The Vanderbilt Woman’s Club is thankful for Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for planting the magnolia trees on campus. The club honors her by naming the newsletter after her. 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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Next meetings: (Reservation forms are on pages 9, 10 and 11)
Thursday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.: Fall Lecture at Brentwood Public Library
Andrew Maraniss: Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South
Thursday, December 1, 11:00 a.m.: Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar at Old Natchez Country Club
Larry Craig from “Project Return”
Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 2-4 p.m.: Music Event with Cookie Exchange at the home of Peggy Curci

Message from the President:

It’s November and while we should be thankful every month, it is useful to have one holiday that puts a particular focus on being mindful of our blessings or our luck or whatever we choose to call it. We also can be thankful for hope and fresh starts, when perhaps not all things have been going exactly as we would like. This November I am thankful for many things, but particularly for my abundance of first-world problems and the fact that soon this election cycle will be over.

VWC has a particular treat in store this month as we think about being thankful. I really am looking forward to the guest speaker at our Fall Lecture on Thursday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Brentwood Public Library. Angela Bowens has arranged for a truly special opportunity for us to hear from Andrew Maraniss as he discusses what the Washington Post called his “thorough and engaging biography” Strong Inside. The story of Perry Wallace, who played basketball at Vanderbilt in the late sixties as the first African-American basketball player in the SEC, is not always an easy one to hear. Parts of his life story may make us feel sad or angry or uncomfortable but it also will make us think and hopefully foster hopefulness. And for that I am thankful. I hope to see you there.

Kelly

If you enjoyed the food at the Music Event and at Arrington:
Karla Ruiz at Karla’s Catering & Prepared Foods (tapas) karlas.catering@comcast.net
Suzette’s Catering - 615-435-3656 (lunch) amyliddell@gmail.com
Donors 2016-2017

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

$25,000 needed this year
to reach $100,000 in the endowment.

October
Elisabetha Baugh * Ruth Ann Brown * Sarah Calvani * Toni Carlton * Anne Carr
Helen Dale * Dot Galloway * Kathy Garthwaite * Cherie Hamilton * Kathy Hood
Polly House * Sheila McCarty * Deanie Miller * Nancy Poblador * Malu Ramsey
Ellie Raths * Donna Session * Jeanne Dudley Smith * Margie Stoll * Jane Stumpf
Marilyn Tolk * Randi Lee Young

Academic Year to date
Becky Atack * Kelly Chambers * Amy Christiansen * Janet Crowson * Joy Hambrick
Joan Hornberger * Sheila Jensen * Pam King * Karen Leeman * Lisa LeMaster * Lynn Maddox
Anne Manner * Barbara Martin * Elaine McKenna * Inka Odom * Anne Plummer * Kim Ross
Susan Samson * Lois Scholes * Kate Shaw * Lynne Siesser * Sandy Spitz * Tracy Stadnick
Mary Stinson * Johanna Sulser * Mildred Tilley * Faye Wyatt

Welcome new members
Talia Adam * Asiya Belkhout * Tommye Elrod * Mary Helen Short

Reserve your craft table for the Holiday Lunch
Thursday, December 1
11:00 a.m.

Peggy Curci 314-369-4119
peggy@thecurcis.com

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

Future Events 2017
Thursday, January 19: 10:00 a.m.: Annual Meeting at Brentwood Public Library  Angel Anthamatten,
Nursing School Dean’s Award for Recognition of Faculty Achievement in Informatics Endeavors
Friday, February 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m.: ScholarSips at the Central Library
Thursday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.: Spring Lecture at Brentwood Public Library
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
Getting to know our newcomers . . .

**Susan Bernet** has lived in Brentwood for 20 years. She comes from a military family and the closest she has to a home town was Washington D.C. where she lived for many years. She has recently retired and plans to spend time travelling, working with fiber, textiles and the VWC. She does play video games with her grandson and has mastered the finer points of Pokémon go.

**Mary Sue Clark** was educated in the Nashville School System. She had 15 years of formal ballet training, 10 years of classical piano, and 5 years of Opera at Blair. Upon graduating from the University of Memphis, she pursued a career in musical theatre. From working in musicals in Memphis Parks and Theatre Memphis, a teaching career unfolded, which included drama, creative writing, and art. She taught for 5 years and then married and stayed home to raise her children. During this time she was President of the Jackson Symphony League and directed two Children's concerts. Her family moved back to Nashville in 1986, and she taught at Walter Stokes for seventeen years. Many of her assignments included Children's plays and musicals. She was also known for many Writer's Showcase winners. After Stokes closed, she was asked by Dr. Pedro Garcia to open Glendale Spanish Immersion School. Mrs. Clark saw the need to partner with Vanderbilt Spanish studies, Belmont Spanish Department, Sister Cities, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Tennessee Foreign Language Institute to help implement this program. All teachers had to be fluent in order to work there. She pursued her training at CARLA, ACTFUL, and many other global workshops to expand the immersion program. Using her artistic gifts, she not only sought to create an Immersion school, but also a school of the arts. Glendale has been an Award school and number 1 academic school in Tennessee many times. Recently they have been chosen as the only Metro school to receive a Blue Ribbon award from the Federal government. Glendale also received National recognition for their Value Added Scores. She gives much of the success of this school to the dedicated teachers who translate and spend many extra hours to make this program a success. Mrs. Clark just recently retired, leaving Glendale with 500 on their wait list. Her favorite quote is, "To whom much is given, much is expected." She has had a wonderful career promoting the love of the arts and helping to implement an elementary program where children could learn another language.

