

DIVERSITY ☕ CAFE

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL

National Women's History Month

Test Your Knowledge

1. She was the first American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1963 after she discovered the structure of atoms?
2. Who is the longest-serving female U.S. senator, elected in 1986?
3. Who became the first female Secretary of State of the United States, appointed by President Clinton in 1997?

(Answers below)

Café News

- Come welcome spring and celebrate the Iranian New Year "Nowruz" on **March 29**. The **DPW Iranian-American Employees Committee** will present a special event to celebrate the New Year "Nowruz." Delicious Persian pastries, Persian tea and fruit will be served. This event is free to all. Contact Zahra Karimy at (626) 458-4865.
- March also happens to be Irish-American Heritage Month, and Saint Patrick's Day on **March 17**. Here's a traditional Irish toast to friends and family: "May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door."
- And don't forget that **March 31** is Cesar Chavez Day, an official State holiday commemorating the life, dedication, and service of farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist, Cesar E. Chavez.

March Café Special

March is National Women's History Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the history, accomplishments and contributions of American women who have helped shape the nation.

The commemoration traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911 when women couldn't vote in most countries. With the thrust of women's rights' movement of the 1960s, political and social interest in women's issues and women's history blossomed.

In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of **March 8** as National Women's History Week and in 1987 Congress expanded the event to the entire month. Every year, a special Presidential Women's History Month Proclamation is issued to honor the achievements of American women.

In 2011, the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, President Barack Obama issued a 50-year progress report on the status of women in the United States. It found that younger women are now more likely than their male counterparts to hold a college degree and that the number of men and women in the labor force has nearly equalized.

For more information visit the National Women's History Project at www.nwhp.org.

The Public Works Women's Leadership Council was formed on July 1, 2004, to establish an open dialogue on issues concerning women in the workplace.

The mission of PWWLC is to foster the personal and professional growth and leadership abilities of all Public Works' employees by providing educational and networking opportunities in an open, cooperative, and supportive environment.

The Council hosted its first Countywide, highly successful Women's Leadership Legacy Conference in 2009 to promote leadership in business, the workplace, and the community. The Conference has turned into an annual, sold-out event. To learn more about their 2012 projects, contact Christie Smith at (626) 458-4016,

Café Quote of the Month

"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."

-- Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), author

Diversity Calendar

- **March 18** – Iranian New Year "Nowruz" celebration event at Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Visit www.lacma.org.
- **March 29** - **DPW Iranian-American Employees Committee's** Iranian New Year luncheon celebration. Contact Zahra Karimy at (626) 458-4865.

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