



# Gourmet for God



## #1 The Spirit of Cafe Forte

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM

5 Guests

Hosted by: Grace Rubel and Rosemary Catroppa

Location: 17959 N 81st Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Description: Cafe Forte was once named by our customers as the restaurant with a soul. We present "The Spirit of Cafe Forte" Dinner Menu: Appetizer - Assorted Cheese Board, Salad - Romain, Arugula, walnuts and crumbled Gorgonzola Cheese in a Dijon vinaigrette, Entree - Horseradish Crusted Salmon finished in a lemon dill sauce served over smashed golden potatoes & seasonal vegetable. Dessert - Rosie's handmade Mini Apple pie served with vanilla ice cream. Red & white wine to compliment the meal

# *Picnic and Puppies*



## **#2 Picnic with the Puppies**

Saturday, March 18th @ 12 to 3 PM

8 Guests Plus 1 dog per Adult

Hosted by: Kathie and Chris Scherff

Location: 1815 E. Secretariat Dr, Tempe, AZ 85284

Description: Sub sandwiches/chips/cookies/soft drinks/ dog treats! Bring your friendly furry friend (well behaved dogs of any age :) to meet other “dog-lovers” at NVC! Enjoy a casual afternoon at our neighborhood park enjoying sub sandwiches, sweet and salty munchies, soft drinks and some special treats for the pups! Your dog can be on or off leash at our park.

What can be better than making new human AND puppy friends?



### **#3 An Evening Tryst**

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM

4 Guests

Hosted by: Rev Lezli Goodwin and Bobby Olander

Location: 21050 N Tatum Blvd, Phoenix, AZ, 85032

Description: Join Rev Lezli and Bobby for an evening of sparkling conversation and general hilarity at their favorite local restaurant, Tryst. With lots of options (gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, as well as -- as Bobby would say -- gluten-full and meaty), you're sure to find the perfect meal with the perfect dining companions.





## #4 Grape Escape

Saturday, April 1st @ 3 to 6 PM

20 Guests

Hosted by: Ellen Raymond and Jolene Baney

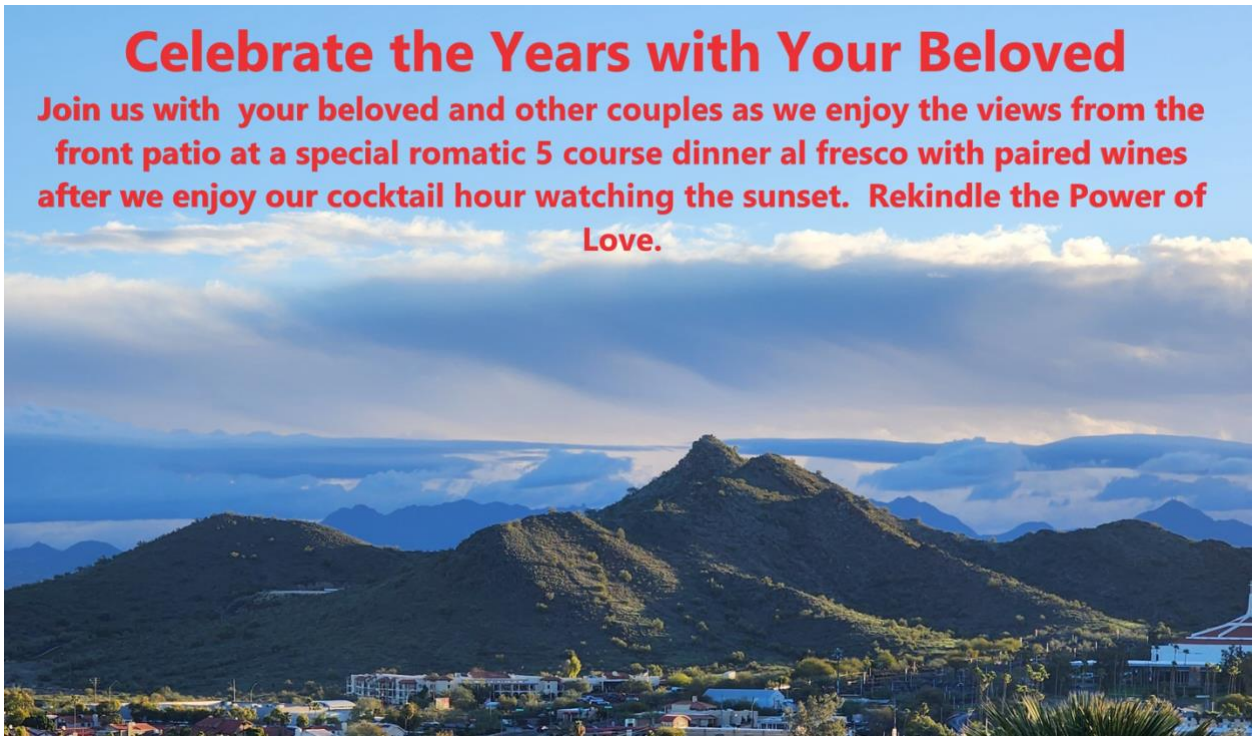
Location: 2507 N. 60th Place, Scottsdale, AZ, 85257

