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Gabriel's Angels to Hold Annual "A Night of PAWSibilities" Gala Vulnerable Arizona Children to Benefit from Funds Raised for Pet Therapy Services

Gabriel's Angels is excited to announce details for their annual fundraising gala, A Night of PAWSibilities, which will be held on October 7th, 2023, at the Arizona Biltmore (2400 East Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, AZ) from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year's event theme is "PAWparazzi" – A Red Carpet Affair which will feature a red carpet walk with photographers, 360 photo booth, live DJ, lively cocktail hour with open bar, libations pull for a chance to win an amazing spirit, upscale raffle, video program, and paddle raise led by the witty and extraordinary auctioneer Brett Higgins. Guests will have a chance to bid on several exclusive live auction items, including a 7-night stay at a Durango, CO condo or an 8-day trip staying in a 2-bedroom villa at the Westin Kauai or Cabo San Lucas. The event will be emceed by Lin Sue Flood, one of the Most Influential Women in Arizona of 2022, known for her previous work as a 12 News Anchor and as the current Director of Community Engagement for Arizona Hospice of the Valley. AZPetVet has graciously joined A Night of Pawsibilities as the title sponsor. The event is chaired by the dedicated and thoughtful Tami Butcher and Cherie Malkoff.

Gabriel's Angels provides pet therapy visits to vulnerable Arizona children, helping them develop seven vital core behaviors: attachment, confidence, self-regulation, affiliation, empathy, tolerance and respect.

Gabriel's Angels relies entirely on support from the community and never charges the schools or other facilities they serve. The annual "A Night of PAWSibilities" gala is responsible for raising much-needed funding for the organization to continue providing pet therapy services to vulnerable children in the community.

Tickets for this year's red-carpet "PAWparazzi" themed gala start at \$225 and are expected to sell quickly, as the same event last year sold out weeks in advance. Supporters are encouraged to reserve tickets at <https://anop2023.givesmart.com/> as early as possible.

Melissa Steimer, CEO of Gabriel's Angels states that the need for pet therapy is only continuing to increase as the local population and econom-



ic challenges grow. "The schools, group homes, domestic violence shelters and other community partners we serve are telling us how our free pet therapy services are making such a positive difference in these children's lives. We're scrambling to keep up with the constantly increasing demand and hope to expand services to include even more children in need," Steimer said.

Gabriel's Angels is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is through the life-changing power of pet therapy to enhance the social and emotional development of vulnerable children. Driven by the passionate belief that the unconditional love of a therapy pet can heal a child, Registered Pet Therapy teams visit partner agencies serving at-risk children in Arizona to provide unconditional love and teach them core social behaviors.

To learn more about Gabriel's Angels, follow on social media or visit GabrielsAngels.org.

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JOJO Coffeehouse Shares Seasonal Specials

Scottsdale Breakfast and Brunch Restaurant Adds Fall-Inspired Menu

JOJO Coffeehouse is welcoming in the fall season with a selection of new menu items. A mix of specialty coffee drinks, breakfast dishes and a new autumn-inspired cocktail are available through November 30th.

The scrumptious fall breakfast menu features the addition of Blueberry Lemon Ricotta Pancakes, layered with lemon curd and topped with house-made blueberry sauce, fresh blueberries, lemon zest and signature whipped cream; next is seasonal Pumpkin Cheesecake Pancakes, infused with house-made pumpkin cheesecake cream and pumpkin filling, topped with whipped cream, pecans and a caramel drizzle. Both dishes include a stack of three pancakes alongside two cage-free eggs any style and choice of bacon, sausage or turkey bacon.

For coffee lovers there are two new espresso drinks: a S'mores Mocha featuring a creamy blend of espresso, milk, chocolate and toasted marshmallows topped with whipped cream, chocolate drizzle and graham cracker dust; and a classic Pumpkin Spice Latte served with a dollop of whipped cream and dusted with cinnamon.

Brunch-goers looking for something cool to sip can now order the JOJO Coffeehouse created twist on an Apple Cider Sangria. The red sangria features chunks of apples and oranges garnished with a honey and cinnamon rim.

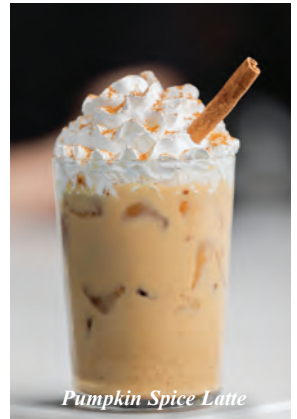
"We are excited to introduce our food and drink specials for fall," states Mike Melton, owner of JOJO Coffeehouse. "Our new menu items incorporate our favorite fall flavors that customers love, but with our own fresh twist."

JOJO Coffeehouse's menu also features its signature coffee flights and mimosa flights, plus a full menu of craft cocktails along with its full breakfast and brunch menu. The menu is available all day, seven days a week beginning at 7:00 a.m. In addition, customers can enjoy live music beginning at 11:00 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

JOJO Coffeehouse is a locally-owned restaurant located at 3712 N. Scottsdale Road. To view the full menu or place an order for curbside pickup visit jojocoffeehouse.com or call (480) 907-6100. ❖



Hot S'mores Mocha



Pumpkin Spice Latte



Apple Cider Sangria



Blueberry Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

From the Publisher...



Finally the cooler weather is here! Time to get out and enjoy this awesome weather and maybe a football game or two. The Cardinals are looking pretty good this year in their new uniforms; maybe catch a game or two at the State Farm Stadium. Can't make it to a game in person? Head on over to Keegan's on Camelback and catch the action every Monday, Thursday, or Sunday for their awesome Sunday morning breakfast. They have many items to choose from

including an awesome Build a Bennie, but my personal favorite is the Steak and Eggs. If you have not tried them for Sunday breakfast, give them a try; you will be glad you did!

Fall is also when many of the charity events are held. There are so many fun events to choose from right here in the Valley of the Sun. Be sure to read this month's cover story featuring the Phoenix Heart Ball benefiting the American Heart Association Greater Phoenix Division. This is a special treat for anyone lucky enough to attend.

Don't forget to contact your favorite charities and see what volunteer opportunities are available. Many local charities have an abundance of volunteers for the holidays, but keep in mind that they also have needs throughout the rest of the year.

Thank you for reading this month; I look forward to bringing you another exciting issue of *Biltmore Lifestyles* in November.

Until next month, *Susan*

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Biltmore Fashion Park Welcomes gorjana

GORJANA: The nationally recognized jewelry brand known for its Southern California-inspired style opened its 54th door at Biltmore Fashion Park on August 30th, 2023.

The store interior design is a welcoming coastal bungalow oasis inspired by the founder's Southern California roots, spanning 1,499 square feet. The store features a light wood finish, a crystal quartz chandelier, and three sparkling window pendants. To complete the ambiance, there is a hand-dipped Lauren Williams Tapestry inspired by the iconic Laguna Beach coastline, which serves as the perfect backdrop to showcase gorjana's elevated yet effortless chic designs.

