



John Abel  
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John Abel was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His father was an American engineer who moved around for business. The family finally settled near Philadelphia. John graduated from high school in Andover, Massachusetts, and obtained an engineering degree at Stanford, followed by an MBA. He served in the Navy during the Korean war. He then joined Unocal in Los Angeles County where he worked for thirty-five years.

He met his partner, Linda, while he was a docent at Malibu Creek State Park near Santa Monica. He convinced her to volunteer as well. John has two children - a daughter who lives in Scotts Valley and is the mother of his two grandchildren. His son lives in Seattle. John is a nature lover who spent years volunteering at parks and was also a consultant for non-profits through the Executive Service Corps.

Linda was born and grew up in Los Angeles. She attended UC Berkeley and UCLA, where she earned a BA. Her PhD in English and Comparative Literature is from UC Irvine. She taught writing at UCLA and literature at California State University, Los Angeles, retiring after 25 years. Her daughter lives in Marin County. Linda loves theater as well as hiking. While volunteering at Malibu Creek State Park, she trained volunteers and set up a speakers program. Linda looks forward to hiking around this area, utilizing the fitness center, and visiting with her daughter.

She and John picked SRC because of its beautiful landscaping and walking trails, but especially because they were comfortable with the people they met here.

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