

# Tempe Leadership

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**President's Article - Eric Emmert - Class XVII** Do you remember your Tempe Leadership Class Project? Remember the challenges and struggles you and your classmates faced identifying a project? Remember the deliberations? Remember questioning if you would finish on time? However, through it all your class bonded, completed the task and gave the community a keepsake that is treasured today.

The Tempe Leadership Class Project is artfully designed to establish a goal and challenge the class to complete that task within the allotted amount of time. How the class arrives at the goal is up to each individual group. While such a task may prove to be group therapy for a class of "Type A" personalities, consider how much the class projects have given to Tempe.

Below is a list of class projects from the past 25 years that will be highlighted at the Tempe Leadership 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in April.

**Class I** – Tempe Elementary School District Career Resource Directory  
**Class II** – Board and Commission Study  
**Class III** – School Unification Study  
**Class IV** – Tempe Union High School District Shadowing Project  
**Class V** – Downtown Tempe Historical Signs  
**Class VI** – Researched "Tempe Teller" Electronic Kiosk  
**Class VII** – Victory Mini-Park  
**Class VIII** – Tempe Elementary School District Volunteer Guidebook

**Class IX** – Alley Number Signs for Police and Fire  
**Class X** – Fine Arts Reception  
**Class XI** – La Mesita Apartment Renovation  
**Class XII** – Chamber Links Classic Donation for Open Horizons  
**Class XIII** – La Mesita Library Renovation  
**Class XIV** – Laird Elementary School Mural Project  
**Class XV** – Tempe Town Lake Telescopes  
**Class XVI** – La Mesita Barbeque Grills  
**Class XVII** – Mill Avenue Roadrunner Bank Sculpture

**Class XVIII** – Tempe Town Lake South Bank Tree Project  
**Class XIX** – Childsplay Promotional Video  
**Class XX** – Pappas School Marquee Sign  
**Class XXI** – Eisendrath House Preservation Event  
**Class XXII** – Tempe Marketplace Coin Collection Art  
**Class XXIII** – Mill Avenue Change for Change Project  
**Class XXIV** – McKemy Middle School Hope Memorial Garden  
**Class XXV** – Shower Power for the I-HELP Program



# Tempe Cares 2010

Tempe Cares, a program of Tempe Leadership, is a one-day work event that brings families, social and service groups, neighbors, and individuals together as teams to improve our community. Coordinated by Tempe Leadership, this annual event is a fun way to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Tempe.

Founded in 1991, Tempe Cares has grown annually to include several hundred individuals, groups and businesses. Each year these volunteers come together to invest their combined resources of skilled and unskilled physical labor, tools and building materials to help improve the quality of life for the citizens of Tempe.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 6. Details of this year's project are available at the [Tempe Cares Facebook Site](#). Tempe Cares Committee Chair Gary Roberts and Volunteer Coordinator Rebecka Johnson can answer any questions you may have by contacting them at [info@tempeleadership.org](mailto:info@tempeleadership.org).

## Tempe Leadership 25 Celebration

As we launch into the New Year, we are on the official countdown to the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for the grand celebration which will be held on April 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts! Planning the celebration is well underway as we continue to look back at how the TL Program has impacted our community through leadership and how our leadership will advance the next 25 years of progress.

We have created a number of sponsorship opportunities and one is especially designed for alumni. The Alumni Sponsorship is available only to TL Alumni for \$300 and it includes 2 tickets to, and name recognition at, the event. We have an early bird promotion so any sponsorship purchased before January 31, 2010 will include 3 raffle tickets (a \$20 value). Our raffle prize is a luxurious 3 day stay at the Oak Creek Terrace in Sedona - beautifully located on the rustling banks of the pristine Oak Creek.

You do not want to miss this seminal event and the opportunity to connect, contribute and celebrate with both alum and members of the community. You can now register for the event and purchase an Alumni Sponsorship on the [Chamber's website](#) at [http://events.tempechamber.org/default.asp?cale\\_id=1367&details=true](http://events.tempechamber.org/default.asp?cale_id=1367&details=true)>

If you want information about additional sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jayson Matthews at [jayson.matthews@gmail.com](mailto:jayson.matthews@gmail.com) or call 602.451.4513. If you want to get involved in the creating the festivities for the celebration, please contact Joan Jakel-Smith at [joan@strategicbusinessattorney.com](mailto:joan@strategicbusinessattorney.com).

Joan Jakel-Smith ~ Class XXI ~ 25th Anniversary Program Chair

## Outstanding Community Leader Awards

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce will present the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast for Chamber Champions** on February 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel at 60 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

The event honors those individuals and businesses that have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make Tempe a thriving community. Awards to be presented include the **Business Excellence Awards, Spirit of Tempe Award, Volunteer of the Year Award** and the **Tempe Leadership Outstanding Community Leadership Award**.

The Outstanding Community Leadership Award recognizes those who lead by example, working quietly without fanfare. Award recipients have given selflessly of their time and talents and set an example of leadership for all to follow. This year, Margaret Hunnicutt, President/CEO, Tempe Schools Credit Union and graduate of Tempe Leadership Class XXI will receive the award.

Please join us as we show our appreciation for the members of the community who strive, excel and make a difference in the world around them. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful breakfast, participate in an exciting awards ceremony and mix and mingle with civic, community and political leaders of the Valley.

Tickets are \$50 for Tempe Chamber members, \$60 for all others and \$500 for a VIP table of ten. To purchase tickets, visit [www.tempechamber.org](http://www.tempechamber.org) or call 480-967-7891.



