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Newcomers

Membership renewal form on page 13

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. The late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harry Branscomb, was responsible for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus. The naming of the newsletter honors her.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Fall Tea Thursday, September 23 at 1:30pm
Reservation deadline is 9/16/21. Details on page ten.
Future meetings are listed with the calendar on page eleven.

VANDERBILT WOMAN’S CLUB
Donations to the Scholarship since the last newsletter

Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court, Gallatin, TN  37066-5717
Checks made out to Vanderbilt University, with Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Scholarship on the memo line.

Evadne Awh, Cheryl Baird, Mary Baysinger, Audrey Brown, Faye Brown, Cathy Brunk, Sarah Calvani, Kelly Chambers, Amy Page Christiansen, Rebecca DePriest, Katrina Dickerson, Betsy Fleetwood, Catherine Griffith, Kelly Hammers, Margaret Hansen, Pat Holdrige, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth, Sheila Jensen, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Lisa LeMaster, Anne Manner, Elaine McKenna, Amelia McTamaney, Kimberly Ross, Vivian Shields, Cynthia Slobogin, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Mildred Tilley Lynne Siesser in memory of Rick Sinclair and Judy Burns

click here to make your donation by credit card

If you have donated and your name does not appear on our honor roll, please email lsiesser7@gmail.com

Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court, Gallatin, TN  37066-5717 - 615-218-5164 elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

Holiday Bazaar Vendors:  314-369-4119 peggy@theCurcis.com

Peggy Curci is accepting club member reservations for the Holiday Bazaar on December 2. (pending COVID regulations)

Change of address?  If there are any changes in your contact information, please let Liz Doyle know.  1556 Oxford Court, Gallatin, TN  37066-5717
615-218-5164 elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

In Memoriam
Judy Burns

Thinking of Elisabetha Baugh
Carol Webster, her daughter, reports: “My mom is now in memory care, and I doubt we will be able to come to any events this year, BUT I know how important the VWC is and was to her!  Her Alzheimer’s has really progressed in the last year. That being said, we celebrated her 97th birthday on July 3rd and she is doing fairly well.”

Congratulations
to our member, Dr. Candice Storey Lee, for her honor as Distinguished Alumna at Peabody College.

Also in the news
former member, Renã A.S. Robinson received the Chancellor’s Award for Research in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the Fall Faculty Assembly.
Book Group 1

Reading list for 2021-2022

We will continue Zoom meetings for the time being.
Second Sunday 2:30 - 4 pm. No meetings December, January or August.

September 12
Hostess: Sheila Jensen
Leader/Book: Sheila Jensen/How to Avoid a Climate Disaster by Bill Gates

October 10
Hostess: Anne Plummer
Leader/Book: Anne Plummer/Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler

November 14
Hostess: Margaret Norris
Leader/Book: Margaret Norris/The Doctors Blackwell by Janice P. Nimura

February 13
Hostess: Ann Ercelawn
Leader/Book: Ann Ercelawn/Year of Living Danishly by Helen Russell

March 13
Hostess: Maddy Berezov
Leader/Book: Eileen Crawford/The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

April 10
Hostess: Mary Raffety*
Leader/Book: Becky Atack/Sum of Us by Heather McGhee

May 1
Hostess: Mary Raffety*
Book/Leader: Kitty Porter/The Premonition: a Pandemic Story by Michael Lewis

June 12
Hostess: Mary Raffety*
Book/Leader: Byrd Helguera/Robert E. Lee and Me by Ty Seidule

July 10
Hostess: Hope Estopinal
Book/Leader: Hope Estopinal/The Last Trial by Scott Turow

*To be determined later

Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - ann.ercelawn@gmail.com
Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com

Click here to see what's new in the picture gallery on our website
**Explorers**

“Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote”

Join us for a special guided 45-minute tour at the

**Tennessee State Museum**

**September 8th at 10:30**

Free

Face masks required

*RSVP: Lina Keefe at LDFK@comcast.net by September 7th*

[https://tnmuseum.org/temporary-exhibits/temporary%20exhibits/ratified](https://tnmuseum.org/temporary-exhibits/temporary%20exhibits/ratified)

**Parking:** Free parking is available in the parking lot which is located between the Museum and the Nashville Farmers’ Market. There is also free two-hour parking available along 6th and 7th Avenues. There are four accessible parking spaces located approximately 210-220 paces on a flat sidewalk from the Museum entrance. Two of the spaces are van accessible.

