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.

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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Message from the president:
Ah, the New Year. I’ve heard that goal setting in a new year involves two categories – realistic goals that we know can be reached and dream goals that we hope to achieve in the future. Short term satisfaction; long term motivation.

And so it is with our Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund. This year we are within striking distance of an important target. If we add roughly $10,000 to the scholarship endowment fund we will hit a $100,000 goal, an amount needed to provide sustainable income for one $5,000 scholarship per year. This would be a BIG accomplishment. This goal began in 2013 with a $42,000 start to the fund. The generosity of our membership of more than 250 women inspires me. There are so many ways that we all can help achieve this goal. There are many events that raise money for the fund – small ones like the Music Nights or the Bridge Extravaganza -- and of course our biggest fund and fun-raiser of the year – ScholarSips, which this year will be on Friday, February 17.

You may make straight donations to the fund at any time. We also have lovely Tribute Cards that enable you to make donations in memory of or in honor of your loved ones and provide a nice card to send in addition to the official acknowledgement that is sent from the university.

As club members and contributors we all can be very proud of our accomplishments so far. We have helped many outstanding students achieve a Vanderbilt education. I urge everyone to help push us over the top to reach this $10,000 goal so that we can begin reaching toward the next $100,000 goal and a second endowed scholarship. After we have done it once we will know that it can be done again.

Thank you again for your generosity. And please check out our Facebook Group if you’d like casual updates between newsletters:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/

Hope to see you all at our Annual Meeting on January 19, which for this year is being held at the Brentwood Library due to construction around the Vanderbilt Old Gym.

Kelly

Next meeting (details on page 8):
Thursday, January 19: 10:00 a.m.: Annual Meeting at Brentwood Public Library
Angel Anthamatten, Vanderbilt Nursing School
Don’t forget to RSVP
Welcome new members
Evelyn Blackmon * Eleanor Gregory
Gail Molen

Donors

2016-2017

to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship
(donations may be sent to Lynne Siesser, 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414)

November and December
Tuesday Bridge * Tapas & Sangria Event * Holiday Bazaar
Cookie Exchange
also from
Marianne Huffman
Lynne Siesser in memory of Dr. Lineu Correa Fonseca
The VWC Board in memory of Ruby Smith,
mother of Angela Bowens

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

Thank you, vendors who made donations to
the Scholarship from the Holiday Bazaar . . .
Joan Hornberger, Sara Plummer, Chris Browning,
Carol Winfree, Char Culbertson, Thistle Farms,
Doris Lynn, Cindy David
Kendra Scott and Pampered Chef
$958.60 for the Scholarship fund!

Goal: $20,000 needed this year
to reach $100,000 in the endowment.

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
Send pictures of your groups to
lsiesser7@gmail.com

Remember!
Nominations for the Board:
President-elect & Corresponding Secretary

Future Events

Friday, February 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m.: ScholarSips at the Central Library
Thursday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.: Spring Lecture meeting place to be determined. Brentwood Library is being recarpeted.
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

$9.066
Getting to know our newcomers . . .

Mary Stinson has lived in Nashville since 1999 from Mobile, Alabama, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Ruston, Louisiana and Laurel, Mississippi.

She attended Mount Vernon College, DC and University of Southern Mississippi. She is a member of the Kappa Delta sorority.

Mary has worked as a flight attendant and travel agent. She is currently a real estate agent. Mary likes to hike, travel, play Mah Jongg and spend time with family and miniature poodle, Sugie.

Both of her adult sons live in Nashville. She recently became a Mother in Law. Her husband, Tim has recently retired and they plan to spend time traveling. Mary’s secret indulgence is dark chocolate and favorite drink is Cabernet. A good pairing.

Asiya Belkhut has lived in Nashville for 11 years before that having lived in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Asiya was born in Russia completing her education at IRGUPS in Russia.

She works altering wedding dresses at Village Bridal.

Her hobbies consist of painting, sewing, crafting and hiking. Asiya’s indulgence is traveling and favorite foods are Italian and Japanese.

Tommye Elrod was born in Nashville in fact at Vanderbilt. Her father was a graduate from Vanderbilt Law school.

Tommye has lived in Texas, Southern California and New York and has travelled to many countries. She attended Virginia Intermont and UT.

Tommye owns retail stores in Boston in the Fairmont and the Taj and are looking at the Pierre in New York. For fun she likes to snow ski, plays tennis and horseback rides.

Her secret indulgence is chocolate and favorite food is Italian.

Mary Helen Short has lived in Nashville her whole life.

She is Mommy to the world's two cutest doggies, plus 19 outdoor fish and two indoor fish.

