

ACCA-AZ hosts Legislative Forum in June

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On June 16, the Air Conditioning Contractors of America – Arizona Chapter (ACCA-AZ) hosted its Legislative Forum for members of the Arizona HVACR industry. The annual event was held at Climatec, Inc., in Phoenix. More than 100 members were in attendance.

“We do a monthly luncheon but this one was extraordinary,” said ACCA-AZ Executive Director Antoine Coffer. “To have over 100 contractors come out in June, when it’s 112 degrees out, says a lot about our members and their level of commitment.”

Former ROC Director and attorney Fidelis Garcia served as the event’s moderator. The featured speakers included J.D. Hayworth, candidate for U.S. Senate and Former US Representative and Catherine Eden, PhD, candidate for U.S. Senate and Former Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services.

“Current U.S. Senator John McCain was invited to speak but was called away to Washington D.C.,” said Coffer.

The ACCA-AZ Legislative Luncheon offered attendees an



From left, Corky Pond (Climatec, Inc. and Past ACCA-AZ President), Tom Palmer (Palm Aire), Louis Hobaica (Hobaica Services), J.D. Hayworth (candidate for U.S. Senate), Daryl Royse (Economy Air Conditioning & Heating and ACCA-AZ President), Catherine Eden, PhD (candidate for U.S. Senate), Joe Nichter (Tri City Mechanical and National ACCA Board Member), Jason Downing (Dave Downing and Associates) and Antoine Coffer (ACCA-AZ Executive Director).

opportunity to personally meet and greet elected officials and candidates and engage them in dialogue on state and national issues.

The program also featured a presentation entitled Real Reasons Why to Use Social Media, sponsored by Phoenix Wholesale

and presented by Donna Newman of We Build Your Social Media.

Coffe said this presentation was included to make sure members fully understand the value and significance of social media.

“There’s a lot of people using Facebook and Twitter and we want our members to know effective

ways of using these sites,” he added.

“This was an informative lunch meeting and everyone in attendance enjoyed this event,” said Coffer.

Coffe noted that the September Membership Luncheon will feature candidates for the Arizona Governors race.