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FEB 6 MEETING RECAP: RICK CHOU "MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE"

Rick Chou gave us a very impressive, yet understandable, introduction to CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) at last week's meeting. Coming from a background in photography--before it was digital--Rick has the artistic instincts to match with the new tools of the CGI era. With the help of his partners located around the world, Rick has been able to provide CGI for top companies and institutions like Lexus, Boeing, Pratt & Whitney, the US Navy, and the Natural History Museum. Rick showed how his team developed a live presentation for the Museum of Natural History and then showed us the impressive result. He also showed us how digital car images are created so that the end user can quickly change exterior and interior colors with the click of a mouse, or the background can be changed to suit the needs of online and print advertising. Rick started teaching himself the tricks of this new capability 25 years ago at the request of his customers. He says that people must teach themselves when a new technology is emerging. He continues to learn along with his partners, most of whom are younger than him. His company, Blue Sky, believes in thinking outside the box. Rick demonstrated innovative, "outside the box" thinking during his presentation and we all learned a lot. Thanks Rick!





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LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTICIPATION

The Lunar New Year Festival at Lacy Park was a huge success with larger crowds and more performances than last year. As a co-sponsor of the event, our Rotary club provided volunteers at the two parking lots. We also had people in our booth handing out “red envelopes” filled with candy and served hot Jasmine tea. We were able to talk to people about Rotary. We learned that many people erroneously think you must live in San Marino or have a business here to join the club, which is not true. Many thanks to Rick Chou who oversaw our volunteers for the event, which included Fred Sohl, Aaron Gil, Mary Ulin, Claude Delgado, John Jones, Molly Woodford, John Donovan, Hunter Chang, Alan White, Wally Rosvall, Dennis Kneier, Michel Roy, Ginny Hsiao and Paul Brassard.

The event featured over 60 booths offering everything from Jade jewelry and Fortune Telling to Flowers and Boba Tea drinks. Most local organizations were represented, including City Club, City Hall, Athens Services, Schools Foundation, etc. Like the Mid-Autumn Festival in November, this is a good opportunity to see city officials, elected officials, school principals and administrators, and Judy Chu, all in one place. Aren't small towns great?

The event also featured over 50 different musical and dance performances, each of which greatly surpassed the Superbowl halftime show in quality. Hats off to the Chinese Club of San Marino.



ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

It was a busy weekend for Rotarians. Not only were Rotarians at the Lunar New Year event but they were also involved with fire relief. Early Saturday morning, Mike Driebe and Gilda were up in Altadena overseeing the delivery of relief supplies. Denise Wadsworth was there at 7 am with her interactors unloading and distributing used books which she had at the high school. Alan White was there with his son Frederick, who also came to the Lunar New Year event later in the day.



EAT TO HELP EATON FIRE RELIEF

If you missed the opportunity to help with fire relief over the weekend, you will have another chance on Thursday evening, February 20. But in this case, you can pick up a fork—instead of a shovel—to help people recover from the Eaton Fires. With each delicious bite, you will be raising money to support fire relief. How is that possible? Well, the Rotary Club of Altadena has organized a fundraiser in conjunction with Alexander's Steakhouse. For \$150 (before tax and service charge) yet get a multicourse meal, including Prime Rib or Pasta as the entre. Just don't over do it or you might need pepto bismo for your own fire relief. Date: Thursday, Feb 20, 7 pm to 10:30 pm. Dine with fellow Rotarians. For tickets, go to

www.exploretock.com/alexanderssteakhousepasadena/event/529854

FEB 6 PROGRAM: Edward Yen, Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors

This is your chance to learn more about our county governance from the executive officer himself. Edward Yen oversees a budget of \$340 million, which funds 500 budgeted positions. And because his budget is not part of the Federal government, he does not have to worry about Elon Musk or Donald Trump asking questions. But you can channel Elon and ask questions yourself. Do not miss this opportunity to better understand how your tax dollars are being used locally.

Mr. Yen was admitted to the California bar in 2001 and has extensive experience in litigation, healthcare, and technology. A USC undergrad, Mr. Yen has a law degree from Loyola and lives in the Pasadena area. This program was

brought to us by Rick Chou.

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

Feb 13 Edward Yen, LA country Board of Supervisors, Issues Facing the County

Feb 20 Neil Mottinger, JPL Navigation Engineer, Mars Landings

Feb 27 DARK for lunch. Evening Private Wedding Reception for Valeria: Rotarians invited

Mar 6 Contestants, Dan Stover Music Competition

Mar 13 Annual Foundation Luncheon, Huntington Library, RSVP Required

Mar 20 Danny Feldman, Pasadena Playhouse, What's New at the Playhouse

Mar 27 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Delagate Presentations