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Dear friends —

Happy New Year! As the holiday season winds down, I hope you all can look back on the last few weeks with satisfaction, and that you can carve out some time to rest and renew yourselves. 2022 has arrived, complete with its own challenges. There is no doubt the Omicron variant of the Covid virus has been a setback. We are adjusting where prudence dictates, following Vanderbilt safety protocols. As a Club we remain committed to creating opportunities for safe, face-to-face meeting—the most rewarding kind.

We start off the new calendar year, as we have traditionally done, with an Annual Business Meeting. This year's meeting, on **January 18**, will feature a talk by **Chancellor Diermeier**, who has guided Vanderbilt through a most difficult two years. Vanderbilt Woman's Club members with longer tenure will remember that the chancellor used to address the Club every year, sometimes even giving advance notice of some new program or initiative of the university. We won't expect **Chancellor Diermeier** to divulge any secrets. I do think that he will inspire us with his vision for our University and its contribution to the greater good of this community and the wider world. There is so much to celebrate, and what a perfect time to do it. Friendly reminder: this meeting includes lunch; be sure to reserve your seat by **January 7!**

These pages will, I hope, also inspire you to participate in the activity of your choice, as your interests and schedule allow. Please contact the Interest Group Chair if you would like to try something new this year.

Wishing you hope and renewal in 2022, with an extra dose of patience for the trying weeks ahead.

Sharon

DATE TO REMEMBER

Details on page nine

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting

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 Harvie Branscomb, was responsible for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus. The naming of the newsletter honors her.

**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.



Our scholar,
Emily Song
(Class of 2023)

Sue Clark, Sara Plummer (Jams), Kendra Scott (Jewelry)
Lynne Siesser in memory of Lael Kiesling's dad and Estelle Condra

Year to date

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, Dot Galloway, Nancy Gentry, Catherine Griffith, Kelly Hammers, Margaret Hansen, Sharon Hels, Pat Holdridge, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth, Sheila Jensen, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Lisa LeMaster, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner, Elaine McKenna, Amelia McTamaney, Kitty Porter, Kimberly Ross, Vivian Shields, Lynne Siesser, Cynthia Slobogin, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Mildred Tilley

In Memoriam Estelle Condra

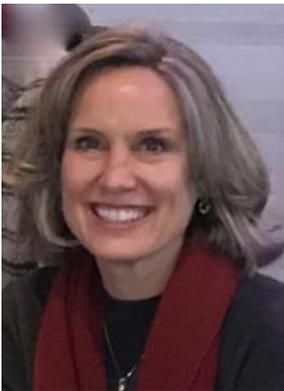
Estelle's Celebration of Life can be seen at
<https://youtu.be/mgIn-X4VjPw>

[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

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



Congratulations, **Lisa LeMaster**,
Nashville **Educator of the Year** in Adult Literacy.

Nominated by the Nashville Adult Literacy Council.

Through her work with the NALC, LeMaster guides numerous adult learners who pursue a wide array of educational paths. From preparing and interviewing for new jobs to learning a new language, LeMaster is a mentor who plays a crucial role in helping each learner achieve their goals.

Nashville Public Library

I cannot imagine a better gift than to help someone become a lifelong reader. I am filled with admiration for adults who have made learning English a priority. Lisa



Welcome new members!

Rena Allison

Ruth Cate

Judi Medford

Susan Perdue

Rebecca Rowland



Ruth Cate

Welcome back!

Nancy Grimes

Met anyone interested in the
VWC? Ask Liz Doyle to
send them a membership form.

elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

or

[Click here](#)

Antique Study Group

We will not meet in January because of the conflict with the Annual Business Meeting.

Mary Helen Short 615-269-0538
maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

Cocktail Club

There will be no January event unless we find a host and can meet safely during the Omicron Variant.

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



Chocolate! meeting around Elisabeth's fire pit in November

Anyone for Scrabble?

Croquet?

Other ideas?

Let Elaine Know.

Loosely Bound

January 25th

The Cookbook Collector by Allegra Goodman.

