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Membership renewal form on page 13 Dear VWC friend —

Although it's still plenty hot, summer is gradually giving way to fall in the Nashville area. September may be the end of summer, but it's also the start of the first semester, a time of anticipation and beginnings.

Last year was so different! It brought isolation and stress for most of us, not to mention exhaustion and heartbreak for far too many. Even as we cope with the uncertainties of the present, we won't forget the hardships of 2020-2021 any time soon.

When will things be normal in the VWC? I wish I could say. But I hope our ties with Vanderbilt University can be a source of hope and encouragement. We are busy planning this year's events, staying as flexible as we need to be. This issue is full of opportunities to gather safely and reconnect in person, just as Vanderbilt has done. Please come--we'd love to see you.

I ask you to join me in thanking those who held the Club together after the shutdown in March, 2020: President Joy Allington-Baum, who made the hard call, and President Tracy Stadnick, who made the pivot to online offerings. We thank faithful Board members Frannie Benner, Kelly Chambers, Peggy Curci, Lina Keefe, Sara Plummer, Ebbie Redwine, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, and Elisabeth Sandberg. We welcome new Board members Elaine Smyth and Anna Walker. We thank our communications experts Lynne Siesser, Nancy Dwyer and Lisa LeMaster. I am honored to serve with you all.

We are so grateful for the generous offering of time and expertise by our Zoom presenters--as well as you intrepid souls who took on this new and often baffling technology to attend. Let's also show some love to our Interest Group Chairs who protected their members by cancelling their gatherings, shifting to the Zoom platform or finding ingenious ways to continue, even in the coldest weather.

Despite all the challenges we faced, last year your donations to the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship exceeded our wildest dreams. This was *record-setting* generosity. Thank you most sincerely.

Sending warm wishes and cool breezes your way--- Sharon

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall Tea Thursday, September 23 at 1:30pm

Reservation deadline is 9/16/21. Details on page ten. Future meetings are listed with the calendar on page eleven.

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. The late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, was responsible for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus. The naming of the newsletter honors her.

VANDERBILT WOMAN'S CLUB

Donations to the Scholarship since the last newsletter

Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court. Gallatin, TN 37066-5717 Checks made out to V anderbilt University, with V anderbilt W oman's Club Scholarship on the memo line.

Evadne Awh, Cheryl Baird, Mary Baysinger, Audrey Brown, Faye Brown, Cathy Brunk, Sarah Calvani, Kelly Chambers, Amy Page Christiansen, Rebecca DePriest, Katrina Dickerson, Betsy Fleetwood, Catherine Griffith, Kelly Hammers, Margaret Hansen, Pat Holdrige, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth,

Sheila Jensen, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Lisa LeMaster, Anne Manner,

Elaine McKenna, Amelia McTamaney, Kimberly Ross, Vivian Shields, Cynthia Slobogin, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Mildred Tilley

Lynne Siesser in memory of Rick Sinclair and Judy Burns

click here to make your donation by credit card

If you have donated and your name does not appear on our honor roll, please email lsiesser7@gmail.com

Change of address? If there are any changes in your contact information, please let Liz Doyle know. 1556 Oxford Court, Gallatin, TN 37066-5717 615-218-5164 elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

Holiday Bazaar Vendors: 314-369-4119 peggy@theCurcis.com

Peggy Curci is accepting club member reservations for the Holiday Bazaar on December 2. (pending COVID regulations)

In Memoriam

Judy Burns

Welcome new members!

Tracy Bannatine
Janie Culos
Kimberley Murphy
Carol Person
Fran Vetters

Thinking of Elisabetha Baugh

Carol Webster, her daughter, reports: "My mom is now in memory care, and I doubt we will be able to come to any events this year, BUT I know how important the

VWC is and was to her! Her Alzheimer's has really progressed in the last year. That being said, we celebrated her 97th birthday on July 3rd and she is doing fairly well."

Congratulations

to our member, **Dr. Candice Storey Lee**, for her honor as Distinguished Alumna at Peabody College.

https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/04/28/first-female-vanderbilt-athletic-director-named-peabody-college-distinguished-alumna/?
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Feed%3A+vanderbilt-news+%28Vanderbilt+News%29

Also in the news

former member, **Renã A.S. Robinson** received the Chancellor's Award for Research in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the Fall Faculty Assembly.



Emily Song, our

2019 / 2023 Scholar



Book Group 1

Reading list for 2021-2022

We will continue Zoom meetings for the time being. Second Sunday 2:30 - 4 pm. No meetings December, January or August.