Shoppers will discover a variety of jewelry made of gold-plated and solid gold, such as necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and rings. You can find an extensive range of jewelry, including items specifically designed for gifting, a collection of fine jewelry adorned with accessible diamonds that align with the brand's elegant style. Moreover, the brand provides an elevated shopping experience with in-store stylists available to offer personalized guidance. They can help you create layered looks that express your unique style authentically.

About Biltmore Fashion Park

Biltmore Fashion Park is a luxury open-air lifestyle center in Phoenix, featuring high-end retailers like Saks Fifth Avenue, Ralph Lauren, Williams Sonoma, Lululemon, Anthropologie & BHLDN Weddings, gorjana and destination restaurants such as The Capital Grille, Breakfast Club, Blanco Tacos + Tequila, Zinburger and True Food Kitchen. The center also boasts a Diamond-Level

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Escape . . . to Guana Island!



Guana Island Announces Third Wine Program in Partnership with HALL Wines in Napa Valley

Guana Island, the 850-acre private island resort in the British Virgin Islands, is announcing a third collaboration with HALL Napa Valley, a family-owned winery celebrated for its exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon wines and tasting experiences at its six locations in California. This partnership will bring memorable three-day fine-dining experiences to Guana in November 2023 and April 2024. The two HALL Wine Programs, which are available to be purchased individually or together, will be offered on Guana from November 30th to December 2nd, 2023 and April 4th through the 6th, 2024, with meals, tastings and wine-related programming for guests.

The November program is ideal for those who are curious about high-end wines, examin-

ing the process from vineyard to bottle. Led by Director of Public Relations at HALL, Lisa Covey, guests will enjoy discussions about Napa Valley Appellations, terroir and agriculture. The second program, in April 2024, will be slightly more technical, serving as a natural continuation from the November session. Vice President of Winemaking for HALL, Megan Gunderson, will host discussions surrounding the art of winemaking. This session will take a more intimate look at the winemaking process from one of the top winemakers in the United States.

Both programs include a festive beach barbecue with Pinot Noir pairings from WALT, HALL's Pinot Noir brand, guided tours of Guana's expansive organic orchard, and a masterfully curated 10-course dinner featuring

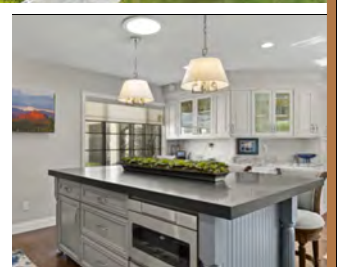
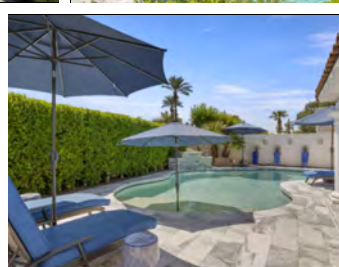
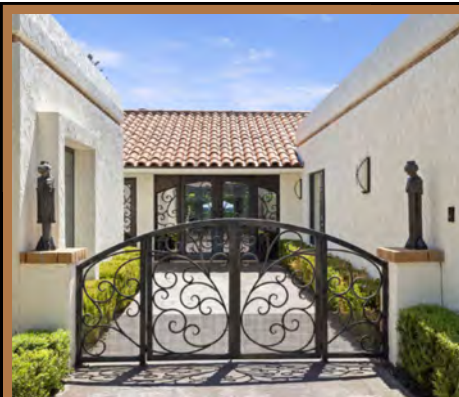
wines from numerous Napa Valley appellations, paired with seasonal Caribbean fare. All guests also have the option to book private 1:1 wine-tastings for those with an interest in specific vintages and the regions of Napa Valley. The programs are open to connoisseurs, as well as novice wine drinkers who simply want to sip world-class wines in a tropical setting. The wines offered during both programs will be available to order.

Made up of two complementary programs that can be purchased individually or together, all activities and meals are included in the cost of the stay. Rates start at \$995/night, which includes all pairings and activities.

For reservations or more information on the events, call (800) 544-8262. ❖



Photos by Jonathan Becker



Meticulously Remodeled Biltmore Taliverde Retreat

Remodeled in 2018, this one-of-a-kind timeless oasis is located in the prestigious guard gated subdivision of Taliverde steps away from the iconic Waldorf Astoria Biltmore Hotel. This 2,734 sq ft single level home has hardwood floors throughout, 3 ensuite bathrooms, powder room, spa-like primary bath with a secluded exit to the backyard and private outdoor shower! Spacious light and airy kitchen with Wolf appliances, Subzero refrigerator/freezer, wine cooler and oversized island. The great room and dining room with a sophisticated fireplace, wall of windows and French doors overlook the lushly landscaped resort-like backyard with its alluring pool and state of the art outdoor kitchen. Adjacent to the Biltmore Golf Courses, fine dining and Fashion Park. Magnificent views of Camelback Mountain.



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700-Acre Historic Family Ranch to Become Stringfield at Granite Mountain, Prescott's Newest Master Plan Community

Stringfield at Granite Mountain, the newest development of custom homes coming to Prescott, Arizona, is officially under construction as the first of five phases roll out for the custom master plan community. Stringfield Development Company, led by long-time real estate developers Jeff Davis and Jeff Raymond, purchased the Stringfield family's 700-acre historic ranch to develop it into a picturesque community with large lots and sweeping views of the Prescott National Forest.

"As a Prescott resident myself, I've known the Stringfield family – who have been ranching in this area of Yavapai County since the 1870's – for quite some time," said Managing Partner Jeff Davis, of Stringfield Development Company. "After going over our ideas with Irene [Stringfield], we knew we could create something really special that would leave a lasting legacy for their family."

Five years in the making, after securing city water and three miles of sewer to the site, Stringfield at Granite Mountain has now broken ground on its first phase of construction that will include 65 lots, ranging from 1-3 acres in size each, with prices starting from \$250,000. A quick hour-and-a-half drive from Phoenix, the gated community, which sits at 5,400 feet above sea level, boasts open spaces, fenced lots, hiking and biking trails, endless views of the neighboring mountainscapes and connections to the City of Prescott's 56-mile "Circle Trail" (the last mile of which is located in the Stringfield development).

