

Gatekeepers MC 6 Alarm Firehouse Cook-off ¹⁵

This event, presented by Two Gals Events, took place on Saturday February 26, 2016 from 6:30-10pm. About 150 people came out to the Allstate Appliance Scottsdale Showroom on Hayden Rd in Scottsdale for this gastronomic get-together. Firehouse cooks & restaurant chefs from around the Valley were engaged in a cook-off. In addition, there was a 'Cocktail Concoctions Challenge' with Old Smokey Moonshine, Dirty Tequila, and Dirty Dick Liquor {AZ Moonshine}.

This was a 'grownups night out' with designated drivers encouraged ~ as there was definitely sampling & imbibing on the schedule ☺ Driving services 'Lyft' and 'Uber' each posted offers of ride credits on the event's FB page, for new users.

Scheduled judges were Debbie Gaby, Valley resident & philanthropist, Chef Dad {former fire fighter & guest chef on 3TV's Sunday Good Morning Arizona}, and Vince Lucero, veteran MMA fighter.

Several firehouses participated, along

with Dickey's BBQ, The Foothills Golf Club, Chef Al from Salt & Lime Mexican Grill, Private Chef Scott Hughes, Chef J of The Haymaker Restaurant, and Chef Chris, Executive Chef of Jolie's Place.

Entertainment was live music provided by Singer/Songwriter Rob West. A silent auction offered a variety of items to bid upon; including a hand-built 1:48 scale replica of the USS Constitution created by Steve Sand... It is beautiful.

Over & above 'bragging rights', medals were awarded to the winners; plus prizes donated by the liquor reps. Jolie's Place won 'Judges Choice' and Chef Scott Hughes won 'People's Choice'.

We learned that the beneficiary, the 100 Club of Arizona, received "a few thousand" dollars from the gathering. Their mission is, "To provide immediate financial assistance to families of public safety officers and firefighters who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and to provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare." [from their website <http://www.100club.org>]

Gatekeepers MC is made up of Arizona Firefighters. The Club is based out of the Phoenix metropolitan area, with a Chapter in Tucson as well. Members are personnel from fire departments in Maricopa County and Southern Arizona. It is a non-profit organization that raises funds for various organizations. Visit their website at <http://gatekeepersmc.com> or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GATEKEEPERSMCArizona

Two Gals Events extends thanks to sponsor Chuck Franklin, all the Chefs and Restaurants, the liquor reps, the attendees, and Allstate Appliances for their support of this event.

Thank you to Missi from TwoGals for sending along info for this report. She also told us that next year's event will be held on Saturday January 28th, benefiting the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Bon appétit ~

Betsy

** photos from the Gatekeepers MC FB page **

