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Avondale businessman earns financial award

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Scott Wallace recently received the TNT Client Development Award for his outstanding service efforts over the past year.

Wallace, who works out of the Edward Jones office at 2850 N. 107th Ave., Suite 102, in Avondale, was one of 738 of the firm's more than 12,000 financial advisers to receive the TNT award.

The name of the award is based on firm legends who back in the 1950s traveled the Midwest from Tuesday through Thursday, becoming known as TNT brokers.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the U.S. and through its affiliate in Canada. Edward Jones is headquartered in St. Louis. For information, visit edwardjones.com.

County workers can now have fun at YMCA

Officials with the Valley of the Sun YMCA, as well as Maricopa County, announced a partnership June 28 focused on improving the health of one of the state's largest employers and the fourth largest county in the country.

In response to a Maricopa County request for proposal (RFP) looking for a wellness partner to support its workforce, the Valley of the Sun YMCA was named the new Wellness Provider for Maricopa County and its nearly 26,000 eligible employees and family members.

The program is provided to all county employees at no cost and began July 1.

The Valley of the Sun YMCA - which has a location at 2919 N. Litchfield Road in Goodyear dubbed Southwest Valley Family YMCA - takes on the role of strategic wellness partner, providing a wellness strategy for county employees. County employees and their family members currently enrolled in Maricopa County health insurance programs are eligible to join the YMCA.

Goodyear resident earns realty designation

Tim O'Buckley, an associate broker with RE/MAX Professionals, was awarded the Certified Negotiation Expert designation, achieved by real estate professionals who have successfully completed formal training in the art of negotiation. Agents who receive the certification are in the top 1 percent of all agents nationally.

O'Buckley lives in Goodyear, works out of multiple RE/MAX offices, including one at 10320 W. McDowell Road, Suite B2005, in Avondale. Agents with the designation typically obtain better results for their clients.

O'Buckley specializes in marketing homes for sellers and assisting buyers through the home buying process. He had already earned the Graduate, REALTOR Institute (GRI) and Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designations.

APS shuffles management positions

Arizona Public Service Co. announced senior management changes June 26.

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APS President and Chief Operating Officer Don Robinson, 58, who has been on medical leave since December 2011, will hand off his day-to-day operational responsibilities and continue with the company as a senior adviser. Robinson, who joined APS in 1978, will retain his title and join APS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Don Brandt in a newly created Office of the Chairman.

Earlier this month, Robinson was awarded the 2012 Transformational Leader award from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mark Schiavoni, 56, has been promoted to executive vice president, operations. He will have responsibility for power procurement, all non-nuclear power generation, energy delivery, supply chain, environmental and safety. Schiavoni will report to Brandt.

Schiavoni joined APS in 2009.

Jeff Guldner, 47, has been promoted to senior vice president, customers and regulation. Guldner will oversee the customer service organization and the utility's interactions with the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Guldner will report to Brandt. Guldner joined APS in 2004.

APS is Arizona's largest and longest-serving electricity utility. It serves more than 1.1 million customers in 11 of the state's 15 counties.

Southwest chamber hands out awards

The Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce handed out several awards at its annual Chamber Awards Dinner June 23 at the Wigwam in Litchfield Park.

The awards are as follows:

- The Chairman's Award, Small Business Award to Hope's Closet.
- The Chairman's Award, Large Business to the Wigwam.
- Chamber Champion Awards to Caballero Grill, Walmart and Faith, Ledyard, Nickel & Shelsky.
- · Ambassador of the Year to Ray Martinez.
- Community Tribute Award to Estrella Mountain Community College.
- Chamber Member of the Year to Ray Martinez of Ray Mar Productions.
- · Award of Excellence to Jennifer Barber.



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