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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

Well we are starting another wonderful year at the Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

We packed a lot of events into December along with our regular interest group activities, we were busy.

Once again **Peggy Curci** managed a wonderful holiday luncheon with lots of new vendors and some tried and true. We had a wonderful time. ***Save the Date for next year's event December 3rd 2020*** - members, we want to see you all. Thank you, Peggy.

Our Cookie exchange was next with music provided by four female musicians referred by member and Vanderbilt Professor, **Valerie Middleton** and hosted by **Ursula King**. Thank you both for giving us such a special afternoon. Music, fundraising for our scholarship (\$430), good company and you go home with cookies. A fine afternoon indeed.

Finally, to round out our December activities our 2nd annual Tea at Thistle Farms. **Nancy Gentry**, thank you for coordinating this event for us and for all your work throughout this past year with Lunch Bunch. It was wonderful to take a moment to take tea and relax with a wonderful group of Vanderbilt ladies a great way to close out our calendar year.

I'm looking forward to our annual business meeting and learning about the hidden history and African roots of Country Music by **Alice Randall**. Thank you, **Tracy Stadnick**, for coordinating this wonderful educational opportunity for us.

Joy

Please review the changes to the by-laws attached to the newsletter email. We shall be voting on these at the annual business meeting on **January, 27**. We only revised the job descriptions and will address other areas of the by-laws next year. Comments should go to the president, Joy Allington-Baum joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com



NEXT MEETING - Details on page 13

Monday, January 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting: Alice Randall

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

Donations to the Scholarship Fund

Donations may be sent to 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414

[click here to make your donation by credit card](#)

Donations since the last newsletter

Jennie Mills *in memory of Virginia Holliday & Shirley Forstman*
Elaina Scott *in gratitude to Peggy Curci for a wonderful Holiday Lunch & Bazaar*
Lynne Siesser *in honor of Kathy Hood, Irma Lowe & Maisie Roden*

Evadne Awh, Katrina Dickerson, Nancy Gentry, Rita Hall, Lael Kiesling, Suzanne Petrey,
Sara Plummer, Vivian Shields, Amy Smith, Tracy Stadnick, Claire Tschudy

Cookie Exchange raised \$430

Holiday Bazaar Vendors raised \$1,760 so far

Elaine Blake - *Dyed Scarves*, James & Faye *Candle Co*, Joan Hornberger - *Iced Almonds*,
Tote Bags and Small Zippered Bags, NJS - *Fashion Handbags*, Sara Plummer - *Jams and Jellies*,
Emma Robinson - *Paper Products & T-shirts*, Jennifer Sanders - *Kola Reina Caramels*,
Kendra Scott - *Jewelry*, Sheree - *Belle Meade Winery*, Bill Siesser - *Sterling Silver Rings*,
VWC - *Note Cards and Tribute Cards*, Jane Youngman - *Jewelry*

Year to date:

Judy Andrews, Cheryl Baird, Elisabetha Baugh, Frannie Benner, Sharon Berenfeld,
Audrey Brown, Faye Brown, Anne Carr, Kelly Chambers, Amy Christiansen,
Janet Crowson, Peggy Curci, Rebecca DePriest, Hope Estopinal, Betsy Fleetwood,
Dot Galloway, Kathleen Garthwaite, Kay Hall, Rita Hall, Joy Hambrick, Cherie Hamilton,
Kathy Hood, Joan Hornberger, Sheila Jensen, Ursula King, Leslie Kirby,
Helen Kornblum, Anne Krimm, Jamie Leddin, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner,
Sheila McCarty, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Amelia McTamaney, June Morton,
Margaret Norris, Rosann Nunnely, Billie Patton, Billie Jean Pinson, Cami Platek,
Anne Plummer, Katherine Porter, Mary Raffety, Ebbie Redwine, Elizabeth Rich,
Roxanne Roske, Kim Ross, Elaina Scott, Mary Helen Short,
Nancy Simerly, Cristina Smith, Sandy Spitz, Mildred Tilley,
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Kendra Scott, VWC Board

*If you donate on line and
your name does not appear
on our honor roll,
please email
lsiesser7@gmail.com*



Scholarship Tribute Cards

Need the perfect gift for the person who has everything? Want to honor a member of the Vanderbilt community?