Description: Fine Wines and Delicious Gourmet Pairings. Education and fun with a full selection of tastings presented by **Wines for Humanity** who will introduce us to the joy of fine wines. We will learn how to taste wine, how to pair wine with food and how wine can be an integral part of a meaningful life! And since its April Fools Day, we just may bust some myths about wine that commonly fool us!

You will have the opportunity to purchase any of the wines presented, with 10% of the proceeds benefiting New Vision Center

## **Celebrate the Years with Your Beloved**

**Join us with your beloved and other couples as we enjoy the views from the front patio at a special romantic 5 course dinner al fresco with paired wines after we enjoy our cocktail hour watching the sunset. Rekindle the Power of Love.**



### **#5 Celebrate the Years with Your Beloved**

Saturday, April 8th @ 6 PM

4 Couples

Hosted by: Ron Owen and Madison Rhodes

Location: 1625 E Camino del Santo, Phoenix, AZ, 85022

Description: Most of us have busy lives and we don't get to spend that "quality time" that we crave with our beloved. Your hosts want to create a special evening with other couples with great food, majestic views and wonderful friends. We'll start off at 6pm with a "top Shelf" cocktail hour during sunset followed by a candle lit, white linen, 5 course meal on the patio.

We will be sending the menu choices in advance to all our guests.



## #6 Texas Hold'em Tournament

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

16 Guests

Hosted by: NVC Men's Group (2nd time hosted by the Men's group.)

Location: 4716 E. Hamblin Dr, Phoenix, AZ, 85050

Description: Do you know when to hold'em or fold'em? Don't worry, our professional dealers will teach you all the ropes. Novices are welcome. This tournament is a perennial favorite, but Ladies, this is not just for men! We have 2 tournament tables with professional dealers, and the buy in is \$20. All you can lose is the 20, but with a lot of luck you can leave a millionaire. So put on your poker face and bluff yourself to a win.

Chef Jack Saba and some of our other talented men will whip up some interesting appetizers or other surprises. We will also serve pizza, street tacos and dessert. Sodas, beer and wine. (Friday night casual.) Vegetarian choices. If you need GF, let us know ahead of time.





## **#7 Picnic in the Garden**

Saturday, April 15th @ 11:30 AM to 2 PM

10 Guests

Hosted by: Rev Karin Einhaus and Tom Finn

Location: 2025 E Bluefield Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 85022

Description: Join us for an authentic Italian picnic in our garden! We will have a full spread of pasta salads, antipasto, salami and capicola, fresh fruits, crusty bread, wine, and sparkling water.

Trivia and prizes round out our molto bene Italian picnic. If you enjoy al fresco dining, this is the experience for you!

# BBQ and Blues!



## #8 BBQ, Burgers & Blues

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5 to 8 PM

40 Guests

Hosted by: Rev Karin Einhaus and Tom Finn

Location: 18010 N Tatum Blvd, Phoenix, AZ, 85022

Description: Join us in celebrating the Love Warner had for music, food and a good time! Devo, Charles Mack, our very own Fred Alwag and possibly other musician are coming together to entertain, reminisce, and delight us. There will be traditional BBQ and Burger fare and an original German Potato Salad. Come prepared to dance, connect and enjoy the food. Soda and water will be provided. BYOB





## **#9 BBQ and Homemade Ice Cream Social**

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5 PM

10 Guests

Hosted by: Robert Haines

Location: 902 W. Mercer Ln, Phoenix, AZ, 85029

Description: A fun party at Robert's house, nestled up against the North Mountain Preserve. Enjoy a casual evening of amazing sliced brisket, pulled pork or turkey bar-b-que and fixins like Coleslaw, Potato Salad & Ranch style Beans from the renowned Little Miss BBQ.

Enjoy indoor and outdoor games, watch the sunset from the peaceful patio, enjoying mountain views, and lounging next to the fire pit. After sunset, enjoy custom made natural ice cream with your choice of mix-ins.