"This community is going to be ideal for not only current residents of northern Arizona who may want to relocate to Prescott, but also for



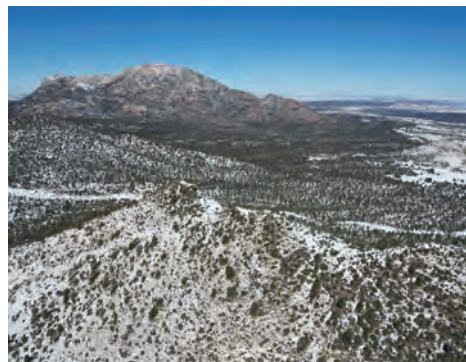
families looking for a second home with cooler temperatures, snow days and green pastures as opposed to desert terrain," said Jeff Raymond, Partner at Stringfield at Granite Mountain. "The larger lot sizes also offer enough space for highly customizable compounds, which could include envelopes for toy shop garages and other unique features."

Located just 10 minutes from downtown Prescott, with golf and equestrian facilities nearby, Stringfield at Granite Mountain provides the expansiveness of the open range that drew the Stringfield family to the area initially, while also being close enough to local shops, restaurants and entertainment.

"It took me a long time to get used to the idea

of the property growing houses instead of cows, but life has a way of changing things," said Irene Stringfield. "I have confidence in Jeff Davis and his team to develop something that reflects the hard work, sweat and tears that my family put into this area, to create a community of custom homes that reflect the pioneering minds that settled the area in the 1800's, before there were rules and regulations that restricted ideas and planning."

There are 12 lots currently available for purchase. Davis expects to sell out of this phase by year's end. For more information, or to reserve a lot, on Stringfield at Granite Mountain, visit www.stringfieldprescott.com or call (928) 443-9880 or email info@stringfieldprescott.com. ❖



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The Brokery Hosts Local Markets This Fall at Arcadia Office Neighbors Invited to Shop Local Every Third Saturday of the Month

The Brokery local markets are back! Beginning October 21st, The Brokery will host markets featuring a variety of local vendors every third Saturday of the month on the grounds of their Arcadia office. Neighbors are invited to join the local love and shop for jewelry, candles, coffee, baked goods, and much more.

- Saturday, October 21st - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 18th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Brokery is located at 4546 N. 40th Street in Phoenix. The Brokery is committed to being “relentlessly local” and that means hosting community events featuring locally owned businesses. The public is invited to do some holiday shopping, meet and mingle with neighbors, and enjoy the season and pets are welcome!

About The Brokery

The Brokery is a local, boutique residential real estate brokerage that is relentlessly focused on serving residents in neighborhoods across the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. Founded in 2012, by co-founders Tucker Blalock and Oleg Bortman, the company’s number one goal is to provide unparalleled service and extensive market insight to the residents of their local community. Unlike many brokerages tucked away in corporate centers, The Brokery has neighborhood-centered offices that offer high visibility for their clients’ properties in state-of-the-art showcases and allows for neighbors to engage one-on-one with local real estate experts. For more information on The Brokery, please visit www.thebrokery.com. ❖



Organ Stop Pizza Partners with The Joy Bus To Help Cancer Patients Across the Valley

One of the last remaining “pizza and pipes” restaurants in the U.S., Organ Stop Pizza, located at 1149 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, is using its unique offerings to help the cancer community - the inaugural Wow Week partnership with local nonprofit group The Joy Bus.

The week of October 16th through the 22nd, Organ Stop patrons can save 10% on all their food orders when they donate \$2 or more to The Joy Bus organization in the restaurant.

The Joy Bus is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to relieve the daily struggles of people with cancer, by delivering fresh and healthy meals with a friendly face. Founded in 2011 by award-winning chef, Jennifer Caraway, The Joy Bus was named in honor of her dear friend Joy who struggled with the painful and debilitating side effects of ovarian cancer.

“This event is close to the hearts of all the

Organ Stop Pizza employees,” said Jack Barz, Co-Owner of Organ Stop Pizza. “It is pretty difficult to find someone whose life hasn’t been impacted by cancer in some way or another, which is why we felt a strong pull to work with The Joy Bus organization.”

Organ Stop Pizza has been selling a special Wow Wheat beer from Four Peaks Brewing for more than three years. A percentage of each pint and pitcher sold is donated to The Joy Bus cause.

“Wow Wheat is one of our best-selling beers,” added Barz. “It doesn’t just taste good; it does good too. We are proud to sell the product, especially knowing that some of the money is going back to The Joy Bus.”

October 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Four Peaks Brewing, maker of Wow Wheat beer, will have a tent set up at Organ Stop Pizza. They will be sampling the popular brew, giving away

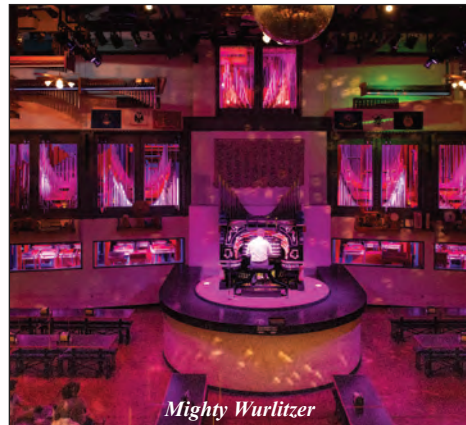
prizes and more. Additionally, Organ Stop Pizza customers can get \$1 off pints of Wow Wheat specialty beer during the Wow Week promotion.

Originally opened in 1972, Organ Stop Pizza is home to the “Mighty Wurlitzer” the largest and most valuable theatre organ in the world, worth more than \$6 million. Today, Organ Stop’s instrument has been embellished from its original state and is now the largest Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe organ ever created. The console, where the musicians sit to play, is an exact replica of a Fox Special console, the largest console ever designed and built by Wurlitzer. Through the years, several rare sets of pipes have been added to the organ, including a massive set of 32-foot wood diaphones, which are visible from the front of the building. It’s a must See!

For more information about Organ Stop Pizza, visit www.organstoppizza.com. ❖



Organ Stop Pizza Exterior



Mighty Wurlitzer



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Amangiri Announces Partnership with The Cosanti Foundation

Surrounded by the starkly beautiful desert scenery of North America's canyon country, Amangiri is situated on 900 acres in southern Utah. Celebrating its other worldly home, the property has long acted as a springboard for exploration and discovery, while also serving as an inspirational base for artists, and as the backdrop for several unique installations and exhibitions. Continuing this legacy, Amangiri is pleased to announce a new partnership with Arizona-based The Cosanti Foundation, until the end of November 2023.

The partnership sees seven individual wind-bell sculptures from Cosanti Originals (a subsidiary of The Cosanti Foundation) artfully placed along a designated hiking trail within Amangiri's desert home, connecting the resort to Camp Sarika. The one-of-a-kind installations will remain in place for three months, allowing guests to marvel at their intricate handcrafted forms and experience the resonance of their melodic chimes. The largest assembly, *Desert Wind*, is almost seven feet tall and was originally cast in 2007 before being refined in 2019.

