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## **Gecko's Grill & Pub Finds Stride in Fruitville**

Sixth *Gecko's* Joins Five Siblings in Gecko's Hospitality Group Family of Restaurants

**Sarasota, FL; April 2, 2014** // - *Gecko's Grill & Pub*, a local favorite Sports Bar, Neighborhood Grill, and perennial "Best Of" winner will open a sixth restaurant this Summer. The new store, located at Fruitville and North Cattlemen Roads, is the largest of the *Gecko's* siblings at 10,000 square feet, and incorporates a spacious patio overlooking a water feature.

Owned and operated by partners Michael Quillen and Mike Gowan, the *Gecko's* brand of hospitality has deep roots in Sarasota and Manatee. "We have been fortunate to have the most wonderful guests in the world," said Quillen, "and this *Gecko's* will provide an opportunity for us to continue to share our hospitality, create economic stimulus, employ more Floridians, and treat folks to the fresh treasures of our local Florida farms, ranchers, and vendors."

With the reliable *Gecko's* fast casual menu of Pub food with a gourmet twist and their Sports-strong atmosphere, the location will provide an amenity to compliment the emergent Sports Tourism wave while providing Sarasota and Manatee family neighborhoods with another locally owned dining option.

*Gecko's Grill & Pub* has a long history of serving as Business Partners with dozens of schools in Sarasota and Manatee County, providing Super Student Free Meals to tens of thousands of elementary students and supporting untold numbers of teams, projects, fundraisers and events in area schools, philanthropies, and charitable groups. *Gecko's* was awarded the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's prestigious *Florida Restaurant Neighbor* award for the past two years. This honor recognizes outstanding restaurants around the country that go above and beyond in community service, and aims to inspire other restaurateurs to get or stay involved in their local communities.

*Gecko's Grill & Pub* has been locally owned and operated by Quillen and Gowan since 1992, and employs over 300 Floridians. Their newest venture, *S'macks Burgers & Shakes*, opened in Summer, 2013. Over their 22 year run, *Gecko's Grill & Pubs* have created steady economic stimulus, generating jobs for thousands of employees. The *Gecko's* mission is to provide exceptional hospitality, and fresh local fare with a gourmet twist, with a menu that is accessible to everyone.

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