community.

We started 2018 off with Meet the Elected Officials and the debut of our How We Stand booklet depicting legislative agendas and priorities. The Chamber was honored this year for our How We Stand document, winning a top award from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Women in Leadership has evolved into an educational, mentoring and networking event that helped attendees work on professional development. Our speakers included Valley Broadcasting Legend, Lin Sue Cooney and Senator-elect, Kyrsten Sinema.

The Ostrich Festival, was held in March and celebrated its 30th Anniversary. The weekend was topped off when the Beach Boys drew the largest Ostrich Festival bowl crowd ever! Look for more fabulous music and surprises next year March 8 – 10, 2019.

In June we honored business and individual excellence in Chandler at the Community Awards held at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino with a take-off on game shows. OneTen Entertainment's Ray Rodriquez and CUSD's Terry Locke played it up big hosting the night's festivities with a giant spinning wheel, money machine and a 'Feud-Off' between the Chandler Chamber Board of Directors and Chandler City Council. The real stars of the night were our winners featuring local business, educators and community members.

As you know this was a big election year. The Chamber held a City Council Candidate debate and an Education Governing Board Candidate debate. Both events were well attended as it is our mission to constantly inform our members and the public.

In September we hit the links at the beautiful Ocotillo Golf Club to benefit our scholarships to Chandler Gilbert Community College. Fun was had by all and if you weren't there, you missed some pretty tall mulligan stories!

The Annual Chandler 100 took place at the stunning office complex, The Hub in October. We honored the top 100 companies in Chandler. It was an incredible night offering the top executives in Chandler an opportunity to connect, laying the ground work for future collaborations.

The Education Forum was held in November with top executives from our area universities discussing innovation in education. This year the Chamber won an award for outstanding contributions to Public Education from the Arizona Schools Public Relegations Association.

Our Economic Development City Bus Tour takes place on December 5, and that will pretty much wrap up our major events for the year.

As you can see, we all were pretty busy joining together to work towards a common goal, the prosperity of our businesses and our community. We cherish your support because without you, none of our success is possible. Together, we are truly better. Thank you for a great year and I look forward to the strides we will make together in 2019!

Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny City of Chandler @jaytibshraeny



Not too long ago, the management at Chandler Fashion Center announced a pretty exciting new tenant to the mall: The Crayola Experience. The Crayola website describes it as its "premier, one-of-a-kind family attraction! Dozens of hands-on, creative activities and a full day of fun awaits families." And adds that the "colorful adventures of Crayola Experience help kids and adults alike explore art and technology, express their creativity and experience color in a whole new way."

It will open next summer and should be quite a draw, being only the fifth one in the country. Bringing Crayola to Chandler took a real effort and was the result of both Chandler's economic development team and Macerich's (owners of the mall) tireless recruiting process.

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Dave Moss, the manager of Chandler Fashion Center, to discuss this new tenant and the state of retail for my show, "Chandler Inside and Out."

While some are saying that storefront retail will soon be a thing of the past as online sales continue to grow, Dave disagrees. He said that he is seeing more and more online entities actually adding brick-and-mortar stores to their inventory. This seems natural since most shoppers still enjoy that personalized experience that they can't get online. The mall is also drawing a younger audience with one of its most coveted demographics being 25-34 year-olds. We discuss all of this and more during the half-hour segment that you can watch in its entirety right here: www.Youtube.com/chandlerarizona.

With the holiday season upon us, it's important to understand the critical nature of retail sales here in Chandler. They help to produce revenue through sales tax that pays for essential services like public safety and the upkeep of our many parks and other amenities. It's also why we promote the "Shop Chandler" campaign each year to keep those tax dollars here in the community. By the way, it's a good deal to shop Chandler as we maintain one of the lowest retail tax rates in the Valley.

So, if you're shopping for gifts for staff or clients, remember to do so locally, not only does it help the community, it helps your fellow business owners. Here's to a happy and prosperous holiday season, and a bright and abundant 2019.

You are Invited!

Join us for an Open House for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny



You are invited to join us in celebrating Mayor Tibshraeny's 24 years of elected service to the people of Chandler as we wish him well in his future endeavors.

> Wednesday, December 12th 5 pm to 7 pm—Open House Food & Cash Bar

> > SoHo63 63 E Boston St. Chandler, AZ 85225

> > > Please RSVP to:

McKenna@ChandlerChamber.com



Meet the Elected Officials Legislative Breakfast

Friday, January 4, 2019

7 am-Registration

7:30 am to 9:30 am

New Event Location: **Avion Center**

1733 E Northrop Blvd. Chandler, AZ 85286 (located directly off the 202 & Cooper with easy freeway access)

Meet the 2019 Arizona State Legislators, Federal, Local, and School Governing Board Officials, as well as hear an update from Jennings Imel with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Pick up a copy of the new 2019 How We Stand Chandler Chamber Legislative document, which depicts legislative agendas and priorities for the coming year.

