

# MAGNOLIA NEWS

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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

Our opening Tea was a great success. Thank you again to VWC member and chancellor's wife **Lydia Howarth** for opening the residence, providing such a wonderful tea along with an enlightening speaker **Valerie Hotchkiss**, Vanderbilt University Librarian. I was amazed at how many wonderful libraries Vanderbilt has and how often they are used. It was wonderful to learn more about the Friends of the Library from **Connie Heard** whose mother helped form the group. The food was delicious and the company superb.

Honoring our lifetime members is an important VWC tradition. In the spirit of getting to know this group even better member, **Rita Hall** has agreed to explore the lives and times of these members. Thank you, Rita, for saying yes.

Helping to celebrate our 125 years we are updating our Vanderbilt Woman's Club book. **Betsy Fleetwood** and **Lisa LeMaster** are working on this project. After spending some glorious time in the VWC archives it became clear to me that the information contained there needs to be saved. The board is exploring the options for getting that done.

Please feel free to bring a potential new member to the **Newcomers Event October 4th 7-9pm**. Our next event is the **Fall Luncheon October 25th**, at the Harding House in the Belle Meade Mansion.

There are two wonderful tours available at the Belle Meade Mansion one on Mourning and one on Plantation Life from the slave's point of view.

Also, please consider filling out the form to volunteer in this newsletter so we can reach out and help welcome new Vanderbilt employees or their spouses to Nashville and the VWC. I'm available to answer any questions at [joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com](mailto:joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com) or 214-755-5328.

Save the date for the Vanderbilt Woman's Club scholarship fundraising event *Scholar Songs* **Sunday February 24th** from 5-8 pm at the **Listening Room**. We will have a silent auction, cheese and fruit reception then dinner, beer and wine along with great music. More details to follow.

*Joy*

*Good food, good company great listening music and a wonderful atmosphere. You can't ask for anything better.*

*Anthony T. Hicks*



**NEXT MEETINGS** - Details on pages eleven and twelve

**Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sandbergs Newcomers Party**

**Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Harding House, Belle Meade Plantation Fall Luncheon**

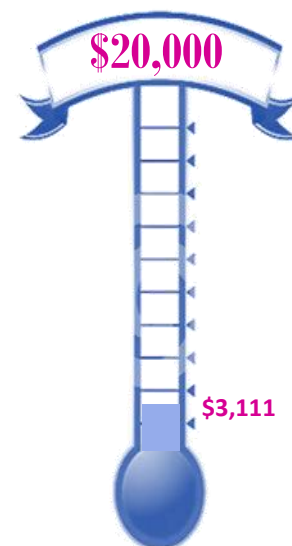
*The Vanderbilt Woman's Club acknowledges the late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus and honors her in the naming of the newsletter.*

**VANDERBILT  
WOMAN'S CLUB**

# Donations to the Scholarship Fund since the last newsletter:

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

Becky Attack \* Linda Bengson \* Maddy Berezov \* Faye Brown  
Kelly Chambers \* Janet Crowson \* Kathleen Garthwaite \* Kathy Hood  
Joan Hornberger \* Anne Manner \* Margaret Norris  
Anne Plummer \* Cindy Slobogin \* Tracy Stadnick \* Andy Taylor  
Mildred Tilley \* Joyce Weingartner \* Faye Wyatt  
Byrd Helguera (*in memory of Rosemary Worley, Virginia Holladay, Shirley Forstman*)  
Piano in the Fairy Garden \* Kendra Scott  
*Year to date:* Linda Bengson \* Nancy Gentry



## News from our Scholar -

### Mason Grow

This summer, I worked at Barefoot Republic Camp as their Head Counselor. It was a rewarding experience; full of hard work and loud laughter. Moving into this year, I'm ready to complete my Political Science major in the fall semester, and wrap up the Psychology major in the spring. I'm excited to take Comparative Political Parties, Intro to American Law, and Political Strategy/Game Theory this semester, along with Intro German! Along with my classes this year, I will be studying for the LSAT—which I intend to take in June. I'll also be applying for internships for next year, as I intend to take a gap year before entering law school. As I pack up and prepare for the year ahead, I cannot wait to get to campus, see my friends, and get started on this seventh semester. I'm looking forward to diving into my classes, working as the Concert Choir's Alumni Historian, and relishing every moment of my senior year! I'm so grateful to the Vanderbilt Woman's Club for helping to make these four years possible!



