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American University of Armenia's president Dr. Haroutune Armenian and his wife Sona hosted a luncheon for U.S. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch and a number of friends of AUA in the Los Angeles-area Armenian community at his Tujunga home on June 27.

Those present at the event included Dr. & Mrs. Mihran Agbabian, Sinan Sinanian, Albert Boyajian, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Altoon, Ara Aghishian and Alec Baghdasaryan. Dr. Agbabian & Mr. Sinanian are both trustees of AUA, Altoon designed AUA's new Paramaz Avedisian Building, and Boyajian was instrumental in securing an endowment for AUA from the U.S. government.

The intimate afternoon was a welcome break for Ambassador Yovanovitch, who had back-to-back speaking engagements, meetings and gatherings scheduled throughout her stay in Los Angeles. She indicated her warm regard for AUA and its mission to educate Armenia's future leaders.