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President's message

Greetings, VWC members! November brings one of my favorite holidays--Thanksgiving. It also coincides this year with my husband's birthday, so in our household we have twice the reason to celebrate on the 26th. O. Henry once said, "Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American." Isn't it nice to have a day that we all share--a day that is about being together and being thankful for what we have? At the risk of sounding maudlin, I am thankful for this Club and all of you. I have found the VWC to be the most welcoming, warm group of women I've ever had the pleasure to be among, and I am constantly filled with admiration for the wisdom, talent, and spirit of adventure that the members of this group possess. How inspiring you all are to me!

Next month brings our **Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar**. **Kendra Holroyd**, our Hospitality Chair, has been planning a wonderful event, to be held at the Brentwood Country Club on Thursday, December 10th. In response to our spring 2015 member survey, we have fashioned a homespun bazaar this year, featuring only Club family vendors. Our non-profit speaker is **Meg Nugent**, Director of the Nashville Adult Literacy Council, and she is bringing one of their learners along to speak with us. Reservations are due soon, so be sure to send in your payment no later than December 2nd.

Nancy Dwyer and Kelly Chambers, our *ScholarSips* committee co-chairs this year, have been working hard to plan a new and improved event, taking into consideration many of the thoughtful comments you provided in our member survey about Sips. This year's theme is *Chinese New Year*, and you will be receiving invitations soon after the first of the year. Please be sure to mark your calendars now for Friday, February 5, 2016--it is going to be fabulous!

I wish you all a delightful Thanksgiving,

Next meeting: Vanderbilt Woman's Club: Holiday Lunch
11:00 a.m., Thursday December 10, 2015
Brentwood Country Club
Reservation information on the last page
or
[Click here to make your reservation on line](#)

Lisa



Photo: Last Thanksgiving at the best moment of the day--all the work is finished, the table is full, the dishes are steaming, the family is gathered... and no one is thinking about cleanup yet!

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

Welcome new members

Melissa Cole * Cindy David * Carol Winfree

Our Holiday Luncheon Speaker

Lisa LeMaster

December brings the wonderful holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Boxing Day, as well as parties and many other celebrations of the season. Our Vanderbilt Woman's Club celebration will take place on Thursday, December 10th at the Brentwood Country Club, and I hope you can all attend. In the spirit of this season of giving, we have asked the head of a local non-profit organization, the **Nashville Adult Literacy Council**, to speak at our luncheon.



Nashville is home to about 40,000 immigrants, and we have the largest community of Kurdish residents in the country. In addition to immigrant learners, NALC serves many American-born learners as well. In fact, one in eight Nashville adults is unable to read. Since

the NALC opened in 1982, volunteer tutors have taught thousands of adults to read, prepare for the GED, and study for citizenship exams. Our speaker, **Meg Nugent**, is the Director of NALC, and she and a learner will share with us a little information about this industrious group.

Our Holiday Luncheon speakers for the past few years (staff and residents from **Thistle Farms**, Renata Soto from **Conexión Américas**) have highlighted one of the most special qualities of Nashvillians—a willingness to give back and enrich the community by sharing their time and talents.

Our **VWC Community Service** interest group, chaired by **Kathleen Donofrio**, is another example of this generosity. Through monthly service days at the **Pencil Foundation**, contributions to **Ms. Cheap's Penny Drive**, and biannual workdays with our **Community Explorers**, chaired by **Anne Manner**, at **Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee**, VWC members help to make a difference in our community.

Let's celebrate this season of giving together at the Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar on Thursday, December 10th, and whatever holidays you and your family observe, I hope they're the best yet!

Have you seen the wonderful photographs on our website?



www.vanderbilt.edu/vwc

*Click on **Picture Gallery** and then the
flickr link to the albums.*

or [Click here](#) to go straight to the albums

*Thank you, **Judy Isaac**, **Lisa LeMaster** and **Deb Brodsky** for recording our fun times.*

Meet our talented members at the Holiday Lunch



Chris Browning was born and raised in Nashville and lived in Birmingham 43 years. She became a stay-at-home mom after 7 ½ years of teaching and was very active in the church and other volunteer groups. She was President of the Birmingham Music Club/ Junior Board and raised funds for college scholarships and as such collaborated with the Alabama Music Hall of Fame Board as co-hosts for the first Annual Alabama Music Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and Awards Show. She was chosen as Teacher of the Year by two separate organizations. She began making jewelry in High School and it continues as a hobby and a challenge where she reclaims vintage jewelry mostly to make new creations.