> Register now at www.ChandlerChamber.com









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Friday December 7th 8 am Registration

8:15 am to 9:30 am Program

9:30 am to 10 am Panel Meet & Greet

SoHo63 63 E Boston St Chandler, AZ 85225

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Diversity and Inclusion Round Table

Exploring Faith Traditions'



Rabbi Michael Beyo CEO of the East Valley Jewish Community Center



Steven Bishop Director of Public Affairs for Chandler and Tempe The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Fr. Sheunesu Bowora St. Mary's Catholic Church



Imam Faheem Arshad Missionary for the World Wide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



Pastor Shea Ferguson Freedom Life Church

Chandler is a diverse community that celebrates the variety of religious groups in the City. This panel discussion will take a look at the faith-based institutions in Chandler, including holiday traditions, religious teachings, how they give back, and the important role they play in building a community.



Peggy Schlesinger Bahá'í Faith







Leadership Institute Now Accepting Applications for 2019 Class 36

3 Slots Left!

Dream Big, Live with Purpose, Be Unstoppable

Back Stage Pass to all that is Chandler!

This two year program educates Chamber members who are upcoming leaders or individuals already serving in leadership roles in the local community, become aware of everything Chandler has to offer, all while learning valuable leadership skills.

Go behind the scenes with Fire and Police, CUSD, local and federal government, healthcare, tourism and more.

Last few slots open, apply now!

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION

Classes begin January 2019.











Five online marketing trends to watch for in 2019

Madhu Chadha <u>WSI- Digital Marketing Consultant</u>

2019 is just around the corner. With the economy expected to slow down, companies will need to adapt to the changing trends in order to stay ahead of the competition and survive the upcoming challenges. Smart companies are already preparing and arming themselves with emerging digital marketing technologies. Here are 5 digital marketing trends to watch, and leverage, for a successful 2019:



Marketing Data Analytics- Data is now considered a competitive asset for any

business – not only do you need to collect and manage data but, to really benefit, you have to analyze and use it to improve your business. Data analysis tools help you determine what channels visitors use, and what their buying behavior is like. If you have a limited budget, data analytics is a must for achieving a return on marketing investment.

- Machine Learning & AI- Marketers that have been collecting data and doing analytics are now taking the next step, leveraging the power of artificial intelligence to glean valuable insights about their customers, automate tasks, and improve workflows. As the volume of consumer-generated data grows, AI will become increasingly important to data-driven decision-making, individual level targeting, and personalized experiences.
- Video Marketing- Online video is now a very popular and proven way to improve customer engagement, improve brand awareness, and attract search engine traffic. In 2019, companies will have to continue to integrate video marketing in to their marketing plan to be successful and to engage with their target audience. Videos on your website help with conversions as people like to watch the video a lot more than reading. Coupled with social media marketing, videos can do wonders for your business.
- **Social Media Marketing-** Marketing has always been social. With the advent of social media, the social nature of marketing can be supercharged. Social channels like LinkedIn, Facebook, etc. provide an excellent opportunity to engage with your target audience. The biggest mistake businesses make with their social media strategy is using platforms without thinking about the who and the why. If you find the right platform and define and measure your goals, social media will be an indispensable tool in 2019.
- Market Automation- If you aren't currently using marketing automation, you probably will in 2019. Market automation saves time and resources; and scale your business more effectively. Marketing automation tools are now accessible to businesses of all sizes. There are several marketing automation platforms available. The most notable are HubSpot, Infusionsoft, Eloqua, Marketo, Pardot and Act-on, just to name a few.

So get ready for 2019? Get ahead of the competition and start planning your digital marketing strategy by incorporating these trends. Make sure you are aligned with a team of professional digital marketers not only proficient with implementing these technologies, but who can also craft an overall strategy to drive customers to your business. Contact **Madhu Chadha, a Digital Marketing Expert**, to learn more. You can reach her at 480-467-4437 and mchadha@wsitopwebdesigners.com



Part of the Chandler Chamber's Business Education Series

Secret Sauce of Social Media for your business



with Katelyn Cwik, Chandler Chamber Social Media Maven

Learn how to push out your brand and grow your business with Facebook and Instagram. From Instagram Live to Instagram Stories, there is no shortage of tools businesses can use to promote their services and products. Facebook is still the most popular social media network, and every business should consider having a Facebook page. Bring Laptops, Notebooks, and your questions!