Handmade in Arizona using techniques that date back almost 65 years, smaller pieces are also available to purchase in the resort's gallery. Their vibrant colors, textures and design motifs make the perfect keepsake with proceeds helping to fund The Cosanti Foundation's ongoing work in sustainable and experimental architecture.

Speaking on the partnership with Amangiri, Matteo Di Michele, Chair of the Board of

Directors for The Cosanti Foundation, said, "With its focus on environmental preservation and love for the desert landscape, Amangiri is an ideal collaborator for The Cosanti Foundation. Our organization has a 67-year-old history of commitment to treasuring the southwestern part of the United States and we are honored to partner with the resort to welcome visitors to this extraordinary land."

Established in 1965, The Cosanti Foundation is an organization whose work focuses on finding a solution to modern social and environmen-

tal crises. The company was founded by the late Paolo Soleri, an architect who committed his life to designing environments that integrated sensitively and sustainably into the natural world. Alongside his world-leading research in urban planning, Soleri also became famous for his sculpture work, and specifically the creation of distinctive handcrafted ceramic and bronze windbells. Today, Cosanti Originals continues to make and showcase these handcrafted windbells, each one a bespoke masterpiece, sought after by collectors across the globe. ❖





Biltmore Resident Charlene Berge-Blum Chairs 64th Annual Phoenix Heart Ball

On November 11th, 2023 the longest running black-tie gala in the state – the Phoenix Heart Ball benefiting the American Heart Association Greater Phoenix Division – will be returning for its 64th year with Biltmore resident Charlene Berge-Blum leading the charge as this year’s Chairman.

“To follow in the footsteps of such amazingly strong advocates as Peggy Goldwater and the decades of Heart Ball Chairmen to have followed her, is truly humbling,” said Charlene. “I am so honored to be this year’s

Chairman and to help raise awareness for such an extremely important cause.”



*Phoenix Heart Ball
Chairman Charlene
Berge-Blum*

An Arizona native with a childhood growing up around cars, it is no wonder that her chosen theme for this year’s Ball is “Accelerating Change” and her Honorary Chairs are Carolyn and Craig Jackson of the famous Barrett-Jackson car auction in Scottsdale.

Teaming up with the Jacksons (Carolyn is a past Heart Ball Chairman herself) along with her executive committee – which includes Vice-Chairmen Lee Courtney and Natalie Gaylord, Sweetheart Kristine Thompson and Chairman-Elect Pamela Risoleo – and the committee of 100+ Valley women, Charlene is spearheading important change with her “V8 Vision” of utilizing velocity, vision, valiance, vigor, vibrance, vitality, value and victory to assist the AHA in their mission of eradicating heart disease.

Charlene shared the meaning behind her V8 vision and why each part is an important component of causing positive change:

- ♥ **Velocity:** Acceleration is the change in velocity over the change in time; together our committee’s goal is to accelerate change in heart health by using velocity to fuel our efforts fundraising as a committee AND as a community.
- ♥ **Vision:** We all have a shared vision for change that is characterized by our willingness to work hard and build a more promising future for the next generation.
- ♥ **Valiance:** William Arthur Ward once said, “We must vow to be valiant; Resolve to be radiant; Determine to be dynamic; Strive to be sincere; Aspire to be attuned.” I believe that together, we can accelerate change in heart health by leading by example and living with valiance.

♥ **Vigor:** The great Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Vigor is contagious; and whatever makes us either think or feel strongly adds to our power and enlarges our field of action.” The combined vigor within this committee will be an unstoppable force for good.

♥ **Vibrance:** It is a common trait among any leader, and it will be the vibrance of our committee and that of our community that will help make wonderful things happen.

♥ **Vitality:** There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, that is translated through giving and using our power and passion for good; when we come together to work to raise vital funds and awareness for the AHA, we are teaching our community about the importance of vitality.

♥ **Value:** Myles Monroe said, “The value of life is not in its duration, but in its donation. You are not important because of how long you live, you are important because of how effective you live.” How much value can each of us give to our community, our friends and our family in our time here on Earth?

♥ **Victory:** For 64 years, the Phoenix Heart Ball committee has been victorious in its fundraising, its research and in raising awareness for heart health. This year is no different and we are committed to raising funds that will support scientific discoveries that advance the diagnosis, care and treatment of heart disease and stroke.



“One in every five deaths in the U.S. is caused by heart disease and we want to do everything in our power to help the American Heart Association change this harrowing statistic,” said Charlene.

The 64th Annual Phoenix Heart Ball will be taking place at The Phoenician Resort’s Grand Ballroom on Saturday, November 11th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Only a very limited number of seats and sponsorships are available to this prestigious event. For more information or to purchased tickets, please visit phoenixheartball.heart.org or email PhxHBseating@gmail.com. ❖



Executive Committee for the 64th Annual Phoenix Heart Ball, including Honorary Chair Carolyn Jackson (from left to right) Carolyn Jackson, Chairman-Elect Pamela Risoleo, Sweetheart Kristine Thompson, Chairman Charlene Berge-Blum, Vice Chairman Lee Courtney and Vice Chairman Natalie Gaylord



Liberty Wildlife Promotes Protection and Awareness at Special Event Condors & Cocktails

Liberty Wildlife announced an event to promote the care and protection of endangered California condors. This event, sponsored by SRP and the Zeria Foundation, is a celebration of condors and all native wildlife. Dubbed “Condors & Cocktails” this 21+ aged event will be held at Liberty Wildlife’s Rob & Melani Walton Campus on November 4th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The event will focus on efforts to save the California condors from extinction, including recent threats this spring from a virulent strain of avian flu. “Condors & Cocktails” will be a relaxed festival atmosphere with live music, wildlife presentations, three food trucks, and 21+ bar featuring a signature drink the “Papyrus Condor” – made with mescal, Aperol, Drambuie and lime juice.

Liberty Wildlife’s mission is “to nurture the nature of Arizona through wildlife rehabilitation, natural history education, and conservation services to the community.” Liberty Wildlife’s education programs include in-person experiences with native wildlife, including two non-releasable California condors, Marble and Millie. The organization is at the forefront on conservation and rehabilitation efforts for California condors as well. In the spring 2023, Liberty Wildlife staff and volunteer veterinarians began caring for several condors in the flock located near the Grand Canyon, after a devastating wave of avian flu struck the population. In addition, Liberty Wildlife incubated an egg, laid by a condor who’d died from avian flu. That chick is now thriving in the care of a “foster parent” condor in Boise, with hopes that when she will eventually be returned to the wild in Arizona, near her flock.

Tickets for the Condors & Cocktails event are available online for just \$55/person at <https://libertywildlife.salsalabs.org/condorscocktails23>. The doors open at 4:00 p.m. for this 21+aged event. Admission includes Liberty Wildlife animal ambassador trail; wildlife “pop up” demonstrations along the trail; presentation of the film “The Weight of a Feather” documentary in large classroom; a food station featuring three food trucks; and a no-host bar, along with a raffle and libation pull.

