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The Vanderbilt Woman's Club brings together the women of Vanderbilt University; provides an opportunity for intellectual, cultural and social activities within the community and the University; supports and assists the mission of the University; and sponsors the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship through fundraising.

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President's Message This summer has flown by and the board has been busy getting ready for another exciting and fulfilling year.

We ended the academic year with our Spring Luncheon at the Richland Country Club with a fabulous buffet. A huge thank you to the old board and welcome to the new board. The club also voted on the amendment to the by-laws to streamline the categories of membership to Regular, Honorary and Life.

The motion passed and our membership renewal forms will reflect those changes. Over the years the club has evolved from its beginning 125 years ago when it was a club for the wives of students at Vanderbilt to now an active group of women who are connected to Vanderbilt through work, family, education or friends.

We are going to have a push to add new members this year. I have had members ask why we are doing this; it is simply we are shrinking as a group. This is due to many factors. Please think who you may want to invite to join the club. See the letter in this Newsletter from the Newcomers chairs as to our specific events we have created for new members.

In order to support the new demographics of our members we are adding evening activities, Girls Night Out, Evening Mah Jongg and Book Club. We are continuing our evening Music Group, and Movie Group, and on the weekend, Cocktail, Book, and Gourmet Groups. We are also expanding our daytime activities by adding an Antiques Group. If you are interested in chairing a group please feel free to contact Ebbie Redwine our chair of The Interest Groups

ERedwine9@gmail.com.

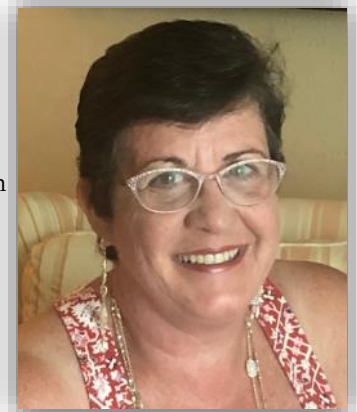
Our Opening Tea date has not been set yet we will let you know when we have a location pinned down.

Please look at the volunteer request form in the Magnolia News and let me know what you can do for the club.

On a personal topic I want to thank you for all the phone calls, notes and flowers that I received when my mother died this Spring. It was a great help in the healing process and I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers. What I want to say to the nurses in the club and in our lives is that my mother was in an at home hospice care (an option in England) for over a year not only did they give my mother amazing care they kept an eye on my 89 year old father and still do (he is in great health). This gave my siblings and me who all live in different countries, great comfort.

So, nurses, not only do you help the patient, you help the families. Thank you.

Joy



NEXT MEETINGS - Details on page 12 and 13

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Kendra Scott Night - Sips, Sweets and Jewels - at 4025 Hillsboro Pike

Friday, September 27, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

VWC Archives Reception in the Vanderbilt University Central Library

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

Stapleton/Weaver Scholar announced for 2019 - 2023

Emily Song

Emily is a Peabody student from Arlington Heights, IL planning to major in Secondary Education. She was a 4 year varsity letter winner in soccer, served as Junior Class President and on the Senior Class Board, and was very active in her community through tutoring and participating in clean ups at the local forest preserves. In addition, she is a 2-time state champion of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) where she competed in the Preschool Lesson Plan event. Emily is described as a natural leader, delightful, giving, and intelligent with a desire to leave a positive impact.



*Emily Song (20) will be a key defender for the Huskies this season. (Tim Carroll / Pioneer Press)
from the Arlington Heights Post of the Chicago Tribune (March 2017)*

We wish Mason Grow,
our scholarship recipient 2015 - 2019 the best for her future endeavors.

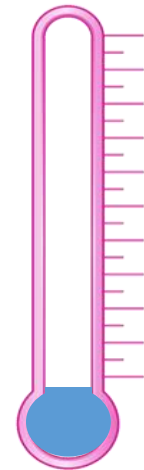
Donations to the Scholarship Fund since the last newsletter:

Donations may be sent to 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414

Audrey Brown, Cami Platek and Elizabeth Rich
(\$1,010 in FY 2019)

VWC Board in memory of Moira Allington *(Joy's mother)*
Mary Raffety in memory of Jane Hinshaw

\$20,000
GOAL!



