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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 Ada Bell Stapleton – Blanche Henry Weaver Scholarship through fundraising.

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UPCOMING CLUB-WIDE EVENTS

Thursday, March 20, 2014 **Dyer Lecture**

Mollie Miller, Ph.D. Professor of Earth and Environmental Science

Thursday, May 1, 2014 **End of the Year Luncheon**Richland Country Club

President's Message

ramed on the wall in my office is an old newspaper article from the September 7, 1987 Louisville *Courier Journal*. The headline reads, "Furthering the lives of women has driven four generations".

There is also a big photograph. In the photograph, are four generations:

My great grandmother – the first female Kindergarten teacher in Kentucky

My grandmother – a tireless advocate and teacher for what was then known as the Kosair Crippled Children's Home

My mother – devoted to the cause of promoting education for women

And me: in 1987, the recent college graduate who had done nothing to promote or influence the lives of women; who felt completely unworthy of being included in the article.

As I began to think about this column, I noticed the newspaper article on the wall and pondered what I had done with my life since then.

I realized – that I had been focused on furthering the lives of women.

For example:

During my time volunteering with the West End Home Foundation, I learned it is an organization founded over 130 years ago - just after the close of the civil war - in order to support Tennessee women who were widowed by the war. Today it

is a foundation run by women, annually providing over \$2 MM in grants to non-profit organizations who support senior adults.

My volunteer work with the Nashville City Cemetery Association opened my eyes to the richness of our city's history. A walk through the cemetery is truly a walk through Nashville's history. The gravestones tell the stories of individuals and families from the 1820s to the present day. And it is where every 50 years or so groups of women gather to save the old cemetery.

It led directly to my involvement with the Metro Historical Commission and in saving Fort Nashborough, the reconstructed stockade established to recreate the 1779 fort which was the forerunner to the settlement which eventually became Nashville. If you get the chance to hear Metro Historian Dr. Carole Bucy tell the story of how the women working inside the Fort unleashed the dogs to save the Fort from an Indian attack and therefore saving the first citizens of Nashville – it is a wonderful story.

Through my association with Christmas Village – an organization of women founded over 50 years ago – I was able to help raise funds for the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Speech and Hearing Center. Over 20,000 people visit the State Fairgrounds in Nashville for four days on the second weekend in November to shop in six buildings from over 250 vendors. Over \$9 MM has been raised.

Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, Daughters of the American Revolution, PEO, and CABLE



are all women's organizations in which I have enjoyed volunteering my time and talents.

Most recently I worked at Vanderbilt University Dyer Observatory as the Education and Outreach Director engaging middle school students with STEM lessons and project-based learning units. One of the most fun ventures involved singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman and The Mighty Sky – a CD of science songs for children of all ages. It recently received a Grammy Award nomination. This

country girl from Owensboro, Kentucky certainly never dreamed it would be possible to be associated with a Grammy-nominated album!

However, what would have made my mother, my grandmother, and my great grandmother the most proud – is what I have done for the last two years – serving as the President of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, an organization founded 120 years ago to bring together the women of Vanderbilt

University; to provide an opportunity for intellectual, cultural, and social activities within the community and the university; to support and assist the mission of the university; and to sponsor the Ada Bell Stapleton/Blanche Henry Weaver Scholarship through fundraising.

And I am certainly very proud of the work we have done together, the friends we have made, and the fun we have had. Thank you to each and every one!

Lynn

Letter from Scholarship Recipient

Hello!

My name is Jessica Nieto, also known as "Jekka," which is my childhood nickname. Vanderbilt has been a wonderful experience for me starting four years ago when I arrived on campus as a freshman. I have involved myself in many new organizations and activities, including Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity for Women, Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, of which I served as President this year. Over the past three and a half years, I have also built a mentoring relationship with a local girl named Tamia by tutoring and teaching her to read through The Vanderbilt Afterschool Program.

On top of all my extracurricular commitments, I also devote myself fully to my studies. As a neuroscience major, and double minoring in biology and managerial studies, I am hard pressed to find time for classes outside of the hard sciences. However, in the spring of 2012, I found myself in a Greek Civilizations class to fulfill a requirement. I fell in love with ancient Greek culture and was ecstatic to learn of the Maymester study abroad class about ancient Greek religion, myths, and rituals. The only obstacle to this aspiration was my financial situation. The program was not only expensive by itself, but I would also be missing a month of work to attend it. Fortunately, that spring I was awarded the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship, and in combination with a GEO scholarship, I was able to apply worry-free to the program, to which I was accepted. My classmates and I traveled Greece for four weeks learning and seeing things of which I had never dreamed possible. I gained not only knowledge, but also new friends and experiences and a renewed passion for learning. It was the trip of a lifetime!

