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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.*

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## President's message

*I piled up my plate, and I ate and ate, but I wish I had known when to stop,  
for I'm so crammed with yams, sauces, gravies, and jams, that my buttons are starting to pop.*  
Jack Prelutsky

This is the way I felt after the Thanksgiving meal, and now I've done it all over again for Christmas! Media stories often suggest that the average person gains 7 to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas, but several studies now show that the average weight gain during the winter holidays is just one pound. So don't be hard on yourself if you overindulged a little...a new year is here, and with it come resolutions to make changes. I did a little research, and here is a list of some of the most common New Year's resolutions:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lose weight         | 4. Spend less, save more       | 7. Stay fit and healthy |
| 2. Quit smoking        | 5. Spend more time with family | 8. Volunteer            |
| 3. Learn something new | 6. Enjoy life to the fullest   | 9. Travel to new places |

In the VWC, we have our own list of things to do. 2016 brings our Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 14th at the Vanderbilt Old Gym. We are thankful to vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions **Doug Christiansen** and his assistant, **Terri Hershberger**, with help from **Briana Christian**, for once again hosting/arranging our meeting and subsequent lunch. There is no charge for the event, but please be sure to RSVP immediately to our VP, **Kelly Chambers**, [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com), if you are able to attend, as we must quickly finalize arrangements for valet parking and lunch. Kelly has asked **Victor Judge**, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at the Vanderbilt Divinity School, to be our guest speaker. We also will vote on next year's VWC executive board, so you won't want to miss this meeting. I hope you also have your calendars marked for Friday, **February 5th** for our tenth annual **ScholarSips** at the Vanderbilt Central Library.

Back to our list of resolutions: maybe **not** surprisingly, #10 is, "Stop making resolutions," probably because so many are broken so quickly! Alas, hope springs eternal, so I will continue to make my list each year and strive to honor it. And whether you are a list maker or not, I hope 2016 brings all good things to you and your loved ones.

Happy New Year!

*Lisa*



**Next meeting: Annual Meeting 10:00 a.m., Thursday January 14, 2016**  
**Vanderbilt Historic Gym**

**Special guest speaker: Victor Judge followed by lunch.**

**DEADLINE FOR LUNCH RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 3**

**409-771-5731 [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)**

**Details are on page nine.**

*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**

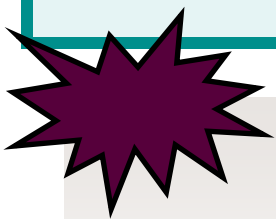
## Welcome new members

Diane Acree \* Joy Allington-Baum \* Kiersten LeBar \* Serina Ng \* Jane Schlater

### A Word About Our Luncheons

#### Did you know...?

- It is extremely helpful when members reserve and pay for lunches by the deadline posted on the invitation?
- Deadlines are set by the food & beverage managers at the venues, and they plan how much food to buy/prepare, how large a wait staff to have on hand for the event, how much to charge the VWC for the room/setup (including calculations for gratuities, valet services, etc.) based on the figure VWC provides at the time of the deadline?
- Menus are decided upon and set well before the invitations go out, so substitutions are not accepted by most venues? (It is not the same as going to a restaurant and asking for salad instead of fries with your meal—they count on producing a set number of meals in exactly the same way and are not prepared to deviate from that menu.)
- If you reserve a spot at a luncheon and then don't pay, the VWC still has to buy your lunch, even if you aren't there to eat it?
- Thank you for helping us to arrange successful events. Your courtesy in responding and paying on time makes the job of our Hospitality Committee so much easier!



## JANUARY 3, 2016

**IS THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH & VALET PARKING  
AT THE BUSINESS MEETING IN THE OLD GYM ON JANUARY 14.**

#### Schedule of Events *still to come in 2016*

ScholarSips	Friday, February 5, 2016	5:30-8:00 p.m.	<i>Vanderbilt Central Library</i>
VWC Lecture Series	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	10:00 a.m.	<i>Brentwood Public Library</i>
<i>Wine Down Wednesday</i>	Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:00 p.m.	<i>Dyer Observatory</i>
End of Year Luncheon	Thursday, April 28, 2016	11:30 a.m.	<i>Richland Country Club</i>



## Get Your Party On at ScholarSips 2016

Tasty Asian hors d'oeuvres, wines from around the world, and a fabulous silent auction make **ScholarSips 2016** the one party you won't want to miss. Have fun ringing in the Chinese New Year with us and support the biggest VWC fundraiser of the year.

