

# WIPA

Wedding Industry Professionals Association

PHOENIX

WELCOME TO OUR

## ♦ 2025 Newsletter ♦



The year is flying by, and we have so much to celebrate. In this issue, we recap the beautiful Power of Plenty event at Caesars Republic, our inspiring panel of speakers for The New Standard at Andaz Resort, and the unforgettable Life of a Showgirl event at W Hotel Scottsdale.

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# A Message From Your Phoenix Chapter President

Dear WIPA members,

As we wrapped up 2025, I just want to take a moment to say how truly grateful I am for every single one of our venue hosts, planners and event partners. The events we create as a chapter simply wouldn't be possible without you. Your generosity, creativity, and commitment are what bring WIPA Phoenix to life every single event, and I can't thank you enough for pouring into our community this year.

I think we can all agree when I say: 2025 felt a little different. Our industry has been navigating some unique challenges, and many of us have had to adjust in ways we didn't expect. But even in the midst of all that, the heart of our community stayed strong. I hope you're feeling optimistic and ready, because I truly believe 2026 is going to bring a fresh, successful, and energized season for all of us.

As we head into the new year, I hope you each found time to slow down, enjoy your family and friends, and reflect on the good that came from this year. Whether big moments or small ones, there's so much to be thankful for. I hope the season brought rest, joy, and a full heart.

If you're looking to get more involved next year - whether that's partnering on an event or exploring a role on our Phoenix WIPA board - I would absolutely love to connect. Please reach out to me anytime at [leslie@leslieannphotography.com](mailto:leslie@leslieannphotography.com)

Happy New Year,  
Leslie, Phoenix WIPA President



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PRESIDENT, PHOENIX WIPA 2025 AND 2026

# Meet Your 2026 WIPA Phoenix Board of Directors



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# Event Recap

## The Power of Plenty

with Alan Berg

Come explore what it means to rise above the noise, stay grounded in your purpose, and embrace an abundance mindset that leads to sustainable success.

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

10am to 1pm

Members Only Mingle 9:30am to 10am

Designed by Bash Boulevard  
at Caesar's Republic Scottsdale Arizona





**Thank you to our incredible WIPA Phoenix Vendor Partners!**

Hosted by [@wipaphoenix](#)  
Venue, Catering, Bartending - [@caesarsrepublicaz](#)  
Planner - [@bashboulevard](#)  
Keynote Speaker - [@alanberg](#)  
Florals - [@urbandesertflora](#)  
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DJ/MC - [@djmcduke](#)



# Our Amazing Partners

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**REPUBLIC**  
SCOTTSDALE  
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*Bash*  
**BOULEVARD**  
EVENT PLANNING & DESIGN

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RENTALS & EVENT DESIGN  
hazel  
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*Lauren Yvonne*  
DESIGN

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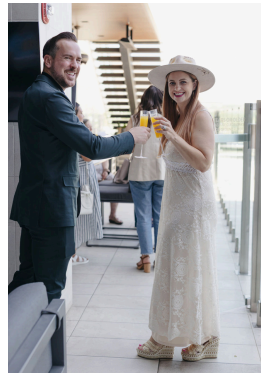
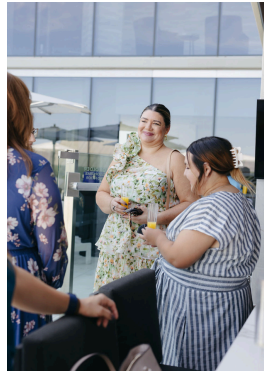
*Creative*  
COVERINGS  
Linen Rentals & Sales



*Event Rents*

Event Speaker Alan Berg







# Event Recap

WIPA Phoenix Presents



## SUMMER FIESTA

Designed by NJ Event Collective  
At Andaz Scottsdale  
AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 | 10 AM

**The New Standard:  
Elevating Sales & Wedding Day  
Through Experiential Design**

EARLYBIRD Members \$95 - July 28<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

Members \$95 & Future Members \$145  
from Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>





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**Host: @wipaphoenix**

**Resort: @andazscottsdale**

**Planning & Design: @njeventcollective**

**Photographer: @suzygoodrick**

**Production & Custom Tables: @divinityeventproductions**

**Drape & Linens: @linensbydivinity**

**Florist: @floralovedesign**

**DJ & MC: @gmeeventgroup**

**Furniture: @captureeventrentals**

**Photo Portraits: @tiffanyandryland**

**Videographer: @leemediaweddings**

**Marg Bar: @liquidcaterers**

**Chamoy Bar: @spicysassyinc**

**Beard Oil Bar: @jd\_barba**

**Member Experience: @roxinkcalligraphy**

**Speakers:**

**Joan @eventsonjackson**

**Sara @craftedcontent.co**

**Erika @bloomandblueprint @iamplannererika**

**Eric @gotyoucoveredmusic**

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Event Collective  
NJ  
Experiential  
Event Curators

