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# MAGNOLIA NEWS

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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.

#### Message from the president:

While the first known settlers in Nashville arrived around 13,000 BC it was in January 2013 when the *New York Times* declared Nashville an "it" city and that sounded like a good thing to new transplants like me. As then Mayor Dean said at the time, "It's good to be in Nashville right now." And four years later, despite a few growing pains, I think it still is good to be in Nashville and thousands of visitors and new and long-term residents agree.

Nashville attained "it" status for many reasons – job growth, a great place for tech start-ups, a growing food scene, music (of all kinds), and a world class university (with which we're all well acquainted). GQ called it "Nowville" and a five season namesake TV program showcasing the city also helped the star on the map shine a little brighter.

This month at **ScholarSips** we are celebrating Nashville and all that's good about it. Come out for some great food (a barbeque buffet), live music, wine, and beer.

A silent auction, donations at the event, and event sponsorships enable each of us to help make this a fantastic opportunity to support our scholarship fund and help raise that last \$10,000 that we need to fully endow our scholarship endowment for one scholar. This is the club's major *fund* and *fun-raiser* of the year. I hope to see you there on **Friday, February 17** in your plaid flannel, boots, stilettos, denim and diamonds, or whatever is your preferred Nashville party outfit.

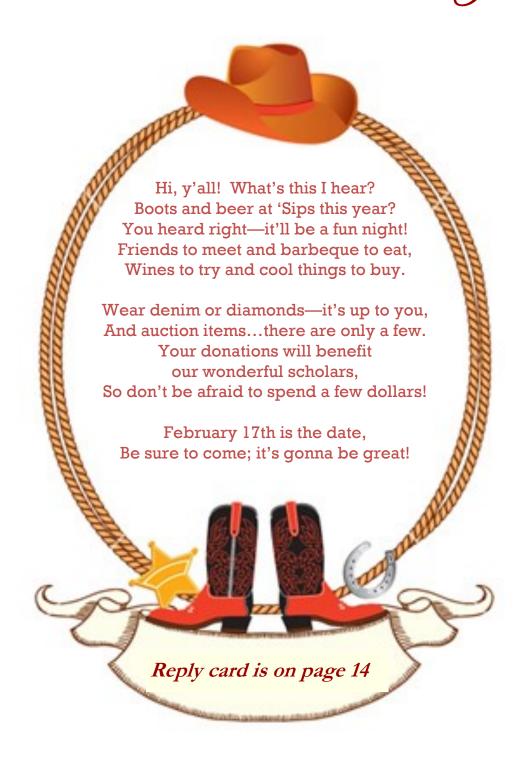


Next meeting:

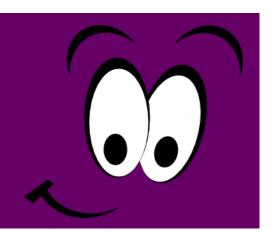
Friday, February 17, 5:30-8:00 p.m.: ScholarSips at the Central Library

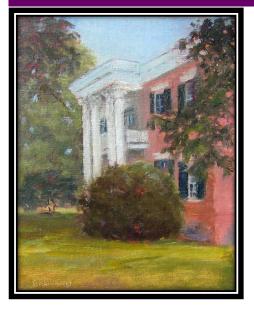
Remember to RSVP—reply card is on page 14

### Have you made your reservation for Scholar Typs?



# Silent Auction Sneak Peek!





"Glen Leven Homeplace"
Beautiful 10 x 8 oil on linen
by Denise Hawkins

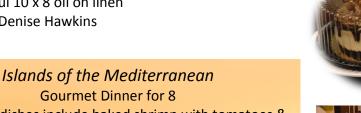






Spend the day baking cookies with Peggy Curci.
You pick the holiday or event!
A tray of these homemade delights comes with this purchase!

Cliff Bowens' World Famous Cheesecake Always sought after! Who will be the lucky winner this year?







Gift Baskets - Nashville & Picnic Themes
One basket is packed full of goodies
from our fair city,
And another contains the makings
of a perfect picnic!

