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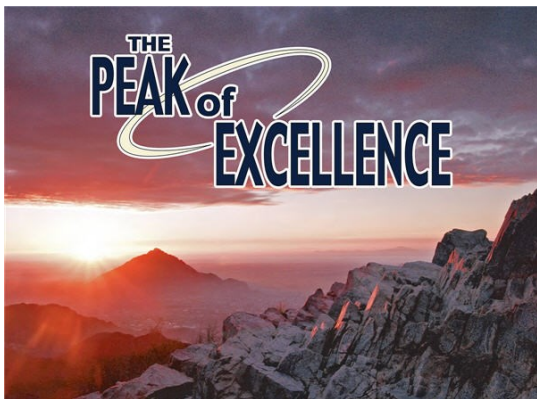
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GIVING RECOGNITION

Time is running out to submit nominations for the 2016 Employee Excellence Awards. **Monday, Jan. 30** is the deadline to nominate an outstanding employee or team of employees for the honor.

If you know an employee or group of employees who have made exceptional contributions to the city and public, be sure to nominate them for the honor before it's too late. The outstanding accomplishment or act should have taken place between Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016.

Both the employee [extranet](#) and [internet](#) sites have more information and nomination forms.



THIS WEEK IS ...

Wednesday: [Opposite day](#)

Thursday: [Spouse's day](#)

Friday: [International fun at work day](#)

LEADERSHIP FORUM



City of Phoenix employees are invited to the next City Manager Leadership Forum with special guest Rick DeBruhl (pictured above, on left, with race car driver Danica Patrick). The former local TV reporter and anchor is now a race broadcaster with great experience in how we can all be better communicators. Look how Rick explains it in relation to racing:

Racing is a business. And like any business, its success is dependent on its people. It's not enough to have the greatest driver, if the team backing him/her up isn't working together. And even that isn't enough if they aren't communicating. Of course, we all know that. We simply need to be reminded. It requires a compelling story that shows what can be accomplished.

Alexander Rossi's victory in the 100th running of the Indy 500 was an amazing achievement. Here was a rookie who had never driven in this race, beating drivers and teams with decades of experience. So how did he do it? Two words: communications and teamwork.

During the forum, you can learn how to plan to communicate, accept new ideas and deal with setbacks. **Details:**

- ◆ Monday, Feb. 6
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Assembly Rooms
- ◆ Sign up on eCHRIS: **CML007**

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Elaine Noble

Curriculum & Training Coordinator

Planning and Development



Elaine started working for the city in 2006 and has spent time with Water Services, Streets & Aviation.

In her spare time, Elaine loves to go on vacation with family and friends. Below was her Caribbean trip.

Elaine coordinates internal activities, training opportunities, meetings and retreats.



Elaine creates programs for employees including workshops, legal training and lunch series.

Fast Facts

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"Interacting with all department staff and providing internal customer service."

- ◆ Favorite restaurant: **PoPos**
- ◆ Favorite app on phone: **Maps (always need driving directions)**
- ◆ Can't start morning without... **Three cups of coffee**
- ◆ Movie popcorn topping: **Extra butter**

Major accomplishment: *Raising three children and being able to watch their individual journeys.*

Check out all of the profiles on our amazing city employees by clicking on [this link](#).

Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?

E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Phoenix Chinese Week kicks off at noon Monday, Jan. 30 in the City Hall assembly rooms with a lion dance and Wushud demonstration. Employees will be able to sample a variety of Chinese pastries and get information about Phoenix Chinese Week events and the free Chinese Culture and Cuisine Festival at Margaret T. Hance Park, Feb. 10 - 12. For more information, visit the [Phoenix Chinese Week website](#).



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Solid Waste Equipment Operator Apprentice (promotional only).

"The Public Works Department Solid Waste Field Services Division is currently seeking Solid Waste Equipment Operator (SWEO) Apprentices for its SWEO Apprenticeship Program. The Program is focused on training selected candidates to earn their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and successfully promote into a SWEO position. Apprentices will be non-classified and paid as an Equipment Operator II (\$15.30 per hour). After successful completion of the first 11 months, Apprentices will promote into the SWEO classification (\$16.87 per hour), while serving a one-year City probationary period. First review of applications is February 6, 2017." [Here's the link](#) to the most recent Job Opportunities.

LEAVE DONATIONS

The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you'd like to help; use eChris to make your donation:

- ◆ DeAnna Trevino, secretary III, Water Services
- ◆ George Campa, operations & maintenance technician, Water Services
- ◆ Dorothy Goeman, caseworker, Human Services

10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Fun for the whole family! Join City Librarian Rita Hamilton and community leaders for a celebration of Cesar Chavez Library's past, present and future.



Festivities will include a petting zoo, cooking demonstration and game truck. Light refreshments will be served.

Details:

- ◆ Saturday, Jan. 28
- ◆ 1 - 4 p.m.
- ◆ Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Rd.
- ◆ Supported in part by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library – Cesar Chavez Branch

DID YOU KNOW ?

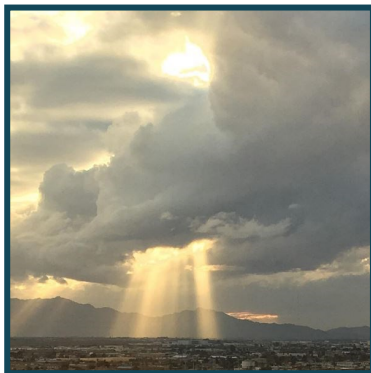
Each week, learn three things you may not have known. These are perfect conversation starters with friends and family or to share on your social media accounts.

- ◆ *Kool-Aid was once called "Fruit Smack."*
- ◆ *Only female mosquitoes will bite you.*
- ◆ *There really was a Captain Morgan. He was a Welsh pirate and then the lieutenant governor of Jamaica.*

FOLLOW US!

Do you follow the [city of Phoenix on Instagram](#)?

Each day, the social media team posts beautiful photos from around Phoenix. Check it out each day!



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THEN & NOW



Did you know that it has been 20 years since Phoenix's historic Orpheum Theatre reopened after a 12-year, \$14M restoration project? On Jan. 28, 1997, the theater reopened to the delight of local residents who held fond memories of the historic venue. The Orpheum, a cherished community landmark, was purchased by the city of Phoenix in 1984 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 when the theater closed to undergo a massive renovation to restore the venue back to its original grandeur. The restoration received support from many organizations and private residents and reopened with Carol Channing starring in a performance of Hello Dolly. Over the last two decades, the venue has hosted shows by notable performers including Lily Tomlin, Bryan Adams, Lewis Black, Boz Scaggs, Eddie Izzard, Jimmy Fallon, David Feherty, Adam Carolla and others. The Orpheum Theatre, which opened in 1929, will celebrate its 90th Anniversary in 2019.



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