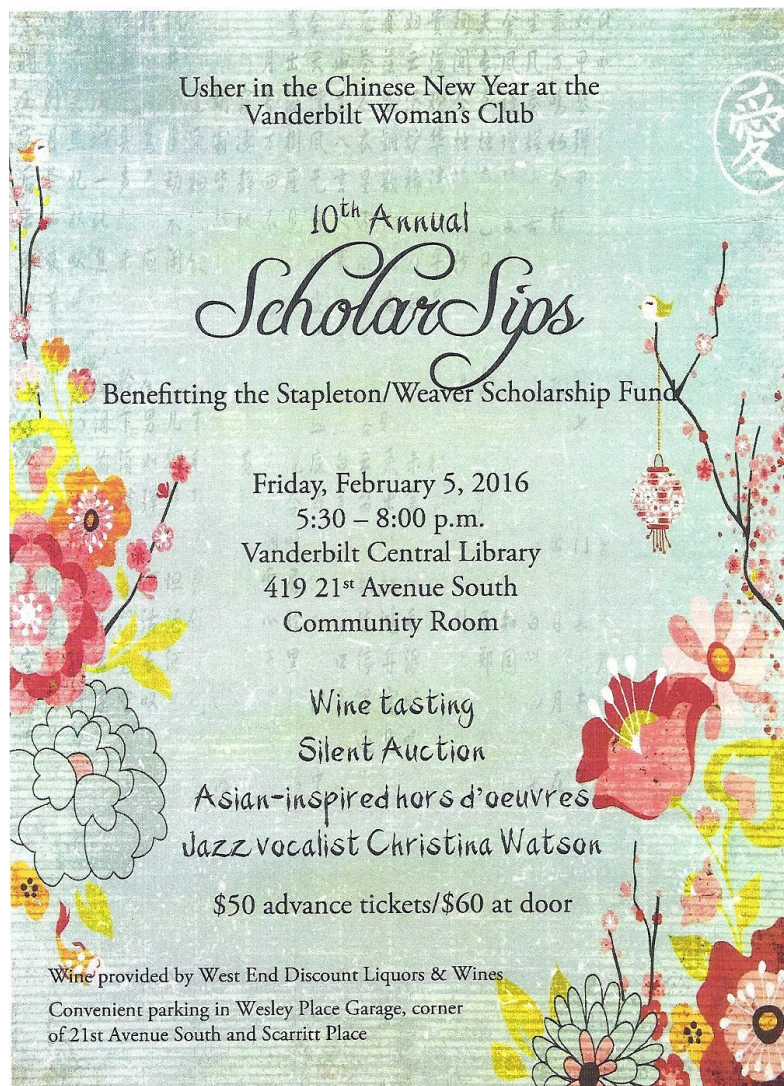
The silent auction will feature beautiful jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, sports packages and memorabilia, theater tickets, original art, a pair of rocking chairs and much, much more. The evening's entertainment features jazz vocalist **Christina Watson**, who can be heard on Sirius and XM Real Jazz radio.

We hope to have a record crowd this year, so please send in your ticket order as soon as possible and bring a friend!

All proceeds benefit the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund.

Response cards should be returned to:

Vanderbilt University  
Vanderbilt Woman's Club  
714 Pennines Circle  
Brentwood, TN 37027-8770



*ScholarSips*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ will attend at \$50 per person for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a ScholarSips sponsor  
Donation of \$250 includes 2 Tickets (\$150 is tax deductible)      Donation of \$125 includes 1 ticket (\$75 is tax deductible)

Please make checks payable to Vanderbilt Woman's Club or by credit card:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover  
Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

No tickets mailed. Reservations held at door. Questions: nancy.dwyer@vanderbilt.edu

Your invitation is in the mail.....



