

AZ Insider: Celeb Apprentice Winner "Poisons" Phoenix Party?

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the inside scoop on the Valley's social scene and Celebrities.



Kathy's inside scoop on how Bret Michaels appearance rocked a Phoenix charity party.

Bret Michaels appearance at one of the Valley's most popular black tie galas - "rocked" beyond singing, but simply posed for photos with guests. Could we say that **Bret Michaels** attendance at the Promise Ball was good "POISON?" In this case, as in the case of Bret winning Celebrity Apprentice 3 - yes! Because **Bret** - the lead singer of the glam metal band Poison- (they have sold over 30 million records worldwide starting in the 80's) helped add \$78,000 to the charity's offers within less than 15 minutes!

Yes, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - Desert Southwest Chapter was "rocked" by the rock stars donation of a trip to one of his concerts on a private plane and back stage passes - and two signed guitars! (By the way.. Don't miss it.. **Bret** will be on the cover of the March issue of Arizona Foothills Magazine.)



The concert packages at this Promise Ball 2012 fetched \$25,000 each in the live auction and the guitars sold twice for \$14,000 each. Kudos to **Bret Michaels** because he not only attended the VIP reception - but posed for pics (taken by photographer **Lauren Nicole**) on a Harley Davidson with all of the 200 VIP guests. That was a long line.



Scott Whyte, Elise Whyte and their children (picutred above) spoke about living with Type 1 diabetes.

The affair chaired **Susan Solliday** and **Nancy Petrenka** who, along with Promise Ball director **Tammy Crawford** and their committee, are thankful for those who supported the dinner/dance at the luxurious Phoenician ballroom. As for **Bret Michaels** and his good "POISON" for the fancy fete - he has juvenile diabetes and this type of celebrity involvement is important to a charity, as it helps increase sponsorships and donations and the success of a benefit. Congrat's to **Bret** who was presented with the organization's **Tom Crawford** Leadership Award. The award is named for **Tammy Crawford's** husband **Tom**, who passed away in 2006, in honor of his legacy.



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