The following spring, I applied for the scholarship again. After receiving the award for the second time, I was grateful for the financial

support it was to offer, but I could not imagine the degree to which I would need it.

During the end of finals week last May, I learned of my father's paraspinal tumor. One week later, following its removal and analysis, my family was struck with his diagnosis. Stage IV lymphoma of the most aggressive form. The last thing on my mind was studying for my upcoming MCAT and medical school applications. It was the hardest summer of my life. I was working 60 hours a week at my seasonal summer job, studying for the MCAT, completing my AMCAS application, and spending all my free time at the hospital where my father was receiving intense chemotherapy or at home taking care of him between hospital visits. Luckily, his cancer is currently in remission, but it left lasting effects. He ultimately had to retire from his position as a prosecuting attorney for medical reasons and continues to do physical therapy to relearn to balance and walk, among other basic skills. I was somehow able to complete my applications and do well on my MCAT exam while earning money at work. But without this scholarship, this would not have been possible for me.

Obviously this experience made a large financial impact on my family. Since my father was out of work all summer and subsequently retired, our household income has decreased significantly. Although I work 20 hours a week, the maximum allowed by Vanderbilt, I still struggle to comfortably afford my medical school applications and travel to interviews, which I have been lucky to receive. I cannot express the deep gratitude I have for the Vanderbilt Woman's Club and the scholarship you graciously awarded to me last spring.

Although my life, like all of yours, is unpredictable, I take comfort in the generosity and goodwill of the influential and brilliant women of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, with whom I am so proud to be associated. I will always be in your debt and I will always be your most dedicated ally. Thank you!

INTEREST GROUPS WEEKDAY MEETINGS

BRIDGE DAYTIME	Bea McGee	889-4625 or 473-7807	mcgeebea@gmail.com	2nd & 4th Tuesdays after lunch: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
movies	VWC Regal Rendezvo with the third Tuesda before a movie show will allow. I hope we d	us Movie Group will on y when possible (Dec ing and all are welcor can make it to an evel elcourt Movie Theatre	continue to meet at the Regal cember is the exception). We we me to stop by for lunch, lunch ning Metropolitan Opera mov	Green Hills Cinema for fall 2013. We will try to stay will plan to meet for lunch at nearby restaurants and a movie, or just a movie- whatever your schedule rie and a showing during the Nashville Film Festival. year. Please join the email list to get details for each
MOVIES	Betsy Fleetwood	377-0462	befleet@aol.com	Join the group to enjoy a "flick"
	September 8	Rita Hall	Flight Behavior / Barba	
	August 4	Igna Fowler		rs / Dame Daphne Sheldrick
	July 7	Dede Clements		Magdalene / Cynthia Bourgeault
	June 2	Lisa LeMaster		Phenomena / Anthony Marra
	May 5	Estelle Condra	The Light Between Ocea	
	April 7	Jane Stumpf	Tale of Two Cities / Cha	<u> </u>
	2014 March 3	Leader Kathleen Donofrio	Title / Author	kingly High Cost of Cheap Fashion / Elizabeth Cline
BOOK GROUP TWO	Kathleen Donofrio	383-8732	kafdonofrio@gmail.com	Meets these Monday from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Green Hills Library
PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?	Joan Harshman	292-2260	joan.s.harshman@att.net	Lunch & Conversation with friends. Second Thursday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm at AMERIGO'S Restaurant, 1920 West End Avenue
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Kathleen Donofrio	383-8732	kafdonofrio@gmail.com	Community Volunteers at the Pencil Foundation: Together we assist the educational needs of teachers and students in Metro schools. Wednesday mornings at <i>LP Pencil Box, McCann Alternative</i> <i>Learning Center, 1300 56th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209</i>
PLAYGROUP	Stephanie Gamse Kerri Obstein	496-9750 (781)258-8556	stephjane8@gmail.com kerriobstein@gmail.com	Looking for playmates for your pre-schooler? Join the mums & their toddlers in parks, playgrounds & homes every Thursday from 10am to Noon.
MAH JONGG	Lin Watson	776-3848	linrw@comcast.net	Wednesdays 1 – 3 pm
COMMUNITY EXPLORERS	Lisa LeMaster	891-1727	lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com	Join us in exploring the area's historic & cultural sites & other points of interest.
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH	Joyce Gore	783-0681	joycegore0681@gmail.com	Try out local restaurants with congenial company.
KNITTING	Shirley Lachs Charisse Baer	370-4243 500-8312	stillcharisse@yahoo.com	Knit hats for hospitalized newborns

