



## JOE & DIANA EISELE

For history buffs Joe Eisele and his 10-year-old son, Sam, coming to the Arboretum is like stepping into a time machine. Their house sits on land that was once part of Lucky Baldwin's Rancho Santa Anita. From their backyard they can view a significant portion of the garden. Joe and Diana became aware of the Arboretum "because it's in our backyard" soon after they moved to California from Minnesota six years ago.

Sam recalls the first time he visited the Hugo Reid Adobe when he was four and asked his Mom, Diana, "Where is all the furniture?" Like any good neighbor, he and his dad have lent a helping hand to the Arboretum, assisting the restoration of the *kiys*, reed shelters built by native Tongva Indians who were the earliest known inhabitants of the land.

"After Diana became involved at the Arboretum with the field trip program for K-to-12 students," Joe says, "I decided to get involved as well." Today, Diana is the volunteer chair of the school tours telephone reservations. She loves to see urban children enjoying their visits and the wildlife. Diana recalls one child saying "This is better than Disneyland!" and another exclaiming, "I'm gonna ask my mom and dad to bring me here again."

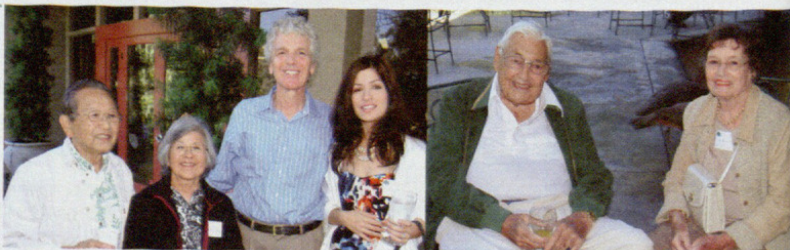
Joe recently began his second three-year term as a trustee of the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation. When it comes to the landscape and grounds, Sam may know it the best having spent every summer at Nature Camp since he was in first grade. His 15-year-old sister Alex, a swimmer, loves the Arboretum's water features especially the Meyberg Waterfall and Baldwin Lake.

The family enjoys sharing the garden with family and friends. "The Arboretum is a tremendous attraction for our guests, who visit from out of the area," Joe says, "It shows the beauty and diversity of California." His must-see stop for visitors is the Queen Anne Cottage. Diana's is the orchid greenhouse. Both have Tallac Knoll next on their tour list.

"We truly believe the Arboretum is an unknown jewel within Los Angeles," Joe says. "I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy it as much as we do." 🌿

## FALL FRIENDRAISERS

New and long-time friends of the Arboretum gathered at the gardens on two beautiful Sundays in October to celebrate the launch of the new Arboretum Benefactors membership society. Gilbert Resendez, Board President, introduced the guests to this exciting new opportunity to support one of our community's great treasures. Guests experienced first-hand the wonderful improvements that are taking place at the Arboretum when they boarded a tram and took a private excursion up to Tallac Knoll. Richard Schulhof, CEO, provided a guided walk and talk of the secrets and surprises to be found on the knoll; including the opportunity to smell the sweet scent of the plumeria flowers and taste the unique



*Above: (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Fujioka, Richard Schulhof and Margaux Viera. George and Marcia Good relax at the café.*

fruit of the wampi tree. The Fall Friendraisers were a terrific launch for the new Arboretum Benefactors and a great opportunity to share the beauty and history of the gardens with both long-time and new friends. 🌿

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