You may make a donation to the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship at any time of year in honor of, or in memory of, someone you know. You will be given a Tribute Card (and envelope) that you can personalize and mail or present to your honoree. The back of the card has a brief description of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club. Vanderbilt's Gift Processing also will acknowledge the donation. Donations may be made in any amount. Email lsiesser7@gmail.com for cards.

Future Meetings

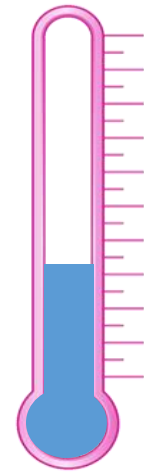
Sunday, February 23, 2020 ScholarSongs, Annual Fundraiser

Friday, April 24, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Spring Lecture Green Hills Library

Professor Cameron Gordon on Mindfulness

Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Spring Luncheon Richland Country Club

**\$20,000
GOAL!**



\$8,604

**Save
the
Dates
for 2020
ScholarSongs
Sunday,
February 23**

**Holiday
Lunch
&
Bazaar
Thursday,
December 3**

Welcome new members . . .



Stephanie DeVane



Alison Fullerton



Not pictured:

Tiffany Degrafinreid

Suzanne Torrence

Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh



*Kelly Chambers, Betsy Fleetwood, Cindy Slobogin, Sharon Hels
Newcomers Event November 2019*

Ladies,

We are delighted to offer **sponsorship tables** again for the **ScholarSongs** Event.

We have five long rectangular tables that are in front of the stage and each seat **10**.

We are offering each table for \$1000.

We have five round tables that are in the second row from the stage and each seat **10**.

We are offering each round table for \$850.

As a sponsor please fill your table with **future** members for the Vanderbilt Woman's Club or **guests** ready to support the Scholarship fund.

We have sold three tables so far!

Please contact **Tracy Stadnick**,
tstadnick@comcast.net,

if you are interested
in being a sponsor!

We appreciate your patronage!

Mardi Gras at ScholarSongs

We could use **supplies** to help us **decorate** for ScholarSongs. *Please know that we may or may not use your items and please only donate items you do not want back!*

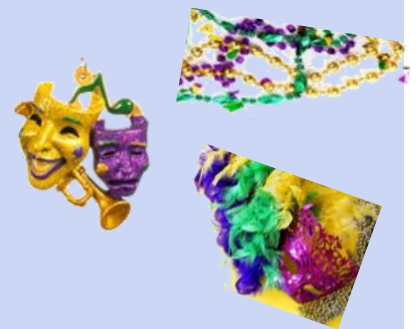
Mardi Gras beads

Masks

Feathers

Flameless candles

Gold spray paint



Donations need to be in by January 20th.

Contact Sue McDougall

mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com

if you need something picked up.

Thank you!

Community Service

First Tuesday of the month

LP Pencil Volunteer Days

January 7, 2020 from 9:30 –11:30 am

www.pencilforschools.org/lppb

LP Pencil Box, 7199 Cockrill Bend Boulevard, 37209

Joan Hornberger 615-775-8039

zackapatch@gmail.com

and

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

331 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN 37228

January 15, 2020 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Please email Anne Manner for instructions on
registering to volunteer
with our group.

secondharvestmidtn.org

Anne Manner

acmanner@gmail.com

615-289-1040



Think ScholarSongs -
Which friends (who are not VWC members)
can I invite?
What auction items can I get from
my favorite vendor, restaurant
or service provider?



Evening Mah Jongg
Next game will be
Monday, January 13, 2020

Daytime Movies

Join us Tuesday, January 28

Regal Green Hills Cinema.

Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903

befleet@aol.com



Note change of date

Loosely Bound *(our third book group)*

will now be meeting the

4th Tuesday of the month

at Elisabeth Sandberg's home.

Next up:

January 28, 7:00 pm -

The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd



February 25, 7:00 pm -

The Farm by Joanne Ramos



Contact Elisabeth

if you'd like to be added to the email list.

elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

ANTIQUÉ STUDY GROUP

Check with Lynne for details

Future dates on the third Tuesday

January 21 - Antiques Road Show

February 18 - Estate Jewelry

March 17 - Antique/Vintage Baby Dolls

April 21 - American Brilliant Period Cut Glass

May 19 - Incorporating Antiques in Design

Lynne Siesser

615-298-5659 lsiesser7@gmail.com

Mary Helen Short 615-269-0538

maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com



Out to Lunch

The Rutledge

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 12:30.