#### **Nominating Committee**

Elaine Blake, Peggy Curci, Sheila Jensen, Lynne Siesser and Kelly Chambers (*adviser*) presented the slate of 2017/2018 officers at the annual business meeting.

President: Angela Bowens
Past President: Kelly Chambers

Vice President/President-Elect: Aileen Webb

Treasurer: Jo Ann Staples

Recording Secretary: Kate Shaw

Corresponding Secretary/Historian: Liz Doyle



Thank you for agreeing to be nominated and congratulations on your election.

Right to Left: Angela, Kelly, Aileen, Jo Ann, Kate and Liz









# Life members recognized at the Annual Business Meeting



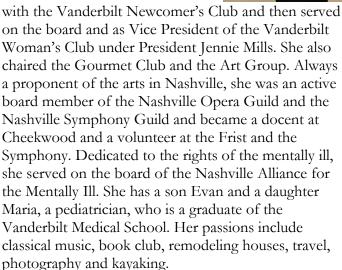
Janet Exton grew up on a sheep farm in New Zealand and went to boarding school. She also went to Otago University where she met her husband John. She came to Nashville in 1963 when John was hired by Vanderbilt. Her interests are gourmet cooking,

needlework, gardening, reading and travel. She's a member of the Herb Society and volunteer at *This and That* which raises funds for the St. Lukes Community Center.



Thank you,
Angela for
organizing the
delicious lunch
at the
Annual Business
Meeting.

Roberta Maguire is originally from New Haven, Connecticut where she taught in the Hamden, CT schools and met her husband, Charlie while he was a graduate student in Physics at Yale University. They lived in Berkeley, CA before moving to Vanderbilt in 1975. Roberta became involved



**Joyce Weingartner** became a Life Member in 2017 but could not attend the meeting.

to reach \$100,000 in the endowment.

#### to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship

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

#### **IANUARY:** Bridge Extravaganza made \$1,040.

Thank you those who participated. Players: Cindy Asbury, Isabelle Asbury, Tracy Barnes, Betsy Bennett, Judy Burns, Ann Caste, Melinda Coles, Peggy Dughman, Linda Floyd, Annelle Gilbert, Kathy Greene, Patti Harris, Becky Hickson, Jane Hinshaw, Jeannie Horde, Sheila Jensen, Karen Leeman, Jean Litterer, Nella McCall, Barbara Nash, Beatie O'Connell, Mary Raffety, Maisie Roden, Barb Roth, Susan Samson, Mary Helen Short, Lynne Siesser, Vivian Starnes, Cathy Umstead, Donna Westbrook, Lalah Williams, Charlotte Witzenburg, Rita Yandell. *Donations:* Peggy Dughman, Ruth Mathisen, Maisie Roden, Alene Roth, Carole Schneider, Cathy Umstead

#### Mary Nelle Bryant, Anne Carr, Virginia Holladay in memory of Fran Hardie

#### Academic Year to date

Becky Atack \* Elisabetha Baugh \* Ruth Ann Brown \* Sarah Calvani \* Toni Carlton \* Anne Carr Kelly Chambers \* Amy Christiansen \* Janet Crowson \* Helen Dale \* Dot Galloway Kathy Garthwaite \* Joy Hambrick \* Cherie Hamilton \* Kathy Hood Joan Hornberger \* Polly House \* Sheila Jensen \* Pam King \* Karen Leeman \* Lisa LeMaster Lynn Maddox \* Anne Manner \* Barbara Martin \* Sheila McCarty \* Elaine McKenna Deanie Miller \* Inka Odom \* Anne Plummer \* Nancy Poblador \* Malu Ramsey Ellie Raths \* Kim Ross \* Susan Samson \* Lois Scholes \* Donna Session \* Kate Shaw Lynne Siesser \* Jeanne Dudley Smith \* Sandy Spitz \* Tracy Stadnick \* Mary Stinson Margie Stoll \* Jane Stumpf \* Johanna Sulser \* Mildred Tilley \* Marilyn Tolk \* Faye Wyatt Randi Lee Young

