

They've Got Spirit, Yes They Do

2009 Spirit of South Mountain Awards Presented

By Tom Trush

The South Mountain/Laveen Chamber of Commerce named the recipients of its Fourth Annual Spirit of South Mountain Awards on Feb. 26. Salt River Project presented the gala event at The Secret Garden in Phoenix.

- The 2009 award recipients in each category were:
- **Education/School Administrator:** Dr. Josephine Pete
- **Nonprofit Agency:** Hacienda HealthCare
- **Individual Volunteer:** Ingried Lowman
- **Local Government Agency:** Councilman District 7 - Michael Nowakowski
- **Local Business:** MRM Construction Services

"These recipients serve with a spirit of servant leadership, putting employees, customers and the community ahead of financial goals," said SMLCC Chair John Sebald. "Recognition of this unique spirit is intended to honor the unique history and cultural diversity that defines our communities."

In addition to the Chamber awards, Commander David L. Faulkner of the Phoenix Police Department's South Mountain Precinct presented the award for Officer of the Year.

Supporting sponsors included Gust Rosenfeld, The Arizona Lottery, South Mountain Community College and Wal-Mart Laveen Supercenter.

Saturday In the Park

Super Saturday in Anthem Set for April 25

The Anthem Commerce Park Business Owners have designated April 25 another Super Saturday.

Among the activities planned for the twice-yearly event that celebrates the Anthem community are a car show, pie-eating contests and an attempt at the Arizona record for the largest water balloon.

"We want people to shut the TV off and get outside," said Donna Gutowski, an event organizer and CEO of Gutowski Cabinet Works. "We want to just get people in a better state of mind."

Some of the participating businesses hosting activities include:

- **Anthem Harley Davidson:** Pie eating contest
- **Gutowski Cabinet Works:** Bingo by American Legion and Daisy Mountain VFW
- **C & R Tire:** Boating safety presentations
- **Anthem Pet Medical Center:** Vet checks, Circle L Animal Rescue
- **CASCO Financial Group:** Kids activities, face painting
- **Mobil 1:** Car show to support Team Wish
- **All Spares:** Wheel of Fortune

The event runs from Noon to 6 p.m. and admission is free.

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Award winner Dr. Josephine Pete (center), with Dr. Donald Campbell of Maricopa Community Colleges (left) and Gary Trujillo of the Be A Leader Foundation.

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Name Recognition

Waste Management's Cassano Recognized for Light Rail Efforts

Waste Management of Arizona veteran Don Cassano was recently honored for his efforts in championing support for the METRO Light Rail. The City of Tempe named the Tempe Transit Center meeting room the Don Cassano Community Room.

Cassano worked closely with the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and the Tempe Transportation Committee to implement funding elections, make route improvements and gather support for the light rail concept.

"I'm honored to have the meeting room named after me," Cassano said. "I'm proud of the work everyone has done to make light rail a reality."

After more than 20 years with Waste Management of Arizona, Cassano is now a consultant to the organization. He was a Tempe City Council member from 1984-1993 and served as vice mayor from 1988-1990.

Waste Management of Arizona and its 980 Arizona employees provide waste and recycling services to nearly 500,000 customers in Arizona.

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Don Cassano now has even more name recognition at the Tempe Transit Center.

