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HUMANITARIAN AWARD CEREMONY

31st annual
don carlos humanitarian award ceremony and dinner

wednesday, october 15, 2014

5:30 to 9:00pm

PERA club pavilion
Kiwanis Club of Tempe is a pillar of the community that supports youth, education, and the arts. KCOF members have provided countless hours of service, taking over $1 million to better the lives of many. KCOF’s 4th of July Fireworks show started in 1992, has grown to be a spectacular holiday event that brings friends and families throughout the Valley. Proceeds provide scholarships, sustain school and sport activities, and sponsor Tempe’s High Key Club and ASU’s Circle of International. Many nonprofit benefit from KCOF’s hard work and generosity. The altruistic goals and enthusiasm of KCOF members builds community and mentors future leaders.

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