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President's message

Greetings one last time, fellow VWC members, and Happy Spring! This is my final president's message, and what a fun year it has been. I feel lucky to be a part of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my year at the helm (using Commodore lingo!). I just attended the Vanderbilt Scholarship Reception last week with our Scholarship Chair, **Cindy Slobogin**, where we had the pleasure of meeting and talking with many of Vanderbilt's young scholars and their benefactors, including one of our former Stapleton/Weaver recipients, **Leah Chisholm**, who is now an Ingram scholar in her last year at Vanderbilt. Leah had many nice things to say about the Vanderbilt Woman's Club and our support of her education.

It has been rewarding to watch our endowment grow this year, and I'm hopeful that in another year or two we will have the funds to fully finance a second Stapleton/Weaver scholarship recipient, as the Club approved at the January 2014 annual meeting. It is exciting to see our Club playing an important role in making Vanderbilt such a special place for learning, discovery, and community. Thank you all for your hearty support of our scholarship.

This month brings *Wine Down Wednesday* at Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory on April 20th, and our End-of-the-Year Luncheon at Richland Country Club on the 28th. **Lynne Siesser** will host the second annual *Bridge Extravaganza* on the 30th, and our dynamic Community Explorers Chair, **Anne Manner**, has one final outing scheduled to the Hundred Oaks Castle on May 3rd. Many of our VWC interest groups continue to meet throughout the summer, so don't stop checking your emails, even though summer travel and fun times with family and friends may supersede an activity or two with the VWC! For those of you leaving the Nashville area, I wish you smooth travels and safe returns, and I look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we reassemble at the end of summer.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your president this year. It has been my genuine pleasure and an extraordinary experience.

Lisa



My summer fun cohorts: Grayson, Grant, and JB

Next meeting: Wine Down Wednesday

Details are on page eight.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Dyer Observatory

RSVP lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com
615-891-1727

Spring Luncheon

Details are on page ten.

Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.
Richland Country Club

[click here to make your reservation by credit card.](#)

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club acknowledges the late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus and honors her in the naming of the newsletter.

**VANDERBILT
WOMAN'S CLUB**

Donors

2015-2016

Fundraising
goal

to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship

March (donations may be sent to Lynne Siesser, 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414)

\$15,000

Tribute Cards

Lisa LeMaster in honor of Rosie Worley

Total raised: \$22,250

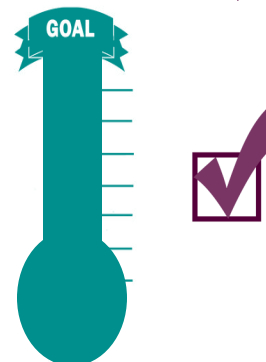
ScholarSips (\$9,230 from sponsors and donors!)

Additions since the last newsletter. Linda Bengson

Merle Born * Greg Hersh * Ruth Mathisen

Mary Raffety * Maisie Roden * Susan Samson

Total net profit from ScholarSips: \$12,352.61



This year so far has been absolutely fantastic, better than anything I would have dreamed of. I was pretty nervous starting out here, even though I live only a short drive away. I had new roommates after sharing a room with my sister for fifteen years. I had new classes, a new location, and a lot of very new people. Once I settled in, however, I found I knew a lot more than I thought I did, and quickly acclimated to my new environment. By the end of my first month I had gotten to know my fantastic Visions group, gotten a strong start to my classes, made friends on my floor, and joined the Vanderbilt University Concert Choir. Things have only gotten better as the year has gone on.

I have greatly enjoyed every aspect of Vanderbilt, some of which I was more nervous about experiencing than others. Academically, I've absolutely enjoyed taking advantage of the wide range of classes available. First semester, I took Cryptography, Elementary Italian, Intro to Anthropology, and General Psychology. Everything thus far has solidified my determination to major in Psychology and continue on to law school. This semester, I am in Intermediate Spanish Writing, Quantitative Methods (psychology statistics), Criminology, and Cognitive Psychology. Socially, I have enjoyed getting to know both my floor and the fantastic group of people in the concert choir. I went to Gatlinburg on a choir bonding weekend in the fall, and just last week we went on tour to Savannah and Orlando over spring break. This semester, I also joined AOII and am getting to know my new sisters as quickly as I can. I cannot wait to continue my journey at Vanderbilt and explore what further opportunities await!



Our Scholar, Mason Grow with Elaine Blake,
ScholarSips Chair, 2015

Mason Grow, scholarship recipient 2015-2019

Donor Roll for this financial year

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Tuesday Bridge Group * Holiday Vendors * Attendees at the Bridge Extravaganza, Kendra Scott, Puckett's and ScholarSips

Interest Groups

Contact information and details are available in the directory.

Book Group 1 * Book Group 2 * Tuesday Bridge * Thursday Bridge * Cocktail Club * Community Explorers
Community Service * French * German * Gourmet Group * Italian * Mah Jongg * Movies * Out to Lunch * Spanish

See you at the movies

April 12 — *Meet at the Market of Table
Three Restaurant at 11 am and then see
"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" at noon.*

Save the date — May 17

Betsy Fleetwood
615-579-0903
befleet@aol.com



Lunch Bunch

Tuesday April 19th

12.30pm

The Hook specializing in sea food
2222 8th Avenue South

Joyce Gore 615-783-0681
joycegore0681@gmail.com



Sprechen sie Deutsch?

