# THE LUX LIFE

The Unexpected Experience.





A new year means a new chapter. We wanted to pass along a little phrase to usher in the new year and perhaps inspire the tone for the upcoming months: "It's a time to make way for the new, to reaffirm and dream afresh, to embrace new joys and embark on new adventures."

The staff of Lux Offices is ever grateful for another opportunity to create, inspire and excel, as we present ourselves on a fresh, blank canvas in 2022. It's difficult not to look back and compare the previous years. Most of us entered 2021 wanting to hold on to lessons from the previous year when everything halted.

Where did we succeed, where did we fall a little short, and is there anything we want to do differently in 2022? We hope this year fills your life with prosperity, love, laughter, and much success!

May this year become an incredible addition to your story!

~ The Lux Ladies ~



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## **Celebrating Our Neighbors**

## Welcome to the Lux Family!

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Soli Health, LLC
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## Friendly Reminder!

Do you know someone who is looking to join the Lux Life?

We offer a \$200 credit towards your next month's rent if you refer someone to our office who signs a year or more executive lease.

Simply tell a friend about the Lux life and when they lease an office with us, the credit is yours.

## Anniversaries

#### January

- Savage Walker and Associates- 15 Years
- CSP Financial Group- 14 Years
- Sun Country Insurance- 13 Years
- Enviro Energy- 13 Years
- Dr. Hegybeli- Stucture Osteopath- 12 Years
- 3rd Base Realty- 10 Years
- Schoaf Law Office- 7 Years
- Rio Rancho Painting- 5 Years
- Tonn Investments, LLC- 5 Years
- Cyndi Hardy Photography- 3 Years
- Michael P. Upshaw, Attorney at Law- 2 Years
- Urban Landscape Solutions, LLC- 2 Years
- Danbury Law Group, PLLC- 1 Year
- Fetch Insurance Group- 1 Year
- The King Approach, LLC- 1 Year

#### **February**

- Hirsch & Lyon, PLLC- 14 Years
- Becker Zarling Law- 12 Years
- Wayne Howell- 11 Years
- Aurora Group Consulting Inc.- 7 Years
- Arizona Jewelry Appraisals-6 Years
- Fierro Fire and Security LLC-6 Years
- Burns and Burns, PC- 5 Years
- Snyder & Wenner, PC- 5 Years
- JAWKU- 4 Years
- Dietz Law- 3 Years
- CBCG Law- 2 Years
- Pronto Tax Services 2 Years
- The Drake Group, LLC- 2 Years
- Savoy Tax and Bookkeeping- 2 Years
- Accenda Insurance Services, LLC- 1 Year
- FirstLight Homecare- 1 Year
- Harvest Wealth Management- 1 Year
- Hayden Royal of Arizona, LLC 1 Year

## THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING US WITH YOUR

## **Avondale Community Updates**

Need new places to try for lunch around the west valley?

We have you covered!

#### The Pasta Factory

A taste of the old country, brought to
Avondale by a man and his four daughters, is
alive and well thanks to The Pasta Factory.
Have your fill of bistecca alla gorgonzola or
linguine con vongole, or maybe a classic
fettuccine alfredo in the warm atmosphere of
this authentic Italian eatery.

#### Eric's Family Barbecue

12345 W Indian School Rd, Avondale, AZ 85392
Fresh meat, handcrafted desserts, and
even some Arizonan specialties like elotes
(beautifully seasoned Mexican street corn) all
come in spades at Eric's Family Barbecue.

#### Rudy's "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q

845 N Litchfield Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85338
Brisket, ribs & sides served up cafeteriastyle in a no-frills setting with indoor picnic tables.



## **Did you know?**



#### M&M stands for Mars and Murrie.

Forrest Mars (son of the Mars Company founder) first spotted the British confection Smarties during the Spanish Civil War and noticed the candy shell prevented the chocolate from melting.

He teamed up with Bruce Murrie (son of Hershey Chocolate's president) and the company later trademarked the "Melts in Your Mouth, Not in Your Hand" slogan.

