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## President's message

Happy New Year!

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.

### UPCOMING CLUB-WIDE EVENTS

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015  
*ScholarSips*,  
4:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.  
Vanderbilt Central Library

Please let  
**Lisa LeMaster** know if  
you plan to attend the  
business meeting on  
January 15 and whether  
you will need lunch.

**[lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com)**  
**615-891-1727**

Now that we are past the Winter Equinox have you noticed the days getting longer? OK, you may need to check the sunrise and sunset times to truly be aware of the change for those of us who are not that astute. I feel so much better knowing that the promise of spring is coming during these dreary, cold, wet days of winter. To get through these months we have some fun events planned for you.

This month we have our annual meeting on January 15th. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM. It is in the Vanderbilt Old Gym and is hosted by the Vice Provost of Enrollment and the Dean of Admissions, **Douglas Christiansen**. We are very grateful for his hospitality and generosity. There will be a short State of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club presentation followed by our speaker, **Dr. Shari Barkin**. She is a pediatrician at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Her area of expertise is childhood obesity. Please let **Lisa LeMaster** know if you will be attending. Since this event is hosted, Lisa will only need your name and if you expect to stay through lunch. Valet parking is available.

We felt quite fortunate to have previously booked **Renata Soto** two days after she introduced **President Barak Obama** at **Casa Azafrán**. She is informed and passionate in her commitment to acclimate immigrants and foreigners to living in the United States of America. Personally I know these new citizens, legal individuals, care for my lawn, paint my house, lay my bricks, and install my new roof.

There is only one more month left before ***ScholarSips***. This will be our 9<sup>th</sup> annual event. **Elaine Blake** is doing a most creative, organized, fun job in coordinating this happening. Your invitations will be arriving within the next couple of weeks. If every member buys one ticket for this event we will make over \$13,000. If you attend this event you will have a great time snacking, listening to outstanding jazz, sipping wines, mixing with friends, and will take home a complimentary wine glass. I hope you will choose to attend.

Cheers, Good health, and Prosperity in 2015!

**Sheila**



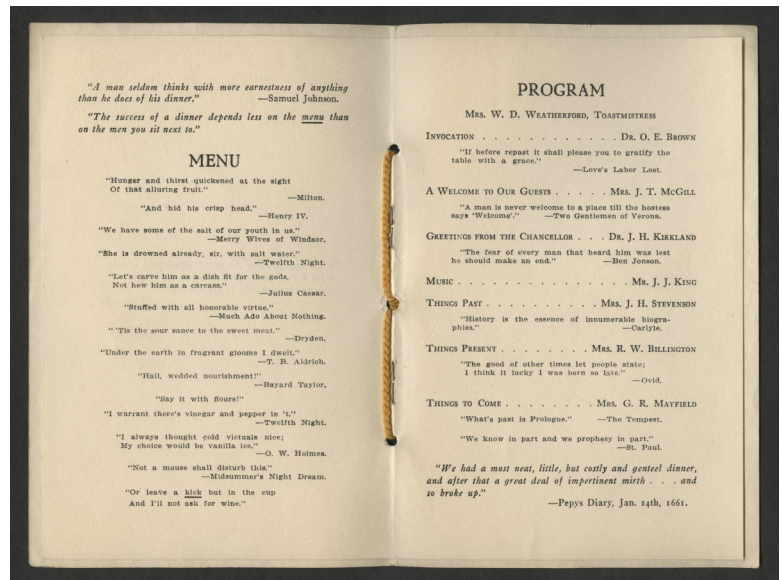
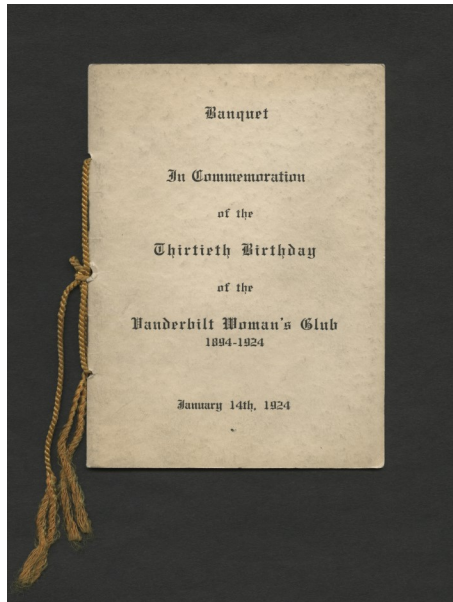
*The Vanderbilt Woman's Club acknowledges the late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus and honors her in the naming of the newsletter.*



VANDERBILT  
WOMAN'S CLUB

# Down Memory Lane . . . .

On January 14, 1924 the Vanderbilt Woman's Club celebrated thirty years of meetings. The club was founded in 1893 to provide intellectual, cultural and social activities.



The menu from that Banquet illustrates the intellectual side.

