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President's message

Greetings, Vanderbilt Woman's Club members, new and old! At last, summer is over and autumn has arrived—my favorite season. I agree with F. Scott Fitzgerald: *Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.*

We kicked off our year with a lovely **Garden Tea** at the Chancellor's Residence featuring Vanderbilt author **Nancy Reisman**. Professor Reisman read several passages from her latest novel, *Trompe L'oeil*. I personally am grateful to her for helping me commit to memory the proper pronunciation of that term (let's see how long I can hold on to it!). We honored seven wonderful life members and met our new scholarship recipient, **Mason Grow**—a winsome young woman who expressed her thanks to all of us for supporting her Vanderbilt education through the Stapleton/Weaver funds. During the Tea, I stalked many members with my camera, taking photos for our directory. If you have not yet submitted a photo, please consider doing so—it is such a handy tool, especially for our new members who have so many new names to learn. Lynne Siesser (lsiesser7@gmail.com) will finalize the directory in the coming weeks; the deadline for inclusion is **October 16**.

And finally, what fun we had at **Music Night at Puckett's** on September 20th (pictures on page 10). The weather was glorious, the music was excellent, and the food was delicious. Many thanks to all of you who supported the event by attending or making donations. We raised almost \$700 for our Stapleton/Weaver scholarship.

Coming up this month is our **Fall Brunch** at Scarritt-Bennett as well as many fun interest group activities, so let's dive in and be revitalized by these crisp autumn days!

Lisa

Next meeting: **Fall Brunch**

Parking pass & map are on the last pages.

October 22 at 10:30 am at Scarritt-Bennett Center

The deadline for reservations was September 21.

If your plans change and you cannot attend after all, please let Kendra know.

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We have a waitlist of members who missed the deadline and would like to attend.



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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Schedule of Events still to come

2015—2016

Fall Brunch, 10:30 am–12:30 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2015; *Scarritt-Bennett Center*

VWC Lecture Series: Chris Slobogin, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 12, 2015; *Brentwood Public Library*

Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 2015; *Brentwood Country Club*

Annual Meeting: Victor Judge, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 14, 2016; *Vanderbilt Historic Old Gym*

ScholarSips, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, February 5, 2016; *Vanderbilt Central Library*

VWC Lecture Series, 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2016; *Brentwood Public Library*

End of Year Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016; *Richland Country Club*

Do you remember Ravi Patel? *Two-year winner of the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship.*

This is what he achieved during his career at Vanderbilt in the College of Arts and Science and Vanderbilt Medical School. He is now a general surgeon in Nashville. We are proud of our scholars.

2012 Individual NEXT Awards: Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist, Nashville Chamber of Commerce

2012 Community Involvement and Leadership Award, Kaiser Permanente

2012 First Global Health Leader

2012 Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Student Leadership Service Award

2012 Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Regional Honoree

2012 HEAL Innovation Award, Nashville Metro Health Department

2011 Leadership Award, AMA Foundation

2011 Lewis B. Lefkowitz Award for Community Service

2010 Microbes and Defense Academic Society



Taylor Imboden and Ravi at the Opening Tea in 2007 with Lydia Howarth

Getting to know . . .

Lydia Howarth, *gracious hostess*

and wife of Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos, received a bachelor's degree in 1975 from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, and a master's degree in English from the University of Chicago in 1977. She worked for some thirty years as an in-house and freelance editor for academic publishers, at the University of Wisconsin Press, the University of Chicago Press, Beacon Press, and the Brookings Institution, among others.

In Washington, D.C., she enjoyed working with writers, photographers, and mapmakers at the National Geographic Society. She is the mother of Benjamin and Nicholas, and is now working on an M.F.A. in Writing and Literature at Bennington College in Vermont.