## Fundraising Updates

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club has achieved the goal of having a fully endowed Scholarship. That means that the Club raised **\$100,000** in ten years. A marvelous accomplishment indeed. We will be starting to build towards our second endowed scholarship this year.

Thank you to everyone who attended our summer fundraisers:

*Thank you, Joy Allington-Baum and helpers for your summer efforts.*

*Piano in the Fairy Garden:* We were able to have a wonderful morning and raise \$233.94 and the

*Kendra Scott* event champagne, mini muffins and jewels oh my! We raised \$542.03

Save the Date for our major fundraiser: **Vanderbilt Woman's Club hosts The Listening Room** Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5-8 pm

## Welcome new members!



### Lael Kiesling

Lael moved to Nashville three years ago from New Canaan, CT. She has also lived in New York City and New Jersey. Lael is a graduate of Lafayette College in PA in 1986 having met her husband Gordon while attending. She is a Kappa Kappa Gamma and is President of the Nashville Alumnae Association this year. She gained her Masters E.D. from Seton Hall University.

She has retired as a full-time classroom teacher and is working part time for Davidson County during the school year in a reading intervention program. This is a challenging program. Lael lived in Hong Kong the first year she graduated from college and was able to travel through Asia at that time.

She likes to read, needlepoint, and play bridge. She is currently kept busy training her Golden Retriever puppy, Winnie. Lael loves shoes and shoe shopping. Her favorite foods are Peppermint Stick ice cream and Thai food.

She is connected to Vanderbilt thru her children. Her son graduated in May and is currently in flight school with the Navy in Pensacola, FL. Her daughter is a freshman engineering student at Vanderbilt and her other son is a rising Senior at Lafayette.



### Janet Schneider

Janet has lived in Nashville since 1969 when she entered Vanderbilt attending the College of Arts and Sciences. Before coming to Nashville Janet lived in Herrin, Illinois a small town in Southern Illinois. While at Vanderbilt she was in the Chi Omega sorority. Janet has worked at the University School for the past 44 years first as a teacher then as the school's college counsellor. Her hobbies include reading, (she belongs to a book club), music (she follows a very special musician, her son), she cooks and cans and enjoys trying new restaurants. Fixing Sunday lunch for family and friends gives her a great deal of pleasure along with attending Westminster Pres. Janet's secret indulgence is watching Netflix. Her favorite drink is Pimm's Cup or sparkling wine and her favorite food is lobster rolls. She will retire in a few years and is looking forward to attending what she can for now.



### Nancy Gentry

Nancy is a Nashville native, born and raised. She is married to her husband of 51 years, Ken, and she has two grown daughters, but, alas no grandchildren as yet, just grand cats. She graduated from Baptist Hospital as a Registered Nurse 51 years ago and then went to Vanderbilt for her BSN. She obtained her MSN at UTK. She has worked in many areas of nursing; staff nursing, administration, education, and quality assurance. For the last few years she has worked part time at Vanderbilt, in the Informatics field, but hopes to retire permanently after the first of the year. She loves sports, especially Vandy (ANCHOR DOWN!!!!) and the Titans, reading and travelling. She is happy to have become a member of this group of adventure-seeking women and is looking forward to many new adventures.



### Jan Goddard

Jan has lived in Nashville for two years and is a transplant from Florida where she did a BS in Advertising and Marketing at Florida State. She worked for BellSouth in marketing until the children came and then devoted her time to volunteering. She started a Soup Kitchen for the homeless in Pensacola. With the children in school, she went back to do a masters in middle school English education and taught Language Arts until her retirement. After her husband's death, she relocated to Nashville and became a classroom assistant and teacher in the Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at Vanderbilt. She is chair of the Classroom Assistant Committee on the Advisory Board of OLLI. Her hobbies include walking, cycling, traveling, reading and spending time with family.