*"A man seldom thinks with more earnestness of anything than he does his dinner."* — Samuel Johnson

*"The success of a dinner depends less on the menu than on the men you sit next to."*

## MENU

"Hunger and thirst quickened at the sight of that alluring fruit." — Milton

"And hid his crisp head." — Henry IV

"We have some of the salt of our youth in us." — Merry Wives of Windsor

"She is drowned already, sir, with salt water." — Twelfth Night

"Let's carve him a dish for the gods. Not hew him as a carcass." — Julius Caesar

"Stuffed with all honorable virtue." — Much Ado About Nothing

"'Tis the sour sauce to the sweet meat." — Dryden

"Under the earth in fragrant glooms I dwelt." — T.B. Aldrich

"Hail, wedded nourishment." — Bayard Taylor

"Say it with flours." "I warrant there's vinegar and pepper in 't." — Twelfth Night

"I always thought cold victuals nice; My choice would be vanilla ice." — O.W. Holmes

"Not a mouse shall disturb this." — Midsummer's Night Dream

"Or leave a kick but in the cup and I'll not ask for wine."



# The Holiday Luncheon





# 9th ANNUAL SCHOLARSIPS

Friday, February 6, 2015 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Vanderbilt University Central Library  
Main Lobby and Community Room

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014-2015

### 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



We are excited about the entertainment this year.

### Christina Watson

vocalist and vocal coach

*"...Christina Watson's vocalizing [is] absolutely world class."*

for a preview, go to

<http://www.christinawatson.com/>

Silent Auction items include . . .

- Tickets to a Nashville Jazz Workshop *Snap on 2 & 4* performance
- A golf outing at Vanderbilt's Legends Golf Course
- Junior PA announcer experience for someone aged 6-12 at a Vanderbilt baseball game
- Baseball signed by our own Coach Corbin
- "Sound the Admiral" for each touchdown at the Vanderbilt/Georgia game, Fall 2015
- "A day with Susan LaMay" in the pottery studio, Vanderbilt Art Department

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

## COCKTAIL CLUB FUTURE DATES



January 31 at the Borman/Slaydens  
*Mardi Gras Party*

February 6 is ScholarSips  
March 21 at the Holroyds  
May at the Clements

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ursula King  
Elizabeth McGuire  
Sally Rademacher  
Elaine Smyth

### 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.

# DONORS

to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship

2014-2015

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 tribute to Mary Nelle Bryant*  
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*in honor of Janice Elliott*  
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 Randi Lee Young  
 Tuesday Bridge Group

To make a donation to the  
 endowed scholarship fund send  
 checks payable to  
**Vanderbilt University**

to  
**Lynne Siesser,  
 2009 Overhill Drive,  
 Nashville, TN 37215-3414**

**Thank you, for the donations  
 to the endowment made  
 through the Tribute Card  
 program.**

## Gourmet Dates

Saturday, January 24



Home of  
 Roberta & Charlie Maguire



## Chinese New Year

Saturday, February 21  
*Lucky Bamboo Restaurant*  
 Organized by  
 Nathalie & Brian Porter



## Year of the Sheep



## NEW GROUP

## Spanish Conversation

contact **Lorena Rivera Wilson**  
**615-517-1064**

[lorenaktw@comcast.net](mailto:lorenaktw@comcast.net)

Lunch and conversation with friends at  
 a Green Hills restaurant.

**Future dates, March 7, April 18 and May 2**

## BOARD MEMBERS 2014-2015

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### Out to Lunch Bunch

Thursday, January 29.

Contact Joyce Gore for more details.

615-783-0681 *joycegore0681@gmail.com*

### Book Group 2

Monday, January 12

Voting on the book list

Contact Kathleen Donofrio  
for more details

615-383-8732 *kafdonofrio@gmail.com*



### Movies Tuesday, January 20

Contact Betsy Fleetwood for more details.

615-579-0903 *befleet@aol.com*

## Volunteers needed

Please join the fun at  
**ScholarSips** and volunteer to  
help for an hour or two.

*stuff invitations  
recruit guests  
registration table  
meet and greet  
check out*

**Elaine Blake**  
**615-340-9573**  
***elaine.blake@mac.com***

# INTEREST GROUPS

## WEEKDAY MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP TWO	<b>Kathleen Donofrio</b>	615-383-8732	<i>kafdonofrio@gmail.com</i>	Meets first Monday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Green Hills Library
	2015			
	January 5	Ballot Luncheon at Nancy Fruetel's house to select books for 2015		
BRIDGE TUESDAY	<b>Bea McGee</b>	615-473-7807	<i>mcgeebea@gmail.com</i>	2nd and 4th Tuesdays after lunch from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
BRIDGE THURSDAY	<b>Lynne Siesser</b>	615-298-5659	<i>lsiesser7@gmail.com</i>	Every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY EXPLORERS	<b>Anne Manner</b>	615-289-1040	<i>acmanner@gmail.com</i>	Join us in exploring historic and cultural sites as well as other points of interest in the Nashville area.
COMMUNITY SERVICE	<b>Kathleen Donofrio</b>	615-383-8732	<i>kafdonofrio@gmail.com</i>	Volunteers meet on selected Wednesday mornings at LP Pencil Box, offering free school supplies for Metro teachers.
MAH JONGG	<b>Lin Watson</b>	615-776-3848	<i>linrw@comcast.net</i>	Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
PLAYGROUP	<b>Kerri Obstein</b>	781-258-8556	<i>kerriobstein@gmail.com</i>	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	<b>Betsy Fleetwood</b>	615-579-0903	<i>befleet@aol.com</i>	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	<b>Joyce Gore</b>	615-783-0681	<i>joycegore0681@gmail.com</i>	Try out local restaurants with congenial company
PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?	<b>Joan Harshman</b>	615-292-2260	<i>joan.s.harshman@att.net</i>	Lunch and conversation with friends. Second Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Amerigo's Restaurant, 1920 West End Avenue.
SPANISH CONVERSATION	<b>Lorena Rivera Wilson</b>	615-517-1064	<i>lorenaktw@comcast.net</i>	Lunch and conversation with friends at a Green Hills restaurant.

