American Chemical Society, Orange County Section

Join us as we celebrate
ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL SECTION’S
50TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Thursday, September 20, 2012

The DoubleTree Club Hotel
7 Hutton Centre Drive, Santa Ana
Phone: 714-751-2400

Social: 5:30 PM ~ Dinner: 6:00 PM ~ Program & Presentation: 7:00 PM

Turning Challenges into Opportunities:
A Personal and Professional Journey into the 21st Century

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President Elect of the American Chemical Society

All Reservations: Please contact us no later than 12 noon on Friday, September 14, 2012 at OCACS@sbcglobal.net, and indicate if you will be attending the dinner & program, or the program only. Please list the names of all attendees.

Dinner Cost: $25 for members and member’s significant other; $30 for non-members or those without reservations. Note: OCACS pays the hotel on the basis of the number of dinner reservations made. Your RSVP for dinner is a commitment to pay for dinner.

Program: Members and guests are invited to attend the program at 7:00PM. There is no charge for the program but reservations are requested. Space may be limited.

Directions: Take the Costa Mesa Freeway (55), exit at MacArthur Blvd. and go west (towards South Coast Plaza). Turn left at MacArthur Place. The DoubleTree Club Hotel is straight ahead on the left. Use parking lot in front of hotel or follow signs to nearby parking. (Do not turn right at MacArthur Place to the DoubleTree Hotel, which is not the same as the DoubleTree Club Hotel. Please be aware of the similar hotel names. Our dinner is at the Doubletree Club Hotel.)
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Abstract:
Due to the Korean War, I was born in Pasadena, California instead of Beijing, China. Growing up in a traditional academic Chinese family influenced my life direction. I was the first in my family to venture into industry by joining Dow Chemical after earning my chemistry Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at age 25. I once dreamed of becoming a scientist or ambassador. Today as President-Elect of the American Chemical Society, I am an “ambassador” advocating for science and education. Challenges as an Asian American woman strengthened my leadership skills. In ACS governance, I began in 1994 as Chair of our local ACS California Section Women Chemists Committee and then served in various leadership roles before getting elected to the ACS Board in 2006 and then ACS President-Elect in 2011.

I share my story of turning challenges into opportunities and how destiny and determination impacted where I am today. I am greatly honored to be elected as the first Asian and only 8th woman President of the American Chemical Society in its 136 year history. The ACS is the largest scientific society in the world with over 164,000 members worldwide. I will offer a few thoughts on leadership as well as share my ACS Presidential initiatives for 2013.

Biography:
Dr. Marinda Li Wu received a B.S. cum laude with Distinction in Chemistry from the Ohio State University in 1971 and a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1976. With over thirty years of experience working in the chemical industry, she enjoyed many years working for Dow Chemical R&D as well as Dow Plastics Marketing forging partnerships between industry, education, government and communities. Dr. Wu also has entrepreneurial experience with various small chemical companies and startups including "Science is Fun!" which she founded to engage young students in the excitement of science and enhance public awareness of the importance of supporting and improving science education.

As an ACS member for over forty years, Dr. Wu has served in many leadership roles at both the local and national levels for the American Chemical Society. Dr. Wu was elected to the ACS Board of Directors and has served as Director-at-Large since 2006 before getting elected as ACS President-Elect for 2012.