## **Fridays, Jan. 15 – Feb. 5 - The Empowering Women Leaders Series**

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Fiesta Resort Conference Center - 2100 S. Priest Dr.

The Women in Business Council presents an inspirational speaker series to kick off the year with fresh motivation for success. Enjoy an intimate sit-down with amazing women as they share their secrets of leadership. Learn how to invest in yourself and empower others, take a holistic approach to leadership and network with other professional business owners and leaders. A special price of \$45 for the entire series is available only to Tempe Chamber members.

## **Thursday, January 21 - Hot Topics and Lunch**

Roth IRA's in 2010 – A Unique Opportunity

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - ASU Karsten Golf Course - 1125 E. Rio Salado Pkwy.

Bill Goodman of Smith Barney Morgan Stanley will present an overview and discussion on the options available with the Roth IRA for 2010. New government changes mean that the income limit disappears and individuals that choose to convert have two years to pay the taxes related to the conversion. Other changes and benefits will be addressed and the audience will be able to ask questions.

## **Wednesday, January 27 - Tempe Chamber Trade Show and Mixer**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel - 1600 S. 52nd Street

Free to attend, and affordable for exhibitors, the Tempe Chamber Trade Show and Mixer is a fun and exciting opportunity to grow your business. Get more exposure for your product and services by participating in this trade show while you enjoy complimentary food and drinks, networking opportunities and the chance to make new leads, clients and friends. For more information or to reserve your booth, contact Renee Lopata at (480) 736-4284. Booths are \$150 for members or \$225 for the public and are first-come, first-served.

## **January 29 - State of the District: A Federal Update**

With Congressman Harry Mitchell

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Conference Center @ Rio Salado College - 2323 W. 14th St.

Join our audience of community, educational, political, and civic leaders as we welcome the honorable Congressman Harry Mitchell of Congressional District 5 as he shares his experiences in Congress and his vision for the future of our district, state and country.

## **Feb. 8, 2010 - Breakfast for Chamber Champions**

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## **February, 24 2010 - Oasis in the Desert**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - The Waterfront - 5350 S. Lakeshore Drive

Our annual "In the Desert" event is enhanced this year as we expand the depth and scope of this incredible evening. The Oasis in the Desert provides a wonderful opportunity for the Tempe business community to enjoy an evening of dining, dancing and entertainment. The night features elegant and delicious food and dessert skillfully served by local restaurants, music and dancing, silent auctions and much more.



# Class XXV - Splish Splash...



Inspired to help Tempe's increasing homeless population, Tempe Leadership's 25th Anniversary Class will be purchasing a mobile shower trailer for Tempe's working homeless population. We call our ambitious project: SHOWER POWER! Through our class project, we will provide much-needed assistance to those service programs on the frontlines of helping the homeless.

The mobile trailer will be provided to the Tempe Community Action Agency in support of their Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP), which provides overnight shelter (and soon, showers!) to the working homeless in a different Tempe church each night.

Currently, showers are provided to Tempe homeless only 2X a week and only at the United Methodist Church. We discovered in our Issue Days that at least 30% of those in the I-HELP program who obtained jobs subsequently lost their jobs due all or in part to a failure to maintain hygienic standards.

In the last weeks of December, Class XXV has raised over \$11,000 from individuals in pursuit of its fundraising goal of \$20,000. We are over halfway there! Please help us make Shower Power a reality! Send your tax-deductible donations made out to Tempe Leadership and mail to:

909 E. Apache Blvd.  
Tempe, AZ 85281

You can also donate to TCCA and receive a state tax credit of up to \$200 per person (\$400 for a couple). Donate online at [www.tempeaction.org](http://www.tempeaction.org) <<http://www.tempeaction.org>> (click "Donate Now" and type "Shower Power" in comments section).

One novel way to help fund the project is to attend the Phoenix Suns vs. Atlantic Hawks game on Friday, February 19th at 7pm! A sizable portion of each discounted ticket sold will benefit Shower Power. Ticket Costs: 200-Level: \$45 (reg. \$52); 100-Level Curves: \$75 (reg. \$85); and Lexus-Club Seats: \$115 (reg. \$140). To order tickets, call Christina Wagner at 602-379-7769.

We are also searching for corporate donors, so email [laurenkuby@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkuby@gmail.com) <<mailto:laurenkuby@gmail.com>> if you have leads to share. Thank you for supporting Shower Power and Class XXV!



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## Tempe Leadership Alumni Updates

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Bill Regner, Class VIII is a candidate for the Clarkdale Town Council. The primary election is March 9. There are three candidates for two seats. You can express your support by joining the Facebook Group, Bill Regner For Clarkdale Town Council or an email at [billreg@aol.com](mailto:billreg@aol.com).

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Janet (Class XIV) and Bill (Class VII) hosted the first Annual Holiday Sweater Party for the Verde Valley at their home in Clarkdale December 12. The outpouring of generosity was stunning! A total of 76 sweaters for low-income elderly were collected from wonderful friends and colleagues in the area. The sweaters were then distributed by the Verde Valley Senior Center through their Meals on Wheels program. Janet and Bill plan on making this an annual Holiday event at their home.

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Chris Rogers (Class XXIV) is currently working as a freelance marketing writer and online community manager serving area businesses and nonprofit organizations. Please feel free to contact him for any of your marketing needs.

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Eric Emmert (Class XVII) was elected president of the Tempe Union High School District Education Foundation for 2010. The Foundation provides grants for district employees and students groups for activities and programs that enhance the educational experience. Eric has served with many other Tempe Leadership alumni on the Foundation Board of Directors since 2003.

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Jennifer Skinner, Class 24 & Husband Craig Mitchen welcome Eleanor Blanche Mitchen



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