She graduated from Peabody Demonstration School, then Peabody College in 1965, but became an "automatic" VU alum with the 1979 "merger". She taught elementary school for 3 years, worked for Cain Sloan for 3 years, and was the Administrator of the State Division of Radiological Health for 40 years.

She spends her time with friends and family, church "jobs" and activities, doll/miniatures collecting, travel (39 States and 75 countries), yard work (including koi pond maintenance), playing bridge, genealogical prep required for application for membership in the Mayflower Society, and doggie care.
The Regal Movie Interest Group enjoys going to the movies together once a month. They usually gather for lunch beforehand at a nearby restaurant. **Betsy Fleetwood** is the coordinator of this group ([befleet@aol.com or 615-579-903](mailto:befleet@aol.com)). Next viewings at the Green Hills Regal: **Tuesdays, January 24 & February 21**
If an afternoon movie doesn't suit your schedule, check out the new Evening Movie Group coordinated by **Betsy and Cindy Slobogin** ([slobogin@hotmail.com or 615-292-2214](mailto:slobogin@hotmail.com)).

Becky Atack, Joan Harshman, Judith Hodges, Sue Clark, Mildred Tilley, Martha Alexander, Joan Hornberger, Lin Watson, Angela Bowens, Cindy Slobogin, Roberta Maguire, Joyce Gann, Merle Born, Inka Odom, Katherine Johnson, Betsy Fleetwood

Would you like to brush up on a foreign language? Join one of our interest groups where members get together and practice their conversational skills in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The French group is one of the largest language groups with 6-8 members who attend the monthly meetings over lunch. **Joan Harshman** is the coordinator. For more information, contact Joan at [joan.s.harshman@att.net or 615-292-2260](mailto:joan.s.harshman@att.net).

The Theater Interest Group is new this year and has about 28 members. Several of us recently attended *A Shayna Maidel* at the Vanderbilt University Theater.
For more information contact **Ann Ercelawn** ([ann.ercelawn@gmail.com](mailto:ann.ercelawn@gmail.com)) or **Diane Banks** ([banksgn@gmail.com](mailto:banksgn@gmail.com)).

Susanne Reiss
Eileen Crawford
Ann Ercelawn
Diane Banks

**Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website**
**Cocktail Club**

*Our gracious hosts will be.*

- January 14  
  King/Middleton
- February 17  
  ScholarSips
- March  
  Huffman
- April  
  Curci
- May  
  Clements
- June  
  Holroyd
- September  
  Riess

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

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**Gourmet Group**  
January 28

*Chinese New Year at the Curcis*

*Chinese New Year Dumpling Class at Whole Foods in Green Hills. The class is hands-on and you will go away full. It’s Tuesday, January 17 from 11-1, cost is $60. Payment should be sent to Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215-5501 not VWC. Deadline is Jan 10. Max attendance is 30.*

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

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**Evening Movie Group**

*is off to a great start.*

*Nine for the first viewing! Contact the chairs for future dates.*

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

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**Theater interest group**

*announces their new chairs!*

Ann Ercelawn  615-298-4766  ann.ercelawn@gmail.com
Diane Banks  615-289-7029  banksdn@gmail.com

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**Quilting**

*Our group meets at Lynne Siesser’s home, 2009 Overhill Drive in Green Hills from 10:00 to 11:30 on first and third Tuesday.*

You can also quilt at home. Joan, Eleanor, Lynne and Peggy have been working on making two pillows using men’s ties. We have started making the “petals” for a Dresden plate pattern. If you would like to help us with this project please join us any Tuesday.

Our next project will be making lap quilts for wheelchair patients to be donated to the Medical Center.

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

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**Cookie Exchange** We would like to say thank you to the music committee for coming up with the musical cookie exchange concept and with a special thank you to Peggy for opening up her home, Elaine for the wonderful cheese and crackers, Marian for her fruit tart and Kelly as our parking director.

Thank you everyone who joined us. It was an enjoyable event. All the cookies and treats were amazing.

If anyone would like to join our music event committee please contact either

Joy Allington-Baum at 214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or Kendra Holroyd, at 615-887-8222 k2holroyd@comcast.net

**Fill the gym . . . Vanderbilt Woman’s Basketball vs Florida**

**Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 pm**

**Tickets are $1!!!!**

Contact Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 kellychambers420@yahoo.com

to join the VWC group of cheering fans

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**Community Service**

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

**Wednesday mornings:**

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

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

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**Community Service and Explorers**

will go to Second Harvest together on

March 8 8:30 - 11:30 am

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**One in Six Struggles with Hunger**

#HungerActionTN secondharvestmidtn.org

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Where are our former VWC presidents?

