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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.*

## 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](mailto:karlas.catering@comcast.net)  
Suzette's Catering - **615-435-3656** (*lunch*) [amywiddell@gmail.com](mailto:amywiddell@gmail.com)

**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**

*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.*

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WOMAN'S CLUB

# Donors

2016-2017

**\$25,000** needed this year

to reach \$100,000 in the endowment.

to the Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship

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

## 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 Rath \* 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.



**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.



**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.

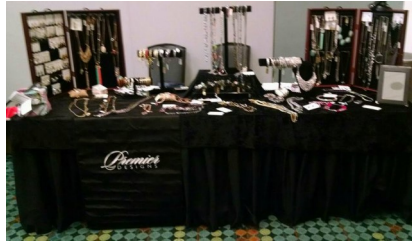
Glendale has been an Award school and number 1 academic school in Tennessee many times. Recently they have been chosen as the only Metro school to receive a Blue Ribbon award from the Federal government. Glendale also received National recognition for their Value Added Scores. She gives much of the success 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



## 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



[Click here to see what's new in the picture gallery on our website](#)





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

## 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



## 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



## 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

cgherman@yahoo.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](http://www.tpac.org/corporatesaver)  
and enter the promotional code VWC.



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

# Note new venue

## 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](mailto:zackapatch@gmail.com)

Peggy Curci 314-369-4119 [peggy@thecurcis.com](mailto: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](mailto:kafdonofrio@gmail.com)



*Elaine Smyth, Kathleen Donofrio, Becky Hickson, Cassandra Estes, Estelle Condra, Carmen Gherman and guest Pat.*



*Jane Hinshaw, Lisa LeMaster, Mildred Tilley, Roberta Maguire, Rita Hall, Ebbie Redvine, Carmen Gherman and guest Pat, Nancy Fruetel*



*Joy Allington-Baum, Ellie Rath, Dede Clements, Jane Hinshaw, Lisa LeMaster, Estelle Condra, Cassandra Estes*

## 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](mailto: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**





## 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.

[anne.plummer44@gmail.com](mailto:anne.plummer44@gmail.com)

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*Mary Claire Bradshaw, Becky Attack, Byrd Helguera,  
Eileen Crawford, Anne Plummer*



*Margaret Norris, Kitty Porter, Mary Raffety, Penny TeSelle,  
Mary Claire Bradshaw, Eileen Crawford, Anne Plummer*



*Anne Plummer, Sheila Jensen, Tilly Najjar, Hope Estopinal,  
Margaret Norris, Kitty Porter*

## 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.

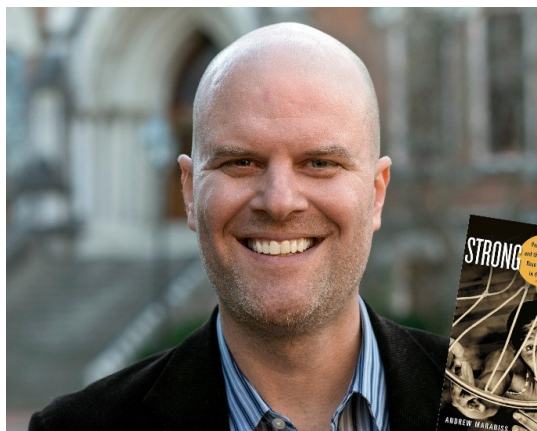
Watch for an email from  
Ebbie Redwine with more details.

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## 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<sup>th</sup>

**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, 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](#)

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)

