



BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I look on the upcoming Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW program year. I hope you will be involved in a variety of our activities, from attending our monthly meetings to getting involved in other branch, state and national AAUW activities. I am constantly reminded of the importance of AAUW in promoting women's education and in advocating for issues affecting all women.

We are pleased that Mark Medish will again join us to give us an "around the world" view of issues. We will tour the Clara Barton house, learning about one of our most important "foremothers," and we will learn from pastel artist Jean Hirons about her art and about her career progression. These programs are detailed in the newsletter.

We will shortly send you a flier which includes all of the programs, but I wanted to highlight a few programs already planned for 2015. Tim Phelps, the Los Angeles Times reporter who broke the story of Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, will reflect on

Anita Hill and other women who have figured in his 40+ year career as a journalist.

Dr. Julia Clark from the National Science Foundation will share thoughts on closing the STEM achievement gap, providing an international perspective on this important AAUW issue. Charlene Rothkopf of the Wellness Consulting Group will talk about how women can take ownership of their health and well-being as they age. You will learn how to enhance the quality of your life. And our own Sally Dobson, formerly principal violist for the Denver Symphony Orchestra and for the American Symphony in New York, will reflect on her career in conjunction with our annual performance by students from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, a recipient of scholarship funds from our branch.

Thank you for your involvement in AAUW, for your dedication to issues affecting women, and for your continued support.

Pat Stocker
President, Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch

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Lunch Bunch	Fran Cressman

Board Meeting Dates

August 23 (planning meeting)
September 13
October 11
November 1
January 10
February 7
March 14
April 11
May 2 or 9 (if needed)

Branch Meeting Dates

September 20
October 18
November 15
December 6
January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, September 20, 10:00 AM
Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda

Mark Medish

“Political Implications of World Events”



Mark Medish is President of Guggenheim International, a division of diversified financial services firm Guggenheim Partners, LLC, which currently has over \$200 billion of assets under management. Prior to joining Guggenheim in 2012, he was Executive Vice President of APCO Worldwide, Inc., a global public affairs firm.

Medish worked with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he served as Vice President for Studies focusing on Eurasia and China. From 2001 to 2006, he was a partner at the international law firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP, where he led an advisory practice on sovereign debt restructuring and emerging markets investment. Medish served at the White House as Special Assistant to President Bill Clinton and as Senior Director for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs on the National Security Council, 2000-2001. He also served at the U.S. Treasury as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, under Secretaries Robert Rubin and Lawrence Summers, from 1997 through 2000. His regional portfolio covered Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East, and South Asia. He dealt with Group of Eight issues as well as the IMF, World Bank, and EBRD.

Prior to joining the U. S. Treasury, Medish served in senior policy positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development and the United Nations Development Program, 1994-1996. He trained as a law associate at Covington & Burling, 1992-1994. He was a visiting research fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs in Tokyo, 1990-1991.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a board member of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, and a visiting fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue in London. He has served as co-chair of the annual St. Gallen Symposium in Switzerland.

His opinion columns often appear in the *New York Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Financial Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Washington Times*, and other major news outlets.

Medish was educated at Georgetown, Harvard, and Oxford. He has held Fulbright, Mellon, and Shintaro Abe scholarships.

BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, October 18, 9:50 AM
5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo

“The Clara Barton House: Learning About a Remarkable Woman”



Clara Barton was a remarkable woman. American pioneer, [teacher](#), [nurse](#), and [humanitarian](#) who was the founder of the [American Red Cross](#), she dedicated her life and energies to help others in times of need – both home and abroad, in peacetime as well as during military emergencies. Glen Echo was her home the last 15 years of her life, and the structure itself illustrates her dedication and concern for those less fortunate than herself. The house served as the first headquarters of the American Red Cross.

For our October meeting, we will tour the Clara Barton House and learn more about this “foremother.” Please plan to arrive by 9:50, since our tour begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Note: There will be an informal, Dutch-treat lunch at The Irish Inn at Glen Echo for all who wish to continue the conversation about Clara Barton.

