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Lets face it: spending money just to get through the door of bars on Mill Avenue is overrated. Still searching for New Year's Eve plans? Weary about the plans you have already made? With the biggest holiday for extravagant festivities only hours away, celebrate the countdown to midnight at a new Scottsdale nightclub.

For those dreading the hectic lines in downtown Scottsdale, Platinum Lounge at Dave and Buster's located in Desert Ridge Marketplace is a refreshing alternative. Best of all, the popular new spot costs nothing for general admission.

For years, Dave and Buster's has been a place for "family-friendly" activities. The large entertainment venue located in the heart of North Scottsdale recently launched the Platinum Lounge for adults looking to sip a drink without the swarm of people. While the bar introduces a new sophisticated twist to Scottsdale nightlife, drinks are poured with a heavy hand behind the granite-topped bar.

With its swanky interior and spacious outdoor patio, Platinum is a much-sought gem that touts affordable prices and specials. With top-shelf liquor and a comfortable vibe, the nightclub is a refreshing nightlife experience for both rowdy students and young professionals seeking an upscale night out. Attracting a diverse clientele, this bar is a necessity for New Year's Eve extravaganzas.

However, for day-drinkers and weekday crowds, this fantastic new bungalow is open exclusively Thursday through Saturday. Located in a recently renovated banquet room above Dave and Buster's, the patio overlooks Desert Ridge, providing a spectacular view for people-watching throughout the weekend. The 6,500 square foot venue is a stylish indoor-outdoor hotspot.

Platinum Lounge has been patiently anticipating their grand opening event on New Year's Eve. The first 200 people to RSVP on the nightclub's New Year's Eve Facebook page, will receive Bud Light Platinum beers all night for just a penny. Most importantly, Platinum Lounge will be offering no cover fee for the last night of 2012.

DJ Joey T will be spinning his mash-up into the early morning. Expectedly, the nightclub is offering generous deals throughout the night to welcome the new year. Specials can be purchased starting at \$50 per person including: a reserved VIP table, a pass to the buffet, a bottle of Champagne Moet Chandon and two drink tickets. Come to Platinum Lounge Thursday through Saturday, 8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. 21001 N. Tatum Blvd. Suite 44-1400, Phoenix, AZ, 85050. www.daveandbusters.com