



VIEWS FROM JACKSON STREET

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The more mature (older) I am Blessed to be,
the more I firmly believe our God has a real
purpose for my life... And, I will continue to
follow his direction (Holy Word) and seek

His favor...

- Gene C. Blue



**AZOIC Welcomes
Opportunities
Industrialization Center Of America
Louis King - OICA, President/CEO
Steve Thomas - OICA, Chief Of Staff**



37th Annual MLK Living the Dream Breakfast
1/13 Phoenix Convention Center North Ballroom (7:30am)
For more information or to purchase tickets contact
AZOIC, Janet Shines 602-254-5081.

- 1/7 Youth Celebration Phoenix College (Pending)**
- 1/15 MLK Candlelight Services Pilgrim Rest (6:00pm)**
- 1/16 MLK March Pilgrim Rest (9:00am)**
- 1/16 MLK Festival Margaret T Hance Park (10:00am)**

Sponsorship packets available, scan here.





MLK Breakfast Planning Committee taking part in the tasting at the Phoenix Convention Center

1st-of-its-kind Arizona Hospitality Academy coming to Phoenix



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The **Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center** (OIC) and Phoenix-based **Thunderbird Legacy Development** announced today the joint creation of the Arizona Hospitality Academy (AHA), the first-of-its-kind vocational training program in the state.



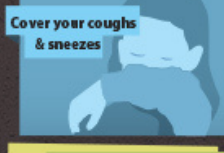
COMING SOON
GREATER ACADEMICS PERFORMANCE (GAP)
CREATING YOUNG SCHOLARS ONE STUDENT AT
A TIME FOR K-8 LEARNERS

PROTECT YOUR CHILD from RSV

Avoid close contact with sick people



Wash your hands often



Cover your coughs & sneezes



Clean & disinfect surfaces



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands



Stay home when you're sick



www.cdc.gov/rsv

Arizona High Among Alcohol-Related Deaths

More than 140,000 people die from alcohol-related deaths in the US every year, with those who drink alcohol excessively seeing their lives shortened by an average of 26 years. With this in mind, a new study has revealed that Arizona is amongst the US states with the most lives lost as a result of excessive alcohol consumption.

Health experts at NIAAA have conducted a study to reveal the US states with the most and least alcohol consumption, the states with the highest excessive alcohol consumption cost and the states with the most alcohol-related deaths.

Research also revealed the following about Arizona:

- The total cost of excessive alcohol consumption across the state is \$5.9bn, which is equivalent to \$930 per capita.
- The average adult in this state drinks 2.25 gallons of alcohol each year.

Alcohol Across the US

Which States Have the Most Binge Drinkers & Alcohol Deaths?



Cash Awards For Youth Leaders

The City of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is accepting applications for the 2022 Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of the Year awards starting Dec. 5. The award recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth, and raises community awareness of their positive contributions. Students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix, or who live within Phoenix city limits, can apply. For a complete list of requirements to apply, and details on the monetary prizes awarded, visit Phoenix.gov/Education. Applications are due Friday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m.

Get Free Passes to PHX Museums

Phoenix Public Library partners with Act One's Culture Pass program to provide access to the arts. Library cardholders can check out free passes on a first-come, first-served basis. Culture passes are available to check out during regular library hours and will admit two people for one visit to that museum or cultural institution. Participating organizations include the Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum, Desert Botanical Gardens and iCosanti. Learn more: PhoenixPublicLibrary.org.



Park at Sky Harbor: Earn Rewards

PHX Sky Harbor has a reservation system for its on-site parking. Find the lowest parking price when you book in advance. Sign up for the rewards program and earn points for free parking when you book online. An online reservation will guarantee you a parking space. Visit: SkyHarbor.com/ParkPHX

Transit Mobile Fare is Coming Soon

New year, new technology and an easier way to hop on board. Valley Metro is launching mobile fare in 2023! Get ready for mobile fare now by downloading the Valley Metro app and creating an account. Mobile fare will launch with 1-Ride and Day passes available for full and reduced fare. Learn more: ValleyMetro.org/FareTechnology.



Get Your Child Tax Credit & Earned Income Tax Credit

File Your Taxes

Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, there is **more money available** to families and/or people with low to moderate incomes. Filing your taxes is how you can claim benefits like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Whether or not you received stimulus checks or monthly payments in 2021, additional money may be available to you. If you won't owe taxes, you have until October 15 to file but the sooner you file, the sooner you will receive your benefits.

SPECIAL

Pre-Christmas

MOBILE PANTRY

Saturday, December 17th

12 PM to 2 PM

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance
Courtesy of
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
1401 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034
(crossroads Jefferson & 15th St.)
(next to Eastlake Park)

- ✓ No Income Requirement
- ✓ We can serve you via Drive Thru or Walk Up
- ✓ Photo ID Required w/ Address (for check in purposes only)
- ✓ This event occurs RAIN OR SHINE



All Are Welcome

FREE FOOD



Are you a member or leader of a local faith-based organization that would like us to share your upcoming news and events? Contact us today! Arizona OIC works closely with many local faith organizations that help accomplish and support our mission to **helping people help themselves**. We value our partnerships with organizations of many different backgrounds. Send us your information by contacting us.

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, Arizona OIC relies on donations, private sector funding, and special events for its operations. While grants were available when Arizona OIC was founded many years ago, over the past several decades public funding and grants have been disappearing. As a result, Arizona OIC has been actively developing its private sector relationships and partnerships, whereby companies rely on Arizona OIC to train their entry-level workforce. If your organization is interested in becoming involved as a Corporate Sponsor of OIC, please contact us at gene.blue@azoic.org or call 602-254-5081.

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