

## August 22, 2023 Book Club

Seven members participated in a very interesting book club session.

**Norma Brodsky** read two books. The first, a thriller and novel *Nothing Lasts Forever* by Sidney Sheldon, tells the tale of several female doctors working at a San Francisco hospital. The second is *Alex Cross's Trial*, by James Patterson. Detective Alex Cross's great uncle returns to his Mississippi hometown to investigate lynchings and the Ku Klux Klan's resurgence. Norma liked both of these novels.

**Cher Terry** read *The Nazi Conspiracy*, non-fiction, by Brad Meltzer with Josh Mensch. During WWII, the Nazi regime formulated a plot to assassinate FDR, Churchill and Stalin while the Big Three were participating in the Tehran Conference in 1943. Cher really enjoyed this book and recommends it.

**Sarah Tatum** reported on *Lives of Girls and Women*, by Alice Munro, fiction (short stories). The short stories follow a female character, Del, as she comes of age in a small town in Ontario, Canada. Sarah liked this book and recommends it.

**Carol Mattaino** read *The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House*, non-fiction, by Kate Brower. Relying on interviews with White House staff, this book relates inside stories of the "first families," from the Kennedys through the Obamas. Carol thoroughly enjoyed *The Residence*, saying "I couldn't put it down," and finished it in two days.

**Robert and Louise McLean**. Louise is halfway through *The Prince of Peace* by Zachary Carter. This is a biography of John Maynard Keynes, the brilliant British economist, who advocated that governments act to counter business cycle downturns. Keynes also had a deep appreciation for the arts, both performance and fine arts. Louise likes this book and recommends it.

**Laurie Tracy** read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. This semi-autobiographical novel is a coming-of-age story about Francie Nolan and her beloved family growing up in poverty in Brooklyn in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Laurie loved *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

The next book club session is Tuesday, September 26, at 3:00