

AZ Insider: A Gourmet Foods/Spirits Festival

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the inside scoop on the people who make a difference.



Want to try gourmet cuisine and spirits from 20 vendors in one special evening?

If you'd like to sample some of the signature foods and spirits from 20 of the Valley's well known gourmet restaurants and vendors - all in one evening, check out Taste of the Town. The food, wine and beer festival on Oct. 17th, benefits the Greater Arizona Chapter of the Multiple Dystrophy Association.

Tickets are \$100 per person.

That includes the live music throughout the evening at the Scottsdale Quarter and a silent auction filled with sports memorabilia, restaurant certificates and luxury getaways. This year's 14th annual Taste of the Town features the crowd pleasing event band of Elvis Before Noon.



Proceeds from this popular party benefit more than 2,400 Arizona families affected by neuromuscular diseases registered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

AMONG the restaurants showcasing their cuisine will be **Brio Tuscan Grille, Eddie V's Prime Seafood, Fogo de Chao-Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ, Sushi Brokers, Sol Mexican Cocina, Tommy Bahama, Capital Grille**, and the **Village Tavern**. AMONG the spirits there will be assorted wines from **Trader Joe's, Barefoot Wine** and **The Four Peak Brewery**.

MDA is expecting about 800 people. The attire?

Organizers say, "Come dressed to impress."



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