

Women in Engineering

Dr. Ruting Jia, professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Dr. Gloria Melara, professor of Multimedia Computing and Software Engineer at CSUN, will be our speakers for the September meeting. Dr. Jia won a San Fernando Valley Engineers Council award in recognition of her excellence and dedication as an educator, mentor, motivator, researcher and a professor of Engineering. Dr. Melara was awarded the Distinguished Engineering Achievement Award for valuable contributions in multimedia and for innovative software enabled assistive technology solutions to help persons with disabilities.

Dr. Jia will speak on "Why do we need women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields?" The presentation includes why there are so few women in STEM fields and why we need more women in STEM. Dr. Jia will also share stories of women role models such as women scientists, innovators, astronauts as well as her own experiences. Dr. Melara will speak on pragmatic research projects to engage students at CSUN.

Our Tech Trek girls will also be present to tell us about their experience. Come hear first-hand what a real difference your Tech Trek donations make.

Bring your friends to this informative meeting—the first of our program year!

SATURDAY, Sept. 19

11:30 AM

Lamplighters Restaurant

9110 De Soto Ave, Chatsworth

Northeast corner of Nordhoff and Desoto; ample parking

818-882-1877

Cost is \$20, all inclusive. You have a choice of a Sub Sandwich or two slices of Pizza. Sub choices are Steak and Cheese, Chicken Breast or Vegetarian. Pizza choices are vegetarian or Giamela's Special with "the works." Plus optional additional soup (Split Pea or Beef Barley) or Green Salad. Soft beverages will be provided. Dessert is ice cream with toppings.

Please **RSVP to Grace O'Bryan at 818-772-0679 or msdodgr2@sbcglobal.net** by Monday, September 14th. Twenty-four hour notification is required for cancellations or caller will be billed. In order to avoid delay and congestion in the reception area, please write your check beforehand to AAUW/SFV Branch.

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