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**Lunch Bunch**

Our September Lunch Bunch is the VWC Fall Tea at the Richland Country Club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at that time.

If you wish to be added to the Lunch Bunch you can text or email me.

*(Upcoming lunches will be outside and all members attending will need to be vaccinated per Vanderbilt guidelines)*

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328  
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

See you poolside!

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**Membership**

**Renewal Deadline**  
**October 1**

*The form is on page 13.*

You must be a member to participate in the interest groups.

We welcome new members.

Pass the membership brochure on to friends, fellow workers and family.

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Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
**Antique Study Group** is back!

**Tuesday, September 21**
**at 10 a.m.**

**Jessica Rickman** of GasLamp Antiques Mall will speak about the unusual antiques in her booth.

*Meet in the GasLamp Café at 100 Powell Place, Suite 200*

*opposite Vanderbilt Health at 100 Oaks*

**RSVP to Mary Helen**

Mary Helen Short  615-269-0538
maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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**Loosely Bound**

will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Elisabeth Sandberg’s house in Brentwood.

Our reading selection:

**SEPTEMBER 28**
**Furious Hours** by Casey Cep

**OCTOBER 26**
**My Sister the Serial Killer** by Soyinks Braithwaite

You have heard about the intrepid interest groups who met under all conditions? Visualize Loosely Bound wrapped in rugs around the Sandberg’s fire pit in winter.

Elisabeth Sandberg  text: 617-957-2169

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**The Daytime Movie Group** will not meet in September due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. Hopefully, October will see a reprieve so we can resume.

Thank you for your understanding - Betsy

Betsy Fleetwood
615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

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**Mah Jongg for Beginners**

Want to learn to play? Want to practice newly-learned skills?

**Tuesdays 10 a.m. - Noon**

(except for the third Tuesday if the Antique Study Group is meeting)

(10:00 - 11:15 a.m. on Movie Day)

Join us every week or occasionally. Whatever fits your schedule. Experienced players are welcome to guide us on our way.

Lynne Siesser 615-298-5659
lsiesser7@gmail.com

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GasLamp Antiques & Decorating Mall

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Click here to see what's new in the picture gallery on our website
Mah Jongg - Daytime

has resumed
Every Wednesday at 1pm
We will follow Vanderbilt guidelines, masks and vaccinations required. An Evite will be sent as per the old days pre-pandemic.

Stay tuned!
We have a shared responsibility to each other and all participants must be vaccinated. We will be spending hours together.

Diane Whalley
Kate Shaw
Marva Collins
in 2016.
We miss you Kate.

Cindy Slobogin  615-292-2214
slobogin@hotmail.com

Anyone for Cribbage?
Join us Grace Wernke and friends
Wednesdays
at 2pm
(day and time flexible)
Grace Wernke
815-222-5986
gcwernke@msn.com

Save the dates:
Fall Speaker
Tues, 10/19/21 at 11am
Fall Brunch
Thurs, 10/21/21 at 10am

Quilting
We received a request through Volunteer Services at the VUMC from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for quilts for their smallest, preterm infants. Initially, these quilts are placed over the top of the Giraffe Beds (aka incubators) to block light and noise from the sensitive eyes and ears of these tiny patients and are then, gifted to the family.

Thank you, Clare Heiberger, Merrill Helou and Lynne Siesser for working on the first batch (12) to be delivered and thank you, Peggy Curci’s Mum for donating the fabulous baby fabric.

Lynne Siesser  615-298-5659
lsiesser7@gmail.com

We would love to have anyone with nimble fingers join our project.
Menkveld Farms in Nolensville

Join us to hear about this CSA farm and their flowers. They have planted fields of sunflowers!

September 28th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Cost $10
https://www.menkveldfarm.com/

Address:
2966 McCanless Road, Nolensville, TN 37135
RSVP:
Tracy Stadnick
at tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu
by September 27th.
Signup and pay:
https://menkveld-farm-scheduling.as.me/educational-farm-tour

We are delighted to bring to you
Margie Hunter,
author of Gardening with Native Plants and the Founder of the Tennessee Naturalist Program for a ZOOM talk.

September 15th
Time 10:00—11:00 a.m.