Char Culbertson recently moved to Nashville from Charlottesville, Virginia. Her husband, Skip, is the Executive Director of Executive Education at The Owen School of Business at Vanderbilt. Char has done crafts "forever" and left an antiques business that also included chalk painted furniture and home decorating pieces. Since "downsizing" from a farmhouse to a Nashville loft, creating a new energy around paper flowers has emerged.



Liz Albrecht I am a mother of two teenagers and have lived in Brentwood for the last 20 years. I am new to VWC through my friend Angela Bowens and when I heard about the vendor fair, I wanted to donate to VWC in the form of handmade journals. Journals are created in the Midori-style, customized for VWC. Notes discussing how to customize and expand the journals will be included.



Adie MacKenzie Licensed Massage Therapist, Adie provides at-home massages for clients in Nashville and Franklin. A Los Angeles native, Adie developed a busy practice providing massage to clients including sports, film and music stars. In 2009, Adie began working at Vanderbilt's Dayani Center for Health and Wellness as a Physical Therapist Assistant, specializing in treating patients with chronic pain, voice dysfunction and fibromyalgia using her manual therapy skills in a physical therapy setting. After her own treatment for breast cancer in 2010, Adie became one of the founding members of the Vanderbilt Lymphedema Therapy clinic. In 2015, she transitioned into full time private practice. Treating lymphatic conditions has become a passion for Adie.

ADIE WILL HAVE A DRAWING AT THE HOLIDAY LUNCH FOR AN AT-HOME MASSAGE.



Sara Plummer was raised in northeastern Ohio on a farm and learned how to make jam, pastries, and bread from her mother. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati in nursing and joined the Army Nurse Corps. One of her duty stations was Vietnam from 1966-1967. Since then, she and her husband have lived in NYC and Nashville. Mike is a professor of mathematics and retired several years ago. Sara worked for 38 years at Vanderbilt Hospital in neurosurgery, neurology, and renal transplant. They have 2 children—41 yrs. and 44 yrs. old. She loves retirement, gardening, reading, travel, and cooking .

Also participating are **Ryan McCarty** (wooden cutting boards), **Dena Abbott** (candles), **Cindy David** (jewelry) and **Carol Winfree** (beauticontrol).



Cindy David



Dena Abbott



Carol Winfree



Chris Browning



Char Culbertson



Liz Albrecht



Sara Plummer

Meet more of our talented members . . .



Cat Covell I have had a life-long interest in jewelry and minerals. As a small child I loved sifting through my grandmother's jewelry box looking at all the shiny, sparkly baubles collected from world travels and antique pieces from previous generations. I loved looking at exhibits of mineral specimens in various natural history museums. The most memorable of these was a 7 inch long lizard carved of Australian fire opal at the Smithsonian. But a trip to Santa Fe started me down the path to creating jewelry of my own design.



Penny TeSelle first came to the Vanderbilt family in 1970, married to Bill Peatman in the Chemistry department. After a divorce, she married Gene TeSelle in 1978 and had a career as a Realtor for over 30 years. For several years she found relaxation in doing stained glass projects. For the last 10 years, she has found working with varied glass beads in many colors to be just as rewarding. Most sales have been partly in support of VU Scholarships, Katrina relief, Humane Association, church mission projects, Habitat for Humanity, etc.



Kathleen Donofrio Green Bag Ladies are my group of friends who make reusable shopping bags out of donated and repurposed fabrics and give them away free to promote sustainability. Because we all like to sew, we have a collection of hand made sewing and hand knit gift items.



Doris Lynn had a very rewarding 38-year banking career (Business Development & Executive Relocation Services). Loved serving Vanderbilt University with quality of life tours for deans, professors and their families who were being recruited by the university. Always enjoyed creating kumihimo jewelry, but after retiring four years ago, started her own business via Premier Designs Jewelry. Hostesses of Premier shows earn 30% of retail sold, in free jewelry at shows in homes and office conference rooms. Lots of fun! Doris says, "Every time I go to work, I end up at a party!!!"