Kendra Scott Night \* Tuesday Bridge \* Bridge Extravaganza \* Tapas & Sangria Event Holiday Bazaar \* VWC Board \* Cookie Exchange



How the Endowment started: In 2007 long-time members Virginia Wolf and Ava Sellers each made substantial donations to the VWC Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund. Their generosity presented a special opportunity for the VWC, and under the wise guidance of then-President Sandy Spitz, these gifts provided the core funds to establish the VWC Endowment. A celebratory luncheon was held at the University Club to honor the visionary support of Virginia and Ava, and this new horizon for the VWC.

In 2013, further evolution occurred when the Board asked Spitz and fellow past-president Amy Christiansen to co-chair a task force of members evaluating the process of awarding the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship. Under the leadership of then-president Sheila Jensen, the Board and VWC membership voted to change the methodology to an "institutionalized" approach aligned with Vanderbilt's funding standards. Our scholarship is now a four-year commitment to one student (Mason Grow 2015-2019) at a time, enabling the VWC to provide more sustained and substantial support and follow the progress of our recipient. Today, a decade after Ava and



Virginia's generosity, we are zeroing in on the first \$100,000 in the Endowment with the hope that we can fund an additional exceptional Vanderbilt student(s) in the years to come.

Ava Sellers, donor Sandy Spitz, President (2006/2007) Ann Ercelawn, daughter of Virginia Judy Isaac, President (2007/2009) Virginia Wolf, donor Sandy Spitz, President (2006/2007)

#### Getting to know our newcomers . . .

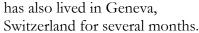
#### **Eleanor Gregory**

I was born in Nashville in 1939 and have always lived here. I lived in the Hillsboro and Green Hills area long before the many changes that have now occurred in both places. I was married to the love of my life for 56



years. He passed away August 18, 2016. We have two wonderful sons and six grandchildren and a new granddaughter-in-law. I was employed at St. Thomas West in Administration for 25 years. I retired in 2003. I love all needlework and have served as President of the Cheekwood Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America. Last Christmas, our Chapter was honored with a request to provide hand stitched ornaments for three Christmas trees at the Executive Residence. I belong to a wonderful knitting circle and we knit for the homeless and underserved in our community. I have now been warmly welcomed into the new VWC quilting circle meeting at Lynne Siesser's home. I am very excited about this as it is a new skill I hope to accomplish. I have done heirloom sewing when my grandchildren were small but sadly they quickly outgrew my designs. I look forward to contributing to this organization and in time meeting the members.

**Gail Molen** is originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is a graduate from the university of Michigan School of business, with a dual major in marketing and finance, and worked for IBM as a marketing rep and systems engineer. She



After becoming a mom she left IBM and became involved in real estate with her husband. Living for 10 years in Vero Beach, FL where they had commercial real estate. After multiple hurricanes they decided to move to Nashville in 2005. They summer in Charlevoix area of northern Michigan and return to Vero as often as they can during the winter.

Gail's interests are: family and friends, gardens, travel, enjoying good restaurants, the arts, Osher lifelong learning classes at Vanderbilt, and just about anything happening at St. George's church.

Her secret indulgence is Ghiradelli 65% bittersweet chocolate bars and her favorite food is anything both healthy and delicious- the citrus kale salad from Food Co. is a good example.



Gourmet
Group
dumpling
class

"We had so much fun!"

Left to right: Dede Clements Darla Grey Joy Allington-Baum



Carmen Gherman & Lisa LeMaster

#### **Cocktails**

is one of the largest and most popular interest groups. Members from across the University and Medical Center meet at each others' homes once a month to share wine or another beverage and appetizers.

The group coordinator is

Lynne Siesser.

December's lively cocktail get together was graciously hosted by Sheila and Gary Jensen.