### Keara Kelly

and her husband, Assistant Prof. of Mathematics Wöden Kusner, moved to Nashville just in time to see the spectacular solar eclipse last August. Keara was working on fundraising projects for the Tennessee Justice Center until she began the full-time MBA program at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management this summer. Prior to moving to Nashville, Keara spent two years teaching English in Graz, Austria and 6 years working on technology implementations in Pittsburgh, PA, where she also coached and performed improvised comedy theater.





**Susan Winchester** was born and reared in Hannibal, Mo. which is the boyhood home of Mark Twain. Growing up, her entire family showed American Saddlebred horses due to the interest of her veterinarian Father. She learned early on with showing, that politics are everywhere. Her parents instilled in their children the love of horses and exhibiting and that having fun was the important factor. Those were certainly powerful lessons as a young girl. Susan moved to Del Webb in Mount Juliet in March of 2013 from St. Louis, Mo.

She is a Vanderbilt nursing graduate and worked at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital after graduation. Susan then moved and worked at the University of North Carolina Hospital in adult med-surg. With the decision that she wanted to go in to nursing administration, she received her masters in that field. Most of her career was then in the Midwest as a director of nursing in hospitals.

She is very active in the community where she lives. There are so many fun clubs that she enjoys -- woman's club, hiking, and wine and many learning opportunities. Susan likes to attend great exercise classes and she loves Zumba.

The Fort Nashborough chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is very dear to her heart and provides an opportunity to acknowledge our history and support our veterans.

The love of history is within her and she gained that through her parents. Her Father had a Civil War Fort moved to their property in Hannibal to preserve it. Showcased was a fantastic collection of spurs, carriages, guns and artifacts that was wonderful. She is having fun exploring Nashville and the state and to learn of its history.



**Terry Hinson** Terry moved back to Nashville in 2005 after 15 years enjoying other parts of the country. She grew up in Cincinnati and later graduated from Christ Hospital/University of Cincinnati in Nursing. Terry focused her career in Intensive Cardiac Care and Rehabilitation, setting up the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at University of Missouri.

Terry and her husband Jim, as well as their three children, are all in the health care field.

Terry began learning Spanish as a means of communicating with patients, but continues to learn as a hobby.

She enjoys meeting both native speakers and anyone who loves the language. She is a long time golfer and plays in two leagues. Other pastimes include reading, traveling and spending time with her family.



**Kay Bjork** was born in a small town in Connecticut on Long Island Sound, thirty-five miles from New York City.

She and her husband moved to Nashville in 1960 and she finished school at Peabody in 1966. That was the year they had their daughter. Their son was born four years later. After being a wife and mother, she began teaching part-time in Metro Nashville's adult education program. She learned Braille to teach blind senior citizens, taught at Meharry's drug and alcohol program and the House of Friendship and the pre-GED program in Williamson County. Her career has spanned teaching full-time at Westminster School. She was recruited to teach in a cognitive education research program

by the Kennedy Center. After that grant, she became Director of Education for the Youth Service job placement program for the Pencil Foundation, followed by Director of Education for Junior Achievement.

Kay has always volunteered: as a leader and County Chairman for the Girl Scouts, even started a day camp for girls 6-18 (Camp Briarwood). She was a museum docent for twelve years at Cheekwood and is still active with the Friends of the Williamson County Public Library, having served four years as president. The book club she started forty-seven years ago is still active. Kay enjoys her two grandchildren, reading, bridge groups, garden club and, now, the Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

**Welcome other new members this month:**

**Chanté Bowens, Ellen Colter, Kathy Edwards** *(in appreciation for hosting Piano in the Fairy Garden)*  
**Deborah Enright, Michaelene Gnau, Barbara Holzman, Valerie Hotchkiss, Amy Smith**

**and welcome back Karen Lackey** *(former president of the Newcomers' Club)*

*We hope to feature them in future newsletters.*



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## Vanderbilt Woman's Club

The club has existed as support to the Vanderbilt community for 125 years - since 1893. We are here to offer a warm welcome to new and current faculty, staff and female partners. We would like to have all our current members help us to increase our visibility in the Vanderbilt community and we are the best voices to promote our organization.