Welcome new members

Charlene Culbertson

Nancy Grimes

Amber Hertik

Robin Hills

Saung Kim

Lai-King Leong

Faye Novak

Kitty Porter

Getting to know our Interest Group Chairs

Kathleen Donofrio

Book Group 2 and Community Service



When my husband, Peter, and I moved to Nashville in 2006 I was invited to attend the Newcomers event that year and found the VWC an appealing way to connect to a new community. When I was asked to be the newsletter editor I quickly learned how to use the

Publisher program (to create a very ordinary newsletter compared to what we now have.) Along with neighborhood and church activities and part-time nursing jobs I was slowly finding my niche in Nashville, but I made my best friends among the women in the Book Group 2 and now enjoy coordinating that group. I wanted to find some meaningful ways to contribute to community when I decided to retire from 35 years in nursing and was drawn to a clinic for the underserved where I help on Refugee Mondays at Siloam clinic. I also considered the importance of education when I volunteered to be a Reading Partner for Pencil Foundation. I have been helping at Fall-Hamilton school for a few years and have met some very cute kids there. I heard about the Pencil Foundation's program to assist teachers with donations of school supplies and recruited my Book Group friends to join me there for group volunteering and we have been meeting there once a month since 2009. More volunteers are always welcome. I have three wonderful daughters and two darling grandsons and traveling to visit them is my favorite thing to do!

Joan Harshman

Parlez-vous Francais



My interest in the French language began when I returned to the university (after the children had grown) for an advanced degree to permit me to teach at the high school level. A language was a requirement for the degree. I tried to resist, but the university held firm. I chose French. To my surprise, I had a great time learning a new language. After completing my Master's Degree, Sidney accepted a position as Visiting Professor in the laboratory of his colleague at the Pasteur Institute. We spent a glorious year in Paris. We had come to Nashville in 1959 from Baltimore, where I taught at Patapsco Neck Elementary School in Baltimore County. I quickly joined the League of Women Voters to learn about the city. Tillie Najjar, wife of the Chair of the Microbiology Department, introduced me to the Newcomer's Club and the Woman's Club. The LWV kept me busy with civic activities, including the issues of civil rights, and the Woman's Club offered cultural and social respite.

Like today, the early days of the Woman's Club offered various kinds of activities. I joined a Music program which allowed members to focus on a particular composer and discuss his/her (mostly his) music, as well as listen to parts of recordings. I was drawn onto the board by my dear friend and neighbor, Sara Lenhart, who headed the Welcoming Committee. It was her job to count (yes!) the pieces of silver and help arrange the annual holiday luncheons, held in the dining hall of the Women's dorm. At the time, the luncheon was a pot luck, with members setting tables, washing dishes afterwards, and counting that silver.

It is not easy to retain a language without much opportunity to use it. The Alliance Francaise is one outlet for me, but another is our little French circle which meets monthly for lunch. We sometimes struggle through the hour, and are always relieved to have a native, or more fluent speaker attending. I urge you to brush up on your high school/university French and join us for lunch and chat.

Mah Jongg has a new leader

Cindy Slobogin, who founded the **Mah Jongg** group, has taken over the reins again.

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Thank you,

Lin Watson, for your many years as chair.

*Pam Lamp
Betsy Fleetwood
Rosann Nunnally*

*Loretta Saff
Janice Orser
Cindy Slobogin*



Interest Groups

Contact information and details are available in the directory.

Book Group 1 * Book Group 2 * Tuesday Bridge * Thursday Bridge * Cocktail Club * Community Explorers
Community Service * French * German * Gourmet Group * Italian * Mah Jongg * Movies * Out to Lunch * Spanish

Gourmet Group

*Saturday Brunch,
November 7, 2015
at the Redwines'*



**Saturday, May 14, 2016
at the Holroyds'**

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Out to Lunch

Butchertown Hall in Germantown
Thursday, October 15th
(note date change)

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Cocktail Club 2015 * 2016

Our gracious hosts will be ...

October 17 * Jensen

November 14 * LeMaster/Ruhl

December 19 * Holroyd

2016

January 16 * Siesser

February 5 * ScholarSips

March 5 * Gherman

April * Curci

May * Thackston

June * Browning

September * Isaac

October * Stein

November * Dyer

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See you at the movies ..

The following are the 2015 first semester
Tuesday movie dates:

October 27th
November 17th
December 15th



We will continue to see daytime movies at the
Green Hills Regal Cinema and offer an
optional lunch at nearby **Table Three Restaurant**.
This movie group's format will remain unchanged.
Looking forward to an enjoyable film season with all of
you!

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Membership renewal deadline is October 16, 2015.