105 International Drive
(off of Carothers Boulevard)
Franklin, TN 37067

Please RSVP

Nancy Gentry
615-335-2895

nancy1gentry@yahoo.com

Cocktail Club

Our gracious hosts

January 11 *King/Middleton*
February 23 *ScholarSongs*
March *Chambers/Sherwood*
April 4 *Siesser*
May *Harris/Cutler*
June *Allington/Baum*

Lynne Siesser
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615-298-5659



*Bring your spouse/
partner; bring a friend
or come alone
to meet friends from
other departments.*

When scheduling an event, would you like to check that it does not conflict with the regularly-scheduled interest group meetings? The regular days are listed on page six and on the monthly calendar on page twelve in this newsletter and also in the directory.

Community Explorers

Tuesday, January 21st from 11 - 12:30

Frist Museum.

Our own VWC member, **Merle Born**, is a docent at the Frist, and she will be our tour guide for an architectural tour of the museum.

We will also view the photography exhibit "**The Nashville Flood: Ten Years Later**", an exhibit commemorating the city's historic natural disaster in 2010.

The exhibit will present a broad picture of both the destruction and relief efforts from ten different neighborhoods in Davidson County.

Admission for seniors is \$10.

After our tour at the Frist, we plan to walk over to Union Station for lunch.

Please email **Chris Browning** at mcpbrowning@aol.com if you would like to join us for the tour only, or both the tour and lunch.



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Communications Gurus

*Thank you for keeping us all informed.
Please send all photos or items you want to share to*

Kelly Chambers
kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Text: 409-771-5731

*She will disseminate all information. Kelly will also guide
you through joining our social media.*

The Team

Kelly Chambers – Coordinator

Lisa LeMaster – Website

Lynne Siesser – Magnolia News

Pop-Up Group or PUG

*is a loosely formed
group of VWC members with diverse interests and sometimes
flexible schedules who want to meet up with other members for fun
outside of regularly scheduled club events. Movies, bikes, lectures,
theater, festivals, music events, whatever – they are all game for*

PUG click on <https://groupme.com/en-US/>



Instagram

*Look for us as
vanderbiltwomansclub
or search for*

@vanderbiltwomansclub

Stay Connected

*Join our VWC Facebook group to keep up with happenings
in the club throughout the year. It's a closed group so only
VWC members may post information or see posts. You do
need a Facebook account to join.*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/>



Project Period

slobogin@hotmail.com

*Donate feminine hygiene products
at this year's meetings.*

*This includes soap and deodorant.
Donations can be left in the big pink bin at
each of our events or at Cindy's home, 1014 Greenwich Park*



[Click here to read more](#)

Interest Groups Do you have another interest not listed?

Ebbie Redwine 225-281-3938 eRedwine9@gmail.com

DAYTIME

ANTIQUES: Lynne Siesser 3rd Tuesday at 10am

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm

615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short 2nd Tuesday 1pm

615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

BRIDGE THURSDAY: Lynne Siesser Every Thursday 1pm

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Chris Browning - 205-910-0745 - cpbrowning@aol.com

Frannie Benner - 404-909-9040 - mfbenner@aol.com

Ebbie Redwine 225-281-3938 Redwine9@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE: 1st Tuesday 9:30am

Anne Manner - 615-289-1040 - acmanner@gmail.com

Joan Hornberger - 615-730-5534 - zackapatch@gmail.com

FRENCH: Joan Harshman 2nd Thursday 12:30pm

615-864-8885 - joan.s.harshman@gmail.com

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm

352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MOVIE GROUP: Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: Nancy Gentry

615-335-2895 - nancy1gentry@yahoo.com

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

VANDY LUNCH: Elisabeth Sandberg

2nd Wednesday 12:30pm

text: 617-957-2169 - elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

EVENING/WEEKEND

BOOK GROUP ONE: 2nd Sunday 2:30pm

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

Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

GIRLS NIGHT OUT:

Amy Smith - 720-939-0135 - amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com

Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

GOURMET GROUP

Sheila Jensen - 615-351-4375 sheilajensen@comcast.net

Adele Stein - 615-309-6951 steinadele@hotmail.com

LOOSELY BOUND: Elisabeth Sandberg 4th Tuesday 7pm

text: 617-957-2169 elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

MAH JONGG - EVENING: 1st Monday 7pm

Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MOVIES - EVENING:

Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

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

MUSIC GROUP: Sue McDougall

615-974-5121 mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com

Gourmet Group celebrates Diwali

On Saturday, October 26th, the Gourmet Group celebrated Diwali at the home of Gary and Sheila Jensen. Sarah and Terry Calvani gifted us with a Pimm's Cup welcoming cocktail. Decorations included a sand ragnoli and oil lamps. Special thanks to Joyce Gore helping with the menu and saree/sari/shari attire. Attendees were Dede Clements, Sharon Hels, Sarah and Terry Calvani, Carmen and Paul Gherman, Merri and Neil Labowitz, Adele and Rick Stein, and hosts.