\$215



Calling for volunteers to chair fundraising efforts or to serve on the committee for ScholarSongs and other events.

contact Joy Allington-Baum

214-755-5328 . . . joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

See the sign-up sheet on page 5 for all opportunities

ScholarSongs raised \$7,585 last year!!

Future Meetings

TBD from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Opening Tea at the University Residence

Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Welcome Coffee 1 at the Allington-Baums

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Fall Lunch at Urban Grub

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Welcome Coffee 2 at the Smiths

Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Fall Lecture at the Green Hills Library

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Newcomers at the Sandbergs

Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

*Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar at
Old Natchez Country Club*

Thursday, January, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

February, 2020

ScholarSongs, Annual Fundraiser

Thursday, April 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Spring Lecture at the Green Hills Library

Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Spring Luncheon at Richland Country Club

In Memoriam

Jane Hinshaw and Johanna Sulser

New Members Always Welcome!

Do you have friends
who might be interested in the

Cocktail Club
and the
**Vanderbilt
Woman's Club?**

*Please invite them to
attend a Cocktail
Club party or any
VWC event so they
can find out what a
fun group we are!*

*If a friend is interested in the VWC,
please put them in touch with*

Amy Smith
amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com
or 720-939-0135



VWC Membership Drive

You are invited . . .

This year, the Newcomer chairs are going to continue recruiting women new to Vanderbilt, area alumni, and women in the community who recognize the importance of Vanderbilt to the community. With this in mind, we are inviting all current members to invite friends to join VWC.

There are so many women in our growing community who may be happy to have the chance to participate in the many wonderful opportunities Vanderbilt Woman's Club has to offer, the most lovely of which is to meet new friends and have organized ways to get together as friendships develop. The growth and comradery of the Club will benefit from members inviting friends who they think will enjoy participating.

Please think about who, amongst your friends, might like to participate in VWC and invite them along with you to something you participate in or ask if they would like to be invited to a Cocktail Club, Newcomers Coffee, or the Newcomer events. If they are interested in joining, put them in touch with **Amy Smith**.

Thanks so much for helping grow the Club! Our goal is to let more people know VWC is present in the community as a welcoming and warm way to be with friends.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Amy Smith and Ursula King, Co-Chairs of Newcomers to the Club

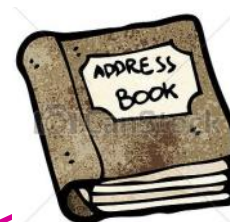
Amy Smith, 720-939-0135, amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com

Calling for Newcomers . . .

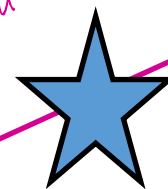
Welcome Coffees: invite and bring a potential member 10 a.m. on **Saturdays, September 28th** (at Joy Allington-Baum's) and **October 19th** (at Amy Smith's)

and to the New Member Event at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, November 14th** at Elisabeth Sandberg's.

New members in the past two years are particularly welcome.



Reminder to go through your contacts to invite a friend to a VWC event.





This year I can help by :

- ___ Being the Fundraising Chair
- ___ Being a ScholarSongs Committee member
- ___ I can sponsor a table of 10 for \$1,000 and can invite 8 non members
- ___ I can look for donation for scholarship
- ___ Refreshments for events
- ___ Hosting a Welcome event in your home
- ___ Host the cookie exchange (a piano in your home recommended)
- ___ Using my computer skills to consolidate information
- ___ Create Flyers
- ___ Occasional Committee Member

In the future I can

Serve on the Board as _____

Please let Joy Allington-Baum know if you can help this year at 214-755-5328 or

Joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

___ Chairing a new interest group or reviving a previous group on hiatus (Italian, Theater, German or Spanish)

Please let Ebbie Redwine know at eredwine9@gmail.com

Welcome new members



Sharon Berenfeld

Hello! I moved to Nashville in October 2018 and absolutely love it here! My youngest son is currently a senior at Belmont in the Songwriting and Music Business program. Every time I would visit him here, I just enjoyed the vibe of Nashville. My oldest son is a short drive away and goes to school in Atlanta. I was living in the suburbs of Charlotte NC, and both of my boys encouraged me

to move to Nashville. My dog Loco and I are happy to be here!