Welcome new board member, Kate Shaw

Kate was born in Australia but raised in England. She graduated from St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, London in 1992 and worked as a GP (Family Medicine Physician) until 1999 when she took a one year sabbatical to follow her husband, Andrew, to Houston. When they decided to stay in the USA, Kate retired from clinical work and committed herself to raising their two children in a foreign country. Six years later when they moved to Chapel Hill NC, she became an American citizen and took her passport and citizenship total to three! Whilst in Chapel Hill, Kate worked with the Continuing Medical Education Department at Duke organizing educational events and running a small business. The family relocated to Vanderbilt last summer and is enjoying settling into the Nashville way of life. She has two children, 19 and 17, and one very lazy basset hound. Whilst heavily involved with school volunteer work, she joined the VWC as another way to meet new people and get involved locally. Her interests include tennis, Mah Jongg, cooking, reading and boating.

Ed: Kate is the Newcomer Chair.



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. For more information about Tribute Cards contact Kelly Chambers, kellychambers420@yahoo.com or 409-771-5731.

Cards also will be available at VWC luncheons and other club-wide events.

Please make checks payable to Vanderbilt University.



Judy Andrews and Erik Wolf at the Cocktail Club from the 70's

New interest group:

Parli Italiano?

Please contact **Malu Ramsey** or
Angela Bowens

if you are interested in forming
an *Italian Conversation Group*

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Thank you all
who participated
in these events,
organized to raise funds for
our Scholarship.

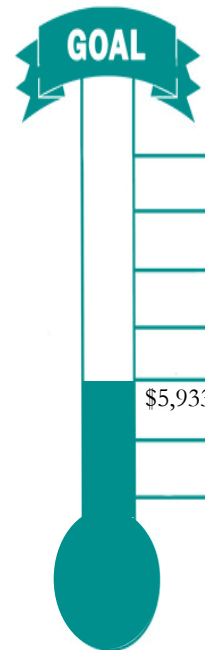
Bridge Extravaganza

Kendra Scott Party

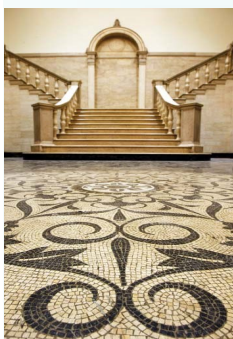
Music Night at Puckett's

*Individual giving this month
Thank you!*

Becky Attack * Ruth Ann Brown
Mary Nelle Bryant * Toni Carlton
Betsy Fleetwood * Dot Galloway
Cherie Hamilton * Kathy Hood * Pam King
Lai-King Leong * Tilly Najjar * Lynn Maddox
Barbara Martin * Elaine McKenna
Margaret Norris * Malu Ramsey
Susan Samson * Lois Scholes * Elaina Scott
Lynne Siesser * Sandy Spitz * Lorena Wilson



Community Explorers



Tuesday, October 13th at 10:30am: Tour of the **Vanderbilt Fine Arts Gallery** led by Joseph Mella, Director and Margaret Walker, Art Curator Assistant. The Gallery moved to Cohen Memorial Hall, 1220 21st Avenue South, on Vanderbilt's Peabody College Campus, in the fall of 2009 following a major renovation which retains the building's beautiful, classic structure but also adds a new design more in keeping with modern museums and contemporary classrooms. www.vanderbilt.edu/gallery <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gallery/upcoming.html> Optional lunch will follow on campus in **The Commons**.

*Price, parking, directions and other necessary details will be provided in the notification emails which will soon be sent to Community Explorers. If you are interested in attending these or any future outings and do not think you have signed up to receive Community Explorers notifications, please email **Anne Manner** at acmanner@gmail.com and you will be added to the notification email list.*



Wednesday, November 4th from 8:30am to 11:30am: Community Explorers will join with our Community Service group to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank. We are usually assigned to sorting food donations and/or packing food boxes or backpacks – *and*, it is actually fun with great camaraderie! Afterwards, we will eat in the on-site Harvest Café. www.secondharvestmidtn.org



Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30am: We will visit the Shri Ganesha Temple on 527 Old Hickory Blvd in Nashville. Monica Cooley will be our guide as we start in the auditorium for an explanation of Hinduism plus a Q & A. Then we will go upstairs to view the shrines and architecture and possibly catch part of the rituals. The tour will end at noon, and an optional lunch will follow at Woodlands Indian Vegetarian Restaurant - 3415 West End Avenue, Nashville. www.ganeshatemple.org

We welcomed these newcomers at the Tea

Mary Avent:

Mary is a native of Murfreesboro, TN. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University and is currently employed at Vanderbilt University in the College of Arts and Science Deans Office. In her free time, she stays busy operating her own event planning company & also is a Beauty Counter consultant. She enjoys shopping, traveling, attending concerts, charity, and sporting events.