The simplest and most personal way is to just invite people, individual or group, over to have tea or coffee and learn about the program. Or to meet someone for coffee. Depending on the date, various board members can attend the events. Please consider signing up for any of the below ways you can help.

- ☐ I would host an event at my home
- ☐ I would bake or bring goods to an event
- ☐ I would help identify and/or invite new faculty and staff or their spouses
- ☐ I would be able to attend and discuss the benefits of the Club
- ☐ I would be able to create flyers for events

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Questions call Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328 or [joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com](mailto:joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com)



*A special VWC welcome*

## New Member Campaign

*Are there new faculty or spouses/partners in your department?*

*Have they retired recently?*

*Have you met a newcomer to Vanderbilt?*

**Please invite them to join you at an upcoming event -  
especially the Newcomers' Party**

**or**

**get their email so Lynne can send them a membership brochure.**

**lsiesser7@gmail.com 615-298-5659**

## Community Service

has scheduled an  
LP Pencil Volunteer Day on

**Tuesday, October 2nd from  
9:30-11:30 a.m.**



Come to assist in sorting and bundling donated school supplies  
for the LP Pencil "Store" for teachers. It is always a fun time while we work.

[www.pencilforschools.org/lppb](http://www.pencilforschools.org/lppb)

**New Location:**

**LP Pencil Box, 7199 Cockrill Bend Boulevard,  
Nashville 37209.**

*Mark your calendars for future volunteer dates as well:*

**Tuesday, November 6th and Tuesday, December 4th.**

Please contact Joan or Anne if you can volunteer.

**Joan Hornberger zackapatch@gmail.com cell-615-775-8039**

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





## Cocktail Club

*Our gracious hosts*

September 22 *Born/ Hersb*

October 20 *Siesser*

November 3 *LeMaster/ Ruhl*

December *Curci*

January

February 24 *The Listening Room*

March *Holroyd*

April *Chambers/ Sherwood*

May *Bengson*

June *Benner*

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

**Lynne Siesser**

[lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

615-298-5659



## Out to Lunch

**Thursday, 27th September**

**12.30pm at Saltine**

**1918 West End Avenue**

**Joyce Gore 615-783-0681**

[joycegore0681@gmail.com](mailto:joycegore0681@gmail.com)



## German Club

at Susanne's home

**Wednesday,**

**October 17 from 2pm-4pm**

**2811 Polo Club Road**

**Susanne Riess 414-241-1246**

[susriess@hotmail.com](mailto:susriess@hotmail.com)



**Conversations**

## Service Snippets

*The board approved helping*

**Project Period**

*by collecting feminine hygiene products  
at this year's lunches.*

*Donations of pads and tampons can be left in the*

**big pink bin**

*at each of the events.*

**[Click here to read more](#)**

## Pop-Up Group or "PUG"

Plans can be made ahead of  
time or at the last minute.



***Movies, hikes, theater, festivals, mu-  
sic events, whatever –  
they are all game for PUG.***

For more information and full instructions on  
being added to the Group Me list for the  
Pop-Up Group, contact

**Kelly Chambers 409-771-5731**

**[kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)**

**<https://groupme.com/en-US/>**

## Interest Groups

*Contact information and details are available in the directory.*

Book Group 1 \* Book Group 2 \* Tuesday/Thursday Bridge Cocktails \* Community Explorers \* Community Service  
French \* German \* Gourmet Group \* Mah Jongg \* Movies/Evening Movies \* Music (*chair needed*) \* Out to Lunch  
Pop-Up Group \* Quilting \* Theater (*chair needed*)