For more information, visit www.libertywildlife.org. ❖

Camelback Studio Tour and Art Sale Celebrates 16th Year this Fall

Now in its 16th year, the Camelback Studio Tour and Art Sale returns to the Valley this fall. During the two-day event, Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th, guests can tour local home art studios, meet and greet with local artists and shop one-of-a-kind art treasures for their own homes or as gifts to art-lovers for the upcoming holidays.

“We are thrilled that the Camelback Studio and Art Sale continues to grow in size and demand,” said Lynn Gustafson, owner of the Camelback Studio Tour and Art Sale. “This event is a special opportunity for us as artists to connect one-on-one with the art enthusiasts in the Valley. We appreciate the ongoing support for our community and local art as a whole.”

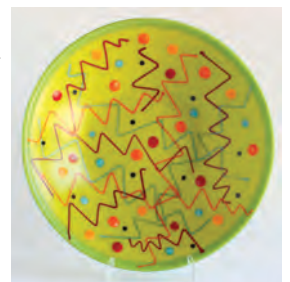
Since its inception, the Camelback Studio and Art Sale has grown to represent a wide array of mediums for art lovers of all kinds, all handmade by local artists who live and work in the area. This year, the tour features 40 renowned local artists and 13 home studios from 40th St. and Camelback Road to 44th Street and McDonald, to in and around mid-Phoenix and south Scottsdale.



Studio tour stops include:

- Stop 1** 5831 N. 46th Pl., Phoenix
Artists: Kevin Caron Studios, LLC; Mark Caron Wood Art and desert visions and abstracts by Nancy Pendleton
- Stop 2** 5844 N. 45th Pl., Phoenix
Artists: ReFashioned Art and Cyn Silva Art
- Stop 3** 5516 N. Camelback Canyon Dr., Phoenix
Artists: Leibow Fine Art—photography by Bill Leibow and oil paintings by Ellen Leibow
- Stop 4** 4808 N. 40th Pl., Phoenix
Artists: Studio K, Inc., Ceramics by Judith, C. Marcus McCarty ceramics and Blkbox Ceramics
- Stop 5** 5002 E. Oak St., Phoenix
Artists: Tuomisto-Bell Studio/Foundry, Shelley Hackett Art and Perpetuity Pottery,
- Stop 6** 5454 E. Vernon, Phoenix
Artists: Art Works
- Stop 7** 2633 N. 58th St., Scottsdale
Artists: Sunshine State of Art Designs, Karma Jean Art and Cindi Shaffer and Alison Heavirland of Astral Glass Studio, LLC
- Stop 8** 2626 N. 56th Pl., Scottsdale
Artists: Studio 56th
- Stop 9** 5628 E. Vernon, Scottsdale
Artists: Three Star Owl Clay, oil paintings by Devon Meyer and Gedion Galleries
- Stop 10** 2320 N. 58th St., Scottsdale
Artists: Mixed media by Joe Ray, Michael Ceschait ceramic sculpture and ware, handmade artistic soap by Shirley Knipp, OMG Pet Art, silk paintings and wearable art by Cheri Reckers
- Stop 11** 5702 E. Wilshire, Scottsdale
Artists: ArtGlass Works, ceramics by Mary Delmege, Anita Ferrah Works of Heart, Julie Gilbert Jewelry, J. Period LLC, Healthy Healing and Art and Tres Elegante Designs
- Stop 12** 5909 E. Edgemont Ave., Scottsdale
Artists: Borg Metal Art, Pam Harrison Art, Quaintly Quite Designs, jewelry by Shelly Taylor
- Stop 13** 6809 E. Coronado Rd., Scottsdale
Artists: Andrea Merican Art, LLC

Guests can choose any of these stops from which to begin their self-guided tour. Art enthusiasts are encouraged to visit a few of their favorites or work their way to all 13 stops to explore undiscovered art such as wearable art, jewelry, handmade gifts, painting, sculptures and much more. The Camelback Studio Tour and Art Sale serves as an opportunity to connect the community to local artists, to support their talents and to purchase some original art.



The tour hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12th. Admission is free. A printable map and additional details can be found on the website at camelbackstudiotour.com. ❖



Chompie's Rolls Out New Seasonal Treats for Fall Valley-Wide

Fall is here and with it comes all sorts of delicious new treats from Chompie's for seasonal snacking and holiday hosting too! Chompie's bakery is pleased to introduce the following new items to enjoy all season long.

Just following the official autumn equinox, guests can enjoy the following:

- Turtle Cheesecake
- Three-Nut Tart
- Cranberry-Orange Mini Bundt
- Zucchini Loaf

Guests can enjoy new chocolate creations including Black Forest Bar Cake and Double Chocolate Fudge Bar Cake, plus dip into pumpkin season with the new Pumpkin Iced Loaf!


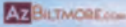



Come October, Chompie's pulls out the stops for all things pumpkin and Halloween! Beginning Saturday, October 7th, diners can enjoy Pumpkin Bagels, Halloween-themed Cupcakes and Cookies and Fall-themed Cupcakes and Cookies.

Pumpkin Tarts and Cranberry Orange Bagels will be available beginning Saturday, November 4th. Then festive flavors take over just in time for the holidays with the debut of the Eggnog Mousse Tart on Saturday, December 2nd and the Yule Log Bar Cake on Saturday, December 9th.

Don't miss these sweet Saturday launches throughout the season at Chompie's locations around the Valley. For more information, please visit chompies.com.




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Arizona Opera Opens 2023/24 Season with the World Premiere of Gregg Kallor's *Frankenstein*

Arizona Opera presents the world premiere of Gregg Kallor's acclaimed new opera *Frankenstein* on October 13th, 2023. The run will begin in Phoenix at the Herberger Theater Center, October 13th through the 15th, 2023, and continue in Tucson at The Temple of Music and Art from October 21st through the 22nd, 2023. *Frankenstein* will mark Arizona Opera's third world premiere, following the successes of *Riders of the Purple Sage* and *The Copper Queen*, the latter of which was released in fall 2021 as a feature-length film.

With a riveting, cinematic score and libretto by Kallor, the living, feeling Creature is brought to life only to be forsaken by its creator, Victor Frankenstein. Embracing Shelley's original text, regarded by many as the first science fiction novel, *Frankenstein* gives poignant voice to The Creature's struggle and lays bare the horror of alienation and "otherness" with exquisite nuance. At the core of this heartbreaking tale lies a passionately wrought plea to look deeper within ourselves to find commonality and uphold our responsibility to one another.

President and General Director of Arizona Opera, Joseph Specter, said, "The timelessness of Shelley's novel, combined with Gregg's compelling score and libretto, will create an impactful opportunity for the opera art form to connect with both long-time devotees and newcomers alike. *Frankenstein* is a story that is as meaningful now as it was when it was published in 1818, and we believe this opera will become an important addition to the contemporary operatic canon."