## **#10 Cinco De Mayo en Puerto Peñasco**

Friday to Sunday, May 5, 6 & 7

10 Guests

Hosted by: Larry & Kellie Hartstein, Jolene and Rick Baney, Jody Floyd and Matt Jones

Location: Rocky Point, Mexico

Description: With 2 per room, 4 guests can stay with the Hartsteins at their waterfront condo, 4 can stay at the Floyd/Jones' Sandy Beach Palace, and 2 can stay with the Baney's at their Luxury Pinacate Resort Beach Home. Included in your Bid is Friday 5/5 Sunset Cruise on the Ecsta-Sea II (Jodi and Matt's boat) - Saturday 5/6 pool party and barbecue at the Baney's - Sunday 5/7 brunch at the Hartsteins.

*Other things you can do (at your cost) while you are there. Deep sea fishing -Spa treatments - massage, facials, mani-pedis, etc.- ATV riding (Rocky Point ATV tours available or just tooling around the desert) - Swimming/Snorkeling/Tide Pooling – Parasailing -Jet-Skiing-Banana Boating-Ziplining-Shopping-Sunning*

Note: You will have the option of staying a 3rd night! Just let your host know! If you do stay an extra night, your package will also include a cocktail party on Sunday evening.



## #11 A “Peak” Experience

Friday, May 5th @ 5:15 PM

8 Guests

Hosted by: Sue and Jeff Miller

Location: 10455 E. Pinnacle Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

Description: Cordon Bleu Chef Tony Crane has planned a delightful menu at our home, Acoya Troon. We'll begin with Happy Hour, games and hors d'oeuvres on the patio, overlooking Pinnacle Peak a few steps away. Dinner will follow in a private dining room with a Calamari & Sweet Chili sauce starter, Caesar salad, Prime Rib, twice baked potato and creamed spinach. We'll finish around the patio fire pit with S'mores featuring Chef Tony's homemade marshmallows, more stories, and a toast to the sunset and stars surrounding the Peak.

Note: This dinner is donated to NVC by Acoya Troon. Hosts Sue and Jeff Miller will match the total of the successful bids.





## **#12 Cinco de Drinko (AKA Cinco de Mayo)**

Friday, May 5th @ 6 PM

20 Guests

Hosted by: Madison and Rachel Rhodes

Location: 5839 E Lewis Ave, Scottsdale, AZ, 85257

Description: Gourmet Mexican Food: Quesadillas, Street Tacos, Elote (street corn) and guacamole, chips, salsa, and top shelf tequila tastings and margaritas. Food will have gluten free options as well as non-alcoholic drinks to get your "drinko" on during this Cinco Celebration. You can also put yourself into the Drink-o by swimming in our heated pool- bring a suit and a towel. Be brave and do as the locals do: Ride a wild bull (in the water) or learn how to sing like the mariachi do! The Rhodes' know how to throw a party: so bid high-someone will be outbid, don't let it be you!



## **#13 Peaceful Bliss**

Saturday, May 20th @ 3 to 7:30 PM

16 Guests

Hosted by: Peggy Kapner, Ellen Raymond and Vernice Reyes

Location: 2507 North 60 Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Description: As the beautiful spring evening unfolds explore the Enticing Dinners laid out before you.

Take a break and relax and enjoy Peaceful Bliss! Join with us on a wonderful journey with Vernice Reyes and her bowls. Unwind, relax and melt into the peace of Yoga Nidra -a relaxing guided meditation .Mindfully enjoy the delicious delicacies placed before you of Scrumptious Hors d'oeuvres, Carefully Chosen Wines and Refreshing Non Alcoholic Beverages. Join in the conversation and the laughter of friends and beloveds.



