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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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Message from the president:

Ah, the New Year. I've heard that goal setting in a new year involves two categories – realistic goals that we know can be reached and dream goals that we hope to achieve in the future. Short term satisfaction; long term motivation.

And so it is with our **Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund**. This year we are within striking distance of an important target. If we add roughly \$10,000 to the scholarship endowment fund we will hit a **\$100,000** goal, an amount needed to provide sustainable income for one \$5,000 scholarship per year. This would be a BIG accomplishment. This goal began in 2013 with a \$42,000 start to the fund. The generosity of our membership of more than 250 women inspires me. There are so many ways that we all can help achieve this goal. There are many events that raise money for the fund – small ones like the Music Nights or the Bridge Extravaganza -- and of course our biggest fund and fun-raiser of the year – **ScholarSips**, which this year will be on **Friday, February 17**.

You may make straight donations to the fund at any time. We also have lovely Tribute Cards that enable you to make donations in memory of or in honor of your loved ones and provide a nice card to send in addition to the official acknowledgement that is sent from the university.

As club members and contributors we all can be very proud of our accomplishments so far. We have helped many outstanding students achieve a Vanderbilt education. I urge everyone to help push us over the top to reach this \$10,000 goal so that we can begin reaching toward the next \$100,000 goal and a second endowed scholarship. After we have done it once we will know that it can be done again.

Thank you again for your generosity. And please check out our Facebook Group if you'd like casual updates between newsletters:

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

Hope to see you all at our Annual Meeting on January 19, which for this year is being held at the Brentwood Library due to construction around the Vanderbilt Old Gym.



Kelly

Next meeting (details on page 8):
Thursday, January 19: 10:00 a.m.: Annual Meeting at Brentwood Public Library
Angel Anthamatten, Vanderbilt Nursing School
Don't forget to RSVP

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

Donors

2016-2017

Goal: **\$20,000** 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)

November and December

**Tuesday Bridge * Tapas & Sangria Event * Holiday Bazaar
Cookie Exchange**

also from

Marianne Huffman

Lynne Siesser in memory of Dr. Lineu Correa Fonseca

**The VWC Board in memory of Ruby Smith,
mother of Angela Bowens**

Academic Year to date

Becky Atack * Elisabetha Baugh * Ruth Ann Brown * Sarah Calvani * Toni Carlton * Anne Carr
Kelly Chambers * Amy Christiansen * Janet Crowson * Helen Dale * Dot Galloway
Kathy Garthwaite * Joy Hambrick * Cherie Hamilton * Kathy Hood
Joan Hornberger * Polly House * Sheila Jensen * Pam King * Karen Leeman * Lisa LeMaster
Lynn Maddox * Anne Manner * Barbara Martin * Sheila McCarty * Elaine McKenna
Deanie Miller * Inka Odom * Anne Plummer * Nancy Poblador * Malu Ramsey
Ellie Raths * Kim Ross * Susan Samson * Lois Scholes * Donna Session * Kate Shaw
Lynne Siesser * Jeanne Dudley Smith * Sandy Spitz * Tracy Stadnick * Mary Stinson
Margie Stoll * Jane Stumpf * Johanna Sulser * Mildred Tilley * Marilyn Tolk * Faye Wyatt
Randi Lee Young



\$9,066

Remember!
**Nominations for
the Board:**
**President-elect
& Corresponding
Secretary**

Thank you, vendors who made donations to
the Scholarship from the Holiday Bazaar . . .

Joan Hornberger, Sara Plummer, Chris Browning,
Carol Winfree, Char Culbertson, *Thistle Farms*,
Doris Lynn, Cindy David
Kendra Scott and *Pampered Chef*
\$958.60 for the Scholarship fund!

Welcome new members

**Evelyn Blackmon * Eleanor Gregory
Gail Molen**

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

Friday, February 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m.: *ScholarSips at the Central Library*

Thursday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.: Spring Lecture meeting place to be determined. Brentwood Library is being recarpeted.
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 . . .

Mary Stinson has lived in Nashville since 1999 from



Mobile, Alabama, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Ruston, Louisiana and Laurel, Mississippi.

