## **UPTOWN NOW**

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Happy hour and dinner favorite Kona Grill at Scottsdale Fashion Square has a new look. Just in time to celebrate its 15th birthday, the restaurant underwent a complete remodel.

We love the new bubble wall that spans the length of the sushi bar, the custom water wall on the patio, and fun circular fish tank. The colors and textures throughout the space are all new-but the food and drinks are the same favorites as always. Yum. 7014 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale; 480.429.1100; www.konagrill.com.



BY MICHELLE GLICKSMAN



## Screen Time

Film buffs, get your popcorn ready. Harkins Theatres just announced that development is underway on a new 14-screen luxury megaplex cinema at Scottsdale Fashion Square.

In Scottsdale style, this isn't your typical cinema. In fact, Mike Bowers, the president of Harkins Theatres, says the new movie center—Camelview at Fashion Square—will be "unlike anything that exists in the marketplace today."

Luxury amenities will include reserved seating, Harkins Ultimate Lounger seats (plush lounge chairs with electronic reclining mechanisms), wall-to-wall curved screens, a lobby lounge with a full bar, a unique concessions menu, and more. The theatre is expected to open in the spring of 2015. www.harkins-theatres.com.



# Home Again

As My Sister's Closet proves, you're never too old to go home again. The designer consignment shop is moving—back to where it all began for the now 14-store brand.

On Feb. 8, My Sister's Closet and Well Suited will be open in their new space at Town & Country Shopping Center, just behind Nordstrom Rack.

"Town & Country Shopping Center has been a great location for us these past two decades, but it is even more special because this is where My Sister's Closet started back in 1991," explains CEO and Eco-Chic Consignments Founder Ann Siner. "When Jenny and I opened our first store here, we had a feeling the community would embrace our recycled designer apparel shop, but never imagined it would blossom into three brands with 14 stores in multiple states."

The new space offers almost 6,400 square feet and a more modern, fashionable feel than the previous location—but the same great deals on designer handbags, shoes, clothes, accessories and jewelry.

Bonus: Feb. 8 also marks the annual Spring Unveiling at the stores!

4859 N. 20th St., Phoenix; 602.954.6080; www.mysisterscloset.com.

# Biltmore Beer Dinners

Beer is "haute" right now, and The Arizona Biltmore knows it. The resort recently announced a series of Beer Dinners, which pair some of Arizona's finest microbrews with three-course original menus by Executive Chef Gordon Maybury.

"The array of unique beers being created by these Arizona microbreweries is a joy to pair with food because they are sophisticated, nuanced and burst with a range of flavors, consistencies and finishes," explains Maybury. "The Biltmore Beer Dinners will be multifaceted culinary experiences that will wow beer aficionados and novices alike."

The dinners will be held on the second Monday of each month through April at Frank & Albert's at the resort.

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# FASHION FOR A CAUSE

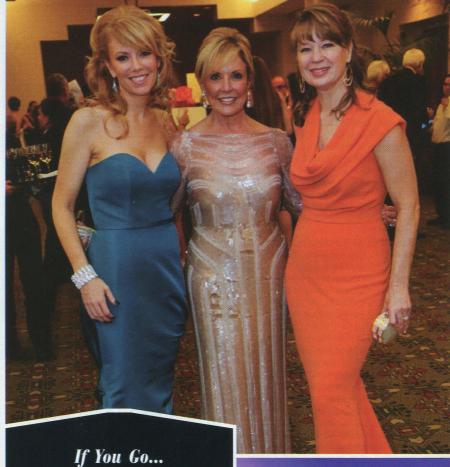
See the latest styles and give back at the Fresh Start Fashion Gala

BY SHANA SCHWARZ

here are many great charity events in the Valley each year, but few have quite the reputation for style and sophistication as the Fresh Start Fashion Gala. Celebrating its 18th year, this event features a lively cocktail reception, fullscale runway show, gourmet dinner, and an after party that's not to be missed. Organizers this year are excited about changes made to the 2014 installment, so even if you've attended before, odds are that you are in for a few surprises. All proceeds from the event will benefit Fresh Start Women's Foundation and the Jewell McFarland Lewis Fresh Start Women's Resource Center.

"The team that we have working on this year's gala is extraordinary," says Susan Berman, president and CEO of Fresh Start Women's Foundation. "From our co-chairs to our corporate committee, we are in great company. Our Founder's Award Honorees for this year are two long-time supporters of Fresh Start, who mean the world to our organization-Anne Mariucci and Kathy Munro. Our co-chairs, sisters Ann Siner and Tess Loo, have many other exciting changes and additions in store this year, which I am certain will truly make 2014 the best gala ever!"

Fresh Start Women's Foundation empowers women to transform their lives through engagement and education. Fresh Start focuses on three core values: economic self-sufficiency, self-esteem



WHAT: 18th Annual Fresh Start Fashion Gala

WHEN: Feb. 22, 6-11 p.m. WHERE: Arizona Biltmore

TICKETS: \$500 INFORMATION: www.freshstart-

women.org

enhancement, and lifelong learning. This unique empowerment model offers a variety of services including career, legal, self-esteem, mentoring, education, and more. The Jewell McFarland Lewis Women's Resource in Phoenix offers an e-learning center and child watch services. Fresh Start also operates the Fresh Start Treasures resale boutique and East Valley Fresh Start at the Chandler Goodwill Career Center.

Siner and Loo are responsible for many fun changes (including a signature Fresh Start cocktail, red carpet entrance, and fashion from international designer Etro). They are excitedly looking forward

to their involvement with the event and foundation.

"Fresh Start empowers women to transform their lives," they shared. "The programs and services they offer are unmatched in our community. From economic self-sufficiency to personal development to education-Fresh Start is helping women help themselves. We have been so fortunate in our business at My Sister's Closet, we felt compelled to help other 'sisters' at Fresh Start."

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