Kallor began his musical exploration of *Frankenstein* in 2018 by composing three scenes that were performed in the Catacombs of Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery, presented by Death of Classical. The sold-out run, selected as one of the most memorable performances of the year by WQXR, was praised by *Opera News* as "a perfect balance of text and music" from "a singular compositional voice." *Limelight Magazine* wrote, "Kallor's dynamically-charged score is intricate yet approachable with long, singable lines, and plenty of moody atmosphere." Parterre Box called Kallor "a musician of great atmospheric sensuality, whose portrait was complex, by turns frightening and sympathetic," and *OperaWire* heralded it as "a shattering, powerful experience."

"What drives my creation of this opera about a living being that is shunned and vilified for its 'otherness' is Shelley's exquisitely wrought plea to look deeper within ourselves to find our commonality, and to uphold our responsibility to one another," says Kallor.

Leading the production of the World Premiere of *Frankenstein* and making her Arizona Opera debut will be New York-based Stage Director Sarah Ina Meyers. *Frankenstein* will be conducted by Clinton Smith with sets, costumes, and projections by Bretta Gerecke. Cori Ellison serves as dramaturg, and lighting and video/media implementation will be led by Tlaloc Lopez-Watermann. The Creature will be played by Grammy Award-winning baritone Edward Parks, American tenor Terrence Chin-Loy will play the role of Victor Frankenstein, and mezzo-soprano Katherine Beck will play the role of Elizabeth.

Frankenstein is part of the McDougall Arizona Opera RED Series. The new commission of *Frankenstein* is funded, in part, by a gift from Linda and Stuart Nelson.

Phoenix ~ October 13th-15th, 2023 ~ Herberger Theater Center
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~ Golf Tip ~

"2-2-2" ~ The Knockdown Shot

By Tina Tombs, The Arizona Biltmore Golf Club



What does "2-2-2" stand for? The knockdown shot is a shot that is used when we want to hit a low shot that may have a lot of roll. Keeping the flight of the ball low, under the wind, beneath the branches of the trees, or because of a bad lie, we may need to knock it down to protect and make ball first contact. For this shot to be successful, it is important to adjust and make changes in our set up to change the outcome of the ball flight. This is an easy way for you to

remember how to get in the right set up to execute this shot.

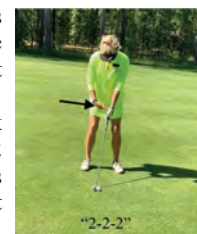
The first 2 stands for gripping down two inches on your golf club. We will grip down 2 inches on the club because we are making a ¾ swing and do not need the full length of the club.

The second 2 in "2-2-2" is to move the ball back 2 inches in your stance. By moving the ball back 2 inches in your stance it creates shaft lean and delofts your golf club. This will help you to hit your shot lower than normal and also create more roll.

The third 2 is to move the front foot back 2 inches. In essence this will create an open stance (aimed a little left with your feet for a right-handed player and aimed a little right for a left-handed player). This will help you to keep your weight and pressure on the front foot in your set up and throughout the swing.

To summarize "2-2-2" is the number for the knockdown shot!

Tina Tombs is a 2020 Arizona Golf Hall of Fame Inductee, a *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teacher in America, and two-time LPGA National Teacher of the Year. To schedule your next golf lesson or clinic session, you can contact Tina or her staff by downloading our app *TinaTombsGolf* on the app store or google app store. ❖



Phoenix City Grille Hosts Pillsbury Wine Dinner

On Friday, October 6th, Phoenix City Grille will host an exclusive four-course wine dinner featuring pairings from Pillsbury Wine Company. Menu and pours of Pillsbury wines are as follows:

Course One — New England Clam Chowder featuring ocean clams, smoked bacon, Yukon potatoes, fresh herbs and chive tartlet served with Wild Child White 2022

Course Two — Citrus Roasted Local Beets with Crow's Dairy goat cheese, spiced Arizona pecans, fennel apple salad and elderflower and tarragon vinaigrette with McClendon's Farms citrus and balsamic reduction paired with Mourvedre Reserve 2021

Course Three — Chula Seafood Alaskan Halibut with huitlacoche and Oaxacan cheese quesadilla, calabacitas, avocado salsa verde and micro cilantro served with Inappropriate 2022

Course Four — Dark Chocolate Pot De Crème with Queen Creek Olive Mill Meyer lemon oil, Arizona pistachio crumble and gooseberry paired with Petite Sirah Reserve 2019

The cost is \$110 per person, plus tax and gratuity. To reserve seating, contact Brittnee Reed via email at brittnee.reed@outlook.com or call at (602) 510-7174. ❖



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Village Health Clubs & Spas Debuts Sustainable Clothing

The Village Health Clubs & Spas are excited to announce the debut of their environmentally-conscious men's and women's clothing line, Village Sustainable Threads. Understanding their role in the activewear/athleisure fashion industry, the Village has taken steps to ensure their footprint moves toward a greener, more sustainable future.

Village Sustainable Threads is made in Arizona, with fabric sourced from post-con-

sumer recycled plastic bottles. The high-quality yet affordable line ensures that buyers can embrace sustainable style without compromise.

"We are always looking for ways to be better for our members, our community, and our environment, and this new clothing line is something we are extremely proud of," said Village President Carol Nalevanko. "Our team has been working hard behind the scenes to create an environmentally responsible collection that has

truly turned waste into something beautiful, functional and eco-friendly."

Village Sustainable Threads can be found at the boutiques inside all four Valley locations of the Village, including Camelback Village Racquet & Health Club in Phoenix, Gainey Village Health Club & Spa and DC Ranch Village Health Club & Spa in Scottsdale, and Ocotillo Village Health Club & Spa in Chandler.

For more information, visit villageclubs.com.



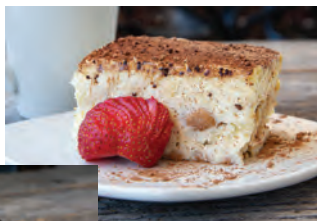
Picazzo's Doubling Down on "Raising for Rett" Fundraising Campaign in October

October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and Picazzo's Healthy Italian Kitchen is going big with their ongoing "Raising for Rett" fundraising campaign. The goal, according to Picazzo's Managing Partner Chris Disney, is to raise both funds and awareness for this extremely rare syndrome which his own three-year-old daughter Collyns was diagnosed with just last year. Picazzo's will be donating \$1 for every dessert sold at all six Picazzo's locations in Sedona, Scottsdale, Tempe, Paradise Valley, Arrowhead, and Gilbert, for the entire month. Desserts include the only gluten-free tiramisu in Arizona, hot apple crisp (gluten-free and vegan), a skillet baked chocolate chip cookie (gluten-free and dairy-free), and New York style cheesecake (gluten-free and vegan). They will also be using purple linens, and servers will wear and sell purple Rett Syndrome bracelets.

