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## SAVE THE DATE

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER RISING  
LEADERS INVITES YOU TO START  
THE NEW YEAR WITH US

# Winter Wellness Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
THE 1909 TOPANGA CANYON

Join the IAWF Los Angeles Chapter - Rising Leaders for its first ever Winter Wellness Retreat on Sunday February 10, 2019, nestled in the hills of Topanga Canyon.

Join us as we collectively explore the mind-body connection, with panels focused on health and wellness, and physical movement of Yoga, Sound Therapy and QiGong Energy Healing.

This is a unique opportunity to become grounded and connect with yourself, old and new friends, and to set intentions for the new year. This day long retreat will leave you feeling refreshed, renewed, and ready to take on the new year ahead!

GATHER. CONNECT. RENEW.



## Holiday Reception hosted by IAWF & NIPOC

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018, the Iranian American Women Foundation (IAWF), and the Network of Iranian American Professionals of Orange County (NIPOC) collaborated in hosting one final joint event for the calendar year. Over 120 professionals gathered at beautiful Hotel Irvine in Orange County, California.

The cheerful and buoyant event went on for over three hours and guests were able to enjoy delicious appetizers and drinks. Attendees participated in the raffle and the winners took home wonderful presents such as spa treatments, as well as champagne and chocolate gift baskets donated by our valued members. The proceeds from the raffle benefited CHILD International to help displaced children reach their full potential.

A special thank you to the OC Chapter Members who helped organize and decorate the event. IAWF would also like to thank everyone who attended and made the night one to remember.



**IAWF Congratulates Davar Ardalan**

Congratulations to [Davar Ardalan](#) for joining the leadership team at the White House Presidential Innovation Fellows program (PIF) as Deputy Director.

The Presidential Innovation Fellows (PIF) pairs top entrepreneurs, designers and innovators from the private sector to team up with forward-thinking agency partners to modernize critical government services.



## Ariana's Persian Kitchen

IAWF would like to congratulate [Ariana Bundy](#) for announcing the launch of her recent accomplishment, 'Ariana's Persian Kitchen', set to open at the Royal Atlantis Resort & Residences in Dubai.

Guests dining at the family style restaurant can expect to feast on some delicious items such as Caspian-style filet kabob, rose scented sea bass, and ice cream with saffron, pistachios, and rose water.

The restaurant will be opening in late 2019.

Please [click here](#) to read the article.



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## Chapter Member Spotlights



**Katayoon Noroozi**  
**New York**

Dr. Noroozi is an adjunct clinical instructor of Cariology and Comprehensive Care at NYU College of Dentistry. She completed her degree at Northwestern University Dental School with a Bachelor degree in Business French. She is the recipient of Excellence in Teaching Award and is pursuing the certification in Global Public health. She has been an active educator and life long learner. She is a member of Iranian American Society in New York and is engaged in expanding the persian language study and culture.

You can read more [here](#).



**Shiva Amiri**  
**Northern California**

Shiva has recently joined 23andMe as the Director of Research Infrastructure, she was previously the Director of Data Science at Bay Area molecular technology company Zymergen Inc. Prior to that she was the CEO of biomedical AI firm BioSystemetrics inc. and has worked at startups, research organizations and government. She has a HBSc in Computer Science and Biology from U of T and a PhD in Computational Biochemistry from Oxford.

You can read more [here](#).



**Negar Doroudian**  
**Southern California**

Negar Doroudian has been working for the Health Care Agency in the County of Orange since 2007. She started her County career working as a Program Monitor for the department of Drug and Alcohol and then moved to the Workforce Education & Training department where she helped plan County trainings and conferences related to a variety of behavioral health topics. In 2014, Ms. Doroudian was given a Senate recognition award entitled "Women Making a Difference" and a Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

You can read more [here](#).



**Circle of 1000s Featured Member**

**Mariam Komeili** is the CEO and Co-Founder of My Office Apps, Inc. (MOA) the provider of Kechie, a Cloud-Based ERP solution. She understands the complex challenges faced by SMB markets and the importance of innovative technology. MOA's goal is to offer a Software-as-a-Service solution that is robust and cost effective, with an intuitive interface to empower business operations. Ms. Komeili brings over 25 years of management and leadership experience within Business Development, Marketing, Operations, and Global Sales in the areas of Consumer Electronics, Computer Hardware, and Software.



Her career accomplishments include dramatically improving sales revenue of various organizations, launching international startups, and successfully branding and managing products worldwide. Her belief in core values such as integrity and accountability has allowed her to develop highly successful business partnerships throughout her career.

You can read more [here](#).



## Circle of Men

### Dr. Sepehr Hejazi Moghadam

Dr. Sepehr Hejazi Moghadam has broad experience leading key components of strategic human capital plans in the public and government sectors. He has led the design of human capital policies, programs, and practices; and managed the implementation of highly effective, performance-based systems. Throughout his experience, he has displayed strong acumen in areas of: research methods, data analytics, emerging technologies, business development, program management, highlevel negotiation and partnership strategy, data visualizations, performance reporting and education policy. Dr. Hejazi Moghadam received a PhD from Columbia University and an M.A. from Stanford University.



