



## **BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER**

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**Branch Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m., Fox Hill**  
**Brigadier General Wilma L Vaught**  
**President, Women in Military Service**  
**for America Memorial Foundation**

### **Paying Tribute to Women in the Military**

When Wilma Vaught joined the military in 1950s, there were strong restrictions on the number of women in the military and the capacity in which they could serve. Vaught broke her fair share of glass ceilings. She was the first woman to deploy with an Air Force bomber wing. She was promoted to brigadier general in 1980, and when she retired five years later, she was one of only seven female generals or admirals in all the armed forces.

Following her retirement as a brigadier general, she became concerned that the role of women in the military was going unnoticed. Wilma Vaught was the driving force that built the \$22.5 million Women's Memorial at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. She is now the President of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. The Memorial and its 33,000 square feet education facility is the nation's only major memorial to pay tribute to America's 2.5 million women who have served. The Memorial stands as a place where America's servicewomen can take their rightful place in history and where their stories will be told for future generations. Because of Wilma Vaught, the American people and visitors from around the world can learn of the courage and bravery of tens of thousands of American women who, like her, have pioneered the future.

## **Maryland Working Families Women's Economic Security Agenda (WESA)**

There will be a community forum in Silver Spring on Sunday, November 8, regarding the Maryland Working Families' Women's Economic Security Agenda (WESA) legislative package. It is expected that this legislative package will be passed to the state level soon. The forum is an opportunity to discuss the critical nature of this legislative package and how Maryland can be more supportive and fair to the women and families across our state. Speakers will be Senator Susan Lee and Council Member Nancy Navarro.

This legislative package includes:

- The Healthy Working Families Act (earned paid sick days). Over 700,000 workers in our state are unable to earn any paid sick days.
- More fair scheduling practices so that parents can plan adequately for childcare, school, or a second job.
- End to UNEQUAL PAY for women.

The Montgomery County WESA Community Forum will take place from 3-6 pm, on November 8, at the Silver Spring Civic Building at 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please RSVP at [www.workingfamilies.org/pushWESA](http://www.workingfamilies.org/pushWESA). For more information, call Dante Bishop at 240-291-7052

## **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (EF)**

Now is the time to send in your tax-deductible contribution for EF. EF supports scholarships and fellowships for struggling students. In these days of reduced incomes and jobs, EF needs you. Education remains the key to a brighter future for many girls. Let's help out. AAUW suggests a contribution of \$25 per person. If you can afford more, great. Make out your check payable to AAUW/EF with a note in the bottom corner "B/CC 2004." Send it to Christine Liu, 1117 Fallsmead Way, Potomac, MD 20854. Please send your checks by December 22 so that we can submit the funds to national by the end of the year.

## AAUW Book Club

**Book: *BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME*  
by Kristin Hannah**

**Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2015**

**Time: 12:30 pm (Lunch will be served.)**

**Location: Fran Cressman's Home  
11 Old Stage Court  
North Bethesda**

**An Amazon Best Book of July 2015:** Readers of his work in *The Atlantic* and elsewhere know Ta-Nehisi Coates for his thoughtful and influential writing on race in America. Written as a series of letters to his teenaged son, his new memoir, *Between the World and Me*, walks us through the course of his life, from the tough neighborhoods of Baltimore in his youth, to Howard University—which Coates dubs “The Mecca” for its revelatory community of black students and teachers—to the broader Meccas of New York and Paris. Coates describes his observations and the evolution of his thinking on race, from Malcolm X to his conclusion that race itself is a fabrication, elemental to the concept of American (white) exceptionalism. Ferguson, Trayvon Martin, and South Carolina are not bumps on the road of progress and harmony, but the results of a systemized, ubiquitous threat to “black bodies” in the form of slavery, police brutality, and mass incarceration. Coates is direct and, as usual, uncommonly insightful and original. There are no wasted words. This is a powerful and exceptional book.--Jon Foro

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

### ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: HUMANITARIAN AND FIRST LADY OF THE WORLD

**Presented by Kate Campbell Stevenson, Actor and Producer**  
**Women: Back to the Future**

**Saturday, December 12, Noon**  
**Positano Ristorante Italiano**  
**4948 Fairmont Avenue, Bethesda**

This December we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt, a great humanitarian who dedicated much of her life to political and social change. Kate Campbell Stevenson, actor and producer of *Women: Back to the Future*, will share insights into Eleanor Roosevelt's life – and we are told that Eleanor may appear at the luncheon!



Our holiday luncheon will again be held at Positano's Restaurant, 4948 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda. We must tell Positano's SEVEN days prior to the event exactly how many guests there will be, and we must pay in full.

**Therefore, it is important to make reservations early and ensure that Christine Liu receives your check by December 5.**

The price of the luncheon is \$35 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Please send your check to Christine Liu, 1117 Fallsmead Way, Potomac, MD 20854 by December 5. You do not need to make menu choices in advance. The check should be made payable to BCC/AAUW.

#### Menu:

First course:	House Salad
Choice of entrees:	Chicken Piccata
	Filet of Salmon
	Eggplant Parmesan
Choice of desserts:	Tiramisu
	Italian Layered Cake
	Black Forest Cake
Beverages:	Coffee
	Hot or Iced Tea
	Sodas

There is free parking on weekends in the public parking garage across the street from Positano's. There is also metered parking in front of the building, but it is not free on Saturdays.

## MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| November 5<br>Thursday  | Gourmet Group, 7:00 pm, at the home of Karen Braun, 8027 Cobble Creek Circle, Potomac, 301- 299-0601. The cuisine is Scottish.  |
| November 8<br>Sunday    | Women's Economic Security Agenda Forum, 3:00-6:00 pm, at Silver Spring Civic Building, Veterans Plaza. Speakers: Senator Susan Lee and Council Member Nancy Navarro. For more information and to RSVP, go to <a href="http://www.workingfamilies.org/pushWESA">www.workingfamilies.org/pushWESA</a> .           |
| November 7<br>Saturday  | Board Meeting, 10:00 am, at the home of Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, 301-530-2442. All members are welcome.   |
| November 14<br>Saturday | <b>Branch Meeting</b> , 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. Speaker: Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, President, Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. Her talk will be on "Paying Tribute to Women in the Military." Hostesses are Renita Johnson and Charlene Currie. |
| December 10<br>Thursday | AAUW Book Club, 12:30 pm, at the home of Fran Cressman, 11 Old Stage Court, North Bethesda, 301-881-0131. Lunch will be served. The book to be discussed is <i>Between the World and Me</i> by Ta-Mehisi Coates. RSVP: Pat Stocker (PatStocker@aol.com) or Fran Cressman (fscress2014@yahoo.com).               |
| December 12<br>Saturday | Holiday Luncheon, noon, at Positano Italiano Restaurant, Bethesda. Speaker: Kate Campbell Stevenson, Actor/Producer, on "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Fighter for Social Justice."  |

..... Please note that the **Holiday Luncheon** is on **December 12**, not the 5<sup>th</sup> as reported in the last newsletter.