The branch contributed \$2,060 in total to the Montgomery College Scholarship Fund to help a deserving woman pursue her dreams of obtaining a college education.

MEETINGS

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| September 13
Saturday | Board Meeting, 10:00 am, at Pat Stocker's new place in downtown Bethesda. The meeting will be in the Community Room at The Metropolitan (PH level), 7620 Old Georgetown Road (corner of Old Georgetown and Woodmont). Free parking is available in the garage next to the apartment building. Her telephone number is 301-229-0991 . All members are welcome. |
| September 20
Saturday | Branch Meeting, 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. Speaker: Mark Medish on "Political Implications of World Events." Inge Baer and Pat Stocker are the hostesses. Bring guests/visitors, especially those who might be interested in becoming members. |
| October 11
Saturday | Board Meeting, 10:00 am, hosted by Inge Baer, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. All members are welcome. |
| October 18
Saturday | Branch Meeting, 9:50 am, at the Clara Barton House, 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo, 301-320-1410. The tour begins at 10:00 am so arrive by 9:50 am. Directions are below. Call Charlene Currie if you need a ride. |
| October 30
Thursday | Gourmet Group, 7:00 pm, at the home of Christine Liu, 1117 Fallsmead Way, Potomac, 301-424-3557. The cuisine is Thai. |
| November 1
Saturday | Board Meeting, 10:00 am, at the home of Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, 301-530-2442. All members are welcome. |
| November 20
Saturday | Branch Meeting, 10:00 am. Jean Hirons will present a one-hour demonstration and discussion on pastel painting—"Painting the Landscape in Pastel." Information on location will be provided in the November newsletter. |
| December 6
Saturday | Holiday Luncheon, noon, at Positano Italiano Restaurant, Bethesda. Speaker: Dr. Tom Schelling on "Receiving a Nobel Prize: Personal Reflections." |

Ellen Gillis Memorial Service set for Sunday, September 14

By Pat Stocker

Long-time Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW member Ellen Gillis died on Friday, September 5. Ellen received loving care from the hospice community and her family, particularly her two grandsons and her son Bruce, who was with her during her final days. Ellen was born and raised in Alabama and attended Wellesley College. She traveled the world with her former husband and developed a global perspective and avid curiosity about other cultures. She was an advocate for women's education and was particularly active in our branch with planning for monthly programs.

In addition to her participation in AAUW, she was also an active member of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church and Rotary Club. She suffered the loss of her daughter in recent years and took particular responsibility for her grandsons for whom she had great affection. In spite of the challenges in her life, she displayed a very positive outlook and lively sense of humor, something we in AAUW observed on a regular basis.

Ellen was dedicated to helping those in need, including driving AAUW members and others to doctors' appointments and meetings. She did this without fanfare – indeed, most often without others even knowing of her contributions. She represented the best of us. She will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 14. at 1 pm. All are welcome.

Pat Cota and Jane Josephs are at home and are dealing with significant health problems and would appreciate hearing from you. Both are at home.

Pauline Culver passed away this past July 24 in Garland, Texas. She was 99 years old.

THE CLARA BARTON HOUSE FROM MARYLAND: Follow I-495 (West and South) toward Northern Virginia. Take exit 40, "Cabin John Parkway" and Glen Echo.

The Cabin John Parkway merges with the Clara Barton Parkway. Follow the signs which read "Glen Echo and MacArthur Boulevard". The left lane of the Clara Barton Parkway will turn off in a 180 degree turn to the left, with a small right spur. Take the right spur exit up the ramp to MacArthur Boulevard. Turn left at the 3-way stop sign. Oxford Road is on your left approximately 1/2 mile down MacArthur Boulevard.

A large sign at the intersection reads "Glen Echo Park - Clara Barton National Historic Site". Turn left onto Oxford Road. At the end of the road, on your left will be a small parking lot, with a larger parking lot down the hill. Turn left and park in the small lot. You may use the larger lot for Glen Echo Park if the small lot is full. Clara Barton National Historic Site is the large yellow house on the hill overlooking the main parking lot.