I am from Miami, Florida. I went to undergraduate and medical school at the University of Florida. (Thank you Vandy Woman's Club for letting this Gator join!). After my residency at MCV in Richmond, VA, I moved to Ft. Lauderdale. My boys and I moved to Charlotte in 2007.

I am a retired Internal Medicine physician and medical school professor.

My hobbies include enjoying the bands each of my boys is a part of, abstract painting...both with acrylics and with encaustic (using wax and a blowtorch), and cooking. I am delighted to be playing Mah Jong again! I have also volunteered with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

I look forward to being a part of this organization and meeting new friends!



Roxanne Roske

My name is Roxanne Roske and my husband and I moved from Los Angeles to retire in 2018. We have frequently visited Nashville to see life-long-friends and we always felt so comfortable here. It was an easy decision to relocate here to enjoy a slower pace of life and the seasons in retirement.

My favorite Nashville landmark is 'The Parthenon'-- all of our visitors see it lit at night and then visit and enjoy its beauty for a day-time outing. I also love the art deco architecture of the Frist Art Museum.

I am attracted to the Vanderbilt Woman's Club to make new friends and get involved in service activities. I currently volunteer at the Frist Art Museum, deliver Meals on Wheels, and teach an ESL Conversation class at the Nashville Public Library. My husband and I also love to travel and we recently took a cruise through the Panama Canal.

My super power is that I am a "go-to" person to get things done or find a resource to help!

Before I retired, I worked as a human resources professional in academics and healthcare and also taught HR classes at UCLA and Los Angeles Valley College. I have mentored many students and it is a joy to see them launch their own careers.



Susan White

Susan White moved from Dallas, TX to Nashville when her husband's work brought him here. Her favorite restaurant is Bourbon Steak and favorite book is *Unbroken*. She enjoys needlepoint, quilt making, travel and walking the parks around Nashville. Words of wisdom: When my kids were growing up, I would tell them, *"You can have a good day or a bad day, it is your choice"*.

Watch future newsletters for more about

JoAnne Berns

Sujata Biswas

Susie Cohan

Pat Holdridge

Jeannette McNeil

Cami Platek

Elizabeth Rich

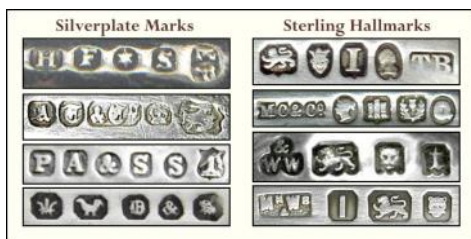
Leslie Smith

Joyce Weisenseel

New interest groups

DAYTIME

ANTIQUE STUDY GROUP



Lynne Siesser (Co-chair needed)

615-298-5659

lsiesser7@gmail.com

Broaden your knowledge through specialist speakers.

Organizational meeting:

Bill Siesser on English Silver

Tuesday, September 17 at 10 a.m. at the Siessers

Future dates on the third Tuesday

October 15 - Collecting Art

January 21 - Antiques Road Show

February 18 - Antique Jewelry

March 17 - Antique/Vintage Dolls

VANDY LUNCH BUNCH

Elisabeth Sandberg Text: 617-957-2169

elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

The new Vandy Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for women working on campus to socialize over lunch within walking distance of campus.

The group will meet the second

Wednesday of each month,

12:30-1:30 pm, starting on

September 11.