Appetizers:

Somasas:

Meenaskaki Vada:

Lamb kabob:

Dede: Mint & Onion Chutney

Dinner

Chicken Tikka Marsala:

Carrot Pilau:

Coconut Shrimp

Dessert:

Semolina and Almond Halva



Sheila Jensen

Cookbooks:

The Gateway to Indian Cooking 660 Curries by Raghavan Iyer

The Complete Indian Cookbook by Mridula Baljekar

Currie Favors by Maya Kaimal MacMillan

Quote from the New York Times:

Diwali, which honors the triumph of good over evil, is not the only significant Indian holiday. But it does have the most name recognition in America. And even though it is technically a Hindu festival, it has become more of a cultural event.

"It's a symbolic holiday that unites us as a diaspora," said Mr. Krishnamoorthi, and that invites others to share and celebrate, often over food.



Terry Calvani,
Sheila & Gary Jensen



Neil & Merri Labowitz, Rick & Adele Stein,
Carmen & Paul Gherman



Sarah & Terry Calvani, Gary Jensen, Dede Clements, Sharon Hels

Holiday Lunch and Bazaar

Sara Plummer



*Molly Stein &
Deb Brodsky*

*Carol Winfree &
Susan Winchester*



*Elizabeth Sandberg &
Julianna Sawyer
at Kendra Scott*



*Jane Youngman &
Marianne Huffman*



Inka Odom



Cindy David



*Elaine Blake &
Mary Jane Dewey*



*Peggy Curci &
Jennifer Sanders*



Those who attended the **Cookie Exchange** were entertained by **Lila Meretzky**, *university composition major*, **Madison and Lilly McCoy**, *pianists and songwriters* and **Carissa Shuxteau**, *pianist and cellist*.
 Lila is organizing a concert of contemporary female composers at **7pm** at the **Wondry** (*Vanderbilt engineering building*) on **Sunday, January 26**.

Cookie Exchange



Hostess,
Ursula King



Carissa Shuxteau



Joy Allington-Baum & Valerie Middleton



Lila Meretzky



Frannie Benner &
Lynette Vecchio



The McCoy family - Lily and
Madison with mom and sister

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The Gourmet Group

celebrated the holidays at the home of Adele and Rick Stein. We brought our favorite side dishes and Adele prepared a peach flavored brisket. It was attended by Jan Goddard, Judy Andrews, Susan Gillespie, Molly Stein, Debbie Brodsky, Ebbie and Jim Redwine, Sheila and Gary Jensen, and Adele and Rick.



Adele Stein, Susan Gillespie, Jan Goddard, Molly Stein, Deb Brodsky, Ebbie Redwine, Judy Andrews



Clockwise: Adele Stein, Susan Gillespie, Rick Stein, Jan Goddard, Molly Stein, Deb Brodsky, Ebbie Redwine, Judy Andrews, Jim Redwine, Gary Jensen



Joan Hornberger, Ebbie Redwine



Marva Collins, Jane Youngman, Sharon Berenfeld



Amy Smith, Diane Whalley, Chris Browning



Lynette Vecchio, Cindy Slobogin, Tracy Stadnick, Peggy Curci, Frannie Benner

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 1 pm

Tea at Thistle Farms

In attendance:

Margaret Norris
Joy Allington-Baum,
Ursula King and guest - Ann Olsen,
Margaret Nora,
Peggy Curci and daughter,
Ann Krimm,
Elisabeth Sandberg and daughter,
Jan Goddard and daughter,
Tommye Elrod and daughter,
Laura Klepper, Joyce Gore,
Inka Odom, Susan Allison,
Meredith DeVault, Amy Smith,
Nancy Gentry, Molly Stein,
Deb Brodsky and family



