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President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

FEB 13 MEETING RECAP: Edward Yen, Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors

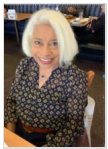
Edward Yen, or "Eddie" as his friends call him, grew up in San Marino and attended the high school where he played football and served in student government before heading off to USC and eventually law school at Loyola. At SMHS he found he could relate to all the groups—ABC's, FOB's, athletes, student government-types, etc. As an Asian of large stature, he was able to stand up for classmates who were being bullied. It was his concern for others that led him to seek a career in the public sector after initially working in the private sector. After a stint as counsel to the country government and then a high-level position in the assessor's office, he is now the executive officer for the Board of Supervisors. Among other things, he provides support to the five supervisors before and during their meetings. Ironically, the chair of the supervisors this year, Kathryn Barger, is also a SMHS grad. Thanks to Linda Wah, Ed's next-door neighbor, for bringing us this program.



Titan principal Dr. Ben Wolf introduced student of the month Allyson Wang



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FEB 20 PROGRAM Neil Mottinger, JPL Navigation Engineer, Mars Landings

Long time JPL veteran Neil Mottinger grew up in the 50's on a small family farm in the Midwest. As a teenager, looking through a neighbor's home-built telescope, he developed an interest in space that eventually landed

him a position at JPL in 1967. Starting with the Apollo 8 flight, Neil worked on many of the planetary missions in our solar system. For example, he supported the first US Mars Orbiter in 1971 and the successful landings on Mars by the Viking program in 1976 as well as the InSight Lander in 2018. Neil and his wife, Debbie, live in La Crescenta and are active in the La Canada Presbyterian Church. We thank Bill Payne for bringing us this speaker.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE

Get “behind the scenes” as a volunteer at Pasadena Showcase this spring (April 20- May 18). As a volunteer you qualify for:

--A \$50 donation is made to your organization (San Marino Rotary?)

--Volunteers earn one free House Tour ticket for every two shifts they complete.

--Your liaison is given two free House Tour tickets to thank them for their efforts

This is a win-win-win opportunity. Please see Stephanie Johnson for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – GRAD NIGHT SIGN UP

Rotarians are invited to help our 2025 SMHS graduates celebrate on Friday June 6 and Saturday June 7th. Must be over 21 and not a family member of this year's graduating class. Go to the sign-up link and choose your time slot. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends. Go to the website link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4EAAA922A4FD0-40968197-volunteer#/>

CORAZON BUILD MAY 3RD

Build a house in one day in Mexico and be there when the keys are handed over to a deserving family. Okay to bring family members over age 12. You can sign up on the link on the district website. Be sure to let JP Mainguy know as he will be leading the team from San Marino Rotary.

SUPPORT OUR YMCA

Executive Director Jason Ramos has invited Rotarians to attend a celebration at the YMCA on Tuesday, February 25, from 3 to 6 pm. Learn about the capital plans for this important local institution. 1605 Garfield Avenue, South Pasadena.

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

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) Delegate Presentations