

# THE SCENE

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## Flight of fancy aids kids museum

On Saturday night, about 420 people were waiting at Cutter Aviation's hangar to take off for a trip around the world. "This is your captain," **Mara Reynolds** announced over the sound system. The lights in the hangar dimmed, and fog filled the room.

"Your flying time will be two hours and 50 minutes," she broadcast.

Less than three hours to travel overseas? That's a pretty speedy jet. But the fog wasn't bad weather. It was from a fog machine. And two hours and 50 minutes was when they moved guests from the activities into dinner. That's because this crowd was taking off on an imaginary trip to raise money for the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

The museum, after about nine years of planning, will "take flight" next year at the site of the old Monroe School.

Event chairwoman **Marlene Galan Woods** and the museum's **Kate Wells** conceived the "travel around the world" theme while having coffee.

And talk about the theme taking flight. Kate is in the same garden club (called the Garden Hoes) as **Cammie Cutter**. After talking roses and vegetables during phone call, Kate approached her about using the hangar as a venue.

Mayor **Phil Gordon** and his son **Jake** were among the partygoers with passports at that venue Saturday night.

After dinner, families took to the dance floor and shook it up with a phenomenal band: Four Car Garage. Drummer **Louie Moses**, whose day job is in advertising, and **Dr. Gregory White**, an orthopedic surgeon, are two of the business professionals in the band.



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Cammie Cutter (left) hangs out with Mayor Phil Gordon and Pamela Wright at the Children's Museum of Phoenix's fourth-annual gala Saturday at Cutter Aviation in Phoenix. The fund-raiser attracted about 420 people.



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