## 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, January 23, 2016

*Winter Feast*

at the Hogge's

Saturday, May 14, 2016

at the Holroyds'

Carmen Gherman 615-354-4421

cgherman@yahoo.com



### Español por favor

Meet the **first Friday**  
of every month for  
morning coffee

from 9-10 am at **Fido's**

*\*January 8th (\*Second Friday), February 5th*

**Lorena Rivers Wilson**

615-517-1064 [lorenaktw@comcast.net](mailto:lorenaktw@comcast.net)



### See you at the movies

on Tuesday, January 19

Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903

befleet@aol.com



### Cocktail Club

*Our gracious hosts will be...*

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



Party time at Mah Jongg

# Donors

2015-2016

Fundraising  
goal

to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship

December

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

\$15,000

Thank you!  
for donating  
through the  
Tribute Cards

Betsy Fleetwood (in memory of Helen Golter)

Joan Hornberger (in honor of Lynne Siesser and Kendra Holroyd)

Marianne Huffman (in honor of Joan Hornberger)

Judy Isaac (in honor of Margaret Norris)

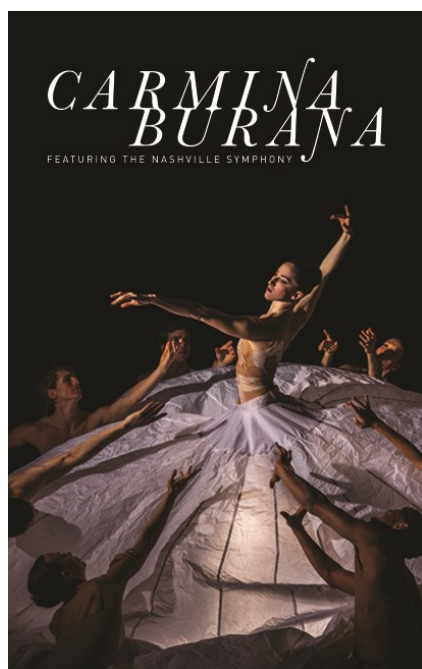
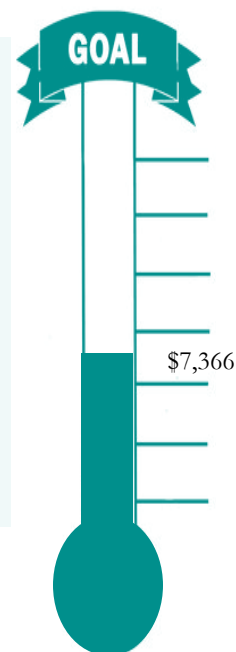
Sheila McCarty (in memory of Barbara LeVan)

Serina Ng

JoAnn Staples (in honor of Mary Nelle Bryant)

Tribute cards are available from Kelly Chambers.

Checks and details should be mailed to  
1115 Lipscomb Drive, Nashville, TN 37204-4121.



## Explorers Save the Date .

**Monday, February 29, 2016** at 10:30am-

for a tour of the **School of Nashville Ballet** located at 3630 Redmon Street, Nashville, 37209. The tour will include watching the Company in technique class, a behind the scenes look into their costume shop and warehouse, and watching rehearsal as the company prepares for Ballet Ball and *Layla & Majnun* (on the *Carmina Burana* ticket in May).

Our group will also have the opportunity to save on tickets to ***Carmina Burana*** if we decide to purchase on this day.

Anne Manner  
[acmanner@gmail.com](mailto:acmanner@gmail.com)

## Community Service

Wednesday, January 13 at  
LP Pencil Box

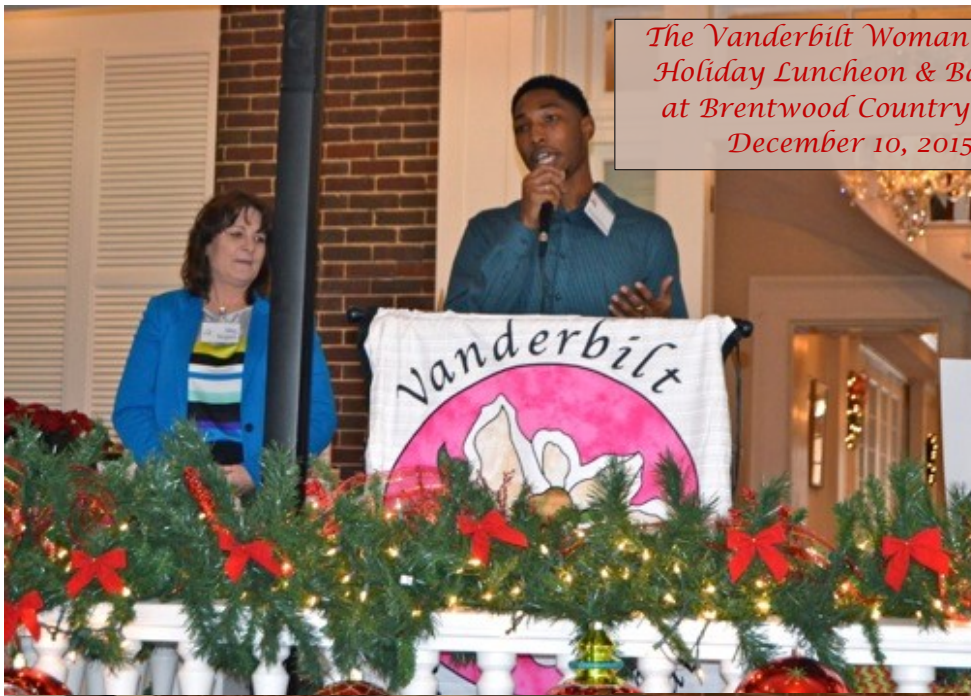
McCann Alternative Center, 1300 56th Av N, 37209

