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Galloping into 2014

While overlooking a beautiful Washington D.C. skyline, over 60 AE²C members and guests galloped into 2014's Year of the Horse. Rayola Dougher of API, kicked off the evening by giving us an overview of what Horse years can mean to individuals and businesses -- hectic, fast-moving and filled with great energy. This set the stage for the discussion by David Elkin from Green World Capital and Subodh Nayar from Aclara on what 2014 might hold in store in the energy and finance sectors in the U.S. and Asia.

We were honored to have representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy attend the Lunar New Year event. The Honorable LaDoris "Dot" Harris, Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, shared what 2014 will hold in regard to the Minorities in Energy Initiative, including participation in outreach events across the USA and minority heritage month celebrations in Washington, D.C. The evening ended with a reception sponsored by Dentons and Asian Americans Advancing Justice and lots of energetic discussions among colleagues and friends.



A Woman's World

March marks Women's History Month spotlighting the contributions of our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, wives, and daughters to American society. March 8th is celebrated as International Women's Day, where people from around the world give gifts to their loved ones in appreciation for all they do.

We all know that a woman's role in society has experienced many changes, especially over the past recent decades. Women like Marie Curie - a physicist and the first woman to win a Nobel Prize or Indira Gandhi - the first female Prime Minister of India showed first-hand that dedication and determination can change history. Within the Asian American community, women like Duy-Loan Le, a Vietnamese American design engineer for Texas Instruments holding 22 patents and Maya Lin, the architect who designed the National Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama provide exceptional examples for women young and old.

AE²C celebrates these women and all those who have made their mark in the energy, environment and commerce sectors in the United States, in Asia and throughout the world.

DOE Celebrates Women's History Month

To celebrate "Women of Character, Courage and Commitment," the U.S. Department of Energy will host an event on March 27 in the Forrestal Large Auditorium from 11:00 - 12:30.

Contact Gloria Smith at 202-586-1587 to register

Message from the Board

Featuring: Judi Rhee Alloway

As a young woman of Korean decent, the Founder of an Asian women's leadership program covered in Forbes Women, and a leadership coach & consultant for diverse and multicultural women leaders, I tend to celebrate Women's history month not just in March, but throughout the year. I am pleased to see that many Asian American women continue to trail blaze in the fields of energy, environment and commerce. But we must do more. As Chen Shiung Wu, a scientist who worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II said, "It is shameful that there are so few women in science..." And I might add math, engineering, and technology too.

In today's labor market, it is not the lack of opportunities for women; it is the lack of talent in STEM and equal pay. AE²C strives to support girls and young women in STEM education so that one day they might achieve great things. In turn, AE²C needs your support as we mentor young women to close the gap in the pipeline for both workplace diversity and supplier diversity through networking, events, and new innovative programming.

Your AE²C membership and contribution is greatly appreciated. Your mom would be proud.

May is Asia Pacific Islander Month!

Stay tuned for details on the next event in our 2014 series
Energy and the Environment in the U.S. and Asia: What's Next?

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