INTEREST GROUPS EVENING AND SATURDAY MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP ONE	Becky Atack Ann Ercelawn	383-8732 298-4766	rebeccaw.attack@vanderbilt.edu ann.ercelawn@gmail.com	We meet the second Sunday of the month, from 2:30 till 4, except in May when we meet on the first Sunday. We do not meet in December, January, and August.
	2014		385-9486	
	April 13	Sheila Jensen	Ann Ercelawn 3611 Saratoga Drive 298-4766	Nicholas and Alexandra, by Robert Massie
	May 4	Anne Plummer	Claire Bradshaw 8300 Sawyer Brown Rd, #D.301 646-0066	My Beloved World, by Sonia Sotomajor
	June 8	Margaret Norris	Margaret Norris 500 Elmington Ave, Apt 115 269-6941	And The Mountains Echoed, by Khaled Hosseini
	July 13	Byrd Helguera	Rosemary Worley 921 Plateau Parkway 352-9366	A Hundred and One Days: a Baghdad Journal, by Asne Selerstad and Ingrid Christophersen
COCKTAIL CLUB	Lynne Siesser	298-5659	lsiesser7@gmail.com	Bring a bottle of wine, your favorite hors d'oeuvres to meet new friends from other departments.
	Hosts for 2014	March	29 — Dyer	April 26 — Thackston May 3 — Jensen To celebrate Kentucky Derby
GOURMET GROUP	Carmen Gherman	661-7814	cggherman@yahoo.com	If you love to cook, join us for fine dining and scintillating conversation

INTEREST GROUPS

Do you have an interest not listed? Contact Cindy Slobogin: 292-2214 or slobogin@hotmail.com She will put you in touch with women of like minds. 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 oldtimers A wonderful way to get to make new friends is to meet them through meetings or Interest Groups. Get in touch with the contact for each group and join them at their next get-together.

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Annual Meeting 2014

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club annual meeting was held January 16 in the Old Gym. The 2014-15 Executive Committee was announced and member Elisabetha Baugh was inducted as a lifetime member. Dr. Emilie Townes, Vanderbilt's new Divinity Dean was the keynote speaker with a talk entitled "The Dancing Mind."



Elisabetha Baugh joined the Vanderbilt Woman's Club in 1974. Forty years later, we honor this wonderful woman who was born in Germany, has traveled to more than 130 countries and cherishes the friendships she has made through the Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

President Lynn Maddox presents Elisabetha Baugh with a lifetime membership certificate and rose.





The tasty lunch was provided by the Office of Enrollment Management. Many thanks to Dean of Admissions Doug Christiansen and his team for sponsoring the luncheon.



Divinity Dean Dr. Emilie Townes encouraged attendees to be present for others by being fully focused and aware of the person you're interacting with.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Marcy Block
Toni Carlton
Beverly Elder
Paiden Hite
Megan Mcferran
Kim Silverman
Jo Ann Staples

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Howell Eva Mendelsohn



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The 2014-15 Executive Committee is (l-r): Sheila Jensen, President; Lisa LeMaster; Vice President; Elisabeth Sandberg, Treasurer; Aileen Webb, Recording Secretary; Angela Bowens, Corresponding Secretary.

SCHOLAR SIPS 2014



Aileen Webb, Kendra Holroyd



Cindy Slobogin, Judy Isaacs, Kendra Holroyd



Lynn Maddox, Nancy Dwyer



COMMUNITY EXPLORERS TRIP TO THE **NASHVILLE BUN COMPANY**



left to right: Carol Bachmann, Elaine Williams, Kelly Chambers, Roberta Maguire, Kendra Holroyd, Angela Bowens, Lisa LeMaster, Aileen Webb, Melanie Bentley, Dede Clements, Jo Ann Staples, Joan Hornberger, Anne Plummer, Joyce Gore, Cindy Slobogin, Judy Isaac