Information will be available for customers to learn about Rett Syndrome, which combines the symptoms of autism, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's, epilepsy, and anxiety disorder. Rett Syndrome has afflicted 350,000 people worldwide, with about 15,000 cases in the U.S.

Picazzo's Managing Partner Chris Disney and his wife Angela became concerned when they noticed their daughter Collyns wasn't hitting milestones like talking and walking at the same rate as their three older children. Their doctor reassured them that she was just experiencing normal delays, but they knew something wasn't right. Further investigation led to a diagnosis of Rett Syndrome, a rare genetic neurological disorder that affects 1 in 10,000 females (and even more rarely in males) and begins to display itself in missed milestones or regression at 6-18 months. Rett syndrome can lead to severe impairments, affecting nearly every aspect of life: ability to speak, walk, eat and breathe easily.

"There are now two clinical trials for gene replacement underway for Rett syndrome," says Tim Freeman, Chief Development Officer at the Rett Syndrome Research Trust and father of a 14-year-old daughter with the disorder. "It's a promising approach that has the potential to profoundly reverse the devastating symptoms of Rett. The fundraising support from Picazzo's is so important to helping us continue the momentum and change Chris's daughter's life, my daughter's life, and so many other lives. We're extremely grateful for this partnership at RSRT." ❖



Roaring Fork Celebrates the Holidays With Bonus Gift Card Promotion

Roaring Fork in Scottsdale, known for its wood-fired cooking, signature Green Chili Pork Stew and Premium Steaks, marks the start of the holiday season with the return of its signature Bonus Gift Card promotion. Beginning Wednesday, November 1st, Roaring Fork Restaurant will offer holiday bonus gift cards that include a complimentary \$20.00 card for any \$100.00 gift card purchase. Guests can purchase physical gift cards at the restaurant or e-cards online at www.roaringfork.com/gift-cards. The bonus cards will be offered through December 31st, 2023.

Celebrating a long-time holiday tradition, diners enjoy Roaring Fork's festive décor, wood-burning fireplace and the warm ambiance of their indoor and outdoor patios. Known for their famed bold American cuisine, holiday comfort food favorites include the Cedar Planked Salmon, 16 oz Prime Rib, Boneless Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Rainbow Trout, Grilled Fish Tacos, Sugar Cured Duck Breast, Braised Beef Short Ribs and more! Not to be missed appetizers and sides include the Green Chili Mac and Cheese, Skillet Corn Bread, Crispy Chicken Bites or the Smoked Chicken Wings.

About Roaring Fork

Roaring Fork is located at 4800 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale, Arizona. For more information call (480) 947-0795 or visit the website at www.roaringfork.com. ❖





Arizona Women's Hall of Fame's 2023 Induction Celebration to be Held October 26th at Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park in Tempe

Annual Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Celebration

The 2023 Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Celebration, honoring eight women who will be inducted this fall is taking place at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26th at Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park in Tempe.

Four Living Legacies will be added to the more than 173 women in the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. The 2023 Living Legacies are Diana Yazzie Devine, Denise Resnik, Emma Torres and Octaviana Trujillo, PhD. Each woman has left a lasting legacy in her field.

In addition to these Living Legacies, the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame will honor four women posthumously who positively affected Arizona and its communities through their work or support. The 2023 Legacies are Terri Cruz, Theodora Marsh, Eleanor Ragsdale and LaVerne Williams.

Tickets are \$30 each and are available for purchase online only at www.azwhf.org. Created in 1981 by the Office of the Governor and the Tucson Women's Commission, the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame pays tribute to the remarkable women whose commitment and contributions have played a significant role in Arizona's development and quality of life.

2023 Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Living Legacies

Dr. Octaviana V. Trujillo

Dr. Octaviana V. Trujillo is a Pascua Yaqui woman born in Guadalupe, Arizona who has devoted her life and economic career to bringing educational reform and change to indigenous people of Arizona. Among her many accomplishments, President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Trujillo to the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for environmental Cooperation to promote ecosystem protection and sustainable economic development. She is a professor at Northern Arizona University and has published many articles to address economic development, climate change and indigenous cultural inclusion.

Emma Torres

Emma Torres is a nationally recognized Hispanic Leader and healthcare advocate for immigrants and farm workers. Ms. Torres is co-founder and Executive Director of Campesinos Sin Fronteras (Farmers without Borders). She serves the health and educational needs of the immigrant farm worker community, an often-unseen community. Through her 40 years of service Ms. Torres has provided the means for immigrants to escape poverty, illness and domestic violence through education and healthcare services. Campesinos Sin Fronteras has become an exemplary model program for immigrant farm workers across the nation.

Denise Resnik

Denise Resnik is a recognized and honored leader in the Arizona community. Denise speaks, writes, and makes appearances to help educate the community about autism. She is founder of the Southwest Autism and Resource Center and is President and CEO of First Place. She leads efforts to serve our autism community, locally, nationally, and globally. Denise's life work has been to improve the lives of members of the autistic community and her contributions will help many generations to come. She has helped countless families with autism not just cope, but to thrive.

Diana Yazzie Devine "DeDe"

For the past 43 years DeDe has served as the CEO of Native American Connections. Her commitment to housing and behavioral health, while integrating Native American Culture and traditional healing practices has resulted in her recognition as an esteemed leader in Native health. The grandmothers, the mothers, the aunts, and daughters are the backbone of the native culture. They are the decision makers and DeDe understands these age-old traditions. She has created wrap around services to help address alcohol and drug recovery, breaking the cycle of abuse and addiction, healing from trauma and abuse while providing senior housing, and the only emergency shelter for homeless youth in Maricopa County. DeDe's commitment to her calling has provided immeasurable help and healing to the quiet souls in our Native American community. ❖



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Halloween Trick-or-Treating At Uptown Plaza

Fall is in the air! Sport your best Halloween costume and bring the whole family down to Uptown Plaza on Saturday, October 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for trick-or-treating. Plus, there will be a spooky surprise roaming the plaza from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Participating businesses that will be handing out candy at their locations include AJ's Fine Foods, Scoopwell's Dough Bar, Lou Malnati's, Huss Brewing Co, Manor, Chula Seafood, Hi, skin, Shake Shack and more. Plus, guests can taste delicious and complimentary custard at Shake Shack's candy station.

Uptown Plaza will host various events throughout the year, including Sunset Yoga on October 5th, Christmas at the Plaza, live music in the courtyard, family-friendly events and more. To stay up-to-date on the latest events happening, please visit www.uptownplazaphx.com/events.