She attended Mount Vernon College, DC and University of Southern Mississippi. She is a member of the Kappa Delta sorority.

Mary has worked as a flight attendant and travel agent. She is currently a real estate agent. Mary likes to hike, travel, play Mah Jongg and spend time with family and miniature poodle, Sugie.

Both of her adult sons live in Nashville. She recently became a Mother in Law. Her husband, Tim has recently retired and they plan to spend time traveling. Mary's secret indulgence is dark chocolate and favorite drink is Cabernet. A good pairing.

Asiya Belkhat has lived in Nashville for 11 years



before that having lived in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Asiya was born in Russia completing her education at IRGUPS in Russia.

She works altering wedding dresses at Village Bridal.

Her hobbies consist of painting, sewing, crafting and hiking. Asiya's indulgence is traveling and favorite foods are Italian and Japanese.

Tommye Elrod was born in Nashville in fact at



Vanderbilt. Her father was a graduate from Vanderbilt Law school.

Tommye has lived in Texas, Southern California and New York and has travelled to many countries. She attended Virginia Intermont and UT.

Tommye owns retail stores in Boston in the Fairmont and the Taj and are looking at the

Pierre in New York. For fun she likes to snow ski, plays tennis and horseback rides.

Her secret indulgence is chocolate and favorite food is Italian.

Mary Helen Short has lived in Nashville her whole life.



She is Mommy to the world's two cutest doggies, plus 19 outdoor fish and two indoor fish.

She graduated from Peabody Demonstration School, then Peabody College in 1965, but became an "automatic" VU alum with the 1979

"merger". She taught elementary school for 3 years, worked for Cain Sloan for 3 years, and was the Administrator of the State Division of Radiological Health for 40 years.

She spends her time with friends and family, church "jobs" and activities, doll/miniatures collecting, travel (39 States and 75 countries), yard work (including koi pond maintenance), playing bridge, genealogical prep required for application for membership in the Mayflower Society, and doggie care.

The Regal Movie Interest Group

enjoys going to the movies together once a month

They usually gather for lunch beforehand at a nearby restaurant. **Betsy Fleetwood** is the coordinator of this group

(befleet@aol.com or 615-579-903). Next viewings at the Green Hills Regal: **Tuesdays, January 24 & February 21**

If an afternoon movie doesn't suit your schedule, check out the new Evening Movie Group coordinated by

Betsy and Cindy Slobogin

(slobogin@hotmail.com or 615-292-2214).



Becky Atack, Joan Harshman, Judith Hodges, Sue Clark, Mildred Tilley, Martha Alexander, Joan Hornberger, Lin Watson, Angela Bovens, Cindy Slobogin, Roberta Maguire, Joyce Gore, Merle Born, Inka Odom, Katherine Johnson, Betsy Fleetwood

Would you like to brush up on a foreign language? Join one of our interest groups where members get together and practice their conversational skills in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The French group is one of the largest language groups with 6-8 members who attend the monthly meetings over lunch.

Joan Harshman is the coordinator. For more information, contact Joan at joan.s.harshman@att.net or 615-292-2260.



Joan Harshman, Penny TeSelle, Maisie Roden, Anne Plummer, Frances Hahn, Eileen Crawford, Eva Hodgson

Vanderbilt University THEATRE

FACULTY & STAFF

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| Jon Halquist | Director of Undergraduate Studies |
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| Laura Bodin | Administrative Assistant |

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Visit the Department of Theatre online at www.vanderbilt.edu/theatre

Find VUTheatre, the student organization, online for more theatrical opportunities.
 Facebook.com/vanderbiltheatre
 Instagram: @vanderbiltheatre Twitter: @VUTheatre
anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/organization/vut

The Theater Interest Group

is new this year and has about 28 members. Several of us recently attended *A Shayna Maidel* at the Vanderbilt University Theater.

For more information contact

Ann Ercelawn (ann.ercelawn@gmail.com)

or

Diane Banks (banksn@gmail.com).