Front row, left to right: Kelly Chambers, Anne Plummer, Lisa LeMaster, Angela Bowens, Alethea Lutz Second row: Roberta Maguire, Dede Clements, Sara Plummer, Melanie Bentley Back row: Aileen Webb, Judy Isaac, Carol Bachmann, Elaine Williams, Joyce Gore, Joan Hornberger, Cindy Slobogin, Kendra Holroyd, Rita Hall, Jo Ann Staples

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP PREPARES FOR

PENCIL PARTNERS BOOK FAIR



Front row, left: Elaine Blake, Lisa LeMaster, Linda Nicholas, Carmen Gherman, Kathleen Donofrio, Mildred Tilley Back row: Dede Clements, Dolores Loutzenhiser, Mary Clare Bradshaw

VANDERBILT WOMAN'S CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON

May 1, 2014 Richland Country Club One Club Drive Nashville TN 37215

11:30 am- 1:30 pm

Honored Guests
Vanderbilt Provost Richard McCarty
And long serving VWC Member and Board Member Sheila McCarty

Menu:

Cobb Salad - Hearts of Romaine with Crisp Bacon, Tomatoes, Egg, Avocado and Smoked Turkey,
Topped with Crumbled Bleu Cheese and Ranch Dressing
Vegetarian - Cobb Salad - Hearts of Romaine with Tomatoes, Egg and Avocado, Topped with
Crumbled Bleu Cheese and Ranch Dressing
Dessert - Lemon Meringue Cheesecake with Raspberry Coulis and Pistachio Cookie
Water, Iced Tea and Coffee

Cost: \$25.00 General Member \$20.00 Lifetime Member

Cash or Check Accepted
Please make check payable to Vanderbilt Woman's Club

Reservation Deadline April 22, 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dyer Lecture and Lunch

Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:00 a.m. Dyer Observatory 1000 Oman Drive Brentwood, TN 37027

> Molly Miller, Ph.D. Vanderbilt Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Will speak on her research and travels in Antarctica Box Lunch Available

End of Year Luncheon

Thursday, May 1, 2014 11:00 a.m. Richland Country Club 1 Club Drive Nashville, TN 37215

> Join your friends, old and new, for our spring celebration And installation of our new officers





Wear:

RSVP:

casual, comfortable clothes for working (jeans, sweatshirt, Tshirt) and closed-toe shoes

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SheilaJensen@comcast.net By March 17, 2014 Please include check for \$10.00 if you can stay for lunch.

Name:				
Phone: _			- Email: -	
Attend:	Yes	Lunch:	Yes	

Please select one from the first column and one from the second column.

Classic Sandwich	Artisan Sides
Turkey - White cheddar, all natural turkey breast, sliced tomato, leaf lettuce & pesto mayonnaise on Sourdough	Moroccan Couscous - Couscous pasta tossed with cherry tomatoes, golden raisin, mint, parsley, & lemon.
Ham - Back forest ham, Swiss cheese, & Dijon Mustard on Sourdough	Herbed Red Potato Salad -Red potatoes, celery, onion, fine herbs tossed in mayonnaise.
Egg Salad - Creamy egg salad enriched with white truffle oil, asparagus & Sprouts on Flaxseed	Pesto Orzo Pasta - Orzo pasta with basil pesto, sun dried tomatoes, and kalamata olives.
Creamy Chicken Salad - Poached hand-pulled chicken mixed with creamy fine herb mayonnaise, celery & onion on cranberry wheat walnut bread with sliced tomato & mesclun greens	Roasted Vegetables - Eggplant, onion, zucchini, yellow squash, peppers and carrots roasted to perfection and tossed with fresh herbs & tomato vinaigrette.
Mediterranean Tuna Salad - All white tuna, artichoke hearts, roasted rep pepper, olives, capers, shallots, celery, onion & herbs served on sesame semolina with romaine hearts	Fresh Fruit Salad - Red grapes, honeydew, cantaloupe, pineapple & strawberry.
Montecito - White cheddar, avocado, sliced tomatoes, cucumber, shaved red onion, clover sprouts, mango chutney on Flaxseed	Green Salad - Baby greens with carrots, grape tomatoes with your choice of dressing.
Vegan Sandwich - Roasted red pepper hummus, red onion, cucumber, tomato and sprouts on organic multigrain	
Turkey Reuben - all natural turkey, house made 1,000 Island, Kenny's Swiss cheese and sauerkraut on Marble rye	