*Do you have another interest not listed?*

**Ebbie Redwine . . . 225-281-3938**

**[eRedwine9@gmail.com](mailto:eRedwine9@gmail.com)**

*Send pictures of your groups to* **[lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)** *Text:* **615-856-3980**

*or*

**[kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)** *Text:* **409-771-5731**

*or*

**[lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com)**

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

## VWC Facebook Page

For informal updates and photos in between newsletters and emails, don't forget to check out our Facebook page.  
This is a private group page intended for VWC members only.  
Feel free to post information and photos from club happenings.

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

For more information contact

**Kelly Chambers, 409-771-5731, [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com).**



## Community Explorers

### VA Hospital September 11 at 11 am.

I will greet everyone in the main lobby at the information desk on the first floor, and from there we will join our guide.

*The V.A. is behind Vanderbilt.*

*Enter the parking garage from Pierce Avenue at side of building.*

*The garage is free, as is the other lot on opposite side of building.*

*However, the number of parking spaces is limited, so I suggest car pooling as much as possible.*

**Address. Veteran's Hospital, 1310 24th Ave South, Nashville, TN 37212**

**Lunch at Amerigo's, 1920 West End Avenue Headcount needed by Monday.**

**Martha Alexander - 615-415-5887**

**[marthaalexander01@gmail.com](mailto:marthaalexander01@gmail.com)**



### SAVE THE DATES:

October 9th at 11am: *Visit to Sue Clark's Historic Home; brown bag lunch*

November 7th: *A cooking class at Goo Goo Cluster*

January 10th: *Day trip to Lebanon Outlet Mall 0*

February at 10 am: *Fisk University, Van Vechten Art Gallery*

March 19th at 11am: *C21 Art Gallery; lunch at Gray and Dudley Hotel*

April: *Historic Carnton Plantation in Franklin*

May: *Recycling Center*

## CALLING ALL VENDORS

Please contact **Peggy Curci** if you would like to reserve a craft table at the  
**Holiday Lunch & Bazaar.**

**314-369-4119      [peggy@thecurcis.com](mailto:peggy@thecurcis.com)**

*Reserved so far*

*Kendra Scott \* Pampered Chef \* Chris Browning Jewelry*

## In Memoriam

**Shirley Forstman**

**Virginia Holladay**

**Lois Scholes**

**Rosemary Worley**

**Shirley Zent**



## Upcoming meetings

Friday, November 9, 2018 *at the Green Hills Library*  
**Fall Lecture:** Katie Delmez - "Paris 1900: City of Entertainment"

Thursday, December 6, 2018 *from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Old Natchez Country Club*  
**Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 *from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Peggy Curci*  
**Cookie Exchange**

Thursday, January 17, 2019 *at 10 a.m. in the Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center*  
**Annual Meeting:** David Ewing - *The Parthenon*

Sunday, February 24, 2019 *from 5:00-8:00 pm at 618 4th Avenue South*  
**Annual Fundraiser:** *Vanderbilt Woman's Club hosts The Listening Room*