Friday, December 14, 2018

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Flo Yoga & Cycle 71 E Frye St Chandler, AZ 85225 website



Walmart #2671 1175 S Arizona Ave Chandler, AZ 85286 website



Baja Fresh 4979 W Ray Rd Chandler AZ 85226 website



Bellissimo Dentistry 2815 E Ocotillo Rd, #3 Chandler, AZ 85249 website



Snake Charmer Body Waxing 2330 N. Alma School Rd. (Inside Milan Salon) Chandler, AZ 85224 website



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At a time when equality and inclusivity in the workplace are big topics of conversation, WIL takes a look at four C-level women executives who have made it to the top. We take a deep dive into the secrets to their success. Discover how each of these women have become not only successful, but significant.

Learn about their journeys and why 'the climb' was an important factor in achieving their goal. Every position they held added something to their repertoire they could draw on. Did you know one of our panelists worked in construction? Also, we take a look at what holds women back and the strength it takes to get over those hurdles.

Tuesday December18th

11:45 am -12:15 pm Registration/Networking Complimentary Headshots

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch/Program

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Jim McMichael Everybody's Auto Buyer & Consignment Website



Dave Waltzer Opes Financial Website



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Become a Chamber Ambassador



Develop new business contacts and increase community recognition! Must be an active member of the Chandler Chamber for at least 3 months. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information.

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Mix It Up

If you are interested in hosting a mixer, contact Your Chamber representative at 480-963-4571.

*Refunds will only be given with a 72 hour cancellation notice.

The Chandler Chamber holds mixers twice a month, in the morning and evening to help you engage and connect. If you are interested in hosting a Chandler Chamber mixer, please email <u>info@chandlerchamber.com</u>.

Wake Up Chandler - 7:30 am to 9 am

Wednesday December 12 Macys @ Chandler Fashion Center 3111 W Chandler Blvd Chandler, AZ 85224 East door, 1st floor by Wildflower Bread

Wednesday, January 8, 2019 Gravity Extreme Zone 190 S Kyrene Rd, #5 Chandler, AZ85226 Wednesday February 13, 2019 Steven M. Vogt, CPA, EA 1807 E Queen Creek Rd #5 Chandler, AZ 85286

If you are interested in hosting a mixer in 2019 <u>click here.</u> Thank you to our sponsors



Business After Business - 5 pm to 7 pm



Thursday, December 20 Cuisine & Wine Bistro 4991 S Alma School Rd #101 Chandler, AZ 85248

Thursday, January 17, 2019 Famous Dave's BBQ 3250 W Frye Rd Chandler, AZ 85226 Thursday, February 21, 2019 Towne Place Suites 3635 W Chandler Blvd Chandler, AZ 85226

March of 2019 is available <u>Click here</u> to host this mixer.





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<u>Please check the online calendar for holiday exclusions.</u> The Chandler Chamber Referral Networks help our members network and grow their businesses. Contact the Membership Development department of your Chandler Chamber for more information on Leads Groups at 480-963-4571 or info@chandlerchamber.com.

LEADS GROUPS

Monday Morning Leads Group 7:30 am—8:30 am Chandler Chamber 25 S Arizona Place, #201 Chandler, AZ 85225

Tuesday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am–8:30 am BLD 1920 West Germann Road Chandler, AZ 85225

Wednesday Leads Group

11:45 am—1:00 pm Floridino's 590 N Alma School Rd Chandler, AZ 85224

Thursday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am—8:30 am Rudy's West Country Store & Bar-B-Q 7300 W. Chandler Blvd Chandler, AZ 85226 *Fourth Thurs. no meeting due to Chamber 101

Wednesday Morning Leads Group 7:30 am—8:30 am

7:30 am—8:30 am Chandler Chamber 25 S Arizona Place, #201 Chandler, AZ 85225 *Second Wednesday no meeting due to Wake Up Chandler

Wednesday Lunch Leads Group

11:45 am – 1:00 pm Stone & Vine Urban Italian 1035 W Queen Creek Rd, Ste103 Chandler, AZ 85248



Thursday Lunch Leads Group (West Side)

11:45 am – 1:00 pm The Old Spaghetti Factory 3155 W. Chandler Blvd #9 Chandler, AZ 85226

Friday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am – 8:30 am Chompie's Delicatessen Restaurant 3481 West Frye Road Chandler, AZ 85226

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1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month All are welcome 7 am—8:30 am Chandler Chamber 25 S Arizona Place, #201

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