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ARIZONA EXCHANGE CLUB TO HOST 9/11 TRIBUTE –
11th ANNUAL HEALING FIELD

The Exchange Club of Tempe, AZ, and the City of Tempe will host the 11th Annual Healing Field – a patriotic tribute to those whose lives were lost during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The five-day event will take place Fri., Sept. 10 – Tues., Sept. 14, 2014.

Exchange’s National President Tom Karnes will attend the event as special guest of the Exchange Club of Tempe and as National Representative for the organization. Karnes was sworn in as Exchange’s National President in July 2014 and will fulfill his one-year term from Lincoln Park, MI, where he also serves as mayor. He is a member of the Exchange Clubs of Lincoln Park, Detroit (Exchange’s inaugural club), and Trenton, MI.

Beginning at 6 a.m. Friday, attendees may visit the Healing Field Standup, where TAPS will be played every 30 minutes. The day will also include a Freedom Concert featuring the Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation of the Colors.

Saturday will pay honor to those lost through a Memorial Service – to include two moments of silence at the exact times when the planes struck the World Trade Center Towers in New York City – as well as a candlelight vigil. Guests are invited to pay their respects at the Memorial Healing Field through the official Stand Down at 6 a.m., Tues., Sept. 14.

The event, which was conceived in 2004, takes approximately six months to plan and is organized and implemented by a troop of volunteers. The Healing Field, which began as a way to commemorate the lives of those lost on 9/11 has grown into a memorial and awareness event for the entire community.

For additional information about the 2014 9/11 Memorial Healing Field, please visit www.facebook.com/September11HealingField.

Exchange is America’s oldest service club with more than 650 clubs and nearly 20,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The organization’s Mission, working to make America’s communities better places to live, is carried out through its Programs of Service – Americanism, Youth Programs and Community Service – as well as the National Project, the prevention of child abuse. Founded in 1911 and headquartered in Toledo, OH, Exchange celebrated its 103rd anniversary in March 2014.

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