February 22nd

Red Clocks by Leni Zumas.

Elisabeth Sandberg text: 617-957-2169

7 p.m. at Elisabeth's



Lunch Bunch

We begin 2022 in January having our taste buds travel to South India via Bellevue for our next gastronomical activity.

615Chutney

Date: **January 27th at 1 p.m.**

Located in: Bellevue Valley Plaza

Address: 7075 Hwy 70 S #2,

Nashville, TN 37221

Hours: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Health & safety: Mask required ·

Staff wear masks · Staff get

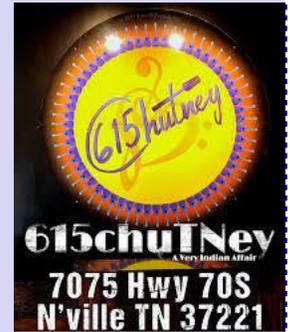
temperature checks · Staff required

to disinfect surfaces between visits ·

[More details](#)

Menu: nashvillechutney.com Phone: (615) 248-8639

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

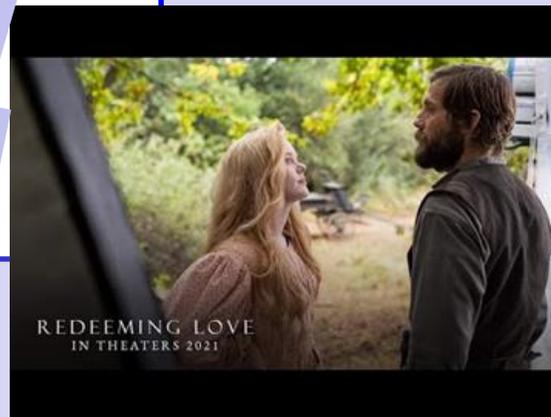


The Daytime Movie Group

Regal Green Hills

Join us
Tuesday,
January 25,
for the **12:30**
showing of

Redeeming Love
rated PG-13.



The movie is based on Francine Rivers bestselling novel of a powerful story of relentless love and perseverance. The story is set against the California Gold Rush of 1850 and it's harsh realities and adult themes.

We will meet for the movie **only** so get your concessions for lunch if you'd like.



Looking forward to seeing you back at the movies

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

Garden Club

January 14th at 10:30 Zoom
with Vanderbilt's landscaper, James Moore.

James Moore will give an overview of the almost 150 years of history of Vanderbilt University's landscape and campus design, from its founding in the 1870s on 75 acres to its more than 300 acres today. He will highlight significant recent projects and provide a preview of changes to come for the campus.

A recent news story highlighted Mr. Moore's efforts this fall to reverse the decline of the white oak. Vanderbilt students and volunteers collected acorns on campus to replant across Tennessee.

<https://www.axios.com/local/nashville/2021/10/29/inside-tennessees-big-acorn-hunt-white-oaks>

*Join us as we will learn what it takes to keep the campus beautiful
and what the vision is for the future of the campus.*

*The Bicentennial Oak is Vanderbilt's oldest tree and inspired the oak leaf logo of the university.
(Steven Baskauf/ Vanderbilt)*

Please RSVP to Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu to let her know you will participate!



Girls Night Out

**Monday, January 24 at the Greenhouse Bar
at 6:00pm.
2211 Brandywood Drive.**

*It was such a fun and pretty spot,
we decided to go again.*

Please let Marie know if you are coming by Jan 21.

Marie Hindman

864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com



*December event:
Patti Gregg, Ursula King, Janie Culos,
MaryLee Jackson, Amy Smith, Cindy Slobogin*



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*

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/>



Instagram

Look for us as
vanderbiltwomansclub
or search for

@vanderbiltwomansclub

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

ANTIQUES: 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:

Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

CRIBBAGE:

Grace Wernke *Wednesdays 2pm*

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 - lsiesser7@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

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

4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169

MAH JONGG - EVENING:

2nd Thursday - 6pm

Peggy Curci - 314-369-4119 - peggy@theCurcis.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**

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

Archives News

We have begun the process of identifying the members in the photos in our archives. I want to say a very big thank you to our volunteers **Sheila Jenson, Anne Plummer** and **Lynne Siesser**.

