

## Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes Celebrate 20th Anniversary



*Celebration of the 20th anniversary of Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes on May 8 brought together many people instrumental in the development of the Arboretum. From left, Maria Stewart, founder of Las Vols, and her husband, Dr. William Stewart, Arboretum director from 1955 to 1970, talk with Mrs. Alice Thomas, current president of the California Arboretum Foundation, and Francis Ching, current director of the Arboretum.*



*The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors commended Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes for 20 years of volunteer activities in which members have donated about 30,000 hours to the Arboretum each year. Presenting the scroll to Patty (Mrs. William) Rider, (from left) Las Vols president, and Mrs. Alice Thomas, California Arboretum Foundation president, is Sarah Flores, deputy to Peter Schabarum, 5th District Supervisor.*



*Past presidents of Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes gather at the organization's 20th anniversary celebration. From left, Ruth Mary (Mrs. Leland) Larson who took office in 1972; Mrs. Alice Thomas in 1967; Robin (Mrs. Benjamin Stafford in 1983; and Joan (Mrs. David) Malafronte in 1978.*





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