

Phoenix Suns President to Share Courageous Story

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EXTRA EXTRA!

SUNS PRESIDENT & CEO, RICK WELTS TO SPEAK AT CAFFE BOA IN TEMPE TOMORROW NIGHT

Phoenix Suns President & CEO, Rick Welts will share his courageous story when he joins a panel of speakers at Caffe Boa in Tempe tomorrow night, as part of azcentral.com's "Arizona Storytellers" series.

The event, "Life on the Edge: Stories Inspired by the Grand Canyon" will feature Welts, along with The Republic's Karina Bland and Richard Ruelas, discussing individual moments that have changed each of their lives. Welts will describe the events that led up to his May 16 front-page New York Times story that announced he is gay, becoming the first senior executive of a major league sports team to do so.

Admission to the event is free; however a \$10 donation (\$5 for students) is encouraged, with proceeds benefitting Republic Charities. Seating begins at 7 p.m., with speakers scheduled to take the stage at 7:30. Guests are strongly encouraged to make a reservation with the restaurant.

In celebration of Arizona's centennial year, The Arizona Republic, 12 News and azcentral.com created "Arizona Storytellers" as a way for Arizonans to share inspirational stories with one another. In order to bring the project to life, azcentral.com has hosted a series of live storytelling nights this summer, including tomorrow night's event at Caffe Boa.

Caffe Boa is located at 398 S. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281.