SUZY GOODRICK  
Scottsdale & Destination Wedding Photographer



TIFFANY & RYLAND  
Photography



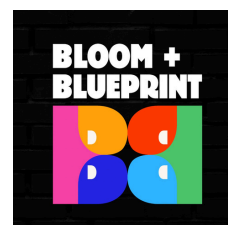
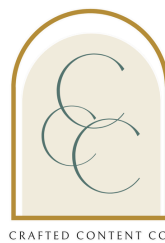
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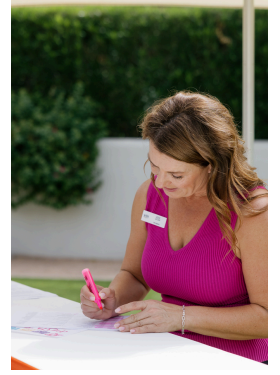
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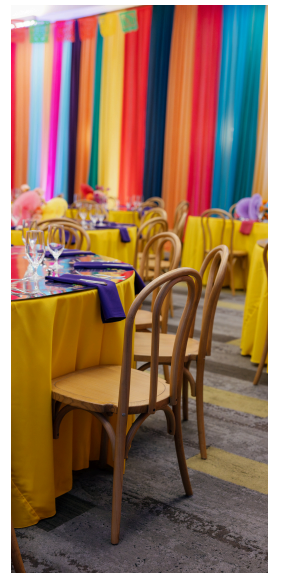
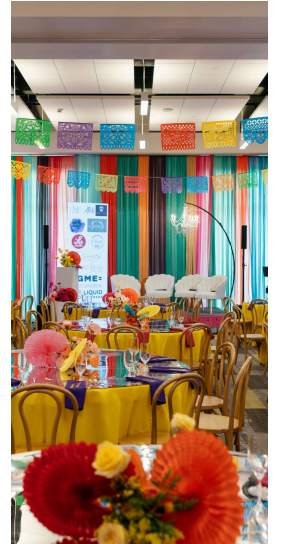
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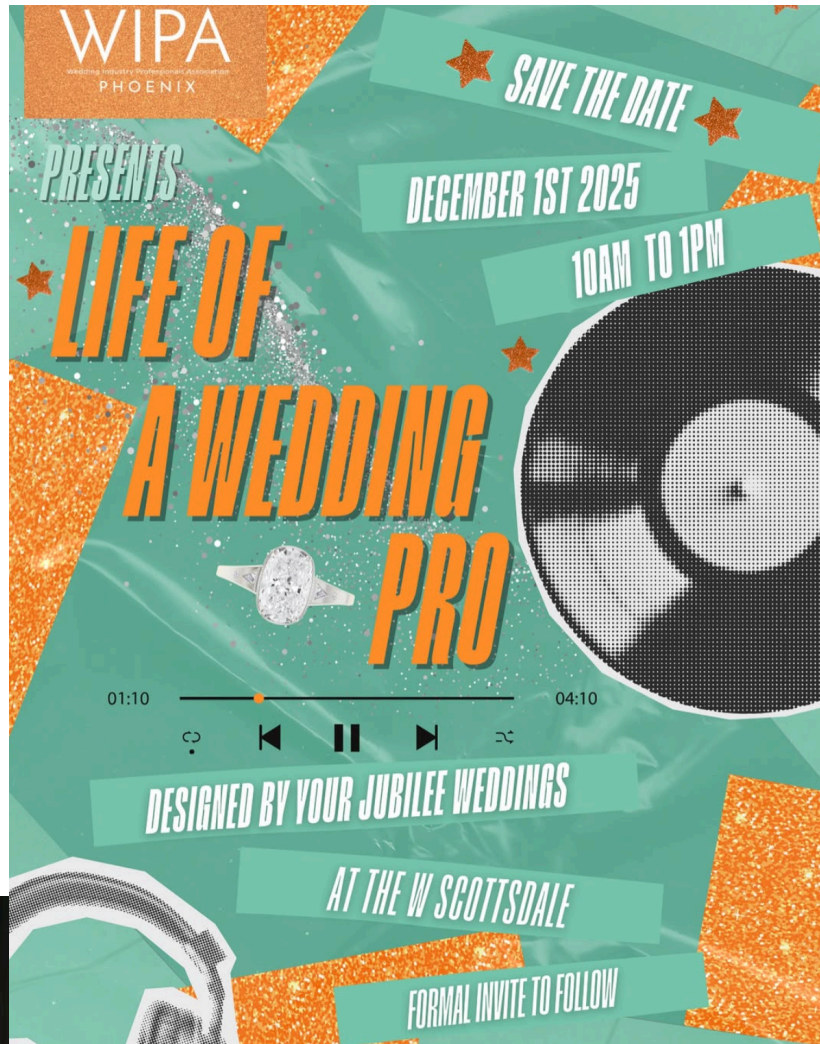








# Event Recap





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Venue: W Scottsdale [@wscottsdale](#)

Planning: Your Jubilee [@yourjubileeweddings](#)

Photography: Kate Grutsky Photography [@kategrutskyphotography](#)

