

TPV Clubs

Wednesdays

NotMyKid's EMBRACE group meets 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the notMYkid office, 5230 E. Shea Blvd. EMBRACE is a confidential group providing encouragement, support and resources to parents faced with difficult issues and decisions within their families as it relates to raising teens. Call 602-452-0163.

Paradise Valley Rotary Club meets 5:30 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month at Mountain Shadows Golf Club. Dinner at 6 p.m. For details, visit www.pvrotary.org, or e-mail info@pvrotary.org.

Thursdays

Business Network International, a group of 43 non-competing businesses that meet each week to refer business to one another, meets 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Rock Bottom Brewery at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Call Brent Sullivan, 480-620-7300.

Paradise Valley Moms of Multiples host general meetings 6:30 p.m. the first Thursdays of each month at Scottsdale Healthcare Shea, 9003 E. Shea Blvd. Activities and guest speakers. For details, e-mail president@mypvmom.org or ember-ship@mypvmom.org.

Widow and Widowers Networking Group meets 5:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month at Pita Jungle, 7366 E. Shea Blvd. Group builds friendships through communication, cultural events and social activities. All are welcome. E-mail dovesinthedesert@yahoo.com.

Weekend

Calculated Couples hosts its next singles dance 8 p.m. March 3, Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort, 5401 N. Scottsdale Road. DJ, dancing and more for those ages 29 to retirement. Dress to impress. Cost \$10. Call 602-765-0200.

Grand Canyon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its next meeting March 3 at Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale. Guest speaker is Hans Olson on the Arizona Music Hall of Fame. Reservations: 480-948-7437.

Mondays

Central Phoenix Women will meet 11:30 a.m. March 5 at the Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix, 2901 E. Camelback Road. Microsoft Steve Business Specialist Yuval Yisrael discusses "Today's Mobile Interactive Technology." www.centralphoenix-women.org.



Above, Rod and Brad Cullum welcome visitors to a special event presented recently by Cullum Homes to honor leading real estate professionals in Paradise Valley. The event was held at The Village at Paradise Reserve. Above right, from left, Scott Grigg, Kim and Rod Cullum.

Top real estate producers honored at The Villages at Paradise Reserve

Many of Paradise Valley's top real estate professionals gathered recently at The Village at Paradise Reserve for a special celebration honoring their sales achievements in 2011.

The event, hosted by Cullum Home's owners Rod and Kim Cullum, featured several notable Valley chefs, including Lee Hillson, executive chef at The Royal Palms Resort and Spa; Maggie Norris, owner of Whisked Away; and private chef J. Whiting, who prepared delicious menu selections for the agents and their guests to enjoy.

The focus of the evening was to recognize Realtors who contributed greatly to a very active local real estate market in 2011.

"Paradise Valley had 347 homes sold in 2011, which is a 136 percent increase over the 147 sold in all of 2008 and an 18 percent increase over the number sold in 2010," noted Rod Cullum when discussing the present state of the Paradise Valley real estate market.

"Of the homes sold in 2011, 70 sales came in at \$2 million or greater. This trend looks like it is carrying into 2012 and indicates that Paradise Valley real estate has a new energy going forward."

The Village at Paradise Reserve, located at 40th Street and Lincoln Drive, exemplifies one of the bright spots in the challenging real



Lee Hillson, left, executive chef at the Royal Palms Resort and Spa, prepares a feast for the event. The chef on the right is unidentified.

estate environment. The gated neighborhood, tucked up into a mountain preserve, features 32 single-family home sites with a choice of four customized floor plans. In less than a year since the model homes opened, 10 residences have been completed or are under construction.

Homes offer a private, "lock-and-go" life style and range in size from 3,201 to 5,165 square feet. Homes in The Village at Paradise Reserve are priced from \$1,550,000.

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