Uptown Plaza is located on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road, in the heart of Phoenix's historic north-central neighborhood. The newly restored mid-century modern shopping center is a lively urban hotspot, boasting a wide selection of health, retail, and restaurants. The Plaza has over 20 retailers, and the full list can be found on the website at www.uptownplazaphx.com. ❖

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Jin Jia designed by ALINE Architecture Concepts Opens

HL Concepts and ALINE Architecture Concepts are pleased to announce opening of Jin Jia. The modern Chinese Korean restaurant opened at Desert Ridge (in the former California Pizza Kitchen location across from Barnes & Noble), bringing guests traditional Chinese fare with a Korean twist in a setting that evokes the colors and sights of a traditional lantern festival. This is the second restaurant ALINE has designed working with HL Concepts. The first was NORI Sushi at High Street in Phoenix.

“The goal was to create a highly crafted design with Chinese cultural influence,” explains ALINE Principal, Brian Laubenthal. “Taking our cues from a Chinese lantern festival, the entry showcases red Chinese lanterns in wood framed boxes on the walls, with dozens more hanging at different heights from the 12-foot ceiling of the main dining area. An enormous gold fortune cookie sculpture makes a bold design statement. And those who love

bathroom selfies won’t want to miss the mirror reflecting the red lacquer wall and a dazzling reflection of the lantern display!”

The menu features Korean-Chinese cuisine, including bao buns, noodle dishes, and a variety of rich and complex dishes that bring the best of traditional Korean and Chinese food together with a modern twist.

ALINE developed the overall design concept, then brought in Social Design Studio for interior design collaboration, AZ Direct Buy for the millwork, and Ardebili Engineering and AVSchwan Structural.

About ALINE Architecture Concepts

ALINE Architecture Concepts is a Scottsdale, Arizona based company making waves in modern architecture and design. With a focus on craft, community, and collaboration, the ultimate goal of the ALINE team is to support others and inspire those who experience their spaces.

About HL Concepts

HL Concepts Founder and Executive Chef, Hyunwook Lee, was born with a passion for both structural and edible design. He is versed in many styles of dining, with heavy emphasis on Korean, Japanese and Asian Fusion cuisines. With a passion for sharing the highest quality authentic Asian cuisine with the world, Lee is driven to deliver only the best-in-class at each of his restaurants. Lee is at the top of his class when it comes to ambition, and slowing down is not in his forecast. HL Concepts include Jin Jia, Sizzle Korean Barbecue, Shinbay, Nori, and Mug N’ Shot. ❖





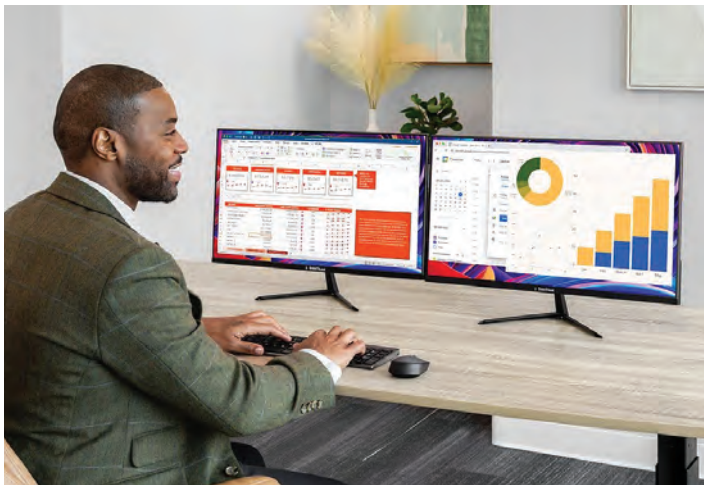
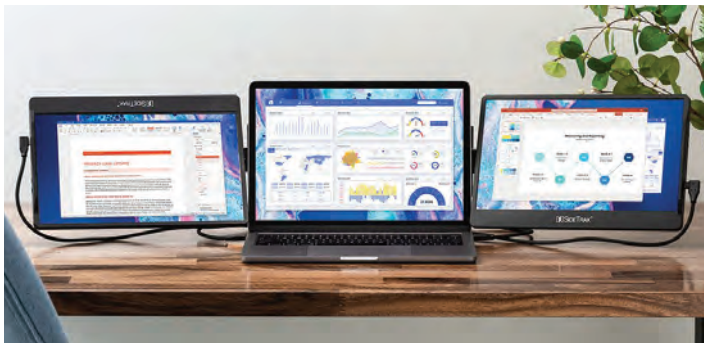
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Step Up for a Good Cause, Fashion Show to Raise Money for Valley Anti-bullying, Step Dance Team

Macy's at Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall is teaming up with the Pretty Precise Step Team, a nonprofit group that offers minority at-risk youth an opportunity to express themselves through the art of stepping and dance, for the first Pretty Rich Culture Experience and Fashion Show. Scheduled for October 21st, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Macy's in Scottsdale Fashion Square, located at 7014 E. Camelback Rd., the event will take place at the second-floor entrance and proceeds will benefit the Pretty Precise Step Team.

The event commemorates the third anniversary of the culturally diverse dance squad and gives participants an opportunity to demonstrate the poise and confidence that comes from being a part of the multi-faceted team.

Founded during the COVID-19 pandemic by mother-daughter duo, Lateka Curtis and Cheyenne James, Pretty Precise Step Team was started to give minority, at-risk youth an opportunity to express themselves through the art of stepping and dance while learning valuable life skills.

"Three years ago, our goal was to connect with minority at-risk youth and allow them to express themselves through the power of dance, but this has grown bigger than I ever imagined," said Curtis. "We have tripled in size and are on a path to keep growing exponentially. I knew there was a need for an organization that provided a community to these girls, with things like mentorship, academic and mental health support and a safe environment of sisterhood."

The Macy's partnership offers style, makeup and self-esteem guidance to the Pretty Precise Step Team. The company has also provided donations of clothing, beauty products and more to the 30 active team members. The upcoming fashion show will be emceed by Channel Powe, a Valley education, political and equity powerhouse. Audiences will also enjoy a DJ, food and local "Boss Baby" vendors, plus a chance to enter and win a Michael Kors handbag, a Coach watch and more.

"Boss Baby is a yearly showcase designed to increase awareness of our youth entrepreneurs," said Curtis. "The community can help support these young people in business by buying their paintings, lip glosses, bracelets, sweet treats and more. The program is designed to teach financial literacy and entrepreneurship."

Since its inception, Pretty Precise has taken the world by storm. With a unique style and diversity, the organization provides a sisterhood and a safe environment to keep youth off the street. The team has been featured on national media, including Good Morning America. In 2023 they participate in the Fiesta Bowl program as well as the 2023 Superbowl Extravaganza, both in Arizona. They also competed in national dance and step competitions across the country.

"Pretty Precise is dedicated to serving our members both on and off the stage and I am beyond proud of what we have achieved in just three short years," Curtis added. "I cannot wait to watch the future unfold!"

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