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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.

UPCOMING CLUB-WIDE EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Opening Garden Tea

1-3 p.m., The Chancellor's Residence

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014

Fall Luncheon

120 Years Later

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Women's Club of Nashville

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Fall Dyer Lecture

Dr. Michael Bess—*Superhumans*

10 a.m.

Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

VWC welcomes these women, who have recently joined:

Debra Brodsky	Mary Raffety
Betty Browning	Kate Shaw
Olga Davis	Molly Stein
Vickie Hakim	Shirley Zent
Dale Knight	

President's Message

Greetings to All Members and Prospective Members. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. Vanderbilt's First Lady, Lydia Howarth, hosts our Opening Garden Tea on September 16th. Robert Early, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor for the Department of Development & Alumni Relations, will be our speaker. Please contact Lisa LeMaster if you will be attending: lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com 615-891-1727.

At our fall luncheon on October 21st, we plan to hear from some of our long-standing and life members, who will share their memories and unique experiences in the Club. Their stories are fascinating and entertaining. Please put both these events on your calendar. See flyer included in the Magnolia News.

Last summer a special task force was created to research the most effective path for supporting undergraduate scholars at

Vanderbilt University. Past-presidents Amy Christiansen and Sandy Spitz headed up the team. They met with a number of departments at Vanderbilt from Admissions to Gift Processing. They will be summarizing their finding in the next newsletter. At the fall luncheon Brent Tener, Director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Vanderbilt, will be our guest and will summarize the plan and the changes. There will be a time allotted for questions and answers. We are very excited about this new direction and believe you will agree when you get all the details. Stay Tuned!

Finally, I just want to say that no matter the reason that you joined the Vanderbilt Woman's Club I want to full heartedly welcome you. We are going to have a great year!

Cheers and Peace,
Sheila

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club Welcomes You!

THE REASONS FOR JOINING the Vanderbilt Woman's Club are as numerous as the number of members. We have members who join for the social aspects of the Club. They like to experience new places to eat, go to movies, play bridge or mah jongg, explore new venues in the Nashville Metropolitan area, work with focused groups for service, and groups for practicing French. There are venues where husbands/partners feel welcome like in the cocktail group and the gourmet dinner group. We also have the pensive, reflective reading groups for directed and not so directed conversations! For mothers with small children there are the playgroups.

We are a group here to support each other no matter the reason that brought us into the Club. We strive to be social, thought-provoking, supportive of Vanderbilt University, and most importantly, a welcoming organization.

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

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Past President Sandy Spitz
(2006-2007)



Past President Judy Isaac
(2007-2009)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014–2015

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Evening Get-together for Newcomers, 7–9 p.m.
6412 Arden Court, Brentwood

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Opening Garden Tea, 1–3 p.m.
The Chancellor's Residence

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Fall Luncheon, *120 Years Later*, 11:30 am–1:30 p.m.
Women's Club of Nashville

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Lecture at Dyer Observatory, 10 a.m.
Dr. Michael Bess
Superhuman Civilization:
Justice and Identity in a Bioengineered Society

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon, 11 a.m.
Brentwood Country Club

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Annual Meeting, Historic Old Gym, 10 a.m.
Dr. Shari Barkin
Director of General Pediatrics, Vanderbilt

Friday, February 6, 2015

ScholarSips, 4:30–7:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt Central Library

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Lecture at Dyer Observatory, 10 a.m.
Dr. John Lachs
Centennial Professor of Philosophy

Friday, May 1, 2015

End of Year Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Richland Country Club



Mah Jongg Players: Lin Watson, Sheila McCarty, Dottie Miller, Joan Hornberger, Mary Cronin-Furman, Barbara LeVan.



Community Service Volunteers left to right: Joan Hornberger, Carmen Gherman, Kathleen Donofrio, Mildred Tilley, Dede Clements, Former Pencil Box Director Kim Washington, Lisa LeMaster, Vickie Hakim, Alethea Lutz, Linda Nicholas



Scholarship Chairs Yolonda Brooks Robinson (far left) and Cindy Slobogin (far right) with student recipients.

Scholarship News

The 2014–2015 scholarships awarded totaled \$24,000, divided amongst 9 recipients. Of the the recipients, 7 received \$3,000 and the remaining 2 received \$1,500. The smaller amounts were given because these two candidates were deemed highly worthy of recognition, but were unable to accept the larger amount from financial aid.

Scholarship recipients:

Sharon Zipporah Champion	Senior	Medicine, Health & Society, African American & Diaspora
Chinassa Nikka Iwuoha	Junior	Child Development - Pre Nursing
Regina Jiweon Lee	Senior	Molecular and Cellular Biology
Lindsay Marie Moschler	Junior	Civil Engineering
Keehun Nam	Senior	Musical Arts
Khadijah Aliyah Owens	Senior	American Studies
Monika Rose Weisman	Junior	Psychology / Political Science
Leah Philena Chisholm	Junior	Neuroscience
Raven Chantel Bryant	Senior	Public Policy - Health

SAVE THE DATE!

