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**Chandler Service Club to be inducted into Celebration Plaza at
Tumbleweed Park**

CHANDLER, Ariz. – At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn and the City of Chandler will honor Chandler Service Club and its members for their decades of good works on behalf of the community. The organization will be inducted into Celebration Plaza, a permanent monument at Tumbleweed Park that is designated as a place to recognize organizations or individuals for their civic leadership, public outreach and outstanding personal service and commitment to the community.

Chandler Service Club is a non-profit local charity that was formed as the Chandler Service Guild in January 1933 by eight local women: Louise “Sue” Beer, Elizabeth “Betty” Blake, Pearl Bouton, Frances Marian Johnson Edwards, E. Josephine Stiles Eikenberry, Eleanor Fogal, Gladys “Babe” Madison, and Helen Newhouse Handley Pernel.

These women organized to feed hungry school children in Chandler at the height of the Great Depression. Since then, the group’s mission and membership have changed, but not its commitment to Chandler. Over the past 75 years they have donated countless volunteer hours and given more than a million dollars in grants, gifts and scholarships to Chandler and members of the community. Their signature endeavor is the Flower Girl Program, an educational and scholarship program for high school senior girls. Today, Chandler Service Club has more than 100 members. More information on the club is available www.chandlerserviceclub.org.

With its induction, the Chandler Service Club joins the first three individuals honored in Celebration Plaza last year, Lenford Calley, Officer Robert Nielsen and Henry Salinas.

The ceremony is open to the public. Celebration Plaza is located in the center of Tumbleweed Park, on the southwest corner of McQueen and Germann roads. The plaza displays brass plaques honoring those chosen for inclusion.

Beginning June 1 and continuing through August 31, the public is invited to submit nominations for 2009 inductees to Celebration Plaza. A Celebration Plaza brochure and nomination form is available in many City facilities,

including libraries and recreation centers, and on the City Web site at www.chandleraz.gov/parks. There is no nomination fee.

Questions about the Celebration Plaza nomination criteria or the recognition process can be directed to Assistant Community Services Director Dave McDowell at 480-782-2744.

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Celebration Plaza nominees are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Community leaders whose outstanding personal service has resulted in significant and enduring contributions to the community (support for this recognition should include endorsements from other groups, neighborhoods, or organizations);
- An individual or individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the City of Chandler;
- An individual or individuals who have added to the quality of life for Chandler residents through their involvement or financial contribution to short or long-term city projects or activities;
- An individual who has demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity, which have made Chandler a better place to live and work.
- City of Chandler employees killed in the line of duty; national, state, and local heroes.

Individuals holding an elected City of Chandler office or serving on the Parks and Recreation Board are not eligible for nomination.