### ***Do you have an interest not listed?***

Contact Lisa LeMaster **615-891-1727** or ***[lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# INTEREST GROUPS WEEKEND MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP ONE	<b>Becky Atack</b>	615-790-3500	<a href="mailto:rebecca.w.atack@vanderbilt.edu">rebecca.w.atack@vanderbilt.edu</a>	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.
	<b>Ann Ercelawn</b>	615-298-4766	<a href="mailto:ann.ercelawn@gmail.com">ann.ercelawn@gmail.com</a>	
	2015	Leader	Hostess	
	February 8	Ann Ercelawn	Ann Ercelawn	
	March 8	Becky Atack	Sheila Jensen	
	April 12	Byrd Helguera	Penny TeSelle	
	May 3	Joan Harshman	Mary Claire Bradshaw	
	June 14	Sheila Jensen	Joan Campbell	
COCKTAIL CLUB	July 12	Margaret Norris	Margaret Norris	Bring a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d'oeuvres. Meet new friends from other departments.
GOURMET GROUP	<b>Lynne Siesser</b>	615-298-5659	<a href="mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com">lsiesser7@gmail.com</a>	If you love to cook, join us for fine dining and scintillating conversation.
	<b>Carmen Gherman</b>	615-354-4421	<a href="mailto:cggherman@yahoo.com">cggherman@yahoo.com</a>	



## 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](mailto:acmanner@gmail.com); 615-289-1040**



## Interest Group Spotlight

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club Community Service group, led by Kathleen Donofrio, has a simple mission: do good works for the Nashville community. Monthly trips to LP Pencil Box (where Metro public school teachers shop for new school supplies free of charge) to sort and manage supplies, and biannual work days at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee are two ways we contribute to the community. We also gather donations for Ms. Cheap's Penny Drive to benefit the Second Harvest food bank. If you are looking for a fun way to help others while visiting with friends from the VWC, please join us; there is always work to do!



# VWC



# January 2015



## Vanderbilt Woman's Club

Members: Be sure to note that our annual meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Vanderbilt University Old Gym. Dr. Shari Barkin from Vanderbilt Pediatrics will be our speaker. A delicious lunch will be provided by the Office of Admissions. Valet Parking is available. RSVP to Lisa LeMaster, [lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com) or 615-891-1727.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year!	2	3
4	5 Be sure to RSVP to Lisa LeMaster re the Speaker/Lunch next week!	6	7 Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	8 VWC Board Mtg. 8:30 a.m. Playgroup 10 a.m. – Noon Parlez-Vous Français? 1-2 p.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	9	10
11	12 Book Group 2 Ballot Meeting & Luncheon @ Nancy Fruetel's 12:30 p.m.	13 Comm. Explorers trip to Marathon Village 11 a.m. Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	14 Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	15 Annual Meeting Old Gym 10 a.m. Playgroup 10-noon Bridge 1-4 pm.	16	17
18	19	20 Movie Group	21 Community Service - Pencil 9-noon Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	22 Playgroup 10 a.m. – noon Bridge 1-4 p.m.	23	24 Gourmet Group Sicilian Dinner @ the Maguires'
25	26	27 Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	28 Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	29 Playgroup 10 a.m. – noon Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	30	31 Cocktail Club at the Borman's/ Slayden's 6-8 p.m.
1 FEBRUARY	2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1-4 p.m.	5 Playgroup 10 a.m. – noon Bridge 1-4 p.m.	6	7





**10:00 a.m.**

# Dr. Shari Barkin

Vanderbilt Woman's Club  
Annual Meeting & Speaker Lunch

Thursday, January 15, 2015



Vanderbilt Old Gym  
2301 West End Ave.

Valet Parking

Please carpool  
if possible

RSVP  
by January 6th

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

## Changing health behaviors through family-based, community-centered intervention

Please join us for an informative talk by Dr. Shari Barkin, Director of General Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at the Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Prior to the presentation, we will have a brief business meeting, during which members will vote to approve amendments to the bylaws regarding the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship. A presentation of these changes was made to the membership at the Fall Luncheon by Brent Tener, Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Coffee & Tea at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch, following Dr. Barkin's presentation, is graciously provided by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.