To participate in Cocktails contact lsiesser7@gmail.com 615-298-5659



Helen Dale & Ed Thackston



Kelly Chambers, Hannah & Ann Krimm

Jim Redwine, Cathy Brunk, Ebbie Redwine, Lynette & Robb Vecchio

Bill & Lynne Siesser

#### **Community Explorers**



#### Franklin Glassblowing Trip CANCELLED

due to fire at the studio.

Plan ahead to visit designer Manuel's studio at 11 am on Tuesday, March 28th.

Called the "Rhinestone Rembrandt," Manuel has designed clothes for the Rat Pack and costumes for Roy Rogers and various country stars. After touring the studio, we will meet up at Amerigo Italian Restaurant on West End for lunch.

\$10 studio tour fee and separate checks with 20 % gratuity added at Amerigo's

Ebbie Redwine eRedwine9@gmail.com

#### **Future General Meetings 2017**

Thursday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.: Spring Lecture at Sugartree Clubhouse John H. Mather, MD, FACPE: A Pathographer's Look at Six US Presidents Thursday, April 27, 11:30 a.m.: Spring Luncheon at Richland Country Club



#### Cocktail Club

#### Our gracious hosts will be . . .

February 17 ScholarSips March 18 Huffman April Curci May Clements Holroyd June Riess September

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



#### **Evening Movie Group**

Tuesday, January 31st

Mark your calendar for our next movie night, details to follow in an email.

Cindy Slobogin 615-292-2214 slobogin@hotmail.com Betsy Fleetwood 615-579-0903 befleet@aol.com



#### Gourmet Group

January 28 Chinese New Year at the Curcis



March 25 South of the Border at the Wallicks



Carmen Gherman 615-354-4421

cggherman@yahoo.com

#### See you at the movies

Join the group monthly on Tuesdays at Green Hills Cinema for a movie. A lunch option will be offered at a nearby restaurant before the movie. Contact

Betsy to be added to an email list. Tuesdays, February 21 & March 21 at Regal Green Hills **Betsy Fleetwood** 

615-579-0903 befleet@aol.com

#### !German Conversation

Wednesday, March 15th 2pm to 4pm 2811 Polo Club Road.

Susanne Riess 414-241-1246 susriess@hotmail.com



#### Lunch Bunch Let Joyce know if you would like to be on her email list. joycegore0681@gmail.com

#### Quilting

Thank you Judy Lefkowitz and Elaine McKenna for the wonderful donation of fabric for our quilts. Some pieces have already been put to good use.

The group meets the first and third Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 am.

Those who cannot attend, take home fabric to assemble and sew quilts for patients in wheelchairs.

Peggy Curci 314-369-4119 peggy@thecurcis.com Joan Hornberger 615-730-5534 zackapatch@gmail.com



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Kathleen trains the youngest member of her crew

#### The Community Service Interest Group

coordinated by Kathleen Donofrio, takes on various community service projects throughout the year. They regularly convene at McCann School, headquarters for the Pencil Project, to sort supplies for school teachers. They also volunteer to help out at Second Harvest Food Bank.



Linda Nicholas, Dede Clements Kathleen Donofrio, Mildred Tilley, Carmen Gherman, Ann Ercelawn, not pictured Elaine Blake

Kathleen Donofrio 615-383-8732 kafdonofrio@gmail.com



Linda Nicholas, Kathleen Donofrio, Dede Clements

#### **Community Service**

Community Volunteers at the Pencil Foundation: together we assist the educational needs of teachers and students in Metro schools.

Wednesdays 9:00 - 12:00 noon February 15, March 15, April 12.

LP Pencil Box, McCann Alternative Learning Center, 1300 56th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209

#### **Community Service and Explorers**

will go to Second Harvest together on Wednesday, March 8 8:30 - 11-30 am



331 Great Circle Nashville, TN 37228

#### Interest Groups Contact information and details are available in the directory.

Book Group 1 \* Book Group 2 \* Tuesday/Thursday Bridge \* Cocktail Club \* Community Explorers Community Service \* French \* German \* Gourmet Group \* Italian \* Mah Jongg \* Movies \* Evening Movies

Out to Lunch \* Quilting \* Spanish \* Theater

Do you have an interest not listed?