9th ANNUAL SCHOLARSIPS

Friday, February 6, 2015 4:30 - 7:30 pm

LOCATION:

Vanderbilt University Central Library
Main Lobby and Community Room

Let's make this the best ever!

Buy your ticket and more for your guest(s). Tell your family and friends and bring a group! If you can't come, give tickets to someone who can!

OUR CAUSE:

Scholarships for Vanderbilt students
—worth every penny!

INTEREST GROUPS

WEEKDAY MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP TWO	Kathleen Donofrio	383-8732	<i>kafdonofrio@gmail.com</i>	Meets first Monday from 1:00-2:30 PM in the Green Hills Library
	<i>2014</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>
	September 8	Rita Hall	<i>Flight Behavior</i>	Barbara Kingsolver
	October 6	Carmen Gherman	<i>Dear Life</i>	Alice Munro
	November 3	Nancy Fruetel	<i>Ike's Spies</i>	Stephen Ambrose
	December 1	Joy Belton	<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	Melba Pattillo
	<i>2015</i>			
	January		Ballot Luncheon at Nancy Fruetel's house to select books for 2015	
BRIDGE TUESDAY	Bea McGee	473-7807	<i>mcgeebea@gmail.com</i>	2nd and 4th Tuesdays after lunch from 12:30 to 3:30 PM
BRIDGE THURSDAY	Lynne Siesser	298-5659	<i>Lsiesser7@gmail.com</i>	Every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
COMMUNITY EXPLORERS	Anne Manner	289-1044	<i>acmanner@gmail.com</i>	Join us in exploring historic & cultural sites as well as other points of interest in the Nashville area.
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Kathleen Donofrio	383-8732	<i>kafdonofrio@gmail.com</i>	Community Volunteers at the Pencil Foundation. Wednesday mornings at LP Pencil Box, McCann Alternative Learning Center, 1300 56th Ave N., Nashville, TN
MAH JONGG	Lin Watson	776-3848	<i>linrw@comcast.net</i>	Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 PM
PLAYGROUP	Kerri Obstein	(781)258-8556	<i>Kerriobstein@gmail.com</i>	Looking for playmates for your pre-schooler? Join the mums & their toddlers in parks, playgrounds & homes every Thursday from 10:00 AM to noon.
MOVIES	Betsy Fleetwood	377-0462	<i>befleet@aol.com</i>	Join the group to enjoy lunch and a "flick" at Green Hills Mall
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH	Joyce Gore	783-0681	<i>Joycegore0681@gmail.com</i>	Try out local restaurants with congenial company.
PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?	Joan Harshman	292-2260	<i>Joan.s.harshman@att.net</i>	Lunch & conversation with friends. Second Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at Amerigo's Restaurant, 1920 West End Avenue

INTEREST GROUPS WEEKEND MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP ONE	Becky Attack	790-3500	<i>rebecca.w.atack@vanderbilt.edu</i>	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.
	Ann Ercelawn	298-4766	<i>ann.ercelawn@gmail.com</i>	
	<i>2014</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Hostess</i>	
	September 14	Mary Clare Bradshaw	Hope Estopinal	
	October 12	Anne Plummer	Joan Harshman	
	November 9	Penny TeSelle	Anne Plummer	
	<i>2015</i>			
	February 8	Ann Ercelawn	Ann Ercelawn	
	March 8	Becky Attack	Sheila Jensen	
	April 12	Byrd Helguera	Penny TeSelle	
	May 3	Joan Harshman	Mary Clare Bradshaw	
	June 14	Sheila Jensen	Joan Campbell	
	July 12	Margaret Norris	Margaret Norris	
COCKTAIL GROUP	Lynne Siesser	298-5659	<i>Lsiesser7@gmail.com</i>	Bring a bottle of wine & your favorite hors d'oeuvres. Meet new friends and visit with members from throughout the University.
GOURMET GROUP	Carmen Gherman	354-4421	<i>cggherman@yahoo.com</i>	If you love to cook, join us for fine dining and scintillating conversations.

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a guided tour of the Glen Leven Farm, an 1857 Greek Revival home being restored by the Land Trust of Tennessee. View the home and learn of its rich local history, see the arboretum, the heirloom vegetable garden tended by Hermitage Hotel's Executive Chef Tyler Brown for use in his Capitol Grille kitchen, a honeybee sanctuary and more!

Details via email soon!

Questions: Anne Manner
289-1040
acmanner@gmail.com

Do you have an interest not listed?
Contact Lisa LeMaster 615-891-1727 or *lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com*.
The perfect niche is here for you—let's find it!

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 old-timers.

