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David Schwan Selected as Second Recipient for Spirit of Carefree Award by Town of Carefree

Former Mayor Awarded for Dedication to Community and Residents

WHO: The Town of Carefree, Former Carefree Mayor David Schwan, Sonoran Arts League

WHAT: The Spirit of Carefree Award, underwritten by Sanderson Lincoln, is an annual award given to an individual who shows above-and-beyond dedication to the community and its residents. The Town of Carefree has chosen its second annual recipient, David Schwan. The former mayor was selected based on his 12 years of service on the Carefree Town Council, Planning and Zoning Committee and as the town's mayor. The dedicated public servant recently stepped down in early February 2015, after being diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The award will celebrate his work in office and what he helped Carefree accomplish over the past 12 years.

The Town of Carefree has partnered with the Sonoran Arts League for the annual presentation of the award. The presentation event will be held in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Sonoran Arts League and expects more than 400 to be in attendance for the celebration. Sonoran Arts League member and artist Peggy Pettigrew Stewart handcrafted the glass sculpture Spirit of Carefree Award, which will be on display in the Carefree Town Hall lobby up until the event.

The award ceremony will also present honorable mention awards to those who have contributed to Carefree in significant ways over the past year. This year's honorable mention recipients are Jo Gemmill, Bob Gemmill, Lin Hitchons, Herbie Hitchons, Roberta Toombs-Rechlin, Holly Bergman, Glenn Miller and Manny Gonzales.

General admission tickets to the Sonoran Arts League's 40th Anniversary event are \$20, with the Spirit of Carefree award presentation kicking off the celebratory event. For more information, visit sonoranartsleague.org.

WHERE: Carefree Desert Gardens - Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion

101 Easy Street, Carefree, AZ

WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

WHY: The signature event is an opportunity to award a dedicated public servant whose dedication to the community. Schwan's service to this close-knit town has made an impact on almost every resident, and the Spirit of Carefree award will celebrate his successful tenure.

In addition to the Spirit of Carefree Award, the 40th Anniversary event will include a silent auction fundraiser, featuring artwork from Sonoran Arts League members, musical entertainment from Spanish guitar duo the Sahnas Brothers, food from local Carefree restaurants, tastings from three Arizona wineries and more. Interviews can be coordinated with Town marketing Director, Gina Kaegi from the Town of Carefree.

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