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

#### Book Group Two announces their reading list for 2017

March 6	Gaining Ground  A Story of Farmers' Markets, Local Food, and Saving the Family Farm By Forrest Prichard	Rita Hall		
April 3	Book of Ages The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin By Jill Lepore	Carmen Gherman		
May 8	History of the Rain By Niall Williams Elaine Smyth			
June 5	Old Filth Joy Allington-Baum By Jane Gardam			
July 10	Hillbilly Elegy A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis By J. D. Vance			
August 7	A Gentleman In Moscow  By Amor Towles  Lisa Le Master			
September 11	The Year of the Runaways By Sanjeev Sahota  Ebbie Redwine			
October 9	No God but God The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam By Reza Aslan	Dede Clements		
November 6	The Miracle of Freedom Seven Tipping Points That Saved the World By Chris and Ted Stewart  Nancy Fruetel			
December 4	Stoner By John Williams Kathleen Donofrio			
January	Book Ballot Luncheon			
February	Commonweatlth By Ann Patchett	Mildred Tilley		

Kathleen Donofrio . . . 615-383-8732 . . . kafdonofrio@gmail.com

Meets first Monday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Green Hills Library.



#### Who are our former VWC presidents?

#### Betsy Fleetwood 2001-2002

- Originally from Seymour, Indiana, "the" "Small Town," and home of singer John Mellencamp.
- Received a BS in Nursing from the University of Evansville, IN worked in adult ICU and maternal/child units in Evansville and Indianapolis, IN.
- Moved to Albuquerque, NM, in 1984, after marriage to her high school sweetheart, Dan, who began his career at Sandia National Laboratories, a Dept. of Energy national security lab.
- Lived in Albuquerque for 15 years, working at UNM Hospital part-time for five years, raising three sons, and serving as an advocate for gifted and talented education in the state of New Mexico. Served as President of the Albuquerque Association for Gifted and Talented Students.
- Moved to Nashville in 1999 when Dan was appointed to a faculty position in the School of Engineering. He now chairs the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.
- Joined VWC in 1999. Has served in Board or Interest Group positions for most of the time since. Has led the VWC Movie Group for the last seven years.
- Active in the Jane Austen Society of North America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and enjoying a lot of traveling.
- Some memorable trips include Egypt, Hong Kong/China, France (many times!), London, and most recently, trips to New York City to see "Hamilton" (fabulous!), and a river cruise on the Danube to see the wonderful Christmas markets.
- Continuing to enjoy participating in the Vanderbilt community through the VWC!

#### Harla Lynn Levitt

2004 - 2005



After leaving the warmth of our Nashville and Vanderbilt family, we moved to Los Angeles. The transition away from the Tri Arts book club and the Vanderbilt Woman's Club was made easier by the fact that our grown children, Sam and Sara, and their respective spouses, Alana and Arturo were living within 30 minutes of us. In addition to enjoying our family time together, I joined a book club, a new synagogue, and began settling into my new life. After the first year, things changed dramatically, but wonderfully. Within six years, I became a grandmother to four of the cutest kids in the world. I have been truly blessed in being able to help my children with my grandchildren, on a daily basis. I have found my new life, and love it. Ed: The Levitts moved to California when Pat became Professor of Pediatrics, W.M. Keck Chair in Neurogenetics; Director of The Neuroscience Graduate Program and Director of The

HAMILTON

Developmental Neurogenetics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. He was the first husband to respond when I tried to track down former presidents no longer living in Nashville. LS

Erratum: In the January newsletter, Cherie Hamilton should have been described as the Trilingual Administrative Assistant to the V.P. not the V.P. Apologies for any confusion. I did not mean to pad her resume. Ed.

#### **Community Explorers**

Come tour

#### **Belmont Mansion**

with the Community Explorer's group on

Friday, February 24th at 10:30 am,

and hear the inspiring story of Adelicia Hayes Franklin Acklen Cheatham.