Good Food, Good Company and Good Fun



Celebrating the Holidays



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Alice Randall

January 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 	2 Bridge 1pm	3	4
5	6 Book Group 2 1pm	7 LP Pencil 9:30am	8 Mah Jongg 1pm Campus Lunch 12:30pm	9 French 12:30pm Bridge 1pm	10 ★ <i>Deadline for reservations for the Annual Meeting</i>	11 Cocktails 6pm
12	13 Mah Jongg 7pm	14 Bridge 1pm Evening Movies	15 Mah Jongg 1pm Second Harvest 830am	16 Bridge 1pm	17	18
19	20 	21 Antiques 10am Explorers 11am	22 Mah Jongg 1pm	23 Lunch Bunch 12:30pm Bridge 1pm	24 Magnolia News Deadline	25
26	27 Annual Business Meeting 10am	28 Daytime Movies Loosely Bound 7pm	29 Mah Jongg 1pm	30 Bridge 1pm	31	

Notes



Deadline for reservations for the Annual Meeting

Friday, January 10, 2020

tstadnick@comcast.net

Please indicate if you will be staying for lunch.

Vanderbilt Woman's Club Annual Meeting

Professor Alice Randall presents

“Black Country Music: Stars in an Overcast Sky”



Monday, January 27, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Board of Trust Room
Vanderbilt Student Life Center
310 25th Ave. S., Nashville, TN, 37240

Paid parking is available in 2525 Garage at:
2525 West End Ave.
Nashville, TN 37203

“From Lil Hardin to Lil Nas X - the hidden history and African roots of Country Music.”

An Introduction to the ten great Black Country Music artists and a behind the scenes look at Music Row and the Ken Burns documentary “Country Music”.

RSVP by Friday, January 10, 2020

To Tracy Stadnick: tstadnick@comcast.net

Please indicate if you will be staying for lunch

Thank you Doug Christiansen, Ph.D., Vice Provost for University Enrollment Affairs, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid and his office for sponsoring our meeting on campus.

Save the date -

your invitation will be coming soon

Please join us for Scholar Songs!

We almost have enough for our endowment for a Second Scholarship!!

Your ticket includes: appetizers, 2 drinks, buffet dinner and dessert and music by Mockingbird Musicians!



**PLEASE JOIN US
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD 5~8PM**

Scholar Songs Mardi Gras

Vanderbilt Woman's Club

**BENEFITING THE STAPLETON/WEAVER
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

THE LOVELESS BARN ~ 8400 HIGHWAY 100

TICKETS \$75 ~ RSVP BY FEBRUARY 6TH

**THE EVENING INCLUDES DINNER & SILENT AUCTION
FEATURING MUSIC BY THE MOCKINGBIRD MUSCIANS
DRESS ~ PARTY CASUAL WITH BLING!**

VANDERBILT
WOMAN'S CLUB



Dear ScholarSongs Donor,

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club is a historic woman's organization of Vanderbilt University celebrating its 126th year. The Club provides an opportunity for intellectual, cultural, social, and philanthropic activities within the community while supporting and assisting the mission of Vanderbilt University. The Club proudly sponsors the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship through fundraising efforts.

Each year the club hosts a fundraising event. This year's event called ScholarSongs, will take place the evening of February 23rd at The Loveless Barn from 5 to 8 pm. Our members and guests look forward to our unique silent auction which greatly contributes to the scholarship.

We are seeking donations of locally made items, gift cards, tour tickets, event tickets and memberships for our auction this year. We would be grateful for any contribution. We would like to include your silent auction donation in our listing which will be publicized in the Vanderbilt community.

Vanderbilt University's 501(c)3 number is 62-0476822.

Thank you for helping us continue the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Tracy Stadnick
Vanderbilt Woman's Club
ScholarSongs Auction Chair
tstadnick@comcast.net
615-604-4513

Joy Allington-Baum
Vanderbilt Woman's Club
President
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
214-755-5328

Vanderbilt University *Vanderbilt Woman's Club
Box 2, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37235

The IRS 501 (c) 3 letter and the tax exempt form are available from Tracy Stadnick and Frannie Benner if you need them when soliciting items.

tstadnick@comcast.net 615-604-4513 (c) or mfbenner@aol.com 404-909-9040 (c)

Scholar Songs Auction Event

Event: _____

Offered by: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact email: _____

Value: _____

Minimum Bid: _____

Description: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location for event: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Cost per Guest: _____