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Chamber of Commerce announces board changes

Ed Gerak, general manager of the Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District, has been installed as the new board chairman of the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Gerak takes the place of J.J. Eggers, a West Valley real estate buyer's agent who remains as a board member of the Goodyear-based organization.

Tom Cotner, director of the SouthWest Skill Center at **Estrella Mountain Community College** in Avondale, was elected to his own term after having been appointed by the board to finish another person's term.

He is joined by newly elected members Paul Fratella of Caballero Grill in Goodyear; Lesly Swanson of SRP; John King of SCF Arizona, an insurance firm; and Barbara Shaw Snyder, director of public affairs at Arizona State University, officials said.

The chamber, 289 N. Litchfield Road, serves businesses in Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson.

2 firms win award for Gila River bridge project

Two Phoenix firms have received a "2012 Partnering Excellence Award" for their work on a bridge refurbishing project in the far Southwest Valley.

The awards were offered by the Arizona Department of Transportation to Haydon Building Corp., a contractor, and T Y Lin International, an engineering firm.

At issue was the contribution by both firms on a \$5.3 million project to repair and upgrade the Gillespie Dam Bridge, also known as the Historic Old U.S. 80 Gila River Bridge.

The bridge was built in 1927, providing a vital link in the nation's former coast-to-coast highway. Officials gathered at the bridge Oct. 20 for a ceremony marking the successful bridge rehabilitation.

Goodyear hospital wins chamber business award

A Goodyear medical center has won an excellence award from the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

Cancer Treatment Centers of America, 14200 W. Celebrate Life Way, was awarded the honor for "Entrepreneurial Excellence" in 2013, officials said.



It was one of many business awards handed out by the chamber May 14 during a luncheon at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix.



In December 2008, CTCA, a group based in Schaumburg, Ill., opened its Western Regional Medical Center at the Goodyear address.

Goodyear budget officials win national recognition

The city of Goodyear again has won the Certificate of Achievement Award from the Government Financial Officers Association, a national association.

The award is the group's highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and marks the fifth straight year that Goodyear has won the honor.

The award recognizes effectiveness in reporting the city's financial standing in a report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, according to city officials.

It is separate from another award that Goodyear won earlier this year from the group, which serves more than 17,500 government professionals.



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