



## BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER October 2022

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**FOX HILL**

**8300 Burdette Road**

**Bethesda, MD 20817**

**Handicapped accessible. Plenty of parking.**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON. FOX HILL MAY CHECK YOUR VACCINATION CERTIFICATE AND YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING GUESTS!**

**October Meeting**

**Saturday, October 8, 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill**

### **National and International Perspectives: Politics as We Approach Mid-term Elections**

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 as we approach the mid-term elections. 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.

## President's Letter



Dear Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Friends,  
Those of you lucky enough to attend our September meeting, featuring our own Alice Schelling, were treated to an inspiring session in which Alice read from her book **Hiding Alinka** and shared memories of her time as a hidden child during World War II. More than 60 people attended the meeting. For any who were unable to attend (COVID or other challenges!), I was able to record it on my iPad. Please let me know if you would like me to send it to you. Alice shared stories about disguising her Jewish heritage, even attending a Catholic girls' residential school. She recalls this as one of the times she felt safest, although she pointed out that if any of the nuns were found to be hiding a Jewish student they almost certainly would have been executed. This was a great act of courage on their part. She also recounted coming across a group of Jews being led to a concentration camp and already emaciated and near death. She told of the horses being ridden by the German soldiers defecating near the prisoners and the prisoners' eagerness in eating the excrement, since they had not received any food. These stories brought to life a terrible time in the world's past, but also a time when the human spirit among those threatened or executed soared.



As you are well aware, Alice and her parents survived, although many relatives and friends were lost, and we are grateful she could tell her story and share it with us. The book is



currently available only through Politics & Prose, the publisher.

I urge you to bring friends to our October meeting during which Mark Medish will share his perspectives on domestic and international issues. An expert on Russia and Ukraine, he can provide a perspective for us on the current war as well as providing insights into the upcoming US elections. Hope to see you at the meeting

on October 8.

Pat Stocker, Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW President

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Branch meeting dates, all at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill, for this program year will be:  
**October 8, 2022; November 12, 2022; December 10, 2022; January 14, 2023; February 11, 2023; March 11, 2023; April 15, 2023; and May 13, 2023.**

Board/Leadership meetings will be held via Zoom on  
August 27, 2022; November 5, 2022; January 7, 2023; and March 4, 2023.

## Upcoming Meetings

November 12, 2022

### **Charting Our End-of-Life Journey**

Donna Smith, Maryland Campaign Director, Compassion & Choices

Our AAUW branch members have expressed an interest in learning about and



advocating for society that affirms life and accepts the inevitability of death, embraces expanded options for compassionate dying, and empowers everyone to choose end-of-life care that reflects their values, priorities, and beliefs. We will hear from Donna Smith of Compassion & Choices who will outline efforts to legalize efforts for people to have the right to participate in their own end of life choices. She will share plans for introduction of legislation in the 2023

Maryland legislative session.

Compassion & Choices improves care, expands options and empowers everyone to chart their end-of-life journey. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and have 450,000 supporters active in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Guam and Puerto Rico.

December 10, 2022

### **Women's Issues in Maryland: A Look Ahead to the Maryland Legislative Session**

Senator Susan Lee, District 16, Maryland

Susan C. Lee represents District 16, 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

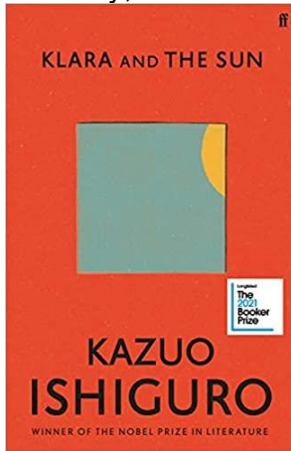
also is a champion of education, the environment, public safety, civil rights, transportation, quality health care, telemedicine, bioscience, clean energy, and emerging technologies.

## **Montgomery County School Board Forum**

The Montgomery County School Board Forum will take place on line (ZOOM) Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 pm. AAUW Maryland is a cosponsor. It will be recorded, also. This is going to be an important election for education in Montgomery County. You will receive a separate e-mail for this event which will include a registration link.

## Literature Group /Book Club

The combined Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Kensington-Rockville Literature Group will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss **Klara and the Sun** by Kazuo Ishiguro.



**Klara and the Sun** is the eighth novel by the Nobel Prize-winning British writer Kazuo Ishiguro, published on 2 March 2021. It is a dystopian science fiction story.

Set in the U.S. in an unspecified future, the book is told from the point of view of Klara, a solar-powered AF (Artificial Friend), who is chosen by Josie, a sickly child, to be her companion.

The novel was longlisted for the 2021 Booker Prize.

About the author: Kazuo Ishiguro was born in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1954 and moved to Britain at the age of five. His eight previous works of fiction have earned him many honors around the world, including the Nobel Prize in Literature and the Booker Prize. His work has been translated into over fifty languages and *The Remains of the Day* and *Never Let Me Go*, both made into acclaimed films, have sold over a million copies each in Faber editions. He was given a knighthood in 2018 for Services to Literature. He also holds the decorations of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from France and the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star from Japan.

## Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership for 2022-23, this is your last opportunity. Your dues cover national, state and branch memberships. **Yearly dues are \$93**, which includes \$67 for national, \$10 for Maryland, and \$16 for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch. Of this amount, \$64 is tax deductible, since we can't deduct money used for lobbying.

You may have tried renewing on the national AAUW site, but they have initiated an entirely new website this year, and it is confusing to most of us. It will be easiest if you send a check to our treasurer, Karen Braun, at 9707 Old Georgetown Road, Apt. 1302, Bethesda, MD 20814. We have attached a form for you to include with your check, and it includes the amount and address as well.



Your membership includes our monthly Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Newsletter as well as the Marylander, Maryland's newsletter and national publications.

I hope you will **renew now**, before you forget. The form is below.

Pat Stocker

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# MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2022-2023

## Renew Now!

**Dues:** **\$93**

**Includes \$67 for national AAUW  
\$10 for AAUW Maryland, and  
\$16 for Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Branch**

**\$64 is TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

Note: AAUW national membership dues are \$67, of which \$64 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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**DEGREE(S) & COLLEGE/UNIV** \_\_\_\_\_

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To renew by check: Make your check for \$93 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](mailto:karen.braun@verizon.net)

## **AAUW Maryland Fall Conference – October 14, 2022**

The fall AAUW conference will be hosted by the Gaithersburg branch and will be held October 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program is at the Casey Community Center, 810 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD. Keynote speaker is Karla Silvestre, Director of Community Engagement at Montgomery College who will discuss ways to engage younger voters as well as providing information on the success of allowing 16-year-olds to vote in local elections. For additional information – and to register – go to The Marylander. You will have received this as an e-mail with the subject line “AAUW Fall Marylander available on AAUW-MD website” or you can go directly to the AAUW Maryland website.



**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 and 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.**