



BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Greetings to my treasured friends in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch of AAUW.

We have a rich schedule of educational programs this year as well as additional ways you can be involved in advocating for issues affecting women at the state and national levels. I am constantly reminded of the importance of AAUW in promoting women's education and in advocating for issues affecting all women.

The photograph above was taken at the Conference Board's 11th Annual National Women's Conference in New York. I had the privilege of planning and directing the conference, and I was inspired by the commitment of the speakers and those attending the conference as they explored ways to enhance opportunities for women in the workplace. I also direct the Conference Board's Women's Leadership Council, a group with senior women representatives from Google, 3M, Merck, Disney, Visa, Dell, Proctor & Gamble, Johnson & Johnson, Time Warner, Cisco Systems and other high profile organizations. We in AAUW share our passion for equitable treatment for women with a myriad of other organizations – and I am privileged to see the synergies among these groups.

We are truly moving forward together – too slowly, but certainly in the right direction.

Our fall program schedule provides us with information on a wide variety of subjects. We are pleased that on September 12th Mark Medish will again join us to give us an “around the world” view of issues, sharing political implications of world events. Mark, nephew of the late Ellen Gilles, is always among our most popular and informative speakers. Don’t miss this one! Bring your friends. On October 17 we will look at issues of domestic violence in Montgomery County with Laurie Duker, Executive Director of Court Watch Montgomery, seeking ways we can understand the issues and make a difference in the lives of abused women in our community.

We will also learn about the history of women in the military on November 14 through the eyes of retired Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, President of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. Wilma Vaught was the driving force that built the Women’s Memorial at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. The Memorial is the nation’s only major memorial to pay tribute to America’s 2.5 million women who have served. And our December holiday luncheon, December 12 at Positano’s, focuses on Eleanor Roosevelt, a fighter for social justice. Actor, producer and researcher Kate Campbell Stevenson will share colorful stories about the former first lady – and I understand that Eleanor Roosevelt herself will make an appearance!

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

Death of a Member

We were saddened to learn of the death of longtime member **Elfie Sobernheim** on August 11. Elfie gave much in spite of her illness. She will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be announced later. Our B–CC Branch made a contribution in her memory to the AAUW Educational Foundation.

Branch Meeting
Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m., Fox Hill
Mark Medish

Political Implications of World Events



Mark Medish recently joined forces with Jim Messina, campaign manager of President Obama's 2008 and 2012 campaigns. Medish is CEO of The Messina Group International.

Medish was previously president of Guggenheim International, a division of the diversified financial services firm Guggenheim Partners LLC, with over

\$220 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.

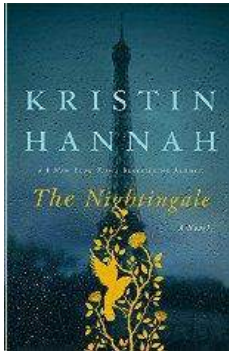
He was a partner at the international law firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP, where he led an advisory practice on sovereign debt restructuring and emerging markets investment.

Medish served at The White House as Special Assistant to President Bill Clinton and 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. He also worked at the State Department and UNDP.

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

AAUW Book Club

**Book: *The Nightingale*
by Kristin Hannah**



Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2015

Time: 12:30 pm (Light lunch will be served.)

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

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent.

When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets Gäetan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can ... completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

Bethesda–Chevy Chase Branch

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Branch Meeting Dates

September 12, 2015
October 17
November 14
December 5
January 16, 2016
February 20
March 19
April 16
May 14

Board Meeting Dates

September 5, 2015
October 3
November 7
January 9, 2016
February 6
March 5
April 2

MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- September 1
Tuesday Gourmet Group, 7:00 pm, at the home of Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, 301-530-2442. The cuisine is Belgium.
- September 5
Saturday Board Meeting, 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. All members are welcome.
- September 12
Saturday **Branch Meeting**, 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. Speaker: Mark Medish on “Political Implications of World Events.” Olive Lewis and Pat Stocker are the hostesses. Bring guests/visitors, especially those who might be interested in becoming members.
- October 3
Saturday Board Meeting, 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. All members are welcome.
- October 8
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. RSVP: Pat Stocker (PatStocker@aol.com) or Fran Cressman (fscress2014@yahoo.com).
- October 17
Saturday **Branch Meeting**, 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. Speaker: Laurie Duker, Executive Director, Court Watch Montgomery, on “Addressing Domestic Violence.” Montgomery County continues to work to protect victims of domestic violence, but there are both philosophical and structural challenges. Laurie Duker will describe the current situation and provide ways for our members to participate in Court Watch Montgomery. Hostesses are Inge Baer and Christine Liu.
- November 7
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
Saturday **Branch Meeting**, 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 5
Saturday Holiday Luncheon, noon, at Positano Italiano Restaurant, Bethesda. Speaker: Kate Campbell Stevenson, Actor/Producer, on “Eleanor Roosevelt: A Fighter for Social Justice.” Kate Campbell Stevenson, who often portrays Eleanor Roosevelt in her professional acting career, will share insights from her extensive research.