

AMERICAN SOUTHWEST CREDIT UNION

ASCU Cares is off to a great start in 2022

The 2022 ASCU Cares Business Outreach Our employees are participating in the Green Valley/Sahuarita Rotary Club, the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce, the Benson San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Douglas Business Network. We love to connect with our business community and hope to meet many more business owners and entrepreneurs in 2022! Have a business and want to include coupons in our newsletter? Contact Kristin at 520-452-3069 or kgray@ascu.org

2022 Charity Projects and Donations: We have donated \$10,000 to Eastern AZ College Foundation, \$1000 to Cochise Education Foundation, \$250 to the Douglas Arts Association, \$250 to We Care Pregnancy Center in Benson, \$500 to the Army Emergency Relief Fund. We have also rescued a kitten found on the highway. We hope to volunteer with the Benson Animal Shelter soon as well as other volunteer projects throughout our communities.



Donation to the Cochise Education Foundation. From left to right: Kristin Gray, Eric Petermann, Foundation Member & Jacqui Clay, Cochise County Superintendent of Schools



Donation to the Douglas Art Association, Douglas AZ



Donation to We Care Pregnancy Center, Benson AZ



Benson Branch Rescue Kitty



Fe donates to the Army Emergency Relief Fund



Jay, Ron & Mark visit Thatcher with a donation to Eastern Arizona College.



Kristin (left), Samara (right), & Victoria (not shown) attend the 2022 Innovations in Education Conference. ASCU gave out free and complete financial education curriculum for teachers for grades 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12. In addition, ASCU offered a free financial education workshop called, "Money Moves: How Finances Affect Your Relationships."

Member Highlight: Lilly's Tombstone Memories



Lilly's heart has been in Arizona since her college days. She went to visit a friend at the University of Arizona and she was instantly hooked. It has always been her dream to live in the beautiful Arizona desert region. Bob was drawn to the lore of Wyatt Earp, his family and Doc Holiday. After a trip to Tombstone, her husband was hooked too and they made a commitment to become part of the Old West. Starting with renting a small building on historic Allen Street in Tombstone, they opened their first business, Tombstone Sweet Memories AKA Lilly's Frozen Yogurt in August 2012. However, years later when the yogurt machines started needing repairs and replacements, instead of replacing the machines, they took the opportunity to expand. One of the buildings across the street came up for sale and they jumped on the chance to have a bigger space. After being turned down by a bank and a competitor credit union, they turned to American Southwest Credit Union for help. "It didn't make sense that I wasn't able to get a loan from the banks. My rent for the Yogurt Shop was more than the mortgage on the new building, and I'd been paying that lease for over 5 years." After completing the purchase on the larger building with the help of American Southwest Credit Union, they closed Lilly's Frozen Yogurt in November 2017.

After purchasing the larger building, they searched for a product that would add something

unique to Tombstone and Allen Street. After realizing there were no gun shops in the area at that time, they decided to add guns to their product line. Lilly's Tombstone Memories opened for business on Helldorado Weekend, October 2017. But they didn't stop there. They also purchased two additional buildings just a few doors down.

"I have a dream to revitalize this section of Allen Street. This section of Allen Street has a lot of history with the Oriental and the Birdcage Theatre and the longtime establishments of Longhorn and T. Miller Mercantile. Those are the major draws. But some of the shops are closed so there is less traffic down this way. We need paint and repairs and some interesting businesses to spruce things up. I want to revitalize this section of Allen Street so it can be enjoyed by all who come here and give tourists more variety. This place deserves the best we can give it."

Currently Lilly and Bob have decided to rent out one of the buildings they own. It will be a candle and soap store called Nellie's Wicks and Bricks. It is scheduled to open sometime in March. As for their third building, they are keeping their plans a secret. But whatever it is going to become, it will be successful because Lilly and Bob Hritz are not just dreamers. They are Do-ers and we have every confidence that with their drive and enthusiasm for Tombstone, this section of Allen's street will be better because they are part of the Tombstone community.



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Member Highlight: BeeWell Pharmacy

3518 Canyon De Flores Dr.



**Thanks Janet, for
your membership!**

**BeeWell is locally owned
by Janet, a native of Sierra
Vista.**

**Janet has almost 30
years of pharmacy
experience.**

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If you're looking for a local pharmacy option with shorter lines and great customer service, BeeWell Pharmacy might be for you. BeeWell Pharmacy owner Janet Buchner grew up in Sierra Vista, AZ and is very familiar with the community and local businesses. She attended elementary, middle, high school and even the local

junior college in Sierra Vista before heading off to the University of Arizona where she earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 1998Go Wildcats!

Janet returned to Sierra Vista in the summer of 2006 to a community she calls home. With almost 30 years experience in pharmacy, she understands the needs of her hometown and has built great relationships with all her patients. During the pandemic, she realized she needed to do more as a pharmacist for her community and decided to open her own pharmacy focusing on individualized patient care. The pharmacy's location was specifically chosen to help the needs of the outlying rural communities as well.



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