Mary Avent is a native of Murfreesboro, TN. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University and is currently employed at Vanderbilt University in the College of Arts and Science Deans Office. In her free time, she stays busy operating her own event planning company & also is a Beauty Counter consultant. She enjoys shopping, traveling, attending concerts, charity, and sporting events.



Joan Hornberger started sewing on a treadle sewing machine when she was 10 years old. Her mother also taught her to knit, crochet and embroider at a young age. She made most of her clothes while in H.S. and was a Home Economics major at Drexel University. She taught high school for 5 years before starting a family. She has sewn everything from tents, backpacks and sleeping bags to suits, coats and wedding gowns. Fifteen years ago she took up quilting and, more recently, became interested in fabric art.

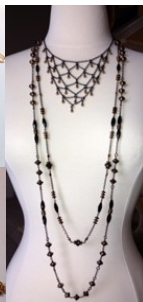
Vendors accept cash and checks (no credit cards).



Green Bag Ladies



Cat Covell



Joan Hornberger



Doris Lynn

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

Gourmet Group

Saturday, May 14, 2016
at the Holroyds'

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



Gourmet at the Redwines'

German Conversation

**Deutscher Adventsgottesdienst*

Join the group for a ***German Advent Service** in
St. Timothy German Lutheran Church on
December 20, 2015

*St Timothy is located at 650 East Main Street off Gallatin Road
in Hendersonville (across from Holiday Inn)*

Carol B. Webster cbwebster@comcast.net
615-202-9108

Cocktail Club

*Our gracious hosts
will be . . .*

December 19 * Holroyd
January 16 * Siesser
February 5 * ScholarSips
March 5 * Gherman
April * Curci
May * Thackston
June * Browning
September * Isaac
October * Stein

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

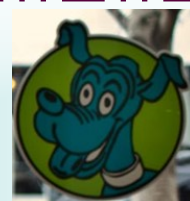


Español por favor

Meet the **first Friday** of every
month for morning coffee from
9-10 am at **Fido's**

*December 4th, *January 8th, February 5th*

Lorena Rivers Wilson (*Second Friday)
615-517-1064 lorenaktw@comcast.net



See you at the movies

Tuesday, December 15th

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



Changes in Tuesday Bridge

Group will meet after lunch the second Tuesday of the month only at 1:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Bridge will continue as usual with players being called to ensure there are complete tables.

Fourth Tuesday: Players will call each other to arrange their own tables in their homes.

There is an open invitation for players to join the Thursday Group in weeks when there is no Tuesday Bridge.

Bea McGee... 615-473-7807... mcgeebea@gmail.com



Donors

to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship
2015-2016 *first semester giving*

Save the date -

VWC Annual Meeting
10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016
The Historic
Old Gym

Special guest
speaker:
Victor Judge
followed by
lunch.



VWC Community Service Penny Drive



Ms. Cheap, also known as Mary Hance, said she started the Penny Drive after reading a statistic about how 46 percent of people in a survey said they wouldn't pick a penny up off the street. Being Ms. Cheap, she immediately

began calculating all that excess money lying around. Proceeds from the Penny Drive benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. "It's so easy," Hance says. "And who can turn down a request to help feed hungry people?" Our **Community Service** interest group will have a collection can at the Holiday Luncheon on December 10th.

So if your purse is getting heavy with coins, now is the time to clean it out! Bring your pennies (and any other coins and bills you care to donate) to the Holiday Luncheon to support Ms. Cheap's Penny Drive!

Judy Andrews
Becky Attack
Faye Brown
Ruth Ann Brown
Betty Browning
Chris Browning
Mary Nelle Bryant
Judy Burns
Toni Carlton
Betsy Fleetwood
Dot Galloway
Anne Gulley
Joy Hambrick
Cherie Hamilton
Kathy Hood
Joan Hornberger
Pam King
Ann Krimm
Shirley Lachs
Judy Lefkowitz
Lai-King Leong
Lynn Maddox
Anne Manner
Barbara Martin
Elaine McKenna
Deanie Miller
Tilly Najjar
Margaret Norris
Inka Odom
Nancy Poblador
Malu Ramsey
Evelyn Richmond
Kimberly Ross
Susan Samson
Lois Scholes
Elaina Scott
Kate Shaw
Lynne Siesser
Sandy Spitz
Pat Stephenson
Margie Stoll
Johanna Sulser
Mildred Tilley
Marilyn Tolk
Joyce Weingartner
Lorena Wilson
Faye Wyatt
Randi Lee Young
Tuesday Bridge Group
Thank you!

