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AAUW Education Foundation Luncheon
Saturday, May 14, Noon
Hunter's Inn, Polo Room, Potomac, MD

**Facts and Falsehoods about Islam and Muslims:
A Woman's Perspective**

Dr. Sahar Khamis, University of Maryland, College Park



Many of us have preconceived ideas about what it means to be Muslim – and particularly, what it means to be a Muslim woman. Dr. Sahar Khamis will share with us the facts and falsehoods about our impressions – and will particularly focus on issues of women in the culture, differentiating from being Muslim and being Arab. She will also share perspectives on how Islamic extremists may be interpreted within Islam and the Koran.

Dr. Sahar Khamis is an Associate Professor of Communication at the University of Maryland; an expert on Arab and Muslim media; an ethnographer; an Islamic feminist; a peace activist; an interfaith advocate; a media commentator; a radio host; and a human rights' commissioner. She is the author of two books and many scholarly papers, written in both English and Arabic, and has received a number of prestigious academic and professional awards.

She was formerly Head of the Mass Communication and Information Science Department in Qatar University, and holds a Ph.D. in Mass Media and Cultural Studies from the University of Manchester in England.

Restaurant:

Hunter's Inn, 10123 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854-4904 (near the intersection of River Road and Falls Road in Potomac)

Menu: Choice of: Chopped Cobb Salad or Broiled Salmon

Prices: \$30 per person, all inclusive. You will also have the opportunity make a contribution to the Educational Foundation

Please make out your check to B-CC/AAUW and send it to our branch treasurer by May 9: Sally Dobson, 9440 Newbridge Drive, Apt. 307, Potomac, MD 20854. Indicate your choice of Cobb Salad or Broiled Salmon.

**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH
Tentative Schedule for 2016-2017
Save the Dates**

Board Meeting Dates

August 27
September 3
October 8
November 5

January 7
February 4
March 11
April 8

Branch Meeting Dates

September 10
October 15
November 12
December 10
January 14
February 18
March 18
April 15

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Friends,

As I write this note, we are just a few days after the Maryland primary election. I urge you to continue your involvement as we move toward the general election in the fall. I'm proud that AAUW – both at the state and national level – is working with our elected officials to advocate for women's involvement in politics, in education and in their work lives. I'm pleased that AAUW accomplished so much, including these important items on a national level:



Preparing for Election Day 2016. *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* campaign is a critical effort to register women voters, get them to the polls, and make sure that all women's voices are heard this November. We're also looking toward future elections by investing in our Elect Her program, which is the only initiative in the country that encourages, trains, and empowers college women to run for student government and future elected office.

Awarding more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to outstanding women nationwide for the 2015-16 academic year. This money gives women the

opportunity to pursue their dreams and break through barriers for all women around the world.

Providing groundbreaking research. AAUW's newest research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, explores the obstacles that hold women back from reaching their full leadership potential. Despite making up approximately 50 percent of the U.S. workforce, women are shockingly outnumbered in leadership positions in the education, corporate, and political sectors. This report provides practical recommendations for moving more women up into seats of power.

Making important progress toward closing the gender wage gap. Through AAUW Work Smart in Boston alone, 85,000 women will be trained through our salary negotiation workshops by 2020. With your support, this program can expand to reach thousands more women across the country.

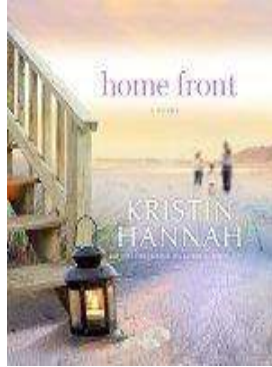
At the state level, AAUW was a major presence in Annapolis during the legislative session. Thanks to hard work – and involvement of many in our own Bethesda–Chevy Chase branch contacting legislators – we were able to strengthen domestic abuse laws, safe harbor laws to protect the victims of human trafficking, and areas of family law. There remains much to be done as we continue to be vigilant in protecting reproductive rights and seeking to expand economic policies to support women in the workplace.

You can be proud of your AAUW membership and confident that your voice will be amplified through the advocacy of our volunteers in Annapolis and Washington.

Pat Stocker

AAUW BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Home Front **By Kristin Hannah**



Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Charlene Currie's Home
5709 Trafton Place
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 530-2442

Lunch will be provided.

All are welcome – membership in AAUW is not required. RSVP: Pat Stocker (PatStocker@aol.com) or Fran Cressman (fscress2014@yahoo.com)

The author of *Night Road* and *Firefly Lane* delivers a masterful novel that explores the sacrifices of one American family and illuminates the true cost of honor, duty, and love.

From a distance, Michael and Joleen Zarkades seem to have it all: a solid marriage, two exciting careers, and children they adore. But after twelve years together, the couple has lost their way; they are unhappy and edging toward divorce. Then the Iraq war starts. An unexpected deployment will tear their already fragile family apart, sending one of them deep into harm's way and leaving the other at home, waiting for news.

When the worst happens, each must face their darkest fear and fight for the future of their family. An intimate look at the inner landscape of a disintegrating marriage and a dramatic exploration of the price of war on a single American family, Kristin Hannah's *Home Front* is a provocative and timely portrait of hope, honor, loss, forgiveness, and the elusive nature of love. (Publisher's Summary)

MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2016–2017

Regular Members	\$72 (\$75 if paid after May 31)
Includes \$49 for national association, \$10 for AAUW Maryland, and \$16 for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch)	
Paid Life Members	\$26
Honorary Life Member	0
Dual Member (multiple branches)	\$16
\$46 if TAX DEDUCTIBLE	

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Treasurer: Sally Dobson, 9440 Newbridge Drive, #307, Potomac, MD 20854

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THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

As in previous years, we are again asking for your 100% tax-deductible contribution to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Montgomery College Scholarship Fund. Support for our own community college is not a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation, but is encouraged by AAUW Maryland, and enables our individual branch members to voluntarily provide needed funds for mature women of high scholastic merit and financial need to pursue their educational goals.

PLEASE HELP! ANY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

PLEASE CLIP AND SEND WITH YOUR 100% TAX=DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION made payable to **THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE FOUNDATION** and mail to Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, MD 20817.

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MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 14
Saturday **Education Foundation Luncheon**, noon, at Hunter’s Inn, Polo Room, 10123 River Road, Potomac, 301-299-9300. The speaker will be Dr. Sahar Khamis on “Facts and Falsehoods about Islam and Muslims: A Woman’s Perspective.”
- May 26
Thursday **Gourmet Group**, 7:00 pm, at Jin River, 410 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850, 240-403-7351. The cooks will take a break and go out for a Chinese dinner. Christine and Stephen Liu will choose the dishes. If you want to attend, call Christine Liu at 301-424-3557 by May 22.
- Directions: Take Rockville Pike North (355N). After Rockville Pike becomes Hungerford, turn left from Hungerford to Beall Avenue. There is a CVS on your left. Turn right at the first entrance.
- June 2
Thursday **AAUW Book Club**, 12:30 pm, at the home of Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, 301-530-2442. The book is *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah. RSVP: Pat Stocker (PatStocker@aol.com) or Fran Cressman (fscress2014@yahoo.com).
- August 27
Saturday **Board Meeting**, 10:00 am, at the home of Fran Cressman, 11 Old Stage Court, North Bethesda, 301-881-0131. All members are welcome.

Barbara Gordon died on April 12, at the age of 95. She was an outstanding leader in the Washington area. As a branch member, she was particularly involved with Title Nine activities.