



BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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GUESTS WELCOME!

Saturday, October 14, 2023

11:00 a.m.

National and International Perspectives on US Policies

Mark Medish

Mark Medish, one of our most popular regular speakers, will share his insights into US policies throughout the world as well as perspectives on current US politics. He is founder of Keep Our Republic, a non-partisan civic action group dedicated to election and transition integrity. He also 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. He served at the U.S. Treasury as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, under Secretaries Robert Rubin and Lawrence Summers. Medish was educated at Georgetown, Harvard, and Oxford. He has held Fulbright, Luce, Mellon, and Shintaro Abe scholarships.



Mark Medish's career has spanned law, business and government. He now advises heads of state on three continents. Mark Medish has over 30 years of professional experience as a lawyer, policy expert and strategic adviser based in Washington, D.C.

He is vice chair of Project Associates, Ltd., a strategic communications firm

headquartered in London, with offices in Paris, Brussels, Berlin, New York, and Washington. The website is: <https://www.projectassociatesltd.com/> Medish is a founding partner of The Mosaic Law Group (<https://mosaiqlaw.com/>) and a founding director of Keep Our Republic, a 501(c)(3) civic education organization (<https://keepourrepublic.com/>).

He serves on several corporate and non-profit advisory boards including the Georgetown University Institute for the Study of Diplomacy (Washington) and the Institut für die Wissenschaften von Menschen (Vienna). Previously, Medish was president of The Messina Group, a strategic consultancy, and president of Guggenheim International, LLC, a division of Guggenheim Partners, an investment firm with over \$200 billion AUM.

Medish served at The White House as a Special Assistant to President Clinton and Senior Director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs on the National Security Council. Prior to that, he served as U.S. Treasury Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs under Lawrence Summers and Robert Rubin. He also worked as a Special Assistant at USAID/State Department and as a Special Advisor at UNDP in New York. Medish was a law partner at Akin, Gump, LLP, where he led the sovereign advisory and debt restructuring practices. He trained as an associate at Covington & Burling and clerked with Judge John M. Steadman on the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Medish has been affiliated with several think tanks including the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Washington), The Institute for Strategic Dialogue (London), The Japan Institute of International Affairs (Tokyo) and the Green School at Florida International University (Miami).

Medish was educated at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Harvard Graduate School, Harvard Law School, and Oxford (Merton College).

Medish is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His languages include Russian, German and Danish. He played varsity tennis as a Georgetown Hoya.

NEW!!! Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Book Club

Are you interested in discussing books with kindred spirits from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW branch? We had hoped to start things off in September but have deferred the program until October.

If you wish to learn more about the Book Club, please contact Pat Stocker at patstocker@aol.com. This doesn't obligate you to participate – but it does mean that you will receive information on upcoming meetings and books and will have the chance to have input on future book selection and choices of meeting times.

Upcoming Programs

November 11

Great Women's Roles in Musical Theater

Steve Friedman, Steve's Broadway Lectures and Tours and Author of "The Ultimate Broadway List Book"



Many of our images of women's roles come from the roles of women in popular musicals. Do these images mirror reality? Do they mirror the ideal image of women? Steve Friedman, popular lecturer on Broadway musicals, will explore how women have been portrayed in Broadway musicals and how the portrayals have changed over time.

December 9

Maryland's Secretary of State: What I Have Learned

Maryland Secretary of State Susan Lee (TENTATIVE)

Susan C. Lee is Secretary of State for Maryland. She is also AAUW Maryland's Woman of Distinction for 2023. She previously represented District 16 in the Maryland Senate, which includes Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Friendship Heights, Potomac,



Rockville, Cabin John, and Glen Echo. She was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2002 and to the Senate in 2014 to represent District 16 and has been described as the General Assembly's leader on cyber security and innovation, identity theft, online fraud, and consumer protection issues. Maryland's strongest advocate for women's issues of concern to AAUW, Susan led efforts to pass an aggressive agenda of legislation to fight domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; economically empower women, children and families; secure funding for statewide rape crisis centers; and authorize the placing a statue of Marylander and American hero Harriet Tubman in the United States Capitol. Susan also is a champion of education, the environment, public safety, civil rights, transportation, quality health care, telemedicine, bioscience, clean energy, and emerging technologies.

January 13

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

Dr. Sahar Khamis



Dr. Sahar Khamis is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Maryland, College Park. Dr. Khamis is a media commentator and analyst, a public speaker, a human rights commissioner in the Human Rights Commission in Montgomery County, Maryland, and a radio host, who presents a monthly radio show on "U.S. Arab Radio" (the first Arab-American radio station broadcasting in the U.S. and Canada). Dr. Sahar Khamis is an expert on Arab and Muslim media, and the former Head of the Mass Communication and Information Science Department

in Qatar University. She is a former Mellon Islamic Studies Initiative Visiting Professor at the University of Chicago.

Other monthly meetings – speakers to be announced – all at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill:

February 10

March 9

April 13

May 18

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

My apologies for the tardiness of this newsletter. Our branch hosted the AAUW Maryland fall meeting on Saturday, October 30 – which involved more work and time than anticipated. Special thanks to Patty Howie, Charlene Currie and Karen Braun for their extraordinary efforts to make the meeting a success.

The state meeting focused on Climate Change. Speakers included Bob Deans of the Natural Resources Defense Council, known to many of us from his previous sessions



with our Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch, and Almeta E. Cooper, representing Moms' Clean Air Force. She is pictured at left with Tracy Lantz (left), president of AAUW Maryland, and me. It was a wonderful day of learning and connecting, with reminders of how we can make a difference in our personal lives, in our AAUW branches, and in our state organization.

Our Bethesda-Chevy Chase October meeting will be an excellent opportunity to learn about US policies throughout the world, as well as perspectives on US politics and policies. Mark Medish, known to many of us for his previous sessions with our Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Branch, will speak – and more importantly – respond to our questions and concerns. I always learn something important from

Mark! This is an excellent opportunity to bring friends and colleagues with you. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings!

Please let us know if you have suggestions for speakers for the spring programs. We are currently finalizing the schedule.

Thank you for your support of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW – and for being an advocate for equity for women and girls. We are part of an important organization which is making a difference in the world.

Pat

Pat Stocker, President, Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW

MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2023-2024

Join or Renew Now!

Dues:

\$98

**Includes \$72 for national AAUW
\$10 for AAUW Maryland, and
\$16 for Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Branch**

\$69 is TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Note: AAUW national membership dues are \$72, of which \$69 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities

Honorary Life members pay no dues.

Life members of AAUW pay \$26 in state and branch dues.

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To renew by check: Make your check for \$98 payable to B-CC AAUW, complete the enclosed form above and mail it to our branch treasurer:

Karen Braun - 9707 Old Georgetown Road, Apt. 1302, Bethesda, MD 20814

For questions, you can reach Karen at: karen.braun@verizon.net



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 135 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.