Dear VWC friends,

As a rule, springtime in Middle Tennessee is glorious. Technically, this year the Spring Equinox occurred at 10:33am on March 20, when the sun crossed the equator into the Northern Hemisphere. But here in Nashville, spring is not just a point in time—it’s a process to track at ground level. We see it in a series of flowering pear trees, cherry trees, crab apples, redbuds and dogwoods, to say nothing of the wildflowers, daffodils and tulips that come and go in April. So far, barring a late freeze, our 2022 Appalachian spring has been magnificent.

So many of our Club members are amazing gardeners, hard at work to make the best of the new growing season. The rest of us can only admire the results. If you keep a garden or plant flowers in outdoor containers, or you live in an area with lovely views, you can help us do that. Just snap a few photos anytime and send them to Kelly Chambers.

Our traditional Spring Lecture this month, coordinated by our Vice President Anna Walker, has an unexpected twist: Dr. Andre Churchwell, a Harvard-trained, practicing cardiologist and Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt, former Associate Vice-Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the University, has yet another area of expertise that I bet you would never guess: the art of fashion design. We are excited to feature his presentation on fashion and innovation on April 8, at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. I hope to see you there.

This issue of the newsletter is packed with fun things to do, new ideas for getting together, and opportunities to welcome new members and serve our community. I always marvel at the energy and ingenuity of Vanderbilt Woman’s Club members.

Wishing you the gift of wonder at the natural beauty all around us, and the courage to hope and work for peace in our cruelly fractured world.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon
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.

Capital Campaign: Liz Doyle, Ann Ercelawn, Tracy Stadnick
We sincerely thank everyone who has made a gift to the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Endowment.
If your name is missing, contact Lynne Siesser lsiesser7@gmail.com to be added to the list. Information does not always trickle down.

Year to date

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Honor Roll of the Capital Campaign
From February 14 to 27, 2022

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Susan Winchester
The Lunch Bunch

click here to make your donation by credit card

Sharon Hels, Lynne and Bill Siesser attend the Reception for Scholars.
**Girls Night Out**

**Tuesday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Sinema** - The Upstairs Lounge.
Melrose at 2600 8th Ave South, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37204.

The velvet couches and rock-n-roll themed space is a blend of classic charm and modern vibe in a relaxed atmosphere. The Lounge at Sinema offers a full menu to accompany the thoughtful spirits menu, which includes cinematic-themed craft cocktails, carefully selected seasonal beers, and a competitive wine, whiskey and spirits menu. Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan and Gluten Free Options available.

**Marie Hindman**  
864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com

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**Cocktail Club**

Share a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d’oeuvres. Bring your spouse, bring a friend or come on your own to meet new friends from other departments.

**Saturday, April 30**  
**(masks optional)**

May  Harris/Cutler  
June  Collins

Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980  
lsiesser7@gmail.com

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**Evening Mah Jongg**

**Thursday, April 14, 6 to 9 pm.**

at Peggy Curci’s  
Bring your new 2022 card.  
If you have not ordered one, please do so ASAP.  
https://www.nationalmahjongleague.org/store.aspx#  
There will be NO Evening Mah Jongg from May through August. We will resume in September.

Second Thursday  
at 6 p.m.

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**Lunch Bunch**

Save the date **Thursday, April 28th at 1 pm**

Location to be announced.

Suggestions for locations can be sent to joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com  
Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328

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Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
Archives News

Join us in the archives to identify members in photographs.

Questions? Contact:

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

If you would rather help from home, please let Joy know at joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com and we can share a jump drive for you to fill in the blanks.

Please continue to share NEW photos with us.

Thank you for keeping us all informed with pictures of meetings and interest groups.

Send all photos you want to share (with names) to

Kelly Chambers
kellychambers420@yahoo.com Text: 409-771-5731

Nearly 4000 photographs from the VWC website have had members’ names attached and have been transferred to the Vanderbilt Archives. Only the photographs from the last three years can still be seen in the gallery at www.vanderbilt.edu/vwc.