**Eileen Crawford** has lived in Gallatin, TN since 1992. She grew up in Cleveland and lived in Knoxville for 3 years before moving to Nashville. She is an alumni of Maryville College, University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University. She has recently retired from the Vanderbilt Divinity Library. Eileen likes to read and travel and her favorite food is Italian.

**Carole Schneider** moved from Scottsdale, Arizona to Thompsons Station in May 2015. She is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and Norwich University. She also participated in a summer program at Cambridge University. As a public relations executive, she has lived in various parts of the country working on public and private sector communications. Her interests include literature, theater, movies and gardening.

**Lynette Vecchio** and her husband moved to Nashville from Houston over 11 years ago, just missing Hurricane Katrina! She and her husband of 31 years, Robb, have one son, Matt, 29, who also lives in Nashville and works in healthcare. Lynette graduated from The University of Minnesota in Elem. Education and has taught in the inner city, public and private schools for over 14 years. She has been substitute teaching for Metro schools the past ten years but is excited that she is going to sub less and enjoy more of what the VWC has to offer every week! She is also thrilled to begin volunteering in the school for Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital every Wednesday as a teacher tutor. Lynette likes to cook, read, travel, exercise and volunteer. Her secret indulgences are getting complete facials!

**Denise Alvarez** moved to Nashville the beginning of September. She previously had lived in Birmingham, Alabama for 33 years. She is a graduate from L.S.U. Loving all kinds of music, her favorite hobby is her grandbabies. Denise also enjoys the theater. She is a travel agent and is looking forward to making new contacts in Nashville.
VENDORS at the Holiday Lunch so far

Doris Lynn  
(Premier Designs Jewelry)

Christine Browning  
(jewelry)

Sara Plummer  
(jams and jellies)

Cat Covell  
(jewelry)

and

Tonya Brack  
(handbags and accessories)

Lunch at Arrington Vineyards
Evening Movie Group at Home  Hosts rotate and select the movie; guests bring an appetizer and desired beverage. Movie will start at 7pm-ish. Details as to the night of the week and frequency to be determined by those participating. We could also go out to the movies together.

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

Cocktail Club
Our gracious hosts will be . . .

November 12  LeMaster/Ruhl
December 17  Jensen
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

Lunch Bunch
Tuesday November 15th
12.30pm Bartaco 2526 12th Av S
Joyce Gore  615-783-0681
joycegore0681@gmail.com

Gourmet Group
December 3, 2016
Viennese Holiday at the Gherman’s

January 28, 2017
Chinese New Year at the Curcis

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

See you at the movies  Join the group monthly
on Tuesdays at Green Hills Cinema for a movie. A lunch option will be offered at a nearby restaurant before the movie. Contact Betsy to be added to an email list. Tuesdays, November 1 & December 13 at Regal Green Hills  Betsy Fleetwood  615-579-0903  befleet@aol.com

Theater interest group
Nashville is fortunate to have a wealth of theater offerings, from community theater to TPAC to university productions. We are currently seeking a group coordinator. Questions? Ann Ercelawn  615-298-4766
ann.ercelawn@gmail.com
Discounted tickets for TPAC performances. Go to www.tpac.org/corporatesaver and enter the promotional code VWC.

Performances which are discounted will show after selecting the "buy" button.

Parlez-vous Francais?
Soda Shop of Richland Place at 500 Elmington Avenue
Second Thursday of the month  (barring a conflict with VWC general meetings)  1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Joan Harshman  615-292-2260  joan.s.harshman@att.net
Quilting Group 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
2009 Overhill Drive in Green Hills.
Joan Hornberger  615-730-5534  zackapatch@gmail.com
Peggy Curci  314-369-4119  peggy@thecurcis.com
Our first project - pillows - then lap quilts for wheelchair-bound patients

Book Group 2
is coordinated by Kathleen Donofrio and gathers in a meeting room at Green Hills Public Library the first Monday of the month from 1-2:30 pm. Kathleen describes BG2 as "a group of avid readers who choose fiction, biography or memoir with equal interest and enthusiasm. We conduct a focused and serious discussion each month and value everyone's opinion." For more information or to learn what they are reading, contact Kathleen at kafdonofrio@gmail.com

Community Service
Community Volunteers at the Pencil Foundation: together we assist the educational needs of teachers and students in Metro schools.
Wednesday mornings:
November 16 and December 14
LP Pencil Box, McCann Alternative Learning Center,
1300 56th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209
Kathleen Donofrio  615-383-8732  kafdonofrio@gmail.com

