

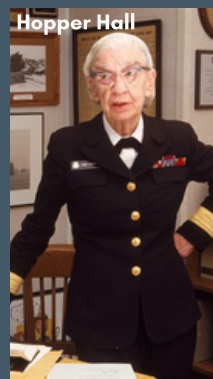
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# HSA NEWSLETTER

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## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY

Hi Everyone!

Happy Women's History Month! As we slowly make our way into spring, we hope you are all doing well and staying safe. We also hope you are doing well in your courses as we progress into the semester. Since March is Women's History Month, to celebrate women's contribution to history we have provided information about local and foreign organizations led by women. We hope you all enjoy this newsletter as we take a look at the history of women and the important role they play in the world.



## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ORANGE COUNTY

In 1921, after the adoption of the nineteenth amendment, suffragist movement leader Carrie Chapman Catt persuaded the California Civic League to merge with the League of Women voters as an organization that would work for progressive legislation on a national and local level; this new organization would be called California Civic League of Women Voters. In 1963, the name of the organization was changed to The League of Women Voters of California as it was comprised of many area and county leagues. At a more local level, closer to our



campus The League of Women Voters of Orange County dates back to 1957 when it was first formed under The League of Women Voters of Fullerton. In 1984 The League of Women Voters of La Habra and The League of Women Voters of Fullerton merged. In order to include the four cities already part of the Fullerton organization, the two leagues were disbanded and became a new league under the name of The League of Women Voters of Orange County. In 2005, Cypress and La Palma joined the league, including Fullerton, La Habra, Brea, Buena Park, Placentia, and Yorba Linda.

An astonishing achievement of this organization was during 1967-69 when the league held a study to discover community needs for a library. This study led to the construction of a new library in Fullerton. Since its formation, the league has participated in housing, childcare, local land usage, and solid waste disposal. Recently, it has also presented community forums on civil Liberties, the No Child Left Behind Act, and judicial independence.

As a nonpartisan organization with no affiliation to a particular religious group, the organization is open to both men and women and encourages citizens to participate in government actively. It is committed to educating the public about elections, the voting process, and social/political issues. The organization also conducts non-partisan presentations on proposed legislation to inform the community. It also conducts studies on public concern issues and develops a position on each issue to then take action or advocate for a cause.





# FEMINIST ACTIVISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST



In the western world, when we discuss places such as the Middle East, we typically do not think of feminism or feminist activism. Rather many times, our minds think of images fed by past influences, such as women in these countries are oppressed, men dominate over women, or our views of how Sharia Law works within these countries, but that is far from the truth. In contrast, Middle Eastern women have actively worked in major protests to stand in solidarity with revolutions and fights for equality. Some examples are the Iranian Revolution (1970s), The Cedar Revolution (early 2000s), or even today with the fight against sexual

harassment in Cairo, Egypt. In most of these demonstrations, women are some of the most outspoken of these groups.

For instance, looking at Turkey during the early 1900s, there were laws put into place by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk to make official government buildings secular as a way to push for "modernization." These laws saw any form of non-secular dress or practice as backward or going against the push for a more westernized country, leading to religious oppression in the dominant Muslim country. Though these laws were there, they were not enforced until 1980 after a government coup and strengthened in 1997. These enforcements made it difficult for Muslim people to practice their faith outwardly, especially for women wearing hijabs. Not practicing hijab-wearing felt disrespectful to these women as this was part of their faith and who they were. To avoid breaking a sacred rule in their religion, these women would wear wigs or hats if they could afford them. Though this did not stop outwardly spoken women, we would see Turkish women heavily protest these laws. They were finally breaking down the barriers one by one, though receiving massive backlash. These women would be harassed for their choice to practice outwardly and turned away. The first victory did not come until 2014 when women were to go to university with hijabs. To work outside the home while wearing a hijab was a victory for Muslim Turkish women.

## HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF OUR FEMALE FACULTY



### Women, Politics, and Activism Natalie Fousekis

Dr. Fousekis is the project leader of "Women, Politics, and Activism," one of the largest collections of oral histories focusing on women's participation in grassroots and electoral politics of the past and present.



### Americans Fight for Freedom in the Spanish Civil War

Aitana Guia

This is an exhibit that Dr. Guia curated with students in order to present the intertwining history of the U.S. and Spain during the Spanish Civil War. The exhibit will be on view when campus re-opens.



### Assassination in Vichy

Gayle K. Brunelle

This book that Dr. Brunelle co-wrote with Dr. Finley-Croswhite looks at the development of far-right politics, terrorism, and bravery in France during the political divide of the early 20th century.







# A LETTER TO OUR READERS

## IN SUPPORT WITH OUR APIDA COMMUNITY

Hello HSA Newsletter Readers,

We hope you all had a restful month; the e-board hopes that you are all doing well and have been taking care of yourselves. We understand how stressful midterms week is, and we commend everyone for their efforts. That being said, we would like to acknowledge recent events that have unfortunately happened.

Though our newsletter and our club do not actively focus on recent events or politics, we felt that it is essential that we extend our support to the Asian Pacific Islander and Desi - American (APIDA) community, as well as others, impacted by the recent hate crimes. We want to let you know we stand in solidarity with you.

What happened in Atlanta is unforgivable, and we ask for our readers to take a moment of silence for those lost and the countless others who face hate crimes amid the pandemic.

HSA prides itself on highlighting historically excluded voices, and we strive to provide a more inclusive outlook on history. As a result, we will continue to advocate for those voices in our efforts.

If the recent events have impacted you or anyone you know, please feel free to use the resources below and be gentle with yourselves. If there is any way that we can support you during this time, please let us know.

-HSA E-Board



## UPCOMING EVENTS

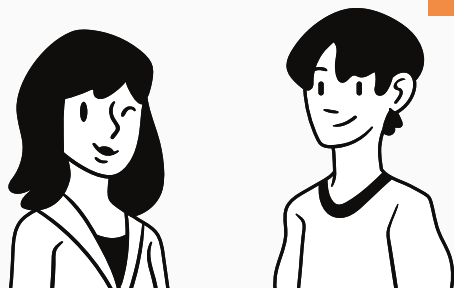
- March 24, 2021 @ 1 pm - 2 pm - PAT Workshop: Graduate School Applications
- March 26, 2021 @ 12pm - Virtual Book Launch of Assassination in Vichy
- HSA Meeting #3 April 9, 2021 @ 5pm
- GradFest April 12 - 15, 2021 - RSVP Required
- Invest in You: Finding Financial Success - April 14, 2021 @ 1 pm - Career Center

## HELPFUL TIPS

1. Easy 10 - Minute Workouts to do at Your Desk
2. Teas that Help with Stress and Anxiety
3. Study Music

On a scale from one to invading Russia in winter, how bad was your idea?

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