

# MAGNOLIA NEWS

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### President's message

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving,

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

**UPCOMING CLUB-WIDE EVENTS** 

Scholarship through fundraising.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar

featuring Renata Soto of Casa Azafran 11 a.m. **Brentwood Country Club** 

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 Annual meeting

Dr. Shari Barkin-Health happens in the community and the Family, not the Doctor's Office 10:00 a.m. The Old Gym

Order forms for lunches are on the last page of the newsletter. Credit cards may be used for the holiday lunch through eventbrite.com

Here's hoping that everyone is enjoying family, friends, and good food this week. This is my favorite holiday. How much better can it get! There is no distraction with gifts and it is about people, breaking bread together and maybe preparing food and decorating a table!

Our fall Dyer Lecture was a great success. Thank you, **Lisa LeMaster**, for scheduling **Dr. Michael Bess**. His presentation on future generations of humans was provocative and enlightening. The attendance was the best EVER for these lectures.

Now we enter the end of the year and the "best of times," "worst of times." It is the hope and the wish of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club board to make this time the most pleasant one. **Kendra Holroyd** has arranged for us to return to the Brentwood Country Club for our Holiday Luncheon. Many of the previous vendors will be there and Kendra will be showcasing some new ones. Renata Soto, executive director of Conexión Américas, will be our nonprofit presenter. She will be speaking on this organization and how these and other services interface with Casa Azafrán.

And as a final thought for simplifying the season, please consider giving donations on behalf of someone to the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/ Weaver Endowed Scholarship. It is the gift that keeps on giving. We will have **Tribute Cards** to include in your gift cards at the Luncheon. Bring your checkbooks!

Blessings, Peace, and Good Health,

#### Sheila

PS We shall **not** have a poinsettia sale this year. If you want to purchase one of the usual quality poinsettias yourself, you can drop by

Nature's Best Nursery,

Don't wait too long, they will be closing shortly for the winter season.

7362 Nolensville Ave., Nashville. 615-776-5372.





## Down Memory Lane . . . .

Living on campus as told in 1993 by Grace Gardner.

Grace was a former president of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club and an active participant in the Tuesday Bridge Group. In later years she only attended exceptional Thursday events as that was her day for the beauty parlor. We are delighted she considered the Centennial year exceptional and shared these memories with us.

It will be quite obvious after my brief remarks that I have been around a long time. My parents married in 1898. My father was already a professor at Vanderbilt and my mother joined him here and I'm sure was one of the early members of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

We moved into Old Central, which was the home where I and all my five brothers were born. Old Central was the only building on the original property that was given to start Vanderbilt University. It was in the country. The expression "on the city's western border" was really a very true expression. We had a cow. We had chickens, when I grew up on the Vanderbilt campus. That's a little different from the way it is now.

I have early memories of, in particular, the Vanderbilt Woman's Club activities. I remember the garden parties that they had out on the lawn. There was a lot of lawn then adjacent to Kirkland Hall. I knew all the Chancellors personally, beginning with Chancellor Kirkland. I really go back to Chancellor Garland because he was my father's best friend and my oldest brother was named for him.

Some of my best memories include those occasions when we went to afternoon concerts. There was no Neely Auditorium.



The only auditorium on campus was on the second floor of Kirkland Hall. It later became the library and after that became the executive



offices. I remember so well going to those afternoon concerts and hearing, believe it or not, the original Fisk Jubilee Singers sing in the auditorium.

In those days, Mrs. Whiteford Cole was the wife of the then chairman of the Vanderbilt board. Mrs. Cole was a large woman. She had a head of snow-white hair. She always came to those afternoon occasions with a floor-length dress, often heavily beaded, and always a feather boa. As a child, that fascinated me.

In conclusion, since I was born on the Vanderbilt campus, since my husband became the burser and then treasurer at the same time my father retired from Vanderbilt, I can truthfully say that I have had a longer, continuing relationship with Vanderbilt than any living person.

That sounds better than saying I'm the oldest living person. You get the drift.

#### Past Presidents of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

Sassy Carroll, Virginia Holladay, Pat Blanton, Virginia Wolf, Harriet Jonsson, Joyce Weingartner, Fran Purdy, Olivia Shanks, Elva Darby, Grace Gardner, Jennie Mills, Seated: Carol Stiles, Bea Fels, Anne Roos, Blanche Henry Weaver, Mary Wade



## Vendors for the Holiday Lunch — bring your check books!



Cindy David Designs



Green Bag Lady handmade bags and aprons

## **Premier** Designs Our very own,

Doris Lynn— stylish jewelry for today's woman



Olivia Olive Oil

bottled extra virgin olive oils, flavored oils, balsamic vinegars and accessories



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Surprise Bouquet holiday decorating wreaths, garlands, mailbox decorations



Love to cook? See Chef Fraley for products to enhance your cooking experience.