Cherie Hamilton 2002-2003

- Originally from Connecticut
- Majored in Math at Southern Connecticut State
- Husband, Russell (former Dean of the Graduate School at Vanderbilt) did research for his Ph. D. in Brazil while on a Fulbright Scholarship. Cherie taught Math at the Pan American School and English at the Catholic University there
- Russ completed his Ph.D. at Yale and they moved to Minnesota where Cherie completed a B.A. in Anthropology and Business Administration
- 15 years with General Mills ending up as VP for Latin American/New York exports using her three languages—Spanish, Portuguese and English
- At Vanderbilt, Cherie was involved in the Nashville community - President of Planned Parenthood and many boards - YWCA, Bethlehem Centers, Arts Commission, VAAN (Visual Alliance for the Arts in Nashville), ALARA (Afro-Latin American Research Association), N4ART (promoting Afro-American Artists) and United Way
- Wrote Cuisines of Portuguese Encounters. Cherie is fluent in Portuguese, as she has lived in Brazil for 3 years, Portugal for 2 years and the former Portuguese colonies in Africa: Mozambique, Angola & Cape Verde
- After Russ retired, they moved back to Minneapolis
- Member of Oscher Lifelong Learning Institute of University of Minnesota since 2006
- Teaches courses on the Portuguese & Brazilian history, culture & cuisine
- Has led four trips to Brazil & Portugal at the end of the courses
- Cherie has just finished teaching a course on Brazil and will lead a tour to Brazil in May 2017. She will take 24 travelers. Vanderbilt Woman’s Club members are invited to join her. For further information, contact Cherie at pimentamalageta@hotmail.com or 612-929-0233
- Cherie is also president of the Board of OLLI at U. of Minnesota

Community Explorers

Join us for a tour of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and lunch afterwards at Cochon Butcher

Friday, January 27th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Motto of the TBI is "That Guilt Not Escape Nor Innocence Suffer." The TBI is Tennessee's lead law enforcement agency, created as a result of a highly publicized murder in 1949. Its purpose is to be an unbiased state agency to assist local law enforcement in the investigation of serious crimes. TBI provides up-to-date investigative forensic science and support to the entire criminal justice system. Our tour will include videos about the TBI and a walking hallway tour of the Information Systems Criminalist area, Evidence Area, and Computer Forensic area.

TBI is located in the northern part of Davidson County at 901 R.S. Gass Blvd 37216 (phone 615-744-4000). After our tour, we will drive to lunch at Cochon Butcher at 1120 4th Ave. North 37218 in Germantown (http://www.cochonbutcher.com/nashville).

Cochon specializes in innovative Cajun and American fare, including muffaletta sandwiches and house-made charcuterie.

Our tour is limited to the first 25 respondents, because of space limitations at the facility.

Ebbie Redwine eRedwine9@gmail.com

Third Annual Bridge Extravaganza

Saturday, January 21
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Home of Lynne Siesser
2009 Overhill Drive
in Green Hills
in support of the Scholarship Fund
lsiesser7@gmail.com

New time
French Group
Date:
Second Thursday of the Month
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Place: Richland Place Soda Shop
Vanderbilt Woman’s Club
Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017
10:00 am
Brentwood Library
8109 Concord Road, Brentwood

Please join us for:

♦ A brief business meeting, including the election of officers for the 2017/18 Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Board and recognition of new Life Members

♦ A Fascinating talk by Angel Anthamatten, DNP, BC-ADM, FNP-BC

Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing

Anthamatten received the Dean’s 2016 Award for Recognition of Faculty Achievement in Informatics Endeavors. These awards recognize faculty who make major contributions in research, academics, clinical practice and informatics.

D.N.P. University of Tennessee Center for Health Science, Memphis, Tennessee
M.S.N. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
B.S. Union University, Jackson, Tennessee

♦ Complimentary Lunch

RSVP by January 12 to
lsiesser7@gmail.com  615-298-5659

Please indicate in your response:
Are you attending the meeting? Are you staying for lunch?

Nominations for officers for the 2017/18 board are welcome by January 12. Contact the Nominating Committee through lsiesser7@gmail.com  615-298-5659
**FEB 24, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Explorers Club Event**

Join us to make either an ornament, heart, paperweight or flower.

Followed by lunch at Bunganut Pub and Eatery

[www.bunganutpig.com](http://www.bunganutpig.com) next door.

Please RSVP by February 13th to jovallingtonbaum@gmail.com or call Joy Allington-Baum at 214-755-5328.

Bring check made out to Franklin Glassblowing Studio to the event.

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