Community Service and Explorers
will go to Second Harvest together on
Wednesdays, November 9 and March 8
8:30 - 11-30 am

1 in 6 Tennesseans Struggle with Hunger
Be a Part of the Solution to End Hunger
#HungerActionTN
SECONDHARVESTMIDTN.ORG
Bookgroup One enjoyed its first meeting of the academic year at the home of Hope Estopinal. Members enjoyed tea/coffee and cookies before the book discussion led by Mary Claire Bradshaw. Bookgroup One is coordinated by Anne Plummer and Mary Raffety and meets the second Sunday of most months from 2:30-4:00 at members' homes. Book Group One has a very long history as an interest group and many members have been friends for years.

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Community Explorers

Join us on

Tuesday, November 29th at 10 AM

at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna, TN for a tour, and learn more about the Boy Hero of the Confederacy. After the tour, we will enjoy a lunch buffet at La Tavola Ristorante Italiano.

Watch for an email from Ebbie Redwine with more details.

eRedwine9@gmail.com
Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Fall Lecture

Andrew Maraniss

Author of Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South

Thursday, November 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Brentwood Public Library  8109 Concord Road, Brentwood

This lecture is open to the public at no charge. If you would like to reserve a box lunch to enjoy after the lecture, please indicate your choice below. Mail selection and check for $10 made payable to “Vanderbilt Woman’s Club” to:

Angela Bowens, 2320 Brookfield Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027.

Name: ________________________________________  Phone: _____________________________

Lecture Only ☐  Lecture & Lunch ☐  Order Deadline:  November 10\textsuperscript{th}

Please select a sandwich from the first column and a side from the second column.

CLASSIC SANDWICH

☐ Turkey - White cheddar, turkey breast, tomato, leaf lettuce & pesto mayonnaise on sourdough
☐ Ham - Black forest ham, Swiss cheese, & Dijon mustard on sourdough
☐ Creamy Chicken Salad - Poached chicken mixed with creamy fines herb mayonnaise, celery & onion on cranberry wheat walnut bread with tomato & greens
☐ Homestyle Tuna Salad - All white tuna, sweet relish, onions, celery, parsley, and mayonnaise served on whole wheat farm bread with romaine hearts
☐ Montecito - White cheddar, avocado, sliced tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, clover sprouts, mango chutney on flaxseed bread
☐ Roast Beef Sandwich – Roast beef, red onion, aioli, tomato, leaf lettuce and white cheddar on marble rye
☐ Turkey Bacon Brie - Turkey, bacon, brie, curry apple & golden raisin chutney, sprouts, and cucumber on rustic sourdough
☐ Vegan Sandwich - Tomato, cucumber, roasted red peppers, shaved carrots, onion, sprouts, red pepper hummus on multigrain

ARTISAN SIDE

☐ Kale Salad – Kale chiffonade, red onion, cranberries, sunflower seeds, liquid aminos, lemon juice, and olive oil
☐ Lemon Dill Potato Salad -- Potatoes, celery, lemon, and dill, tossed in mayonnaise
☐ Pesto Orzo Pasta – Orzo pasta with basil pesto, sundried tomatoes, and Kalamata olives
☐ Roasted Vegetables -- Eggplant, onion, zucchini, yellow squash, peppers and carrots roasted to perfection and tossed with fresh herbs & tomato vinaigrette
☐ Fresh Fruit Salad – Mixed seasonal fruit
☐ Mixed Green Salad – Prepared with fresh, local produce currently in season
☐ Mixed Nuts – Selection of healthy and delectable nuts
Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar

December 1

Shopping starts at 11 am

Old Natchez Country Club

115 Gardengate Dr, Franklin, TN 37069

Cost: General Members: $30.00  Life Members: $25.00

Lunch will be served buffet style with pan roasted chicken, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, deluxe salad bar, rolls, dessert, ice tea and coffee.

Please send your reservation along with cash or check made payable to Vanderbilt Woman’s Club to: Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215 or click on our Eventbrite link to make your reservation with credit card.

Click here to make your reservation by credit card

Reservation Deadline is November 21, 2016

Peggy Curci
6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215

General Members: $30.00  Life Members: $25.00

Name: ___________________________________  Contact: ___________________________________
A Musical afternoon and Holiday Cookie Exchange

December 6th 2-4 pm
At the home of Peggy Curci
6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville

Please bring 2-4 dozen cookies or your favorite sweet treat.
We will provide the boxes to go home with and the entertainment.

If you would like a ride please call
Joy Allington-Baum at 214-755-5328 or at joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

This is a fundraiser for the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship
so a check for $15 made payable to the “Vanderbilt Woman’s Club” can be sent to:
Joy Allington-Baum 5724 Stoneway Trail, Nashville, TN 37209
or you can sign up with Eventbrite by November 29, 2016.

Click here to make your reservation on line