Armchair Travel
(back by popular demand)

Friday, April 29 at 7pm

David Condra
South Africa: Cape to Kruger

Let Lynne know if you would like to be on the email list for this and future events.
Spouses welcome.

Relive your travels by sharing your photographs with friends.

Details will be emailed later.
Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980 lsiesser7@gmail.com
Explorers/Cocktails

Tuesday, April 5. (rain date April 6)
7:00 - 9:00PM
Dyer Observatory
bring your own cocktail/beverage, and a small appetizer to share
RSVP by April 2nd required!!! That is today. travy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Dr. Billy Teets, director of Dyer Observatory, will give us a brief tour inside the observatory to highlight some of the history of astronomy at Dyer and Vanderbilt University as well as a few exhibits. We shall see a short presentation about some of the objects visible that evening and discuss one or two upcoming events, namely lunar eclipses. Finally, we shall end at the Seyfert Telescope to view the Moon, Orion Nebula, and a few other objects.

Dr. Billy Teets is the director of Dyer Observatory as well as the resident astronomer. He coordinates events for the community to engage in astronomy like: Telescope Nights, open houses, lectures, concerts, summer camps, and field trips. He establishes exhibits at the observatory and collaborates with Vanderbilt's physics and astronomy departments as well as teaches introductory astronomy classes.

Questions? Tracy Stadnick

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Explorers/Gardeners

Wildflower Hike
Tuesday, April 12th
10:00 - 12:00
bring your own picnic

Join us as we have a wildflower hike on private property in Millersville. The largest area of Blue-eyed Mary's in the State (which may be blooming when we are there). Also, trilliums, celandine poppies, delphinium, and many more. We've found a few morrell mushrooms over the years too.

RSVP to Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu for directions. (the drive is about 45 minutes from Brentwood)

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
Book Group 1 now meets on the first Sunday at 2:30p.m.

Discussion for April 3 led by Becky Atack:

*The Sum of Us* by Heather McGee

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

Chocolate Lovers Event!

Chocolate Fountain at Peggy Curci’s

**Monday, April 18th**

7:00 - 8:00

Please bring something to share to put into the Chocolate Fountain.

RSVP
Tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Watch for details about our newest interest group in the May newsletter.

*Explore Vanderbilt Events*

is for members wanting to connect to Vanderbilt events. Art, Sports, Chancellor lectures, other lectures, anything of interest that Vanderbilt is offering.

etc, etc. . . .
Communications Gurus

Thank you for keeping us all informed.
Please send all photos (with names) 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

Pop-Up Group or PUG is a loosely formed group of VWC members with diverse interests and sometimes flexible schedules who want to meet up with other members for fun outside of regularly scheduled club events. Movies, hikes, lectures, theater, festivals, music events, whatever – they are all game for PUG click on https://groupme.com/en-US/.

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.

Interest Groups
Do you have another interest not listed?
Elaine Smyth  615-298-2378  smyth416@comcast.net

Daytime

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

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel  1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@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: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke Tuesdays 10am
815-222-5986 - gcwernke@msn.com

FRENCH: Maisie Roden  2nd Thursday 1pm
maisie.roden@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 1pm
615-856-3980 - lsiesser@gmail.com

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

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 12:30pm
Joy 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

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser - 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com  One Friday per month 7pm

BOOK GROUP ONE: 1st 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
4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169

MAH JONGG - EVENING: 2nd Thursday - 6pm
Peggy Curci - 314-369-4119 - peggy@theCurcises.com

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING:
Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

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

NEW Vanderbilt Events Explorers
If you are interested in a group getting together to enjoy what Vanderbilt has to offer, let Elaine Smyth know.
smyth416@comcast.net

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
VWC Community Service Group:

Upcoming Activities

Kelly Chambers  409-771-5731  kellychambers420@yahoo.com

"Pencil" (previously known to us as LP Pencil Box)