Peggy Curci:

Peggy and her family moved from St. Louis last year in August. Her husband, John, was at Washington University for 20 years. She is a Physician Assistant, not currently working and still trying to get settled. They have 3 daughters: Rachel is 12, in the 8th grade at Battleground Academy. She's a competitive Trampoline and Power Tumbler. Nicole is 23, she is at Spokane Washington where she graduated last May from Whitworth University. Andrea is 27, she stayed in St. Louis. She is a cosmetologist. Peggy and John are foodies, love to travel and try to eat at "Top Chef" restaurants wherever they happen to be. She loves to garden and hopes to have chickens and goats by spring.

Nancy Grimes:

Nancy and Dede Clements taught together at University School in the late 80's, (She taught British Lit; Dede taught European History). Then she moved to Harpeth Hall about the same time Dede moved to St. Cecilia, then MBA. They also attend Christ Church Cathedral together.

Robin Hills:

Robin is an Assistant Professor with the Vanderbilt School of Nursing.

She came from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia and has provided care as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner to uninsured women in urban Richmond for over 15 years. She has 2 sons. Her eldest is a chemical engineer for Dow Chemicals in Houston, TX, and her youngest is a sophomore at Virginia Tech majoring in Accounting and Information Systems. Robin enjoys reading both fiction and non-fiction (biographical works are her favorite!) and exploring walking/biking trails (Radnor Lake is fabulous!).

Pam Lamp:

Pam is moving from Houston, where they've lived for 20 years. Her husband, Mark, is in healthcare, and Nashville is a big city for that. Small world/Vanderbilt factoid - They have enjoyed reconnecting with Mark's college roommate and dear friends - he's the Vanderbilt basketball coach. Besides Vanderbilt basketball games, interests include running, mah jongg, traveling, golf, and reading. They have 2 sons, one in DC, one in NYC. The VWC has a box of gold stars for new members like Pam. She saw a flyer for ScholarSips in the elevator at the Adelia and contacted Elaine Blake wanting to become involved.

Lai-King Leong:

Lai-King moved recently to Nashville from Princeton, New Jersey where she has lived for over 30 years. Originally, she is from Malaysia. Her interests are in gardenscapes and small woodworking projects and she loves walking to get her inspiration as well as engaging with people to determine what makes for fuller living. Her professional background was in marketing and shipping logistics. Her husband has just taken a chaired position in Hebrew Studies at the Divinity School and their daughter is spending a gap year with them after high school. They have a golden retriever who's the most adjusted so far in their family!

Sue McDougall:

Sue is an interior designer currently living in Clarksville, but will be moving to Nashville. She has a daughter in New York City and a son in Oregon. She loves to sail, sew and travel. Sue is looking forward to getting to know everyone and sharing some happy experiences.

Faye Novak:

Faye met her husband when she was 21 in Maryland. Married at 27, she was employed as a nurse and had two children while her husband was in medical school. They have lived in Brentwood for 7 years. 3 active children, ages 17, 15 1/2, and 9. Vince is an orthopedic surgeon and just made a change from private practice with Premier Orthopedics to Vanderbilt in June. Faye sells real estate with Weichert Realtors, The Andrews Group and enjoys working independently from home. She is looking forward to making new lasting friendships with other women from different walks of life. Her interests include: cycling, walking, Bible study, date night with her husband, and volunteering at her children's school.

Ebbie Redwine:

Ebbie grew up in Nashville, and met her husband Jim at Vanderbilt, where they both graduated in 1981.

