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# Buckeye Chamber of Commerce

Buckeye, Arizona

P. O. Box 807



April 17, 1961

Mr. Boyd H. Gibbons, Jr.  
Office of the Governor  
State House  
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Your second letter of April 12th was received and the following information is furnished as requested.

The names and business identification of the officers and board of directors of the Buckeye Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

### Officers and board members;

- L. M. Kennison, Jr., President - Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph
- Tim Credon Vice Pres. - Valley National Bank
- Joe Wolf, Jr. Treasurer - Department Store
- Leonard Dankowski Secretary - Ariz. Public Service

### Board Members:

- Leigh Watkins Chevrolet Dealer
- James Eikner C. P. A.
- Chet McNabb High School Superintendent
- George Hamner Town Clerk

The Buckeye Chamber has ninety-four (94) members and a potential of twenty (20) additional applicants. The Chamber income is exclusively derived from membership sources. The following is a break-down of membership and income by various classification.

Income	Membership	Classification
\$105.00	(7)	Utilities
15.00	(1)	Valley National Bank
45.00	(3)	Dealerships (Auto and/or Trucks)
45.00	(3)	Realtor
45.00	(3)	Insurance Brokers
60.00	(4)	Restauranthers
30.00	(2)	Auto Suppliers



\$ 45.00	(3)	Department Stores
75.00	(5)	Ministers
15.00	(1)	Cleaners & Laundries
105.00	(7)	Government
60.00	(4)	Gins
150.00	(10)	Ranchers
30.00	(2)	Machine Shops
30.00	(2)	Pharmacy
15.00	(1)	Variety Store
45.00	(3)	Oil Distributors
75.00	(5)	Food Markets
75.00	(1)	Lumber Supplier
15.00	(1)	Paint Supplies
15.00	(1)	Garage
15.00	(1)	Seed & Feed
30.00	(2)	Accountants
45.00	(3)	Physicians
15.00	(1)	Electrician
15.00	(1)	Mortician
30.00	(2)	Motels
45.00	(3)	Hardware Store
15.00	(1)	Associations (Harness Horse)
15.00	(1)	Sand & Gravel
15.00	(1)	Bakery
15.00	(1)	Newspaper
15.00	(1)	TV Sales & Service
15.00	(1)	Beauty Shop
15.00	(1)	Truck Transportation
15.00	(1)	Refrigeration
40.00	(4)	Industrial
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The following are activities sponsored by the chamber and applicable expenditures. Chamber expenditures for endorsed activities are negligible.

Sponsored	Expenditures
1. Better Water for Buckeye	\$ 0
2. Hospital	0
3. Museum	100.00
4. Carnival (Welfare Fund)	1000.00
5. Bird Shooter Breakfast	300.00
6. Industrial Development	36.00
7. Patrol Boys Baseball Day	50.00
8. Phoenix Rodeo (Buckeye Bank)	105.00
9. Boys State	50.00
10. Clean up and Paint Up Campaign	200.00
11. Semi-pro Baseball	150.00
12. Retail Merchants Association	0

#### Endorsed

Harness Horse Racing  
 Little League Baseball  
 Junior Maid of Cotton  
 Hellga-poppin Rodeo  
 Flood Control

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My personal reaction to the Chamber's activities is one of ultimate and positive benefit to the town. Particular mention is in regards to obtaining good water for Buckeye. In my opinion no other single factor could contribute more to the growth of Buckeye.

The near realization of a hospital for Buckeye will also benefit the community immediately and add stature to it's bid for growth. Coupling good water, a hospital and a section of land available for industrial expansion will indeed be a combination most effective toward beckoning industry.

On the negative side of Buckeye's bid for industry two (2) factors bear mentioning. The first being the outright defiant attitude of a small minority opposed to Buckeye's growth as demonstrated by the deplorable appearance of buildings in the town. The second detrimental factor is the lack of greater merchant attendance at the Chamber meetings. Overcoming these conditions will greatly help Buckeye demonstrate it's eagerness for growth.

In closing I wish again to express my appreciation for your prompt personal interest and look forward to meeting you Wednesday April 19th.

Very truly yours,



Leonard Dankowski, Chairman  
Industrial Development Committee

CC to Wm. J. Butler  
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