September 12

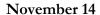
Hostess: Sheila Jensen

Leader/Book: Sheila Jensen/How to Avoid a Climate Disaster by Bill Gates



Hostess: Anne Plummer

Leader/Book: Anne Plummer/Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler



Hostess: Margaret Norris

Leader/Book: Margaret Norris/The Doctors Blackwell by Janice P. Nimura

February 13

Hostess: Ann Ercelawn

Leader/Book: Ann Ercelawn/Year of Living Danishly by Helen Russell

March 13

Hostess: Maddy Berezov

Leader/Book: Eileen Crawford/The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

April 10

Hostess: Mary Raffety*

Leader/Book: Becky Atack/Sum of Us by Heather McGhee

May 1

Hostess: Mary Raffety*

Book/Leader: Kitty Porter/The Premonition: a Pandemic Story by Michael Lewis

June 12

Hostess: Mary Raffety*

Book/Leader: Byrd Helguera/Robert E. Lee and Me by Ty Seidule

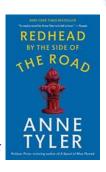
July 10

Hostess: Hope Estopinal

Book/Leader: Hope Estopinal/The Last Trial by Scott Turow

*To be determined later

Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - ann.ercelawn@gmail.com Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com

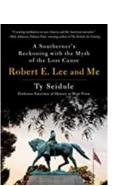




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THE

PREMONITION





Explorers

"Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote"

Join us for a special guided 45-minute tour at the

Tennessee State Museum

September 8th at 10:30

Free

Face masks required

RSVP: Lina Keefe at LDFK@comcast.net by September 7th

https://tnmuseum.org/temporary-exhibits/temporary%20exhibits/ratified

Parking: Free parking is available in the parking lot which is located between the Museum and the Nashville Farmers' Market. There is also free two-hour parking available along 6th and 7th Avenues. There are four **accessible parking** spaces located approximately 210-220 paces on a flat sidewalk from the Museum entrance. Two of the spaces are van accessible.





^lLunch Bunch

Our September Lunch Bunch is the VWC Fall Tea at the Richland Country Club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at that time.

If you wish to be added to the Lunch Bunch you can text or email me.

(Upcoming lunches will be outside and all members attending will need to be vaccinated per V anderbilt guidelines)

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

See you poolside!



You must be a member to participate in the interest groups.

We welcome new members. Pass the membership brochure on to friends, fellow workers and family.



Antique Study Group is back!

Tuesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

Jessica Rickman of GasLamp Antiques Mall will speak about the unusual antiques in her booth.

Meet in the GasLamp Café at 100 Powell Place, Suite 200 opposite Vanderbilt Health at 100 Oaks

RSVP to Mary Helen

Mary Helen Short 615-269-0538 maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com

MASKS ARE REQUIRED



GasLamp Antiques

& Decorating Mall



Want to learn to play?
Want to practice newly-learned skills?

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - Noon
(except for the third Tuesday if the Antique Study Group is meeting)
(10:00 - 11:15 a.m. on Movie Day)

Join us every week or occasionally.

Whatever fits your schedule.

Experienced players are welcome to guide us on our way.

Lynne Siesser 615-298-5659 lsiesser7@gmail.com

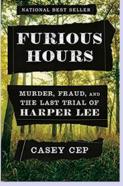


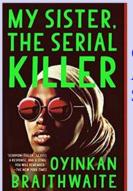
NO COCKTAILS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Loosely Bound

will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Elisabeth Sandberg's house in Brentwood. Our reading selection:

SEPTEMBER 28
Furious Hours by Casey Cep





OCTOBER 26
My Sister the Serial Killer by
Soyinks Braithwaite

You have heard about the intrepid interest groups who met under all conditions? V isualize Loosely Bound wrapped in rugs around the Sandberg's fire pit in winter.

Elisabeth Sandberg text: 617-957-2169

The Daytime Movie Group will not meet in September due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. Hopefully, October will see a reprieve so we can resume.

Thank you for your understanding - Betsy Betsy Fleetwood 615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

Mah Jongg - Daytime

has resumed

Every Wednesday at 1pm

We will follow Vanderbilt guidelines, masks and vaccinations required. An Evite will be sent as per the old days pre-pandemic.

Stay tuned!

We have a shared responsibility to each other and all participants must be vaccinated. We will be spending hours together.

> Diane Whalley Kate Shaw Marva Collins in 2016.