Wednesdays at 2pm - April 20,
Susanne Riess 414-241-1246
susriess@hotmail.com



Cocktail Club

*Our gracious hosts will
be ...*

April 23 * Curci
May * Thackston
June 11 * Browning
October * Stein
Lynne Siesser
615-298-5659 lsiesser7@gmail.com



Parlez-vous Français?

Joan Harshman
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Español por favor

Lorena Rivera Wilson
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Meet the **second Thursday** of every month
for lunch at 1pm at **Amerigo's**
April 14, May 12

Gourmet Group

Saturday, May 14, 2016
at the Holroyds'

Carmen Gherman
615-354-4421
cggherman@yahoo.com



Italian Conversation

Join
Dena Abbott, Sandy Chase,
Becky Hickson,
Katherine Johnson and
Malu Ramsey as they
"chiacchiere in italiano"

Becky Hickson
615-414-8383
hicksonbj@aol.com



Schedule of Events still to come in 2016

Wine Down Wednesday	Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:00 p.m.	Dyer Observatory
End of Year Luncheon	Thursday, April 28, 2016	11:30 a.m.	Richland Country Club
Bridge Extravaganza	Saturday, April 30, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Siesser's home



Community Explorers

Visit to Casa Azafrán

March 9, 2016

Casa Azafrán is a collective of 10 nonprofits, and together they offer services in education, legal issues, health care, exercise, and the arts to immigrants, refugees and the community as a whole.



What's There:

American Center for Outreach • American Muslim Advisory Council
 Conexión Américas • Family & Children's Service • Financial
 Empowerment Center • Global Education Center • Justice for our
 Neighbors • Mesa Komal Commercial Kitchen •
 TIRRC (TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition) • United
 Neighborhood Health Services



Karla Ruiz from *Karla's Catering* made a delicious brunch for us. She is one of the entrepreneur chefs who use the Mesa Komal commercial kitchen.

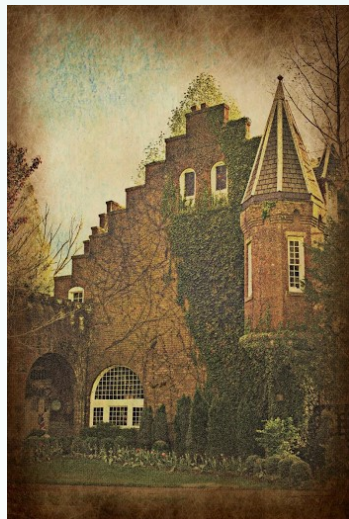


Welcome new members

Kristen Sherman * Elaine Williams * Jane Youngman

Community Explorers

Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00am



"Roadtrip" to Hundred Oaks Castle and Gardens. "Tucked away in the rolling hills of Winchester, Tennessee stands a real, fairytale castle. A very special place in time, in the midst of towers, turrets and castellations, lies the gloriously restored ruins of historic Hundred Oaks. Listed by the Smithsonian as one of the few remaining historic castles in America, it was named one of the Top Ten Most Romantic Castles in the World, in 2008."

Construction began in 1830, it was originally built as a plantation farm house by the railroad tycoon, Benjamin Decherd. It has most recently been restored to life by P.K., Shirley and Robert Bramlett of the Kent Bramlett Foundation in Nashville. The Foundation offers tours of the castle and its beautiful gardens and all of the generated fees go towards further restoration. Read more about the history of Hundred Oaks at [Hundred Oaks at Hundred Oaks Castle.com/history](http://HundredOaksCastle.com/history).

The cost per person is \$22 for a minimum of 20 persons, so will be a bit more if our group is smaller than 20.

Our tour will begin at 10 am. The drive to the Castle from Nashville Green Hills area is about 90 miles southeast and takes about 1 1/2 hours so we should plan to leave Nashville around 8 am or so. We will plan to carpool and in mid-April we can start to organize our groups. The tour will last about 2 hours. The plan now for lunch is to brown bag or purchase box lunches in the vicinity and possibly picnic in a nearby park before returning to Nashville.

**For more information or to reserve, contact
Anne Manner - acmanner@gmail.com or 615-289-1040**

Are you looking for a way to GET INVOLVED with the VWC?

Be a part of our Music Committee! We would love to have your help planning some small music events for the year.

If you can, join us for our first planning meeting, **Friday, April 15th**, please contact

Lisa LeMaster at lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com or 615-891-1727.

No expertise necessary
(I don't know what I'm doing either)!





Work Day at Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle TN with the Community Explorers & Community Service groups

WEDNESDAY
March 2

Top left: Community Service Chair Kathleen Donofrio, Elaine Blake, and Serina Ng sort snack foods.

Middle left: Community Explorer Chair Anne Manner sorts with a smile!

