



Town of Oro Valley

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Oro Valley names its 2014 Volunteers of the Year

Oro Valley, Arizona (December 19, 2014) – Warren Lazar and Mary Robare were named 2014 Town of Oro Valley Volunteers of the Year at the Town’s annual Volunteer Reception, held December 11, 2014 at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort (photos below). Lazar and Robare are among the 325+ volunteers who donate an estimated 35,000 hours of their time each year to Town programs, departments and events. Award nominees also included Lee Craig, Larry Forchione, Ellen Guyer, John Lowe and Carolyn Milkey.

Warren Lazar

Warren Lazar has been a champion of Oro Valley, even before the Town was incorporated in 1974. An original board member of the Greater Oro Valley Arts Council, he has continued his support of the arts as the group evolved into the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance. This skilled musician produced a jazz CD for fundraising and has written promotional pieces utilized by many Oro Valley organizations. In addition to his love of the arts and sciences, Warren is currently serving as president and publicity chair of the Oro Valley Historical Society, of which he is a lifetime member. Warren helped to update the Society’s website and publicity materials, and coordinates support for Town events throughout the year. He has lent his extensive talent and expertise to the many special events at Steam Pump Ranch and also serves on the Steam Pump Ranch Master Plan Update Committee and Oro Valley Historical Society liaison to the Town’s Historical Preservation Commission. Described as having “dedication, desire and love of our community,” Warren Lazar is a talented man who delights in volunteering his time and talent to the Town of Oro Valley, and we are better for it.

Mary Robare

Mary Robare has been volunteering with the Oro Valley Police Department’s Citizen Volunteer Assistance Program since 1999 and has accrued more than 3,000 hours of service. During those 3,000 hours, she has been involved in every aspect of CVAP, including weekly rotations at the North Substation front desk, filling out Dark House paperwork, assisting crime prevention officers with community events such as Dispose-A-Med and Child ID. She also works on the Video ID program, which helps residents record and document their household belongings, which is an invaluable tool in the event of a burglary or house fire. Mary has served as a Team Leader on the CVAP Board and she has been one of the pioneers of the Community Resource Unity in its early years, helping to build the volunteer base. This year, Mary will be retiring her post with CVAP and will continue to volunteer her time in the community through the Pima County Attorney’s Office, helping victims of domestic violence. The Town of Oro Valley is blessed to have been the recipient of Mary’s volunteer efforts for 15 years.



Warren Lazar, pictured with Vice Mayor Waters, Councilmembers Snider and Hornat, Mayor Hiremath and Councilmembers Zinkin and Garner.



Mary Robare, pictured with Vice Mayor Waters, Councilmembers Snider and Hornat, Mayor Hiremath and Councilmembers Zinkin and Garner.

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