Videography: Bigelow Films [@bigelowfilmco](#)

DJ: Trego the DJ [@tregothedj](#)

Stationary: Lauren Yvonne Designs [@laurenyvonnedesign](#)

Florals/Centerpieces: Inner Space Designs [@innerspacedesignandevents](#)

Rentals: Event Rents [@eventrentsaz](#), Prim [@primrentals](#), Confetti Studio [@theconfettistudio](#)

Decor & Photobooth: AZ Confetti Co [@azconfettico](#)

Draping and Vinyl: Divinity Productions [@divinityeventproductions](#)

Lip Bar: Bridal Artistry Collective [@bridalartistry.collective](#)

Dresses: Destiny Bride [@destinybride](#)

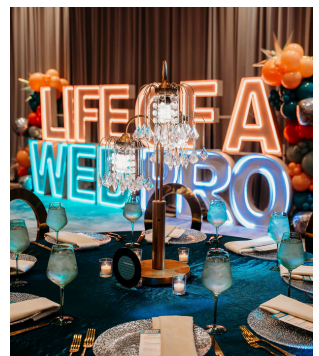
Showgirls: Show Stoppers Entertainment [@showstoppersfun](#)

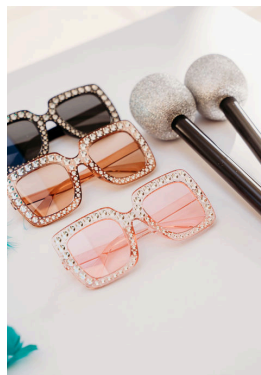
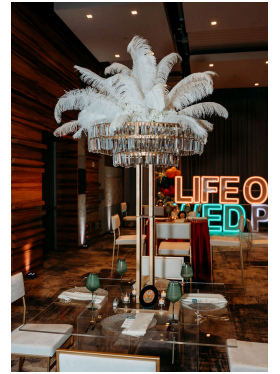
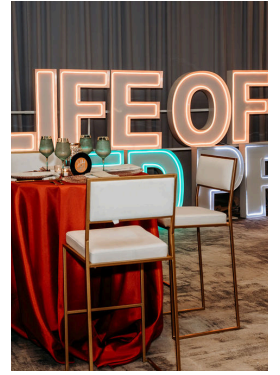
Stickers: Memories that Stick [@thememoriesthatstick](#)

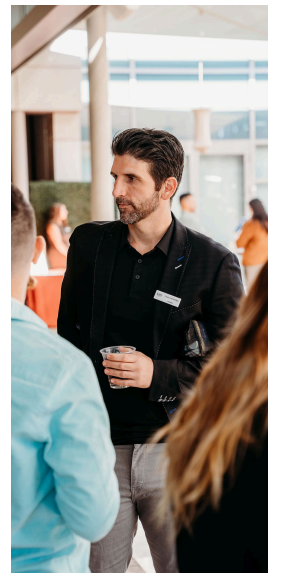
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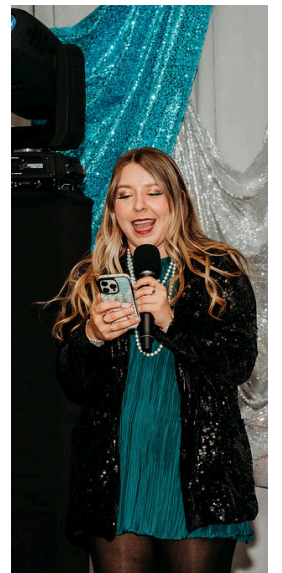
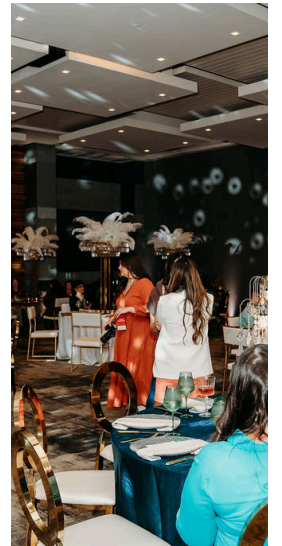


Event Speaker Maria Bayer











# 2025 CHARITY PARTNER HOUSE OF REFUGE



PROVIDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR  
FAMILIES EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS SINCE 1996

House of Refuge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located on 20 acres in southeast Mesa, Arizona. Supporting the community since 1996, our neighborhood includes 88 two-bedroom homes that are rented to families experiencing homelessness. By providing a home, as well as comprehensive, wrap-around supportive services, the House of Refuge program stabilizes families' lives and helps them transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency, and then into stable housing of their own.

## MISSION

House of Refuge provides transitional housing in a neighborhood setting for homeless families. Honoring the faith-based traditions of our founders, we treat people with dignity and respect through programs that bring hope and self-sufficiency.

## VISION

Every family deserves a home.

Click here to view the [HOUSE OF REFUGE DONATIONS](#) and [UPCOMING EVENTS](#) for HOUSE OF REFUGE



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