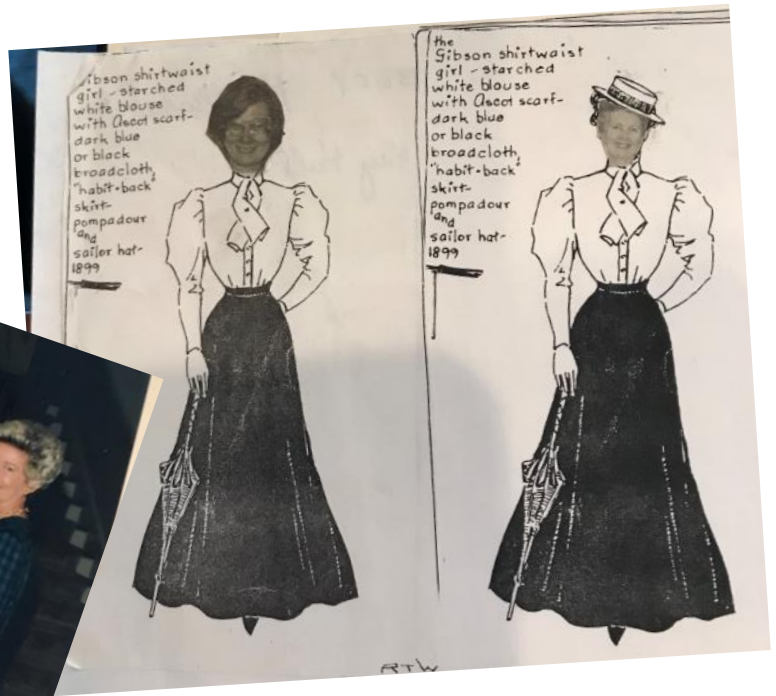
**March, 2019 (not confirmed)**  
**Spring Lecture**

Thursday, April 25, 2019 *from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Richland Country Club*  
**Spring Luncheon**

## Memories from the Centennial



*Above: Virginia Holladay, Lynne Siesser, Roberta Maguire, Ellen White, Sarah Lenbert, Kathy Geisel, xxx, Ethel Kawamura, Jennie Mills*



*Right: Virginia Holladay, Elva Darby, Fran Purdy, Virginia Wolf, Lynne Siesser, Anne Roos, Mary Wade, Chris Randles*



# October

2018

## Notes

### Remember



**Deadline for RSVPs  
for Fall Lunch**

**October 19**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Book Group Two 1pm</b>	2 <b>LP Pencil Volunteer Day 9:30am</b>	3 <b>Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	4 <b>Board 9am Bridge 1pm Newcomers Party 7pm</b>	5	6
7	8 	9 <b>Bridge 1pm Quilting 10am Explorers 11am</b>	10 <b>Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	11 <b>French 12:30pm Bridge 1pm</b>	12	13
14 <b>Book Group One 2:30pm</b>	15	16	17 <b>Mah Jongg 1pm German 2pm</b>	18 <b>Bridge 1pm</b>	19 <b>Deadline for Lunch RSVP</b>	20 <b>Cocktails 6pm</b>
21	22	23 <b>Quilting 10am</b>	24 <b>Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	25 <b>Fall Lunch 11am Bridge 1pm</b>	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

**To all newcomers . . .**

**The Vanderbilt Woman's Club welcomes you to Nashville!**

**Please invite your significant other  
and join us for a glass of wine and tasty appetizers.**

*We were all new to Vanderbilt once and can empathize with trauma/ hard work of starting fresh.  
Whether you are in need of relocation rescue, are a natural social butterfly,  
or are just looking to tap the expertise of a group of savvy locals  
(need a painter? where can you have brunch without a reservation?),  
**this party is for you!***

**Please join us on**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**at the home of Elisabeth and Warren Sandberg.**

**6412 Arden Court, Brentwood.**

*Not new to Vanderbilt or Nashville?  
Invite a potential member and bring her and her significant other to the party.*

**RSVP    lsiesser7@gmail.com    615-298-5659**



# *Vanderbilt Woman's Club Fall Luncheon*

## *Celebrating 125 years*

Thursday October 25, 2018

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

### **The Harding House**

Located on the grounds of Belle Meade Plantation  
5025 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205

Our Luncheon Menu Features:

Choice of:

Warm Spinach & Frisee Salad with Chicken

The Belle Meade, Pimento Cheese and Fried Green Tomatoes on Grilled Ciabatta (Veg)

Cranberry Chicken Salad on croissant

Assorted Sodas, Sweet and Unsweet Tea, Coffee and Water

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

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.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vanderbilt-womans-club-fall-luncheon-tickets-49473982012>

**Reservation Deadline is October 19, 2018**

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Peggy Curci

6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215

Spinach Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Belle Meade \_\_\_\_\_ Cranberry Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_

General Members: \$30.00 Life Members: \$25.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_