We miss you Kate.



Cindy Slobogin 615-292-2214 slobogin@hotmail.com

> We would love to have anyone with nimble fingers

Siesser for working to be delivered and thank you, Peggy Curci's Mum for donating the fabulous baby fabric.

Thank you, Clare

Heiberger, Merrill

Anyone for Cribbage? Join us Grace Wernke and friends Wednesdays



at 2pm (day and time flexible)

Grace Wernke 815-222-5986 gcwernke@msn.com

Save the dates: Fall Speaker Tues, 10/19/21 at 11am Fall Brunch Thurs, 10/21/21 at 10am

Quilting

We received a request through Volunteer Services at the VUMC from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for quilts for their smallest, preterm infants. Initially, these quilts are placed over the top of the Giraffe Beds (aka incubators) to block light and noise from the sensitive eyes and ears of these tiny patients



Gardeners



Menkveld Farms in Nolensville

Join us to hear about this CSA farm and their flowers.

They have planted fields of sunflowers!

September 28th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.Cost \$10

https://www.menkveldfarm.com/

Address: 2966 McCanless Road, Nolensville, TN 37135 RSVP:

Tracy Stadnick
at tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu
by September 27th.
Signup and pay:

https://menkveld-farm-scheduling.as.me/educational-farm-tour

We are delighted to bring to you

Margie Hunter,

author of *Gardening with*Native Plants and the

Founder of the

Tennessee Naturalist

Program for a ZOOM talk.

September 15th

Time 10:00—11:00 a.m.

RSVP to Tracy Stadnick
(So I know how many to expect on the call)
tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

See the attached website about Margie's book.

https://www.amazon.com/Gardening-Native-Plants-Tennessee-Spirit/dp/1572331550/ref=sr_1_1?
crid=1CUMTBWN5POFU&dchild=1&keywords=margie+hunter&qid=1630446172&sprefix=Margie+Hunter%2Caps%2C153&sr=8-1



Gardening and Community Service present

Hannah MathisVolunteer Coordinator

Turnip Green Reuse and Recycling

turnipgreencreativereuse.org
The Turnip Seed program

September 30th 11:00 a.m. ZOOM



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Continuing our history of Community Service, there are In Person opportunities as well as virtual and contact-free take home ways to volunteer. Sign up to receive more information. sharonberenfeld@gmail.com

September 30th at 11am Zoom meeting with Hannah Mathis, Volunteer Coordinator with Turnip Green Reuse and Recycling (turnipgreencreativereuse.org). Last year, 168,919 pounds of material was diverted from the landfill and repurposed! Learn about their mission, the recycle shop, after school activities and art gallery. Learn about the ways we can help out both In Person and Take Home. We will also hear about their Turnip Seed program (their garden, Plant Swaps), in conjunction with our Garden Club.

PENCIL: In Person the 1st Wednesday of the Month - beginning OCTOBER 6TH at 9am. There is room for 8 volunteers to help sort donated school supplies for distribution to Metro Nashville Public Schools. Meet Sarah Finney at their warehouse, 7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd. Please email Elaine Smyth at smyth416@comcast.net to sign up.

PENCIL: At Home projects. Make journals, flashcards, organizing paper, and, there is a program for volunteers to make videos for students to watch! For more information on these projects, email sharonberenfeld@gmail.com

Snacks for Vanderbilt Medical Center COVID Unit

The Physicians, Nurses, Respiratory Therapists and other Staff taking care of COVID Patients are working tirelessly. Send Snacks for them to enjoy during breaks! Simply click the link below to find a list of individually wrapped snacks. Choose what you would like to send! Please make sure items are delivered to Katie Kelly, one of the nurses. Her address will not appear, but be assured she will receive the deliveries. She has offered to have deliveries to her home, then she will bring snacks to work. Thank you Amy Smith, for facilitating this!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/V9L8NTRAWZQY?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_PoLG3odCdmoxg

You can also copy and paste this link in your browser.

Communications Gurus

Thank you for keeping us all informed.

Please send all photos or items you want to share to

Kelly Chambers

kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Text: 409-771-5731

She will disseminate all information. Kelly will also guide you through joining our social media.

The Team

Kelly Chambers - Coordinator Nancy Dwyer - Publicity Lisa LeMaster - Website Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News

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 click on https://groupme.com/en-US/



Look for us as
vanderbiltwomansclub
or search for

avanderbiltwomansclub

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.