Our first lunch outing will be at

Crab Fever, 1907 West End Ave.

Seating is limited.

Please RSVP to Elisabeth no later than September 8.



Invite a friend to attend an interest group with you and perhaps they will join the Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

*Here's to a new VWC year with lots of fun activities to increase your enjoyment in the club! It is exciting to have several new Interest Groups debuting this year! Meanwhile, the **Italian, Theatre, German,** and **Spanish** groups that previously existed within the club, still need a chairperson and sufficient interest for meeting regularly to reinstate them. Please let me know if you are interested in these activities.*

*The **PopUp Group** is a great avenue for activities that occur on a sporadic basis, so if there is a theatre play, etc. you would love to attend with a VWC friend, put it out on the PUG message board.*

*Lastly, if there is any new activity you would like to start with this club, please contact me at **eRedwine9@gmail.com***

Ebbie

EVENING

GIRLS NIGHT OUT



Deb Biord, Kelly Chambers, Sheila Jensen, Ebbie Redwine, Cindy Slobogin, Pat Holdridge, Lynette Vecchio, Diane Whalley, Susan Gillespe, Judy Andrews, Marva Collins, Jan Goddard, Sue McDougall, Chris Follansbee, Amy Smith, Frannie Benner

Amy Smith 720-939-0135

amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com

Cindy Slobogin 352-339-4822

slobogin@hotmail.com

Join us for a fun evening of friendship, socializing and enjoying each other's company. We pick an evening, during the second week of the month. Join and check PUG (Pop-up Group) or Facebook for the next event.

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Cindy Slobogin 352-339-4822

slobogin@hotmail.com

First Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Begins September 5 at 7 p.m. at Peggy Curci's.



BOOK GROUP 3 - LOOSELY BOUND

Elisabeth Sandberg Text: 617-957-2169

elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

VWC's new evening book club will meet 7:00-8:30 pm on

the third Wednesday of every month, starting in

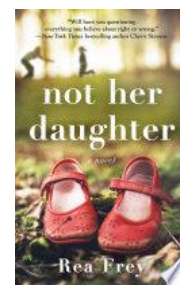
September. The group will meet in Brentwood at the home of Elisabeth Sandberg.

*The reading selection for **September 18** will be*

Not her Daughter,

by local author, Rea Frey.

Selections for subsequent meetings will be determined by the group.



Pop-Up Group or PUG is a loosely formed group of VWC members with diverse interests and sometimes flexible schedules who want to meet up with other members for fun outside of regularly scheduled club events. Movies, hikes, lectures, theater, festivals, music events, whatever – they are all game for **PUG**. For more information on being added to the **Group Me list** for the **Pop-Up Group**, click on

<https://groupme.com/en-US/> or contact

Kelly Chambers at 409-771-5731 or

kellychambers420@yahoo.com for full instructions.

Cocktail Club

Our gracious hosts

August 10 *Slobogin*

September 7 *Collins*

October *Bengson*

November 9 *LeMaster/ Rubl*

December 7 *Smith*

January *King/Middleton*

February *ScholarSongs*

March *Chambers/ Sherwood*



Bring your spouse/partner; bring a friend or come alone to meet friends from other departments

Lynne Siesser

lsiesser7@gmail.com

615-298-5659

The Daytime Movie Group

requests the pleasure of your company



**Tuesday,
September 24**

to go back to
"Downton Abbey",
the movie

*Hopefully at Regal
Green Hills Cinema*

Details to follow

Betsy Fleetwood 615-579-0903

befleet@aol.com

Save the date: October 22

Out to Lunch

Char Restaurant

Green Hills

Thursday, August 22nd

at 12:30 p.m.

3988 Hillsboro Pike 37215

next to True Food.

Free parking in the garage adjacent to the restaurant.

Nancy Gentry 615-335-2895

nancy1gentry@yahoo.com



Interest Groups

Contact information and details of all interest groups are available in the directory.

