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Carolla, Lowe named 2016 Volunteers of the Year

Oro Valley, Arizona (December 9, 2016) – JoAnn Carolla and John Lowe were named 2016 Town of Oro Valley Volunteers of the Year at the Town’s annual Volunteer Reception, held December 8, 2016 at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort.

Carolla and Lowe are among the 250+ volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year to Town programs, departments and events. Award nominees also included Sasha Case, Regina Crawford, Kathy Galios and Dick White.

JOANN CAROLLA

JoAnn Carolla is—quite literally—everywhere! In her service with the Oro Valley Police Department’s Citizen Volunteer Assistance Program (CVAP), she has been described as kind, humble and a “shining example of customer service.” In addition to working on patrol, JoAnn serves a significant number of hours at the front desk, filling in sometimes weeks at a time when staff is out of the office. Currently, JoAnn serves as the secretary/treasurer for CVAP and has been adept at identifying needs and providing solutions. She has donated more than 1,000 hours of her time in just two years. And when JoAnn isn’t volunteering with CVAP, she can be found volunteering for the Oro Valley Historical Society or serving on the Volunteer Board of Directors for the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA). Being on the SAACA board of directors means JoAnn is donating countless hours taking tickets at SAACA events, presenting at silent auctions or even helping to pick up trash. Kate Marquez, executive director of SAACA, said that JoAnn “has made a significant impact on the development of a community through individual leadership and dedication.”

JOHN LOWE

John Lowe is a member of the Oro Valley Police Department’s Citizen Volunteer Assistance Program (CVAP). He has been described as reliable, ready for duty and willing to go the extra mile. Whenever assistance is needed, John responds with, “I am here to help!” His positive attitude and willingness to plug in wherever needed have made him a vital member of the team. In the words of OVPD Sergeant Amy Graham, “He does it all!” John serves on patrol, assists with the Dark House program, works special events and assists with traffic control at all hours of the day and night. In his 11 years of service, he has volunteered more than 4,500 hours. It’s tough to put a price tag on volunteerism, but if you were to apply Arizona’s newly approved minimum wage of \$12 per hour, John has donated in excess of \$54,000 of time and labor. People like John are why Oro Valley continues to be a community of excellence.



Above, from left: Mayor Hiremath, Vice Mayor Waters, Councilmember Snider, JoAnn Carolla, Councilmember Joe Hornat, Councilmember Steve Solomon.



John Lowe

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