Sara Plummer jams and jellies



Bella Style Boutique shop the latest fashions—all for less!



Go Designs scarves and accessories



Gold Canvon Candles scented candles and holiday warmers



The Sweet Tooth home baked breads, cookies, candies and cakes

## Fall Lunch at the Woman's Club of Nashville

Virginia Holladay, Judith Hodges, Mary Nelle Bryant, Anne Gulley, Anne Plummer, Rosemary Worley





Members of the Community Explorers interest group visit historic, cultural, and educational points of interest throughout the Nashville area. In the past few years, the group has visited Music City Center, the Nissan manufacturing and assembly plant, Carnton Plantation, BMI Records, Tennessee Bun Company, Olive & Sinclair Chocolates, City Cemetery, and the Glen Leven 65-acre farm and historic Greek Revival home, just to name a few excursions. Most recently, new chairperson Anne Manner organized an outing to the Downtown Art Crawl on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. In spite of the chilly weather, the streets and galleries were filled with art patrons, some serious and well-informed, and some (of us) neophytes just there for a fun social event. Every first Saturday of the month over 25 galleries open their doors to the public free of charge from 6 to 9 p.m. Many serve refreshments, and on our night, wine, hot ciders, and mulled bourbons awaited shivery patrons as they hopped from one creative exhibit to another. The impressive artwork on display proves that Nashville is more than a music center. If you've never been to the Art Crawl, give yourself a treat one of these first Saturdays and experience the vibrant scene, listen to gifted street musicians, meet talented artists, and talk with friendly merchants along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Be sure to join the Community Explorers for our next adventure!

## DONORS to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship

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in memory of Eva Mendelsohn, Louise Howell and Corlyss Dillard

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in honor of Janice Elliott

Faye Wyatt

Randi Lee Young

Tuesday Bridge Group

To make a donation to the endowed scholarship fund send to

Lynne Siesser 2009 Overhill Drive Nashville, TN 37215-3414

### Gourmet Dates

Saturday, January 24 Sicilian Theme







Chinese New Year

Saturday, February 2 Lucky Bamboo Restaurant Organized by Nathalie & Brian Porter



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## **Ideas for Stocking Stuffers:**

VWC notecards are available at the Holiday Lunch from Angela Bowens or anytime at 615-776-7164 or 615-973-1020 (c) aybowens@comcast.net

If you are searching for the perfect gifts for those persons who have it all, consider making a donation in any amount in their names to the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship. You will receive Tribute Cards in your honorees' names that make nice holiday card inserts, stocking stuffers, or stand-alone mailers. And of course, you ultimately are making a truly meaningful gift to worthy Vanderbilt students. We will be accepting cash or checks for the donations at the Holiday Luncheon where you will receive the Tribute Cards. Donor acknowledgments will be mailed out by Gift Processing at Vanderbilt so please bring your honorees' mailing addresses, if you wish for them to be acknowledged by mail from Vanderbilt. If you have any questions contact Kelly Chambers,

kellychambers420@yahoo.com

409-771-5731

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#### WHO WE ARE

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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

9th ANNUAL SCHOLARSIPS Friday, February 6, 2015 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Thursday, December 11, 2014

Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon, 11 a.m. Brentwood Country Club

#### Thursday, January 15, 2015

Annual Meeting, Historic Old Gym, 10 a.m. Dr. Shari Barkin Director of General Pediatrics, Vanderbilt

#### Friday, February 6, 2015

ScholarSips, 4:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Vanderbilt Central Library

#### Thursday, March 12, 2015

Lecture at Dyer Observatory, 10 a.m. Dr. John Lachs Centennial Professor of Philosophy

#### Friday, May 1, 2015

Spring Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Richland Country Club

#### Vanderbilt University Central Library Main Lobby and Community Room

Don't miss this year's Silent Auction featuring the rich and varied resources of our University, such as

A day with the Life Flight team

A football experience with the

team including dinner and hotel stay the night before a game, and sideline seats during warm-

MRI of the brain at the Vanderbilt Imaging Center, a center for neuroscience research



A regional Indian dinner prepared by a VWC member and served for a group in her own home

A tailgating basket including all you need to enjoy a pre-game party in style

Tickets for six for the University Club annual Mother's Day brunch

.....and much, much more. Don't miss it

## COCKTAIL CLUB FUTURE DATES



Scholarships for Vanderbilt students — worth every penny!



