



BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER  
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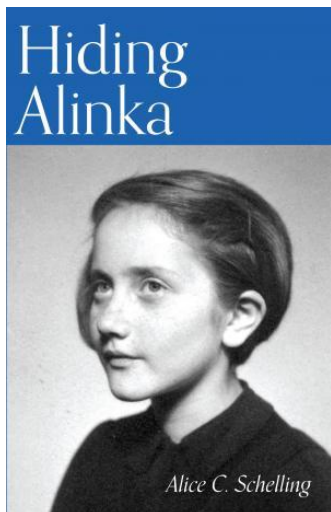
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**FOX HILL**  
8300 Burdette Road  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
Handicapped accessible. Plenty of parking.

**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!**

**September Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill**

**Readings from Hiding Alinka**



**Speaker: Alice C. Schelling**

Alinka, now Alice C. Schelling, member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Branch, is the author of Hiding Alinka. She came to the US when, at the end of WWII, her father became Poland's Director of UNRRA under his assumed name of Zygmunt Madzelewski. Alice Schelling's survival as a Polish Jewish child during the Holocaust meant acquiring a new identify, a new persona, and spending the fragmented war years moving along from Gentile family to Gentile family including time in a convent and a final episode of forced labor in Germany. She will read from her book, published by Politics & Prose in Washington, DC., and share memories in conversation with our members. She lives at Fox Hill and is the widow of Nobel Laureate Thomas C. Schelling.

## From Politics & Prose:

... it was easily the most poetic, melodic manuscript I've read this summer. Your style reminds of Walter Benjamin's: it's pensive, nonlinear, and richly detailed."



-Gail E. Ross, *literary agent*

"I enjoyed every page ... It is a poetic window on both another time and another place ... And, with the narrator being you as a child, the sense of wonder, discovery, confusion and fear is tangible. You are a gifted writer... You succeed in bringing the reader back in time with you."

-Jack Repchack, *W.W. Norton*

"Alice Schelling's survival as a Polish Jewish child during the Holocaust meant acquiring a new identity, a new persona., and spending the fragmented war years moving alone from Gentile family to Gentile family, including time ... in a convent and a final episode in forced labor in Germany. Her ability to transform terrifying scenes and experiences into fantasy, gives the reader an insight into a remarkable imagination that was as much a part of her survival ... as her ability to acquire the mundane skills of cooking and sewing to ensure a temporary roof over her head. Her book goes way beyond WWII and will resonate with anyone who spent a childhood alone on the run or under cover, to escape tyranny, fascism or a brutal civil war."

-Pamela Ferguson, *author*

## President's Letter

Dear Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW Friends,

For me, the new year really begins in September – when the school year traditionally starts, and the lazy days of summer end. I feel that way this year. Our branch, which is dedicated to the education of our members on issues of concern to AAUW and advocating for women's issues, is vital and growing. We have an exciting year of programs ahead, as well as opportunities to get involved in public policy and lobbying, educational opportunities for women, equal pay and employment for women, and other issues of concern. A few highlights of the coming program year....



- Hearing Brian Frosh reflect on his years in Maryland politics, culminating in his service as Maryland Attorney General
- Learning from Senator Susan Lee about issues of concern to women in the upcoming Maryland Legislature session
- Exploring the challenges faced by our member Alice

Schelling from her book Hiding Alinka about her experiences as a "hidden child" during World War II

- Getting a perspective on national and international political issues from Mark Medish in advance of the fall mid-term elections
- Finding out about legal and ethical issues in getting medical aid in dying from Maryland's Compassion & Choices

and many more programs, offered once a month on a Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill. The specific Saturdays vary based on holidays, speaker schedules, and related issues.

This is your chance to learn, to have your voice heard, and to be involved in the advocacy for women on a variety of issues. All meetings are planned to be in person this year (Hurray!) and we hope you will be with us whenever possible. I know I will be there to learn with you!

My best wishes to you as we begin this important program year!

Pat Stocker

## Upcoming Fall Programs

October 8, 2022

### **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.

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.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Branch meeting dates, all at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill, for this program year will be:

**September 24, 2022; 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.

## **AAUW Updates National Website. You will have to set up a "new" password**

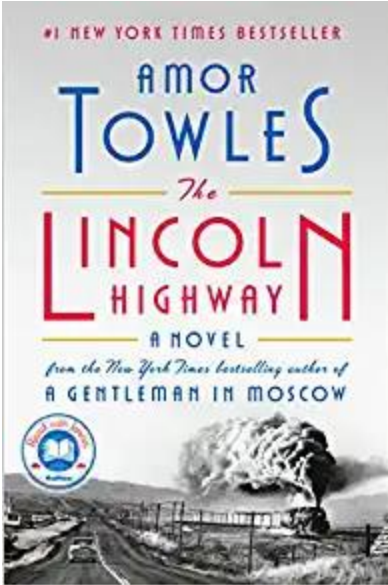
If you haven't already done so, members must set up a new membership account and password on the new AAUW national website, renamed the "AAUW Community Hub" which is a members' personal portal into AAUW. (Available at <https://www.aauw.org/new-systems-update/>) (Note that you can set up the same "new" password as your previous password.) The site is [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org).

You'll need an account to renew your membership, donate and update branch activities. There are tutorials available on line.

## Literature Group /Book Club

The combined Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Kensington-Rockville Literature Group will meet on Tuesday, September 20 via Zoom. The time has not yet been set. We will discuss **The Lincoln Highway: A Novel** by Amor Towles. Please check with Pat Stocker about the time and Zoom link if you may be able to attend.

*From Amazon: The Lincoln Highway* might just be one of the best novels of this decade, which is a feat considering *A Gentleman in Moscow*, also holds that distinction (in this reviewer's mind, anyway). Set in the 1950s, *The Lincoln Highway* is filled with nostalgia as well as the gentle naïveté and hijinks of those who are young, optimistic, and on a mission. The story follows four boys who set out to travel the country in search of a fresh start: Emmett and Billy want to find their mother who left them when they were young, and Duchess and Woolly are on the hunt for a stashed wad of cash. Sometimes their dreams are aligned but often they are not. In other words, adventure ensues: There's train hopping and car stealing, and with that comes the inevitability of trouble sparked from both good and bad intentions. Each of these young men is chasing his dreams, but their pasts—whether violent or sad—are never far behind. A remarkable work of storytelling that is a 2021 favorite.



This is a joint group with Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Kensington-Rockville. To attend, contact Pat Stocker at [patstocker@aol.com](mailto:patstocker@aol.com) or Margaret Schweitzer [margaretschweitzer@gmail.com](mailto:margaretschweitzer@gmail.com)

## Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership for 2022-23, this is your 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 or Join 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.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEGREE(S) & COLLEGE/UNIV** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR(S) OF GRADUATION** \_\_\_\_\_

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 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.**