Antiques * Book Group 1 * Book Group 2 * Book Group 3 (*Loosely Bound*) * Tuesday/Thursday Bridge * Cocktails

Community Explorers * Community Service * French * Girls Night Out * Gourmet Group

Mah Jongg (*afternoon & evening*) * Movies (*afternoon & evening*) * Music * Out to Lunch * Pop-Up Group * Quilting

Vandy Lunch Bunch

Do you have another interest not listed?

Ebbie Redwine 225-281-3938 eRedwine9@gmail.com

Stay Connected

Join our VWC Facebook group to keep up with happenings in the club throughout the year. It's a closed group so only VWC members may post information or see posts.

You do need a Facebook account to join.

For more information contact Kelly at kellychambers420@yahoo.com.

Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/>



Community Explorers

Please join the Community Explorers Group on
Thursday, September 26th,
as we take a tour of the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere Historic Croft House
and a docent-led walking tour of the Zoo.
The guided tour of the **Croft House** will begin at **9:30**,
followed by the 45 minute Zoo walking tour.
Afterwards, we plan to have lunch at a restaurant nearby.
Zoo admission is \$15 for Seniors 65+, and \$17 for others,
and parking is \$7 per vehicle.

There is a limit of 25 participants for this trip.

Hope you'll join us for a morning with the animals at the Nashville Zoo.

Please contact **Ebbie Redwine** at eredwine9@gmail.com if you would like to join us.



Music Group

Summer Music Series in the beautiful lobby of the **Hermitage Hotel**, **Friday, August 16** from 4-7 p.m.
Music provided by local talent while we snack on delicious small bites and sip crafted cocktails from the cash bar.

Complimentary valet parking.

Community Service

has scheduled **LP Pencil Volunteer Days** on
1st Tuesday of the month, (starting September 3)
9:30 –11:30 am

Come to assist in sorting and bundling donated school supplies for the LP Pencil "Store" for teachers. It is always a fun time while we work.

www.pencilforschools.org/lppb

LP Pencil Box,
7199 Cockrill Bend Boulevard,
Nashville 37209.

Joan Hornberger 615-775-8039
zackapatch@gmail.com
Anne Manner 615-289-1040



It is worth a trip just to see this historic hotel. It is over 100 years old and on the "World's Best" list as well as on the National Register of Historic Places.

AND

Full Moon Pickin' Party
Friday, September 13

Equestrian Center, Warner Park,
2500 Old Hickory Blvd.

Gates open at 6:45 p.m.



Sue McDougall

615-974-5121

mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com



Gourmet Group

Saturday, September 14
at the Bengson's

Out of Africa
Dinner and the Movie

October 26th: Diwali
Hindu Festival of Lights

Sheila Jensen 615-351-4375
sheilajensen@comcast.net
Adele Stein 615-309-6951
steinadele@hotmail.com



[Click here to see what's new in the picture gallery on our website](#)

Vanderbilt Woman's Club Book Group One 2019-2020

Note: We meet the second Sunday of the month, from 2:30 till 4, except in May when we meet on the 1st. We do not meet in December, January, and August

September 8, 2019

Hostess: Mary Raffety

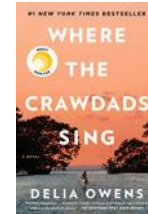
Leader/Book: Byrd Helguera/*Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss*, by Margaret Renkl



October 13, 2019

Hostess: Margaret Norris

Leader/Book: Margaret Norris/*Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens



November 10, 2019

Hostess: Joan Harshman

Leader/Book: Becky Attack/*Madame Fourcade's Secret War*:

The Daring Young Woman who Led France's Largest Spy Network, by Lynne Olson



February 9, 2020

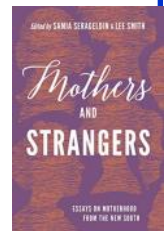
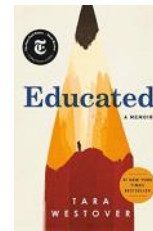
Hostess: Ann Ercelawn