She has had two very different careers - one as a Computer Software Engineer and the second, and current, as a Cardiac Nurse. They have two awesome young adults, Chris and Leah. She is thrilled after living 33 years away to be back near family and the Vanderbilt community!!!

Elaine Smyth:

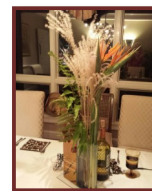
Elaine moved to Nashville from Birmingham in 1979 to attend the Owen Graduate School of Management. She is now retired, having worked both as a financial analyst and a writer. Her interests include reading, flower arranging, yoga and travel.

Tiffany Wilmot:

Tiffany was educated at Duke. She has an appointment in Sociology, team teaching a course on green jobs. Tiffany has served as president of Wilmot Inc., a sustainability and green building consulting firm. She is licensed to teach approved LEED curriculum and has been working with the Music City Center to attain LEED Silver certification for the building.



Donned in safari-wear, 32 **Gourmet Group** members gathered on September 19th at the home of Adele & Rick Stein for a fabulous **African Dinner**, hosted by Judy & Larry Isaac. Guests enjoyed appetizers on the Steins' beautiful screened porch while listening to the sounds of African animals. Leopards roared; elephants, zebras, lions, & hippos clamored (Judy's CD) during appetizers of samosas and spinach remoulade with Port Royal rum punch. The menu, chosen by Adele and Judy and prepared by 15 Gourmet Group members, included *bobotie*, *ajlouke*, and *ful medames*. Guests sat at tables decorated with Bird of Paradise, fern, and grass arrangements and enjoyed South African wines. A dashiki-clad Larry Isaac served *amarula*, *malva*, and mango cream desserts. The evening proved the ancient African proverb to be true: *Wine, women and food give gladness to the heart*.



MUSIC NIGHT

@ PUCKETT'S
BOAT HOUSE

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

DIANE WALLER & THE JEFF STEINBERG TRIO
COOP SHILOH & THE GHOST TOWN REVIVAL
THE ERIN BODE BAND



October


2015

The Fall Brunch is this month!

Please remember to mark your calendars for
our fall brunch at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville.

Thursday, October 22nd
from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VWC Board Mtg. 9:00 a.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	2	3 Community Explorers 2015 Living History Tour 12:30 p.m. @ City Cemetery
4	5 Book Group Two Green Hills Library 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	6	7 Community Service – Pencil 9 a.m. - noon Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	8 Parlez-Vous Français? 1 - 2 p.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	9	10
11 Book Group One 2:30 – 4 p.m. @ Anne Plummer's	12	13 Community Explorers 10:30 a.m. @ Vanderbilt Fine Arts Gallery Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	14 Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	15 Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m. Bridge 1-4 p.m.	16	17 Cocktail Club @ the Jensens' 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
18	19	20	21 Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	22 Fall Brunch at Scarritt-Bennett 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Bridge 1-4 p.m.	23	24
25	26	27 Movie Group Time TBA Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	28 Mah Jongg 1 - 3 p.m.	29 Bridge 1-4 p.m.	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Parking for the Brunch:

Lot B (enter off 18th Av. S) is the most convenient lot for the Raintree Room.

*(Second floor of Bennett Hall
before you get to the chapel)*

Please print the parking pass below and display it on your dashboard.

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Event: **Vanderbilt Woman's Club Brunch**

Valid: **October 22, 2015**

Authorization Code: **159967**

Thank you!