*Susanne Reiss
Eileen Crawford
Ann Ercelawn
Diane Banks*





Cocktail Club

Our gracious hosts will be ...

- 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



Evening Movie Group

is off to a great start.

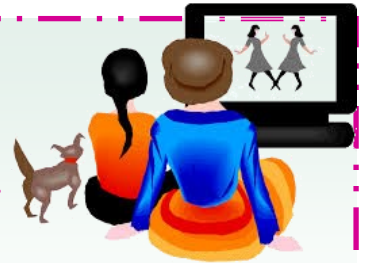
Nine for the first viewing!

Contact the chairs for future dates.

Cindy Slobogin 615-292-2214

slobogin@hotmail.com

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



Theater interest group

announces their new chairs!

Ann Ercelawn 615-298-4766 ann.ercelawn@gmail.com

Diane Banks 615-289-7029 banksdn@gmail.com

Gourmet Group

January 28

Chinese New Year at the Curcis

Chinese New Year Dumpling Class at Whole Foods in Green Hills. The class is hands-on and you will go away full. It's Tuesday,

January 17 from 11-1, cost is \$60. Payment should be sent to

Peggy Curci,

6249 Hillsboro Pike,
Nashville, TN 37215-5501

not VWC. Deadline is Jan 10.

Max attendance is 30.

Carmen Gherman

615-354-4421

cggherman@yahoo.com



2017
CHINESE YEAR
OF ROOSTER



*Quilting needs scraps of fabric.
Do you have some you could donate?*



Quilting

Our group meets at

Lynne Siesser's home, 2009 Overhill Drive
in Green Hills from 10:00 to 11:30
on first and third Tuesday.

You can also quilt at home. Joan, Eleanor, Lynne and Peggy have been working on making two pillows using men's ties. We have started making the "petals" for a Dresden plate pattern. If you would like to help us with this project please join us any Tuesday.

Our next project will be making lap quilts for wheelchair patients to be donated to the Medical Center.

Peggy Curci 314-369-4119 peggy@thecurcis.com

Joan Hornberger 615-730-5534 zackapatch@gmail.com

Cookie Exchange We would like to say thank you to the music committee for coming up with the musical cookie exchange concept and with a special thank you to Peggy for opening up her home, Elaine for the wonderful cheese and crackers, Marian for her fruit tart and Kelly as our parking director.



Thank you everyone who joined us. It was an enjoyable event. All the cookies and treats were amazing.

If anyone would like to join our music event committee please contact either



Joy Allington-Baum at 214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or
Kendra Holroyd, at 615-887-8222 k2holroyd@comcast.net

Fill the gym . . . Vanderbilt Woman's Basketball vs Florida

Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 pm

Tickets are \$1!!!!

Contact Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731

kellychambers420@yahoo.com

to join the VWC group of cheering fans



Community Service



Community Volunteers at the Pencil Foundation: together we assist the educational needs of teachers and students in Metro schools.

Wednesday mornings:

LP Pencil

Box, McCann Alternative Learning Center,
1300 56th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209

Kathleen Donofrio

615-383-8732

Community Service and Explorers

will go to Second Harvest together on
March 8 8:30 - 11:30 am



kafdonofrio@gmail.com

Where are our former VWC presidents?