Interest Groups

Do you have another interest not listed?

Elaine Smyth 615-298-2378 smyth416@comcast.net

DAYTIME

ANTIQUES: Mary Helen Short 3rd Tuesday at 10am 615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com **BOOK GROUP TWO:** Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm

615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short 2nd Tuesday 1pm

615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com

CHOCOLATE! Tracy Stadnick

615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Tracy Stadnick

615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu Lina Keefe - 615-268-3850 - LDFK@comcast.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Sharon Berenfeld 704-936-7479

SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke Wednesdays 2pm

815-222-5986 - gcwernke@msn.com

FRENCH: Joan Harshman 2nd Thursday 1pm 615-864-8885 - joan.s.harshman@gmail.com

GARDENING: Tracy Stadnick

615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm

615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MAH JONGG - BEGINNERS: Lynne Siesser Tuesdays 10am

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

MOVIE GROUP - DAY: Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 12:30pm

Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser 615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

EVENING/WEEKEND

BOOK GROUP ONE: 2nd Sunday 2:30pm

Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - ann.ercelawn@gmail.com Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser 615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: Marie Hindman 864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com

LOOSELY BOUND (BOOK GROUP): Elisabeth Sandberg

3rd Wednesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169

MAH JONGG - EVENING: Monthly at 6 or 6:30pm - 9pm Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING:

Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

INACTIVE:

Anyone willing to reactivate these groups?

GET FIT, GOURMET GROUP, MUSIC GROUP, VANDY LUNCH



Vanderbilt Woman's Club Opening Tea...Poolside!

Thursday September 23, 2011 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Richland Country Club Pool One Club Drive Nashville TN 37215

Members are invited to join the club in honoring life members, reconnecting with old friends, sign up for interest groups. Ample shade, cool breezes, and refreshments provided.

"Swimwear optional"

Please RSVP to Peggy Curci peggy@thecurcis.com

Reservation Deadline is September 16, 2021

Save the date: Fall Brunch - Thursday, 10/21/21 - 10am

September 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Labor Day	Beginners Mah Jongg 10am	Explorers 10:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	ZOOM French 1pm		
12	13	14	5	16	17	18
Book Group 1 2:30pm	Book Group 2 1pm (Date change for Labor Day)	Beginners Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm	Gardening 10am Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	Yom Kippur Reservation deadline for Tea		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Evening Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Antiques 10am	Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	Fall Tea 1:30pm		COCKTAILS CANCELED
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Gardening 11am Loosely Bound 7pm	Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	Community Service/Gardening via ZOOM 11am		

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Speaker from AARP: Tuesday, October 19 at 11 a.m.
Fall Brunch: Thursday, October 21 at Urban Grub on the back patio. 10 a.m. to Noon.
Holiday Lunch: Thursday, December 2 at Old Natchez Country Club pending COVID regulations.

VWC in-person meeting guidelines:

Vanderbilt Woman's Club is following the COVID guidelines for Vanderbilt University.

As you are no doubt aware, the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is spreading through our community. Delta is highly infectious. Hospitalizations are rising quickly, and even those who are fully vaccinated may become infected or transmit the virus to others.

As we did last year under pandemic conditions, the Vanderbilt Woman's Club will follow the latest VU/VUMC protocols for safety.

As of August 12, 2021, VU released adjusted health and safety protocols. Despite the University's 94% vaccination rate, the Chancellor announced that masks would be required for all indoor oncampus meetings.

Please see the link below to read the complete statement from Chancellor Diermeier.

Following these guidelines, then, if you wish to attend an indoor VWC gathering or event, masks are required.

For now, your vaccination status will not be checked, although this may prove to be necessary as the situation evolves. Anyone who does not wish to follow these VU/VUMC protocols for safe indoor gathering is asked to refrain from attending.

When the University guidelines and protocols change, we will inform you promptly. Thank you for your VWC membership, your cooperation with VU/VUMC COVID-19 guidelines, and your flexibility in these challenging circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon Hels President, Vanderbilt Woman's Club

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/coronavirus/2021/08/12/aug-12-2021-updated-covid-19-guidance-and-protocols/

https://vaccinefinder.org/search/



Vanderbilt Woman's Club Founded 1893

To join or renew, complete the form below and mail with your check to the Membership Chair:

Elizabeth Doyle 1556 Oxford Court ~ Gallatin, TN 37066 615-218-5164/Elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

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E-mail Address			Introduced to the V anderbilt Woman's Club by			
LEASE	CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY:					
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