

**TASC CONGRATULATES
TURKISH SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL (TURYAK)
EXEMPLARY SENIOR CITIZENS
AWARD WINNERS!**



The Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC) expresses its heartfelt congratulations to three longtime Turkish American activists who received the Turkish Senior Citizens Council (TURYAK) Exemplary Senior Citizen Award:

- Oya Bain
- Ergun Kirlikovali
- Ozcan Tuncel

Established in 2003, TURYAK, is a member of International Federation on Aging. TURYAK gives awards to outstanding senior citizens of Turkish heritage in Turkey and the United States, France, Germany, England and Australia, where there are sizable Turkish immigrant populations. TASC Co-Chair Gunay Evinch expressed, "These three Turkish American activists are younger at heart, mind and body than most of us, especially given the quantity and quality of the good work they have produced for our precious community for decades."

Oya Bain serves as Secretary General of the Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC). Ms. Bain is a retired biochemist, who held leadership positions in clinical pathology laboratories. She retired from Georgetown University Hospital as the Technical Director of the Clinical Pathology Department of Laboratory Medicine. Since 1960 when she arrived to the United States as a Fulbright scholar to do post graduate work in biochemistry, she has actively participated in Turkish American organizations as an elected officer. Ms. Bain, who grew up in one of Turkey's most diverse communities in Istanbul, has always strived for solidarity in Turkish American diversity, and worked hard to build a united voice on issues that affect the Turkish American community and US-Turkish relations.

Ergun Kırlikovalı is a former Trustee of the Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC). He is a polymer chemist and the founder of a pioneering firm that develops polymer products for the construction, defense and space industries. Kırlikovalı has been a tireless and outstanding activist in the Turkish American community and has held leadership positions in major Turkish American organizations since his arrival to the United States. He is well known for his powerful articulation in written and spoken forms, and has penned close to 5000 letters to the editor over the decades, advocating Turkish American causes.

Dr. Ozcan Tuncel is an electrical engineer and one of founding members of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA). He has published an autobiographical book, "When I First Came to this Country" regarding his life, challenges and successes as a immigrant chasing the American Dream.