Cherie Hamilton

2002-2003



- Originally from Connecticut
- Majored in Math at Southern Connecticut State
- Husband, Russell (*former Dean of the Graduate School at Vanderbilt*) did research for his Ph. D. in Brazil while on a Fulbright Scholarship. Cherie taught Math at the Pan American School and English at the Catholic University there
- Russ completed his Ph.D. at Yale and they moved to Minnesota where Cherie completed a B.A. in Anthropology and Business Administration
- 15 years with General Mills ending up as VP for Latin American/New York exports using her three languages—Spanish, Portuguese and English
- At Vanderbilt, Cherie was involved in the Nashville community - President of Planned Parenthood and many boards - YWCA, Bethlehem Centers, Arts Commission, VAAN (*Visual Alliance for the Arts in Nashville*), ALARA (*Afro-Latin American Research Association*), N4ART (*promoting Afro-American Artists*) and United Way
- Wrote *Cuisines of Portuguese Encounters*. Cherie is fluent in Portuguese, as she has lived in Brazil for 3 years, Portugal for 2 years and the former Portuguese colonies in Africa: Mozambique, Angola & Cape Verde
- After Russ retired, they moved back to Minneapolis
- Member of Oscher Lifelong Learning Institute of University of Minnesota since 2006
- Teaches courses on the Portuguese & Brazilian history, culture & cuisine
- Has led four trips to Brazil & Portugal at the end of the courses
- Cherie has just finished teaching a course on Brazil and will lead a tour to Brazil in **May 2017**. She will take 24 travelers. Vanderbilt Woman's Club members are invited to join her. For further information, contact Cherie at pimentamalageta@hotmail.com or **612-929-0233**
- Cherie is also president of the Board of OLLI at U. of Minnesota

Community Explorers

Join us for a tour of the **Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI)** and lunch afterwards at **Cochon Butcher**

Friday, January 27th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Motto of the TBI is "*That Guilt Not Escape Nor Innocence Suffer.*" The TBI is Tennessee's lead law enforcement agency, created as a result of a highly publicized murder in 1949. Its purpose is to be an unbiased state agency to assist local law enforcement in the investigation of serious crimes. TBI provides up-to-date investigative forensic science and support to the entire criminal justice system. Our tour will include videos about the TBI and a walking hallway tour of the Information Systems Criminalist area, Evidence Area, and Computer Forensic area.

TBI is located in the northern part of Davidson County at
901 R.S. Gass Blvd 37216

(phone 615-744-4000). After our tour, we will drive to lunch at Cochon Butcher at **1120 4th Ave. North 37218** in Germantown (<http://www.cochonbutcher.com/nashville>).

Cochon specializes in innovative Cajun and American fare, including muffaletta sandwiches and house-made charcuterie.

Our tour is limited to the first **25** respondents, because of space limitations at the facility.

Ebbie Redwine eRedwine9@gmail.com

Third Annual Bridge Extravaganza

Saturday, January 21

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Home of Lynne Siesser

2009 Overhill Drive

in Green Hills

*in support of the
Scholarship Fund*

lsiesser7@gmail.com

New time

French Group

Date:

**Second Thursday
of the Month**

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Place: Richland Place Soda Shop



Vanderbilt Woman's Club Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

10:00 am

Brentwood Library
8109 Concord Road, Brentwood

Please join us for:

- ◆ A brief business meeting, including the election of officers for the 2017/18 Vanderbilt Woman's Club Board and recognition of new Life Members

- ◆ A Fascinating talk by

Angel Anthamatten, DNP, BC-ADM, FNP-BC

Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing

Anthamatten received the Dean's 2016 Award for Recognition of Faculty Achievement in Informatics Endeavors. These awards recognize faculty who make major contributions in research, academics, clinical practice and informatics.

*D.N.P. University of Tennessee Center for Health Science,
Memphis, Tennessee*

M.S.N. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

B.S. Union University, Jackson, Tennessee

- ◆ Complimentary Lunch



RSVP by January 12 to

lsiesser7@gmail.com

615-298-5659

Please indicate in your response:

Are you attending the meeting?

Are you staying for lunch?

**Nominations for officers for the 2017/18 board are welcome by
January 12. Contact the Nominating Committee through**

lsiesser7@gmail.com

615-298-5659



**Explorers Club
Event
At the
Franklin
Glassblowing
Studio**

**Followed by lunch
at Bunganut Pub**

\$40 per person

FEB 24, 2017
10:00 AM

Explorers Club Event

Join us to make either an ornament, heart, paperweight or flower.

Followed by lunch at Bunganut Pub and Eatery
www.bunganutpig.com next door.

Please RSVP by February 13 th to joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or
call Joy Allington-Baum at 214-755-5328.

Bring check made out to Franklin Glassblowing Studio to the event.

**FRANKLIN
GLASSBLOWING
STUDIO**

1143 Columbia Ave,
Franklin, TN