December 13 at the Huffmans January 31 at the Borman/Slaydens February 6 is ScholarSips March 21 at the Holroyds May at the Clements

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Elizabeth McGuire Carol Webster

#### The Vanderbilt Woman's Club Welcomes You!

THE REASONS FOR JOINING the Vanderbilt Woman's Club are as numerous as the number of members. We have members who join for the social aspects of the Club. They like to experience new places to eat, go to movies, play bridge or mah jongg, explore new venues in the Nashville Metropolitan area, work with focused groups for service, and groups for practicing French. There are venues where husbands/partners feel welcome like in the cocktail group and the gourmet dinner group. We also have the pensive, reflective reading groups for directed and not so directed conversations! For mothers with small children there are the playgroups.

We are a group here to support each other no matter the reason that brought us into the Club. We strive to be social, thought-provoking, supportive of Vanderbilt University, and most importantly, a welcoming organization.

## INTEREST GROUPS WEEKDAY MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP TWO	Kathleen Donofrio	615-383-8732	kafdonofrio@gmail.com	Meets first Monday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Green Hills Library
	2014	Leader	Title	Author
	December 1	Joy Belton	Warriors Don't Cry	Melba Pattillo
	2015			
	January 5	Ballot Luncheon a	t Nancy Fruetel's house to sele	ect books for 2015
BRIDGE TUESDAY	Bea McGee	615-473-7807	mcgeebea@gmail.com	2nd and 4th Tuesdays after lunch from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
BRIDGE THURSDAY	Lynne Siesser	615-298-5659	lsiesser7@gmail.com	Every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY EXPLORERS	Anne Manner	615-289-1040	acmanner@gmail.com	Join us in exploring historic and cultural sites as well as other points of interest in the Nashville area.
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Kathleen Donofrio	615-383-8732	kafdonofrio@gmail.com	Volunteers meet on selected Wednesday mornings at LP Pencil Box, offering free school supplies for Metro teachers.
MAH JONGG	Lin Watson	615-776-3848	linrw@comcast.net	Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
PLAYGROUP	Kerri Obstein	781-258-8556	kerriobstein@gmail.com	Looking for playmates for your pre-schooler? Join the mums and their toddlers in parks, playgrounds and homes every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.
MOVIES	Betsy Fleetwood	615-579-0903	befleet@aol.com	Join the group monthly on Tuesdays for a movie at Regal Green Hills Cinema and lunch beforehand at a nearby restaurant. Contact Betsy to be placed on the email list.
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH	Joyce Gore	615-783-0681	joycegore0681@gmail.com	Try out local restaurants with congenial company
PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?	Joan Harshman	615-292-2260	joan.s.harshman@att.net	Lunch and conversation with friends. Second Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Amerigo's Restaurant, 1920 West End Avenue.



## Movies—Regal Rendezvous

Next movie date **December 16th.** Meet at **Table Three** - time TBD.

\*Please RSVP if attending to 615-579-0903.\*\*

\*Betsy Fleetwood\*

## INTEREST GROUPS WEEKEND MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP ONE	Becky Atack Ann Ercelawn	615-790-3500 615-298-4766	rebecca.w.atack@vanderbilt.edu ann.ercelawn@gmail.com	We meet the second Sunday of the month from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., except in May when we meet on the first Sunday. We do not meet in December, January and August.
	2014	Leader	Hostess	Title/Author
	November 9	Penny TeSelle	Anne Plummer	American Lion by Jon Meacham
	2015			
	February 8	Ann Ercelawn	Ann Ercelawn	This is the Story of a Happy Marriage by Ann Patchett
	March 8	Becky Atack	Sheila Jensen	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler
	April 12	Byrd Helguera	Penny TeSelle	The Story of Charlotte's Web by Michael Sims
	May 3	Joan Harshman	Mary Claire Bradshaw	The Bully Pulpit by Doris Kearns Goodwin
	June 14	Sheila Jensen	Joan Campbell	Isabella the Warrior Queen by Kirsten Downey
	July 12	Margaret Norris	Margaret Norris	Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlan
COCKTAIL CLUB	Lynne Siesser	615-298-5659	lsiesser7@gmail.com	Bring a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d'oeuvres. Meet new friends from other departments.
GOURMET GROUP	Carmen Gherman	615-354-4421	cggherman@yahoo.com	If you love to cook, join us for fine dining and scintillating conversation.
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#### Do you have an interest not listed?