Fundraising goal

\$15,000



In tribute to

Annabel Higgins
from Lynne Siesser

Brenda Leach
from Joyce Weingartner

Alethea Lutz
from Lisa LeMaster

Ronnie Scott
from Lynne Siesser

Karen Sexton
from Kelly Chambers

Joyce Weingartner
from Johanna Sulser

*Tribute Cards will
be available from
Kelly Chambers at
the Holiday Lunch.*

Schedule of Events still to come in 2016

ScholarSips	Friday, February 5, 2016	4:30-7:30 p.m.	Vanderbilt Central Library
VWC Lecture Series	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Brentwood Public Library
End of Year Luncheon	Thursday, April 28, 2016	11:30 a.m.	Richland Country Club



ScholarSips

How to Help



The goals of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club are not mutually exclusive. We can have friendship and fun and fundraising altogether in our biggest event of the year -

ScholarSips -- on February 5th, 2016.

Celebrate the Year of the Monkey

There are many ways to pitch in and help:

- Serve on the committee
- Volunteer at the event
- Attend the event (and bring some friends!)
- Donate silent auction items/experiences
(and ask your friends and contacts to donate)
- Bid on and buy silent auction items/experiences
- Be an event sponsor (which is an option on your invitation's reply card)



There is an additional option for helping in a big way: underwrite a portion of the event. Each year we incur expenses to throw this great party. Underwriting expenses gives you the opportunity to help the Club direct more of our ticket and auction proceeds directly into the scholarship fund.



Please contact the **ScholarSips** co-chairs

Nancy Dwyer (nancy.dwyer@vanderbilt.edu or 615-400-2815)

or

Kelly Chambers (kellychambers420@yahoo.com or 409-771-5731)



Second Harvest Work Day

November 4, 2015

Community Service/Community Explorers



December

2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m.	3 VWC Board Mtg. 9:00 a.m. Parlez-Vous Français? 1-2 p.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	4 Español Por Favor @ Fido's 9-10 a.m.	5
6 First Day of HANUKKAH	7 Book Group Two Green Hills Library 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	8 Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	9 Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m.	10 Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon 11:00 am -1:30 pm	11	12
13	14 Last Day of HANUKKAH	15 Movie Group Time TBA	16 Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m.	17 Bridge 1-4 p.m.	18	19 Cocktail Club @ the Holroyds' 6-8 p.m.
20	21	22	23 Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m.	24 Bridge 1-4 p.m.	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26
27	28	29	30 Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m.	31 Bridge 1-4 p.m. New Year's Eve	1 JANUARY  Happy New Year!	2



Vanderbilt Woman's Club Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar

December 10, 2015 11am - 2pm

Brentwood Country Club

5123 Country Club Road Brentwood TN

Holiday shopping begins at 11am

Our program will begin at 12 noon with our featured guest speaker, the Director of the Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Meg Nugent.

Luncheon selections include:

Regular: Grilled Pork Loin topped with a cranberry-apple chutney, served with sweet potato hash, and broccoli

Vegetarian: Butternut Squash and Sage Gnocchi served in a blood orange beurre blanc sauce with a small house salad and garlic bread

Seasonal Fruit Tart

Coffee, Tea, Water

Support of our Club-only vendors is appreciated. Vendors include: jewelry, beauty products, paper flowers, handmade fabric items, homemade foods, wooden cutting boards, journals and candles

Regular Members - \$30.00

Life Members - \$25.00

Please send your reservation along with your cash or check made out to VWC to

Kendra Holroyd

5130 Murray Lane

Brentwood TN 37027

Deadline for reservations is December 2, 2015

You may also make your reservation on our Eventbrite site by clicking on this link:

[Click here to make your reservation](#)



Name: _____

Regular Member: Regular _____ Vegetarian _____

Life Member: Regular _____ Vegetarian _____