## **#14 Games and Grub with 2 Texas Gals**

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4 to 7:30 PM

8 Guests

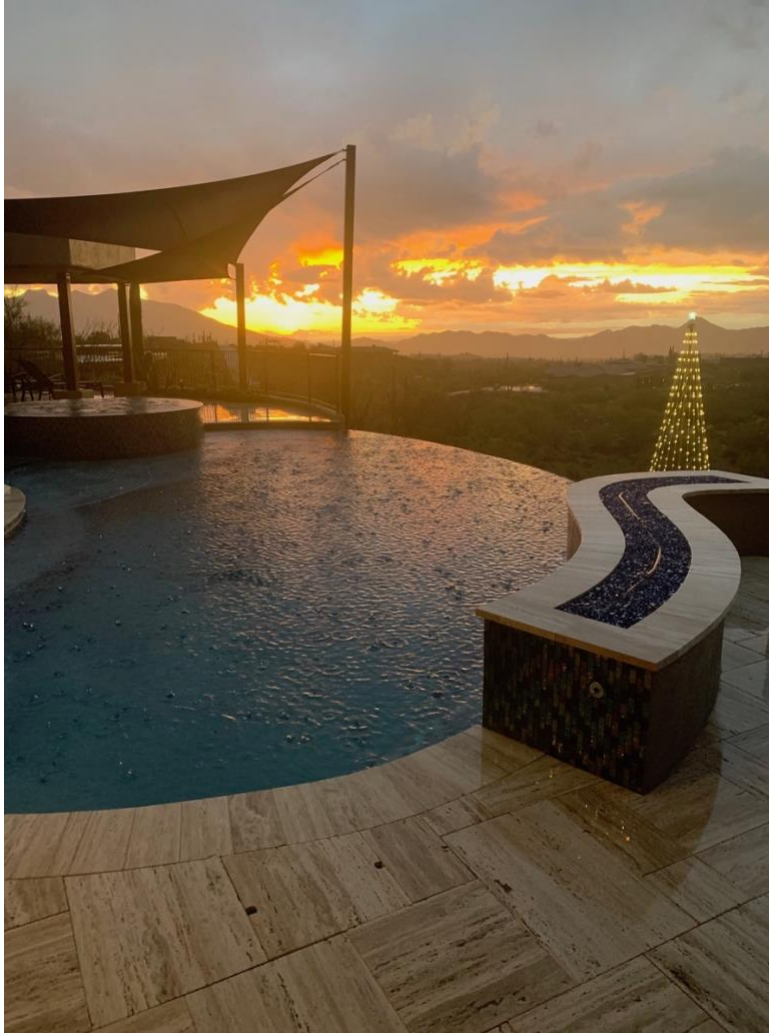
Hosted by: Nancy Harkins and Judy Walruff

Location: 9673 E Sutton Dr, Scottsdale AZ 85260

Description: Join 2 Texas Gals for good food, good fun, and lots of laughter. We will chow down on pork chops, bean soup, cornbread, salad, munches and a surprise southern dessert. Tea and margaritas and other adult beverages available. Then we'll play Pictionary and, perhaps, other games!!

(Just a heads up a kitty cat does live in this house, just in case you might be allergic to cats. Oh, and a hypo-allergenic maltipoo lives here too).





## **#15 A Carefree Afternoon**

Monday, May 29th @ 11 to 3 PM

30 Guests

Hosted by: Susan and Russ Kerby

Location: 8332 E Spanish Boot Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377

**Description:** Summer fun with Swimming, Singing and Sizzling BBQ Fare. **FOOD:** Chicken Sausage, Pepper and Onion Hoagies; Grilled Corn on the Cob; Cannellini Bean Salad, Potato Salad; Lettuce Wedge and Blue Cheese Salad; & other surprises. **FUN:** Cool off in the pool.... Hang out on the edge of infinity.... Float with mountain views.... Lounge on the Baja ledge .... Heat up in the Hot tub .... Delight in the mist of the covered patio.... Listen, Sing or Play along with "Band So It Is."

**Musical Note:** "Band So It Is" (with Jack Saba and Russ Kerby) is inviting guests to join in with an instrument or be the lead singer for a song or two. Song selections must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Contact Russ if interested in accompanying "Band So It Is" 707-481-6737 [russkerby@aol.com](mailto:russkerby@aol.com)



*Dinner for 6*

**FRENCH  
RACLETTE**

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**#16 French Raclette**

Saturday, June 3rd @ 6 to 9 PM

5 Guests

Hosted by: Maureen Geraghty

Location: 35<sup>th</sup> Ave & the 101, Glendale, AZ 85308 (address will be sent to guests)

Description: La Raclette is a staple at many ski chalets and alpine lodges. In fact, if you've visited the Alps, chances are good that you've enjoyed some Raclette. But you don't need to go to the Swiss or French Alps to have Raclette or even to a restaurant, you can simply come to Maureen's home for dinner.

We will experience community cooking as we gather around the Raclette grill and enjoy grilled vegetables, meat, chicken, and fish with melted Raclette cheeses and crusty bread. Paired with some delicious wine, followed by a dessert that we will also create on the grill.



Join us for a Fabulous 4th BBQ  
and "Diamonds in the Sky" viewing party!

## **#17 4th of July BBQ and "Diamonds in the Sky"**

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM

30 Guests

Hosted by: Ron Owen and Peter Rosenberg

Location: 1625 E Camino del Santo Dr , Phoenix, AZ, 85022

Description: Enjoy one of the best 4th of July viewing parties in all of Phoenix! Come at 5pm to enjoy some outdoors games and drinks followed at 6pm by a traditional BBQ off the grill with some of your favorite 4th salads like potato salad, coleslaw and lots of pies and cookies. We'll have a few plant based proteins available if requested in advance. Beverages include variety of waters, sodas, juice, wine, beer and cocktails.

Most importantly, we want you to chillax and enjoy seeing old friends and making new friendships!