Belmont Mansion is located on Wedgewood Avenue but the address and access is from 1700 Acklen Avenue, Nashville 37212, on the edge of the Belmont University campus. The fee for the tour is \$10 per person for groups of 10 or more, otherwise \$12 per person.



Parking is available in a lot adjacent to the Belmont Mansion. If that lot is full, there are blue signs directing visitors to additional visitor parking.

If you would like to tour Belmont Mansion with us, please reply by 2/10/17 to Ebbie at <a href="mailto:eredwine9@gmail.com">eredwine9@gmail.com</a> or Judy at <a href="mailto:andrews.judy@gmail.com">andrews.judy@gmail.com</a>. If you would like to stay in the area for lunch, please indicate in your email response, and we will come up with some lunch options, depending on the group size.

From <a href="http://www.belmontmansion.com/history">http://www.belmontmansion.com/history</a>



"History of Belmont Mansion

The moving spirit behind Belmont Mansion is Adelicia Hayes Franklin Acklen Cheatham. She was born on March 15, 1817, into a prominent Nashville family. At the age of 22, Adelicia married her first husband, Isaac Franklin, a wealthy businessman and plantation owner who was 28 years her senior. Isaac Franklin and Adelicia had four children together, all of whom died before the age of 11. After seven years of marriage, Isaac Franklin died unexpectedly of a stomach virus while visiting one of his plantations in Louisiana. At his death his estate included: 8,700 acres of cotton plantations in Louisiana; Fairvue, a 2,000acre farm in Tennessee; more than 50,000 acres of undeveloped land in Texas; stocks and bonds; and 750 slaves. In 1846, at the age of 29, Adelicia Franklin was independently wealthy, worth about \$1 million. On May 8, 1849, Adelicia remarried, to Joseph Alexander Smith Acklen, a Mexican War hero and a lawyer from Huntsville, Alabama. Together they built Belmont Mansion (originally named Belle Monte), completing construction in 1853.

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elaborate gardens."



## February 2017

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5	6 Book Group 2	7 Quilting	8 Mah Jongg	9 French	10	11
	1-2:30pm	10-11:30am	1-3pm	12:30-1:30pm Bridge 1-4pm		
Book Group 1 2:30-4pm	13	14 Bridge 1-3:30pm	15 Mah Jongg 1-3pm	16 Bridge 1-4pm	17 ScholarSips 5:30-8pm	18
19	20	Quilting 10-11:30am Movies	Mah Jongg 1-3pm	23 Bridge 1-4pm	Glassblowing CANCELED Explorers Belmont Mansion 10:30am	25
26	27	28 Bridge 1-3:30pm				
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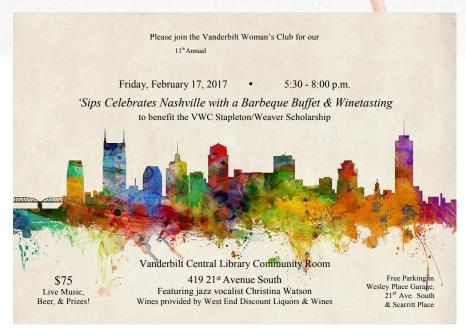
Notes

Remember to RSVP for Scholar lips

Questions about 'Sips tickets?

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

	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual ScholarSips Barbeque & Winetasting			
Name				
Address				
City, State, Zip _				
Phone	Email			
□will :	attend at \$75 per person for a total of \$			
I cannot attend, but I would like to make a donation of \$(all of which is tax-deductible)				
☐ I would like to be a <i>ScholarSips</i> sponsor. Donation of \$250 includes 2 tickets (\$100 is tax-deductible).				
Donation of \$125 includes 1 ticket (\$50 is tax-deductible).				
Please make checks payable to Vanderbilt Woman's Club or by credit card:				
□ Visa □ M	lasterCard			
Name as it appea	ars <mark>on the credit card</mark>			
Card Number	Exp. Date			
Signature				
No tickets will be mailed. Reservations held at the door.				



#### Send your reservation to:

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