Save the date

Holiday Lunch

Thursday, December 10, 2015

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Brentwood Country Club

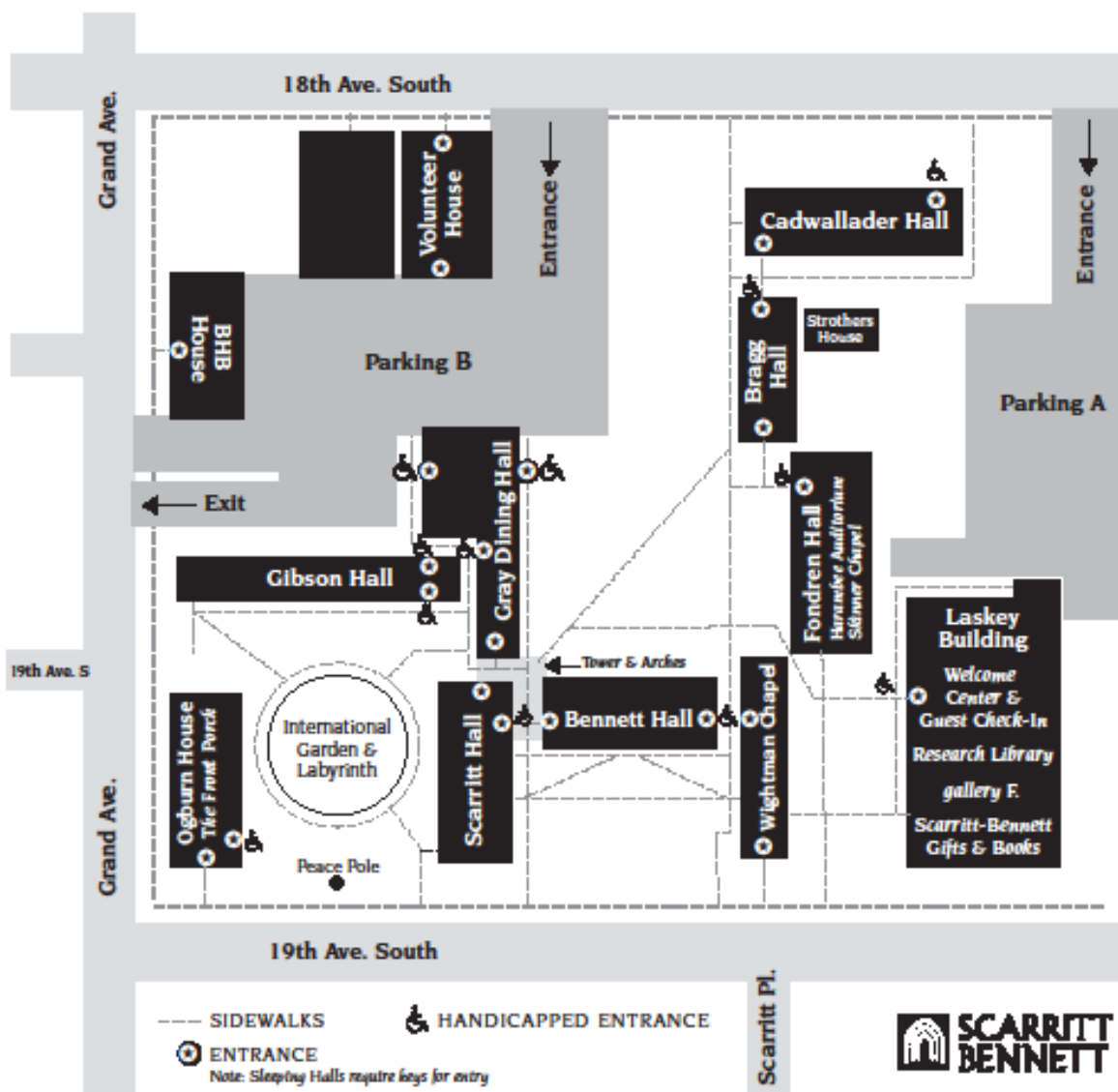
**Vendor tables are limited to
Vanderbilt Woman's Club
members only.**

To reserve a table, contact Kendra.

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MEETING ROOM LOCATIONS

LASKEY:

Laskey Great Hall - 1st Floor
 Laskey 103, 104 & 105
 Laskey Research Library - 1st Floor
 Laskey A, B & C - 2nd Floor
 Clyde & Mary Hall - 2nd Floor
 Kreitner - 2nd Floor
 Owen Book Room - 2nd Floor
 Tillman Room - 2nd Floor

FONDREN HALL:

Harambee Auditorium - 1st Floor
 Skinner Chapel - 1st Floor
 Fondren 21 - 24 - 2nd Floor

BENNETT HALL:

Social Rooms - 1st Floor
 Dogwood - 2nd Floor
 Raintree - 2nd Floor

SCARRITT HALL:

(formerly known as Admin)
 Administration
 1st & 2nd Floor
 Parlor - 1st Floor
 Alumni Rm. - 2nd Floor
 International Rm. - 2nd Floor

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