Leader/Book: Ann Ercelawn/*The Mercury 13: The Untold Story of Thirteen American Women and the Dream of Space Flight*, by Martha Ackmann

March 8, 2020

Hostess: Anne Plummer

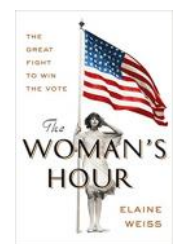
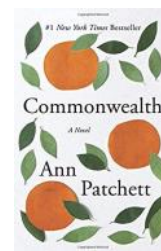
Leader/Book: Kitty Porter/*Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover



April 5, 2020

Hostess: Hope Estopinal

Leader/Book: Anne Plummer/*Mothers and Strangers: Essays on Motherhood from the New South*, edited by Lee Smith and Samia Serageldin



May 3, 2020

Hostess: Penny TeSelle

Leader/Book: Kitty Porter/*Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett

June 14, 2020

Hostess: Sheila Jensen

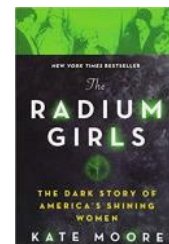
Leader/Book: Mary Claire Bradshaw/*The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*, by Elaine Weiss

July 12, 2020

Hostess: Hope Estopinal

Leader/Book: Maddy Berezov/*The Radium Girls*:

The Dark Story of America's Shining Women, by Kate Moore



Ann Ercelawn 615-298-4766 ann.ercelawn@gmail.com

Kitty Porter 615-406-4352 kitty.porter@gmail.com



September 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 	3 LP Pencil 9:30am	4 Mah Jongg 1pm	5 Bridge 1pm Mah Jongg 7pm	6	7 Cocktails 6pm
8 Book Group 1 2:30pm	9 Book Group 2 1pm	10 Bridge 1 pm	11 Vandy Lunch Bunch 12:30pm Mah Jongg 1pm	12 French 12:30pm Bridge 1pm	13 Music Group 7pm	14 Gourmet
15	16	17 Antiques 10am	18 Mah Jongg 1pm Loosely Bound 7pm	19 Bridge 1pm	20	21
22 Deadline to RSVP for Archives 	23	24 Movies	25 Mah Jongg 1pm	26 Explorers 9:30am Bridge 1pm	27 VWC Archives Central Library 1:30pm	28 Newcomer Welcome Coffee 10am
29	30 Rosh Hashanah 	NON-REGULAR DATES IN AUGUST	August 10 Cocktails 6pm	August 16 Music Group 4pm	August 22 Lunch 12:30pm	

Notes

Sips, Sweets & Jewels at Kendra Scott

August 20 at 5 pm

You do good

**KENDRA GIVES BACK // VANDERBILT
WOMAN'S CLUB**

Sips, Sweets, & Jewels

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

5:00PM - 7:00PM

KENDRA SCOTT

Hill Center | 4025 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 505
Nashville, TN 37204

Join us Tuesday evening for a night of shopping in
support of the Vanderbilt Stapleton Weaver
Scholarship!



KENDRA SCOTT

[Please RSVP by clicking here.](#)



*Please join us as we celebrate completing the cataloging of over 100 years of the
Vanderbilt Woman's Club archives.*

Pictures from a bygone era, event ephemera, meeting minutes,
ledger books and more will be on display.
Peak into the lives of VWC women across the decades!

*We especially encourage our long-time members to attend to help us with photo identification.
Spouses and partners welcome.*

Friday, September 27th
1:30 p.m.

Vanderbilt University Central Library
419 21st Ave South

Special Collections (located on the second floor)
Cake and lemonade will be served

Convenient paid parking located across from the library in the Wesley Place Garage.
The garage is located behind Bruegger's Bagels at the corner of 21st Avenue South and Scarritt Place.

RSVP by Sunday, September 22nd: to Joy Allington-Baum at either
Joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or 214-755-5328.

