Michael Dee's Publisher Letter: November 2012

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We are proud to present Arizona Foothills Magazine's annual Luxury Issue!

Luxury has so many different meanings—from that private casita with a plunge pool at the Four Seasons in Costa Rica to the newest pair of Jimmy Choos. I decided to ask some of the Valley's most successful people: What does luxury mean to you in one word? You will find their answers interesting. Freedom was the No. 1 response—seems fitting with this being an election year. Here is the list:

Amber Walter, Author of "The Three-Year Lie": Freedom

Carrie Martz, CEO of The Martz Agency: Freedom

James Loo, M.D., President of Premier Family Care: Simplicity

Dr. Steve Lipsky, M.D., Owner of Doctor Housecalls of Paradise Valley: Freedom

Robert E. Lee, Intuitive: Peace

Christopher Gross, Chef and Co-owner of Christopher's Restaurant and Crush Lounge: Jamie

Aaron May, Chef and Partner of LTB Concepts: Comfort

Erik Peterson, AIA, Principal Architect of PHX Architecture: Delight

Lynne Love, Philanthropist: Love

Lady La, Fox 10 and 101.5 JAMZ FM Personality: Cheesecake

Scott Gauthier, Designer and Owner of Jewelry by Gauthier: Artistic Freedom

Larry Buchanan, Retired Saks Fifth Avenue Executive: Service

Pari Scroggin, Attorney with Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester: Bliss

Elycia Marie, Owner of Arcadia Vintage: Freedom

Jamie Hormel, Owner of The Wrigley Mansion: Quality

Johnjay Van Es, Host of Radio Show, Johnjay & Rich, 104.7 KISS FM: Family

Alfredo J. Molina, CEO of Molina Fine Jewelers: Access

Melissa Larsen, Editor in Chief of Arizona Foothills Magazine: Chocolate

Hal Looney, Area President of Shea Homes/Active Lifestyle Division: Family

Taber Anderson, Principal and Chief Investment Officer of The True Life Companies: Freedom

Jason Rose, President of Rose+Moser+Allyn: Thread-count

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Michael Lindstrom, Author and Performance Consultant: Freedom

Kassie Rehorn,

Volunteer with the Ronan Thompson Foundation: Health

Shelley Kuhle, Mom: Health

Jacqueline Nerguizian,

Designer and Owner of Jacqueline Nerguizian Fine Jewelry: Love

Melissa Rein, The Brand Consortium PR: Freedom

Anthony Salcito, President of Salcito Custom Homes: Sleep

Vernon Parker,

Candidate for Congress and Arizona's Ninth Congressional District: Sleep

Kate Birchler,

Senior Marketing Manager of Scottsdale Fashion Square: Meditation

Amy Dattilo,

Store Manager and Makeup Specialist of Citrine Natural Beauty Bar: Indulgence

Luxury, to me, is time. Time to do what I love to do, and time to spend with my family and friends who I love the most. My No. 1 luxury is, of course, my son. I love you, Spencer, always. Enjoy the Luxury Issue and, remember, AZFoothills.com's Best of Our Valley voting ends Nov. 30. Wishing you and your family the very best this Thanksgiving!

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