We have the opportunity to identify the photos from the 90's to early 2000's in the library. If you would like to be added to the group for identification on any of the following dates or for future archival work, let me know.

If these dates don't work and you'd like to work on this project, we can be flexible.

January from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 4th

Wednesday, 5th and/or 19th

Thursday, 6th and/or 20th

You can do just one or all - the more the merrier.

All volunteers need to get approved in the Vanderbilt library system if you have already been screened you do not need to do it again. I will send all volunteers the information needed.

Questions? Contact:

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



Volunteers in action: Anne Plummer and Sheila Jenson found a photo of themselves from a 2007 event.

Thistle Farms 4th Annual Tea

(Our tea selection on December 10th 2021)

We had a record number (36) members and / or guests signed up for our delicious Holiday Tea. The teas are preordered and they are specially made for our event. We missed **Liz Doyle** who was ill and choose to stay away (thank you) and **Lynne Siesser** who was helping plan Estelle Condra's Celebration of Life. I want to thank **Sharon Hels** and **Peggy Curci** respectively who took their teas to them. This, to me, is so much what the Vanderbilt Woman's Club is about - taking care of each other. I also want to thank everyone who tipped. Again the staff were appreciative of our generosity.



"Teas on Wheels": Peggy Curci and Sharon Hels

Ella Baum and Joy Allington-Baum



Thistle Farms tea last year was a drive by affair. Our request to have tea in a take home box was a first for Thistle Farms. In fact it went so well, it inspired them to offer it all year. If you missed the tea and want to get your own for \$35 you can use the link below to order your tea.

<https://www.thecafeatthistlefarms.org/tea-service>

And a good time was had by all.



SAVE THE DATE

**CHANCELLOR DANIEL DIERMEIER
TO SPEAK AT VANDERBILT
WOMANS' CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 2022 10AM
ALUMNI HALL VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
LUNCH PROVIDED COURTESY OF THE
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS**

**RSVP TO ANNA WALKER
TOTALLYOU@MSN.COM BY JANUARY 7, 2022**

January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Alumni Hall		 Alumni Hall			1
2	3 Book Group 2 1pm	4 Archives 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	5 Community Service 9am Archives 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	6 Archives 9:30am	7 Deadline to RSVP for Business Meeting 	8
9 Book Group 1 2:30pm	10	11 Bridge 1pm Mah Jongg 1pm	12 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	13 ZOOM French 1pm Mah Jongg 6pm	14 Garden Club 10:30am ZOOM	15
16	17 	18 Business Meeting Chancellor 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	19 Archives 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	20 Archives 9:30am	21	22
23	24 Girls Night Out 6pm	25 Movies 12:30pm Mah Jongg 1pm Loosely Bound 7pm	26 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	27 Lunch Bunch 1pm	28	29
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NOTES

**Business Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
RSVP by January 7**

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

From the Vanderbilt Medical Center website: Schedule Your COVID-19 Vaccine Today



Everyone in Tennessee age 12 and older can get a COVID-19 vaccine. You can schedule an appointment today with Vanderbilt Health, even if you or your child haven't been a patient with Vanderbilt before.

If you are a current patient and have My Health at Vanderbilt, that's the best way to schedule your vaccine. If not, use the VUMC Vax scheduling tool.

Use one of the links below to find an appointment time and location that works for you. Or call **888-312-0847**.

<https://www.vumc.org/coronavirus/GetVaccines>

[My Health at Vanderbilt](#) | [VUMC Vax Scheduling Tool](#)

VANDERBILT REINSTATES MASK MANDATE

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

On August 12, 2021, VU released adjusted health and safety protocols. Despite the University's 94% vaccination rate, masks are 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

<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/coronavirus/2021/08/12/aug-12-2021-updated-covid-19-guidance-and-protocols/>