Bottom left: Susanne Reiss, Peggy Curci, Anne Manner, and Joy Allington-Baum take a break for a quick pic.

Middle right: Lisa LeMaster makes a new friend from Discovery Place. We also worked with The Sweet Potatoes from the University of Florida - Gainesville.

Bottom right: Rita Hall and Charlotte Wood stay busy keeping everyone supplied with boxes!



Our work was with the Middle Tennessee's Table program. We boxed 14,602 pounds of food—a record weight for the VWC! We created 12,168 meals for hungry children, families, and seniors throughout our 46-county service area.



*Members of the VWC Lunch Bunch enjoyed their March 24th outing to Americano Tapas.
Clockwise left to right: Sheila McCarty, Lisa LeMaster, Robin Hills, Merle Born, Martha Alexander, Judy Andrews, Dede Clements, Roberta Maguire, Claire Tschudy, Betsy Fleetwood, Lunch Bunch Chair Joyce Gore*



*Members of the Community Service group gathered at Pencil Box on Wednesday, March 30th to sort...yes, pencils! We had a special helper--can you spot her under the table? Pencil Director (and new VWC member!) Kerry Conley brought along her sweet companion, Kelsey, to lend a helping paw.
L to R: Community Service Chair Kathleen Donofrio, Joan Hornberber, Ebbie Redwine, Carmen Gherman, Lisa LeMaster, Joy Allington-Baum, Rita Hall
Left to right: Serina Ng, Rita Hall, Carmen Gherman, Ebbie Redwine, Lisa LeMaster, Joan Hornberger, Kathleen Donofrio*



Wine Down Wednesday—the perfect way to wind down your week! Please join the Vanderbilt Woman's Club for an evening of cocktails and the cosmos! On Wednesday, April 20, from 6-8 p.m. we will gather at Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory. VWC members and their spouses/significant others will bring appetizers and wine, as we do for our usual cocktail club parties, but this time, we will hear from the Director of Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory, Rocky Alvey, about what's going on at Dyer, and if it's a clear evening, Rocky will open the Seyfert and DeWitt telescopes for us to observe the night sky.

If you haven't been to Dyer, you're in for a treat! Crowning one of Nashville's tallest peaks, Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory is a Tennessee treasure. Many of you have attended outdoor musical performances (*Bluebird/Opera/Music on the Mountain*) at Dyer. Surrounded by scenic Radnor Lake State Park and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Dyer's telescopes have pointed toward the sky since 1953. Many of Vanderbilt's original 1875 astronomical instruments and artifacts are housed at Dyer. Also proudly displayed among the historical items is the engraved pocket watch of the famous astronomer and first director of the Vanderbilt University Observatory, Edward Emerson Barnard, who discovered the fifth moon of Jupiter.

Our host for the evening is Lynn Maddox. Please mark your calendars and join us April 20th!

RSVP to me (lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com / 615-891-1727) and/or to Lynne Siesser (lsiesser7@gmail.com / 615-298-5659).

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WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, April 20th for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a brief presentation by Rocky Alvey, Director of Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory. If it is a clear night, the Seyfert telescope will be available for viewing the night sky. Members come with a bottle of wine and snack to share. Our host for the evening is Lynn Maddox.

SEE YOU AT DYER OBSERVATORY, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. ON THE 20TH!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 April Fool's Day! 	2
3	4 Book Group Two 1:00 p.m. @ Green Hills Library	5	6 Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	7 VWC Board Mtg. 9 a.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	8	9
10 Book Group One 2:30 - 4 p.m. @ Tilly Najjar's	11	12 Bridge 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Movie Group Time TBA	13 Community Service – Pencil 9 - noon Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	14 Español Por Favor & Parlez-Vous Français? 1-2 p.m. @ Amerigo's Bridge 1-4 p.m.	15 Music Committee Meeting 1 p.m.	16
17	18	19	20 Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m. Wine Down Wednesday @ Dyer 6-8 p.m.	21 Bridge 1-4 p.m.	22 Passover begins	23 Cocktail Club @ the Curcis' 6-8 p.m.
24	25	26	27 Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	28 End of the Year Luncheon 11:30 a.m. @ Richland CC Bridge 1-4 p.m.	29	30 Bridge Extravaganza 1 p.m. @ Lynne Siesser's Passover ends

VANDERBILT WOMAN'S CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON



Thursday April 28, 2016

Richland Country Club

One Club Drive

Nashville TN 37215

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Our Luncheon Menu Features:

Strawberry Spinach Salad

Fresh Spinach, Jicama, Mushrooms, Red Onions and Caramalized Pecans, served with Salmon or as a vegetarian option with no fish. Poppyseed Dressing served on the side

Lemon Meringue Cheesecake

Coffee, Tea, and Water

Cost: General Members: \$30.00 Life Members: \$25.00

Please send your reservation along with cash or check made payable to
Vanderbilt Woman's Club to: Kendra Holroyd 5130 Murray Lane Brentwood TN 37027 or
[click here to make your reservation by credit card.](#)

Reservation Deadline is April 22, 2016

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Kendra Holroyd
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Regular_____ Vegetarian_____

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