VWC MEMBERSHIP FORM **2014-2015**

To join or renew your membership, mail completed form and check to:

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(if included, cell will be listed in the directory)

University Department

Husband/Partner's Name (Department)

☐ *Husband/Partner Deceased*

Email Address

PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY: *(Please note first increase in dues in many decades)*

☐ New to Vanderbilt in 2014

☐ New to Vanderbilt Woman's Club *(but not new to Vanderbilt)*

☐ New Associate in 2014

☐ Regular Member of Vanderbilt Woman's Club **\$30.00**
Women who are employed or whose husbands are or were (retired/deceased) employed by the University

☐ Associate Member (Non-voting) **\$35.00**
Women who are not formally associated with the University, but possess an interest in the affairs of the University

☐ Alumna (Non-voting) **\$35.00**

☐ Life Member (Member for 40 consecutive years) Optional

☐ Honorary Member Optional
Chancellor's wife or member who is or whose husband is on the Board of Trust

Annual dues should be made payable to **Vanderbilt Woman's Club.**

☐ I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to VWC Scholarship Fund.
*(Make second check payable to **Vanderbilt University** designated for Vanderbilt Woman's Club Scholarship Fund)*

TO BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM
WITH YOUR CHECK BY OCTOBER 16, 2014

After the deadline, you will be included in supplementary membership lists and receive future issues of the Magnolia News.

Interested in? ☐ Book Group 1 ☐ Book Group 2 ☐ Tuesday Bridge ☐ Thursday Bridge ☐ Children's Playgroup
☐ Cocktail Club ☐ Community Explorers ☐ Community Service ☐ French ☐ Gourmet Group ☐ Knitting ☐ Mah Jongg
☐ Movies ☐ Out to Lunch

Member Donors to the Ada Belle Stapleton-Blanche Henry Weaver Scholarship Fund and Endowment 2014–2015

Scholarship Fund

Judy Burns *in memory of Eva Mendelsohn, Louise Howell
and Corlyss Dillard*

Vickie Hakim

Judy Lefkowitz *in memory of Louise Howell and Eva Mendelsohn*

Aileen Webb *in memory of Bill Bryant*

Tuesday Bridge Group

*To make a donation to the scholarship fund and endowment
Send to:*

Elisabeth Sandberg
6412 Arden Court
Brentwood, TN 37027

Checks should be made payable to Vanderbilt University

INTEREST GROUPS SPOTLIGHT

Book Group Two

This group of intellectually curious women, led by coordinator Kathleen Donofrio, meets at the Green Hills Library every first Monday of the month, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., to discuss a range of topics in literature, from the meaning of Mary Magdelene, to the plight of elephants, to the high cost of fashion today. Book Group Two formed in March 2006, when Rita Hall and a small group of members formed the daytime group to meet the growing interest in book club participation that had taken the evening book club to capacity and beyond. Since then it has averaged about 20 members, and divides its selections fairly evenly between fiction and nonfiction. Always ready to welcome new members, this group guarantees a lively, thoughtful discussion on a range of books, from current bestsellers to time-honored classics. Check it out!



(left to right) Lisa LeMaster, Jane Stumpf, Rita Hall, Laurie Todd, Becky Hickson, Kathleen Donofrio, Carmen Gherman, Estelle Condra, Marlene Corlew, Joy Belton, Roberta Maguire (Many other active members are not pictured.)

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club invites you to our opening

Garden Tea

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.



The Chancellor's Residence, 211 Deer Park Drive, Nashville



HOSTED BY VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
FIRST LADY LYDIA HOWARTH

Special guest speaker: Robert Early, Vanderbilt Executive Associate
Vice Chancellor for the Department of Development & Alumni Relations

Join us as we greet the new academic year by honoring our Life Members
and meeting our scholarship students at an Opening Reception and Garden Tea.
Begin or renew your membership and sign up for Interest Groups.

Complimentary Valet Parking

Reservations due by September 8th to Lisa LeMaster

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If you could live to be 150 years old...
If you could take a pill to make you smarter...
If you could drive your car just by thinking...

Would you?



DR. MICHAEL BESS

CHANCELLOR'S PROFESSOR OF HISTORY
AUTHOR OF "SUPERHUMAN CIVILIZATION: JUSTICE
AND IDENTITY IN A BIOENGINEERED SOCIETY"

Join us at Dyer Observatory for a thought-provoking presentation
by Vanderbilt Professor of History Dr. Michael Bess. Bring a friend!

Thursday,
November 13, 2014
10:00 a.m.



Save the date ~
mark your
calendars now!

Plan to stay for lunch afterwards. Order form & payment information coming soon.

Questions: Lisa LeMaster at lisa.m.lemaster@gmail.com or 615-891-1727

The future is now!

Vanderbilt Woman's Club Fall Luncheon

Life Members Reminisce ~ 120 Years Later

Tuesday October 21, 2014
The Woman's Club of Nashville
3206 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Our Guest speaker will be Mr. Brent Tener, Director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Mr. Tener will address the changes to our Ada Bell Stapleton/Blanche Henry Weaver Scholarship Program



Our Luncheon Menu Features:

Mushroom Three Cheese Strudel

Kale Salad

Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Ginger and Creamy Butter

Rosemary Focaccia Bread

Apple Crisp

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: Kendra Holroyd 5130 Murray Lane Brentwood TN 37027*

Reservation Deadline is October 10, 2014



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