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

The perfect niche is here for you — let's find it!

Join us for as little or as much as time allows. Work full time? Some groups meet in the evenings. The Vanderbilt Woman's Club welcomes newcomers to the University as well as old-timers.

News from Mary Beth Guzman All is well in Boston where it is currently snowing! Our kids have adjusted well and are enjoying school as well as closer proximity to grandparents and cousins. Matthew, our oldest, is now a freshman at Northwestern so we are finally beginning to understand that they do eventually leave the nest! Raul's new job is a great fit and I am happy at Boston University where I teach one French course and also have an administrative role as ass't director of language instruction.

Mary Beth & Raul were regular members in the Gourmet Group



Judy Isaac, Kendra Holroyd and Cindy Slobogin attended Keehun Nam's concert. Keehun is one of the 2014 recipients of the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship.



25

% of the total number of hungry people in Tennessee are 18 years old or younger.

46

% of people in a survey said they wouldn't pick up a penny off the street.

96

% of every dollar Second Harvest receives goes to feeding programs (as opposed to administrative costs).



The **Community Service Interest Group** will be collecting pennies (and other loose change/bills)

at the Holiday Luncheon to support Ms. Cheap's Penny Drive for Second Harvest. If you have some spare change, be sure to drop it into the VWC collection!

### Save The Date

### **Community Explorers Events Scheduled**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**- 11:00 am - Marathon Village and Motor Museum Tour/lunch with owner Barry Walker **Thursday, February 12, 2015** - 10:30 am - Scarritt Bennett Center Tour with lunch following at a separate venue **Wednesday, March 18, 2015** - 8:30 am - 11:30 am Second Harvest volunteer day together with our Community Service Group. Lunch following at the on-site First Harvest Cafe.

**Thursday, April 23, 2015** - DayTrip to tour Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg with lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House. (Please respond to Anne if you think you would like to participate so that we can gauge interest in this trip and explore transportation options.)

Please email or call Anne Manner if you would like more information.

acmanner@gmail.com; 615-289-1040

## Decennber

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### Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon

We hope you will join us for the Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Country Club, 5123 Country Club Drive, Brentwood. Our speaker is Renata Soto, founder of Casa Azafrán. Bazaar vendors include Premier Design jewelry, Sara Plummer jams & jellies, Green Bag Ladies, Cindy David Designs jewelry, hand-knit scarves, Pampered Chef, Gold Canyon Candles, Olivia Olive Oils & more!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Book Group 2 Green Hills Library 1 – 2:30 p.m.	2	Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	VWC Board Mtg . 4 8:30 a.m. Playgroup 10 a.mNoon Parlez-Vous Francais? 1 p.m. Bridge 1 – 4 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9 <b>Bridge</b> 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Community Service Pencil Foundation 9 a.m noon Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BAZAAR 11 a.m 2 p.m.	12	Cocktail Club at the Huffmans' 6 – 8 p.m.
14	15	Movie Group Table Three	Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m. FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH	Playgroup 10 a.mNoon  Bridge 1 – 4 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	LAST DAY OF HANUKKAH	CHRISTMAS 25	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	JANUARY 2015 Happy New Year!	2	3
4	5	6	7 <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1-4 p.m.	8 VWC Board Mtg 8:30 a.m. Playgroup 10 a.mNoon Bridge 1 – 4 p.m.	9	10

### Vanderbilt Woman's Club Holiday Luncheon

### Renata Soto of Casa Azafran

Thursday December 11, 2014
Brentwood Country Club
5123 Country Club Drive
Brentwood, TN 37024
11 am – 2 pm

Bring your Holiday shopping list and visit our holiday vendors beginning at 11 am. Our program featuring Renata Soto of *Casa Azafran* will begin at *12:15.* Lunch service will follow at 12:30. Please feel free to finish your shopping after your lunch.



#### Our Luncheon Selections Include:

Vegetarian: Pasta with grilled zucchini, squash, tomatoes, red, yellow peppers and mushrooms

Regular: Grilled Chicken Breast stuffed with baby spinach, sundried tomatoes, boursin cheese. Served with grilled asparagus and creamy smashed potatoes.

Carrot Cake

Tea, Coffee, and Water

We regret special dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated.

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

Save having to mail a check and use your credit card at this website

(\$2.64 fee applies to credit cards)

Click here to make your reservation online!

	Reservation Deadline	is December 1, 2014
•••••	Check your luncheon choi	ce, clip here and mail to:
	Kendra I	Holroyd
	5130 Mur	ray Lane
	Brentwood	TN 37027
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