Kathleen Donofrio 615-383-8732  
[kafdonofrio@gmail.com](mailto:kafdonofrio@gmail.com)





*The Vanderbilt Woman's Club  
Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar  
at Brentwood Country Club  
December 10, 2015*



*Want to see more photos  
from the Holiday  
Luncheon & Bazaar?  
Click below to visit  
the VWC website  
gallery.*







## Celebrating the Season with the Cocktail Club



Kendra & Ken  
Holroyd  
were the hosts  
of this wonderful  
holiday gala!



Photos courtesy of Chris Bowens

# January

## 2016



### Vanderbilt Woman's Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Don't forget to RSVP to Kelly Chambers about the Annual Meeting on January 14 <sup>th</sup> !					1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2
3	4	5	6 <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1-3 p.m.	7 <b>VWC Board Mtg.</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Parlez-Vous Français?</b> 1-2 p.m.  <b>Bridge</b> 1-4 p.m.	8 <b>Español Por Favor</b> 9-10 a.m. @ Fido's	9
10	11 <b>Book Group Two</b> Ballot Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	12 <b>Bridge</b> 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	13 <b>Community Service – Pencil</b> 9 a.m. - noon <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1-3 p.m.	14 <b>Annual Meeting</b> VU Old Gym 10:00 a.m.  <b>Bridge</b> 1-4 p.m.	15	16 <b>Sips Meeting</b> 10 a.m. <b>Cocktail Club @ the Siessers'</b> 6-8 p.m.
17	18	19 <b>Movie Group</b> Time TBA	20 <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1-3 p.m.	21 <b>Bridge</b> 1-4 p.m.	22	23 <b>Gourmet Group @ the Hogges' Winter Feast</b>
24	25	26	27 <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1-3 p.m.	28 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> 12:30 p.m.  <b>Bridge</b> 1-4 p.m.	29	30
31	Is your calendar marked for <i>Scholar Sips</i> on Friday, February 5 <sup>th</sup> ?					



## Vanderbilt Woman's Club Annual Meeting

10:00 a.m.  
Thursday,  
January 14, 2016  
Vanderbilt Old Gym

Please join us for:

- A brief business meeting, including the election of officers for the 2016 Vanderbilt Woman's Club Board;
- A fascinating talk by Victor Judge;
- Lunch, generously provided courtesy of Dr. Douglas Christiansen and the Vice Provost's Office.

**R.S.V.P. by January 3, 2016**

to Kelly Chambers via email at  
[kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)  
or by phone - 615-953-6512

*Please indicate the following when you respond:*

1. Are you attending the meeting?
2. Will you stay for lunch?
3. Will you need valet parking for your car?

The Old Gym is located on the West End Avenue side of the campus. To search for it on the campus map, under "Select a Building" use the words, "Old Gym".

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/map/>

Pull into the circle by the Old Gym for valet parking.

You will not want to miss the talk at our Annual Meeting this year:

### *"The House of Possibility"*

We are delighted to have Victor Judge speaking to our group in January. He has a very special talk designed just for us. As he commemorates the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of American literary theologian Emily Dickinson he will draw correlations between the accomplishments of Dickinson and the Vanderbilt women for whom the scholarship is named.

### Our Speaker



Victor Judge serves as the assistant dean for academic affairs and as lecturer in literature and religion at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. He earned his baccalaureate and graduate degree from George Peabody College and is currently in the thirty-sixth year of his vocation as an educator. His courses at the Divinity School explore the religious questions in the canons of literary-theologians Flannery O'Connor, William Faulkner, Albert Camus, Emily Dickinson, and Gerard Manley Hopkins. For twenty years he has offered courses in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt and also lectures in religious education and formation classes in congregational settings.