Ann and David Kulchin to Serve As Honorary Chairs for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad Annual Gala

(Carlsbad, CA, August 19, 2014) – Ann and David Kulchin, longtime community volunteers and advocates, have been named Honorary Chairs of Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad’s 33rd Annual “The Greatest Club on Earth!” Gala.

Dave Kulchin joined the Club’s Board of Directors in June 1999. He wore many hats during his tenure, including Board President. He currently holds the highest honor – Lifetime Honorary Board Member – as a result of his significant contributions to the Club. He and his wife, former Carlsbad Councilmember and Mayor pro-tem Ann Kulchin, raised close to $1.2 million to build a new branch of the Boys & Girls Club in Bressi Ranch. This state-of-the-art Clubhouse opened in 2011.

“I feel the purpose of life is to be useful, compassionate, and make a difference in the lives of others,” says David.

In addition to his activities with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad, David was recently named the Carlsbad Citizen of the Year for 2013, and has served countless hours in other nonprofits, including Scripps Memorial Hospital, Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary, Hospice of the North Coast, and the Encinitas YMCA. He also serves on the board of the Leucadia Wastewater District, an elective office, since 1996.

Not to be outdone, Ann Kulchin recently stepped down from her city council position in December of 2012 after 32 years of service. “They say the time to go is when people don’t want you to go,” recalls Ann. “I am being hugged by strangers telling me I’ve done a good job.” Carlsbad’s Mayor Matt Hall summed it up when he said that Ann is a very unique individual. Her strengths are her ability to listen to the community, her

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad is to provide activities and experiences that enrich the lives of young people, inspiring and enabling them to reach their full potential.
great sense of teamwork, and the way she can relate to all people. Ann loved helping to build our city; and views Carlsbad as her extended family.

Ann and Dave have called Carlsbad home since 1978, and together they have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

“We are so pleased to honor this couple who have given so much of themselves not only to the Boys & Girls Club, but to the Carlsbad community,” said Gala Co-Chairs Barbi Nelson and Viola Wheelihan. “This recognition has been a long time in the making, and is way overdue!”

The “Greatest Club on Earth!” Gala will take place at Omni La Costa Resort and Spa on Saturday, October 25, at 6:00 pm. More than 500 business and community leaders are expected to attend this social event of the season complete with lavish cuisine, lively entertainment provided by Wayne Foster Entertainment, and exhilarating silent, platinum, and live auctions. The event is projected to raise $250,000 in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad’s proven after-school programs. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Pat Maldi at 760.444.4893, email pat@bgccarlsbad.org, or visit www.bgccarlsbad.org

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