RSVP to Tracy Stadnick
(To know how many to expect on the call)
tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

See the attached website about Margie's book.

https://www.amazon.com/Gardening-Native-Plants-Tennessee-Spirit/dp/1572331550/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1CUMTBWN5POFU&dchild=1&keywords=margie+hunter&qid=1630446172&s=books&sprefix=Margie+Hunter%2Caps%2C153&sr=8-1

Gardening and Community Service present

Hannah Mathis
Volunteer Coordinator
Turnip Green Reuse and Recycling
turnipgreencreativereuse.org
The Turnip Seed program

September 30th
11:00 a.m.
ZOOM

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Continuing our history of Community Service, there are In Person opportunities as well as virtual and contact-free take home ways to volunteer. Sign up to receive more information. sharonberenfeld@gmail.com

September 30th at 11am Zoom meeting with Hannah Mathis, Volunteer Coordinator with Turnip Green Reuse and Recycling (turnipgreencreativereuse.org). Last year, 168,919 pounds of material was diverted from the landfill and repurposed! Learn about their mission, the recycle shop, after school activities and art gallery. Learn about the ways we can help out both In Person and Take Home. We will also hear about their Turnip Seed program (their garden, Plant Swaps), in conjunction with our Garden Club.

PENCIL: In Person the 1st Wednesday of the Month - beginning OCTOBER 6TH at 9am. There is room for 8 volunteers to help sort donated school supplies for distribution to Metro Nashville Public Schools. Meet Sarah Finney at their warehouse, 7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd. Please email Elaine Smyth at smyth416@comcast.net to sign up.

PENCIL: At Home projects. Make journals, flashcards, organizing paper, and, there is a program for volunteers to make videos for students to watch! For more information on these projects, email sharonberenfeld@gmail.com

Snacks for Vanderbilt Medical Center COVID Unit
The Physicians, Nurses, Respiratory Therapists and other Staff taking care of COVID Patients are working tirelessly. Send Snacks for them to enjoy during breaks! Simply click the link below to find a list of individually wrapped snacks. Choose what you would like to send! Please make sure items are delivered to Katie Kelly, one of the nurses. Her address will not appear, but be assured she will receive the deliveries. She has offered to have deliveries to her home, then she will bring snacks to work. Thank you Amy Smith, for facilitating this!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/V9L8NTRAWZQY?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_PoLG3odCdmoxg

You can also copy and paste this link in your browser.
Communications Gurus

Thank you for keeping us all informed.
Please send all photos or items you want to share to

Kelly Chambers
kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Text: 409-771-5731

She will disseminate all information. Kelly will also guide you through joining our social media.

The Team

Kelly Chambers - Coordinator
Nancy Dwyer - Publicity
Lisa LeMaster - Website
Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News

Interest Groups

Do you have another interest not listed?

Elaine Smyth  615-298-2378  smyth416@comcast.net

DAYTIME

ANTQUIES: Mary Helen Short  3rd Tuesday at 10am
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel  1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - nfruetel@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short  2nd Tuesday 1pm
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

CHOCOLATE! Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS
Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Lina Keefe - 615-268-3850 - LDFK@comcast.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Sharon Berenfeld  704-936-7479
SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke  Wednesdays 2pm
815-222-5986 - gwernke@msn.com

FRENCH: Joan Harshman  2nd Thursday 1pm
615-864-8885 - joan.s.harshman@gmail.com

GARDENING: Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin  Every Wednesday 1pm
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MAH JONGG - BEGINNERS: Lynne Siesser  Tuesdays 10am
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

MOVIE GROUP - DAY: Betsy Fleetwood
615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 12:30pm
Joey Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

POP-UP GROUP:  Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

EVENING/WEEKEND

BOOK GROUP ONE: 2nd Sunday 2:30pm
Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - ann.ercelawn@gmail.com
Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT: Marie Hindman
864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com

LOOSELY BOUND (BOOK GROUP): Elisabeth Sandberg
3rd Wednesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169

MAH JONGG - EVENING: Monthly at 6 or 6:30pm - 9pm
Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING:
Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com
POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

INACTIVE:

Anyone willing to reactivate these groups?

GET FIT, GOURMET GROUP,
MUSIC GROUP, VANDY LUNCH

Stay Connected

Join our VWC Facebook group to keep up with happenings in the club throughout the year. It’s a closed group so only VWC members may post information or see posts. You do need a Facebook account to join.

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
Vanderbilt Woman’s Club
Opening Tea...Poolside!