When: 1st Wednesday of the Month. Next date is April 6, 9-11:00 a.m.
What: There is room for 8 volunteers to help sort donated school supplies for distribution to Metro Nashville Public Schools. This is very light work and a good time to chat with friends old and new while helping Metro School teachers.
Where: Meet Sarah Finney at their warehouse, 7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd.
R.S.V.P.: Please email Elaine Smyth at smyth416@comcast.net to sign up so that she can manage numbers.
For more information about Pencil's mission check out their website: https://pencilforschools.org

Food Distribution to the Food Insecure:
Joint effort of Vanderbilt University and OneGen Food Distribution

When: The next date is Saturday, April 30. First volunteers arrive around 7:00 a.m. but you can come a little later. It's usually finished by mid morning.
What: Volunteers first bag and box up food donations. Then the donated food is loaded into shopping carts. Lastly the food is transferred from shopping carts into the trunks of cars that drive through the area. It is outdoors and socially distanced. It is very well organized.
Where: Fort Negley
R.S.V.P. No need. Just show up.
For more information on One Gen Away see their website: https://www.onegenaway.com

Last order of the year - VWC Name Tags - $10

Members have asked for a reusable magnetic name tag to wear at all our events.

Questions? Call Peggy at 314-369-4119.
Send cash or check to Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, 37215.

Name: __________________________
Title: ____________________________

Deadline for orders
April 25

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
Parking will be accessible from Lots A, B (free parking-B is closest) and the Wesley Place Garage (parking fee @ $3/HR), 1963 Scarritt Pl Nashville, TN 37203
Metered parking on 19th

Meet in the
International Room on the
2nd floor of Bennett Hall
Elevator available

Lunch at noon
Speaker at 12:45 pm
Arrive at 11:30 am to allow for parking and navigating to the building.

ZOOM: For those who are unable to attend in person, the ZOOM link is:
Topic: VWC SPRING LECTURE
Time: April 8, 2022 12:45 PM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87660136356
Meeting ID: 876 6013 6356
Passcode: VWC
One tap mobile
+13017158592,87660136356#, **088483
# US (Washington DC)
+13126266799,87660136356#, **088483
# US (Chicago)

Lunch reservations are closed but you can still attend the presentation.
Email Anna at totallyou@msn.com
Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Spring Luncheon

Thursday May 5, 2022
11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Richland Country Club
One Club Drive
Nashville TN 37215

Our Luncheon Menu: The Ladies Tee Buffet

Chef’s Soup Du Jour

Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings; Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad

Tomato, Cucumber and Red Onion Salad; Broccoli Nut Salad, Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Asparagus and Basil Platter

Bowls of Chunky Chicken Salad and Tuna Salad, Grilled Chicken Strips; Assorted Fresh Breads

Pastry Chef’s Selection of Assorted Cakes and Pies

Please send your reservation with check made payable to Vanderbilt Woman’s Club:
Peggy Curci – 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215. To pay by credit card

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vanderbilt-womans-club-spring-luncheon-tickets-295833374587

Reservation Deadline is April 28, 2022

We will have a book and puzzle swap to help with your spring cleaning!!
Table will be available in the rear of the room.

Spring Luncheon May 5, 2022

Luncheon Cost $30 ______

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Contact: ______________________________________________________________
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**NOTES**

- Spring Lecture, Friday, April 8
- Spring Luncheon at Richland, Thursday, May 5

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Beginning **Monday, March 14**, the university will move to a mask-optional status if six feet of physical distance can be maintained.

This decision comes backed by science - positive cases of COVID-19 at Vanderbilt dropped 60 percent between the week of Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, and continuing discussions with leading public health experts have guided our decision-making through the course of the pandemic.

Masks will be **optional** for students, faculty, staff and postdocs while indoors, including in classrooms, lab spaces and common areas, if six feet of distance can be maintained. If six feet of distance cannot be maintained, a mask must be worn.

“Mask optional” means it is an individual’s choice whether to wear a mask. The university will continue to support those who want to wear a mask at any time for any reason. We expect all members of the Vanderbilt community to respect others’ choices regarding masking.

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

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