## **Upcoming Events**

Around Avondale



#### 11th Annual Arizona Balloon Classic

January 28th - January 30th

Goodyear Ballpark - 1933 S Ballpark Way, Goodyear, 85338 A 3-day event, featuring hot air balloon rides, family fun zone, hot air balloon tether rides, and festival foods. Desert Glows on Friday and Saturday evenings – a field of illuminated, tethered hot air balloons will glow in time to music. Please note: No pets allowed. All ballooning events are dependent upon weather conditions.

#### Next Gen Test Fest



January 25th | 10am - 5pm

Phoenix Raceway- 7602 Jimmie Johnson Dr, Avondale, 85323 Fans can enjoy testing from the Phoenix Raceway Canyon section of the grandstands! The event and parking are FREE of charge, and concessions will be available for purchase. In addition to checking out the new Next Gen cars, fans can enjoy fun, family games, as well as grab a bite to eat or drink at the food truck in the Midway. Mark your calendars as the Next Gen Test Fest will be at Phoenix Raceway.

#### Wigwam 12th Annual Festival of Fine Art

February 18th - February 20th

The Wigwam- 300 East Wigwam Blvd, Litchfield Park, 85340 Welcome to Arizona's premier Fine Art venue ~ Located in the heart of Litchfield Park's historic district, the legendary Wigwam Resort plays host to this extraordinary three-day event, featuring nationally recognized artists, dancers, and musicians. Visitors will be greeted at the main entrance by towering palms, manicured lawns, and colorful lush gardens.

The historic grounds at the Wigwam are filled with charming nooks and botanical gardens, offering an intimate setting and an unparalleled ambiance for outdoor dining, arts and entertainment. Discover the incredible works of more than 125 of the Southwest's most accomplished fine artists and craftsmen, all displayed in this stunning outdoor gallery. Live musical performances, alfresco dining, and refreshing beverages all compliment your festival experience.

## **Scottsdale Community Updates**

## Valentine's Date Night Ideas

#### Have an At-Home Trivia Night

According to Psychology Today, the bond that forms from teamwork releases the brain chemical oxytocin in humans, "which is also linked to experiences of empathy, generosity and orgasm." So, use an app like HouseParty, which features fun trivia, or JackBox games to recreate that pub feel at home.

#### Check Out a Museum

If you default to conversation about the kids or the long to-do list at home, try an activity—like a visit to a local museum—that will spark thoughtful conversation way outside the realm of your day-to-day responsibilities.

#### Take a Cooking Class

Most major cities (and even some local restaurants) offer cooking classes where you can learn to make anything from pizza to sushi. (For Valentine's Day, we recommend indulging your sweet tooth with a dessert-making class.) But you can also take advantage of the wide variety of online classes too.

#### • Visit a Rock Climbing Gym

Activities like rock climbing not only release endorphins, but also require couples to lean on teamwork skills and trust one another, says licensed psychologist Michele Leno, Ph.D.

### **Upcoming Events**

Around Scottsdale



#### The Arizona Wine Festival @ Heritage Square

Friday, January 28th | 6pm - 9pm Saturday January 29th | 11am - 7pm Sunday, January 30th | 11am - 5pm Heritage Square Foundation - 113 N 6th St, Phoenix, 85004 Arizona's premier wine festival is back! Featuring 20 of Arizona's best wineries along with over 40 non-winery vendors including fine arts, artisan foods, vintage vendors, and non-stop entertainment along with 2 food trucks and local beer.

#### 6th Annual Doggie Street Festival

Saturday, January 29th | 10am - 4pm

Steele Indian School Park - 300 E Indian School Rd,
Phoenix, 85012

Join us at our 6th Annual Doggie Street Festival Phoenix. This not-to-be missed companion animal adopt-a-thon and fun celebration of our furry best friends presents fantastic pet products & services, yummy eats, vet tips, music, auction prizes and much more!