Thursday September 23, 2011
1:30 to 3:30 pm

Richland Country Club Pool
One Club Drive
Nashville TN 37215

Members are invited to join the club in honoring life members, reconnecting with old friends, sign up for interest groups. Ample shade, cool breezes, and refreshments provided.
"Swimwear optional"

Please RSVP to Peggy Curci
peggy@thecurcis.com

Reservation Deadline is September 16, 2021
# September 2021

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**FUTURE MEETINGS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- Fall Speaker from AARP: Tuesday, October 19 at 11 a.m.
- Fall Brunch: Thursday, October 21 at Urban Grub on the back patio. 10 a.m. to Noon.
- Holiday Lunch: Thursday, December 2 at Old Natchez Country Club pending COVID regulations.
VWC in-person meeting guidelines:

**Vanderbilt Woman's Club is following the COVID guidelines for Vanderbilt University.**

As you are no doubt aware, the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is spreading through our community. Delta is highly infectious. Hospitalizations are rising quickly, and even those who are fully vaccinated may become infected or transmit the virus to others.

As we did last year under pandemic conditions, the Vanderbilt Woman’s Club will follow the latest VU/VUMC protocols for safety.

As of August 12, 2021, VU released adjusted health and safety protocols. Despite the University’s 94% vaccination rate, the Chancellor announced that masks would be required for all indoor on-campus meetings.

Please see the link below to read the complete statement from Chancellor Diermeier.

Following these guidelines, then, if you wish to attend an indoor VWC gathering or event, masks are required.

For now, your vaccination status will not be checked, although this may prove to be necessary as the situation evolves. Anyone who does not wish to follow these VU/VUMC protocols for safe indoor gathering is asked to refrain from attending.

When the University guidelines and protocols change, we will inform you promptly. Thank you for your VWC membership, your cooperation with VU/VUMC COVID-19 guidelines, and your flexibility in these challenging circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon Hels
President, Vanderbilt Woman’s Club

To join or renew, complete the form below and mail with your check to the
Membership Chair:

Elizabeth Doyle
1556 Oxford Court ~ Gallatin, TN 37066
615-218-5164/Elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

Vanderbilt Woman’s Club
Founded 1893

Last Name
(Please Print) First Name Your Vanderbilt Department/Alumna

Home Address

City Zip

Home Phone/Cell
(If included, cell will be listed in the directory)

Husband/Partner's Name & Department
( ) Husband/Partner deceased

E-mail Address

Introduced to the Vanderbilt Woman’s Club by

PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY:

( ) Regular Member of Vanderbilt Woman’s Club
(Women who are employed or are alumnae or whose husbands/partners are or were (retired/deceased) employed by the University or Medical Center and women who are not formally associated with the University, but possess an interest in the affairs of the University)

( ) Life Member (member for 40 years) Optional

( ) Honorary Member Optional
(The wife or the Chancellor of the University, women who are, or whose spouses/partners are, members of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust; and those women whose services to the University or the Club, by a decision of the Board, deserve special recognition)

( ) New to Vanderbilt Woman’s Club

( ) Alumna

Annual dues ($40.00) 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)
https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events/register/home/eventId/567

TO BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK BY OCTOBER 1ST

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A DIFFERENT PICTURE IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE SEND ONE ELECTRONICALLY OR MAIL A HARD COPY FOR SCANNING.
AFTER THE DEADLINE YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE LISTS & RECEIVE FUTURE ISSUES OF THE MAGNOLIA NEWS.

Interested in? ( ) Antiques ( ) Book Group 1 ( ) Book Group 2 ( ) Tuesday Bridge ( ) Chocolate ( ) Cocktail Club ( ) Community Explorers ( ) Community Service ( ) French ( ) Group Me Pop-Up ( ) Loosely Bound ( ) Mah Jongg ( ) Evening Mah Jongg ( ) Movie Group ( ) Out to Lunch ( ) Quilting ( ) Gardening

Volunteer opportunities: ( ) Serving on the Board or special committees * ( ) Chairing a new interest group
( ) Fund Raising * ( ) Chairing ScholarSongs * ( ) Hosting a table of 10 – you & 8 non-members at ScholarSongs
( ) Finding donations for the scholarship * ( ) Refreshments for events * ( ) Hosting an event in your home
( ) Special Events * ( ) Computer skills for consolidating information or creating flyers

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