#### Wonderland Valentine Festival

Saturday, February 22nd | 11am - 5pm Singh Meadows -1490 E Weber Dr, Tempe, 85281 It's tea time with Alice and her friends in Wonderland. Celebrate Valentine's Day with Mad About You crafts and activities. Jump down the rabbit hole! Enjoy options for face painting, balloons, hair do's, pony rides, boutique shopping and a farmers market. Come in costume if you wish. Don't be late! There are picnic spots and lunch is available to purchase at the cafe. Fun for all ages. Free for adults and kids under 12 months. Tickets include pretend tea with Alice and Hatter, treat bags and a raffle ticket. Mini photos are optional for \$10. Parking is an additional fee of \$5 per car.

#### ASK US ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We have partnered with companies around the valley for all of your business needs. We have recommendations and discounts. Feel free to stop by and ask us about them!

- Courier Services
- MediSpa @ Guyette Surgery
- Dry Cleaning Services
- OYeah App

### What's Cookin'?

## White Wine Coq au Vin

Prep: 15 min Cook: 40 min Total: 55 min



#### **Ingredients**

- 3 pounds of chicken (8 pieces total thighs, breasts and drumsticks)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter
- 4 strips of bacon, diced
- 1 large sweet onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pint of cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 2 cups of dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon of whole-grain mustard
- ½ cup of heavy cream
- ¼ cup of chopped fresh parsley

#### **Directions**

- Season the chicken with salt and pepper. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat.
   Add the chicken to the skillet and cook until it's well browned, about 4 minutes per side.
- Remove the chicken from the skillet and set aside. Add the bacon to the skillet and cook until the fat begins to render, about 3 minutes.
- Add the onion and sauté until it becomes translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and mushrooms, and sauté until the mushrooms are tender, 5 to 6 minutes.
- Add the browned chicken back to the skillet.
   Pour the wine into the skillet, stir in the mustard and bring the mixture to a simmer over mediumlow heat.
- Cover the skillet and simmer until the chicken is almost fully cooked, 15 to 20 minutes.
- Uncover the skillet and add the cream. Simmer until the sauce thickens and the chicken is fully cooked, 8 to 10 minutes.
- Garnish with parsley and serve immediately.

## **Garlicky Potatoes**

Prep: 5 mins Cook: 20 mins Total: 25 mins Yield: 8 servings

#### **Ingredients**

• 2 quarts of chicken broth

 5 pounds of potatoes, peeled and quartered

- 5 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1 cup of heavy cream
- ½ cup of sour cream
- 3 tablespoons of chopped fresh chives
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- ¼ cup of melted butter

## **Directions**1. Bring

- Bring chicken broth to a boil.
   Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes; drain, reserving broth.
- 2. Stir in garlic, cream and 1 to 2 tablespoons broth; mash until creamy. Blend in sour cream, chives, salt and butter. Heat through and serve.

# Valentine's Day Dessert Kabobs 2

#### Description:

Angel food cake, berries and smooth chocolate drizzled on top to make your sweetheart happy. Super easy Valentine's Day recipe with only five ingredients and instructions for how to melt your chocolate so it's smooth and drizzle worthy.



#### <u>Ingredients:</u>

- One large angel food cake, cut into large chunks
- · 6 ounces of blackberries, cleaned
- 6 ounces of raspberries, cleaned
- I cup of chocolate chips
- I tablespoon of shortening

#### Instructions:

- I. Fill a small pot about half way with water and bring to a simmer. Add chocolate chips and shortening to a metal bowl that sits a few inches into the pot. Stir until the chocolate is melted.
- Skewer the remaining ingredients in the following order: black berries, raspberries, angel food cake. Repeat until your skewer is comfortably filled.
- Using a spoon, drizzle chocolate over skewers. Serve immediately.



#### Word Search



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Creativity
Effectively
Honesty
Integrity
Problem-solving
Skills

Appearance
Career Planning
Critical Thinking
Employability
Independent
Interpersonal Skills
Procedures
Team Work

Approaches Challenging Demonstrate Employment Industry Interpret Data Punctuality Technological Behavior Communicate Diversity Exhibit Innovate Multiple Situation Time Management