

# MAGNOLIA NEWS

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## Dear VWC Friends:

It's early spring, and seed packet stands are beginning to appear at grocery and hardware stores. Each little packet beckons with photos of gorgeous, full-grown vegetables and luxurious bunches of flowers. But inside there are only tiny, dry, brown seeds. How in the world do you get from one to the other? Well, you'd have to ask the gardeners among us. Their constant message: pay attention to the condition of your soil. If you want healthy plants, do something good for the soil.

The word *seminary* connects the world of gardening to the world of education. A seminary is a seedbed, a place where seeds can germinate, and plants can grow. Vanderbilt University, which of course has a seminary, also IS a seminary in that, over the course of four years, a remarkable transformation takes place. Bright and energetic young people begin to figure out the direction in which they will grow to become fully and beautifully themselves.

By contributing to the **Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Endowment Fund**, you have fortified the seedbed of Vanderbilt University. You have brought students to thrive in its rich learning environment. You have invested in the transformative power of higher education. There is no way to thank you enough for that.

As we get together in our interest groups this month, let's celebrate the spirit of growth, from seed to bountiful harvest. Although we've had more than our share of early rains this year, we can look forward to a glorious spring!

*Sharon*



### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Spring Lecture, Friday, April 9  
Spring Luncheon at Richland, Thursday, May 5

*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.

We sincerely thank everyone who has made a gift to the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Endowment Fund. If your name is missing, contact Lynne Siesser [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

### Year to date

Becky Atack, Evadne Awh, Melinda Balsler, Elisabetha Baugh, Judy Bayer, Cheryl Baird, Mary Baysinger, Holly Beavers, Audrey Brown, Faye Brown, Cathy Brunk, Sarah Calvani, Kelly Chambers, Amy Page Christiansen, Sue Clark, Peggy Curci, Rebecca DePriest, Katrina Dickerson, Betsy Fleetwood, Dot Galloway, Kathy Garthwaite, Nancy Gentry, Jan Goddard, Catherine Griffith, Cherie Hamilton, Kelly Hammers, Margaret Hansen, Sharon Hels, Pat Holdridge, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth, Sheila Jensen, Beth Kelso, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Lindsay Lawrence, Lisa LeMaster, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner, Elaine McKenna, Amelia McTamane, Margaret Norris, Rosann Nunnally, Susan Perdue, Carol Person, Sara Plummer, Kitty Porter, Mary Raffety, Ebbie Redwine, Kimberly Ross, Kendra Scott, Susan Sharp, Vivian Shields, Lynne Siesser, Cynthia Slobogin, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Mildred Tilley, Claire Tschudy, Susan Winchester, Faye Wyatt



In Memoriam  
Evelyn Richmond



## New Life Member

Congratulations, Faye Wyatt, newest Life Member. Faye has been very supportive of the Club over the last 40 years entertaining us for the Spring Picnic and Opening Coffee at the Chancellor's Residence on many occasions. I remember her sitting at my kitchen table with the Craftwigs pressing painted leaves onto squares which we later sewed into a quilt. She personally delivered her quilting frame to my sunroom and the Craftwigs dropped by periodically for a quilting bee. It was Faye's idea to revive the Quilting Group a few years ago to make cushions out of Jeff Carr's ties for Anne and her daughters.

Lynne Siesser



Faye shared this picture taken outside a quilting store.

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Vanderbilt Woman's Club is sponsoring two scholars this year, **Emily Song** and **Ana Key**.



"My experience at Vanderbilt so far has been truly amazing, and I am so lucky to call this school home. I am sincerely grateful for the wonderful support throughout my years here: I cannot thank you enough for your contributions!"

"This scholarship has lent great support to my family's financial needs and my ability to attend my dream school. The support has strengthened my appreciation for the Vanderbilt community and my motivation to constantly explore, challenge myself, and maximize both my academic and personal growth throughout college."  
*Emily Song, Class of 2023.*

Send check to:

**Liz Doyle, at  
1556 Oxford Court,  
Gallatin, TN 37066-5717**

or

Donate online:

[https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/  
giving/to/  
womansclubscholarship?  
appealcode=ZFX01](https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/giving/to/womansclubscholarship?appealcode=ZFX01)

Thank you for your support!  
*We hope to have 100%  
participation from our members.*

## *Honor Roll of the Capital Campaign*

Anonymous  
Evadne Awh  
Cheryl Baird  
Elisabetha Baugh  
Judith Bayer  
Frannie Benner  
Merle Born  
Ruth Cate  
Kelly Chambers  
Sue Clark  
Peggy Curci  
Nancy Dwyer  
Betsy Fleetwood  
Nancy Fruetel  
*(In memory of Estelle Condra)*  
Nancy Gentry  
Rebekah Hickson  
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Lydia Howarth  
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Jamie Leddin  
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Suzanne Petrey  
Anne Plummer  
Sara Plummer  
Ebbie Redwine  
Susanne Riess  
Roxanne Roske  
Kimberly Ross  
Loretta Saff  
Susan Sherrill  
Lynne Siesser  
Cindy Slobogin  
Amy Smith  
Elaine Smyth  
Mildred Tilley  
Anna Walker  
Grace Wernke  
Diane Whalley  
The Lunch Bunch



"Likely the biggest factor in selecting a university for me was cost. It was difficult trying to negotiate with other schools who were stringent with their offers and seemed to turn a blind eye to my family's financial struggles. Fortunately, Vanderbilt was immensely understanding and cognizant of our situation, and with the help of their financial aid, I was able to enter the university without a burden of money on my shoulders."



**Thank you!**

**It is not too late to donate.  
Our goal is to underwrite a  
third scholar.**

## Girls Night Out

**Green Hills Grille on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m.**

*Located off Hillsboro Pike at 2002 Richard Jones Road #104a Nashville, TN 37215*

*The restaurant offers California-revival style and classic, high-quality fare. They also have a special Vegetarian Menu and a Gluten Free Menu so everyone should be able to enjoy it. Weather permitting we can sit on their patio, if not we will have reservations inside.*

Link to the menus [Green Hills Grille](#)



**Marie Hindman**

**864-901-7425 - [marie.hindman@gmail.com](mailto:marie.hindman@gmail.com)**

## Antique Study Group

**Tuesday, March 15  
at 10 a.m.**

Mary Helen Short's home for  
"Orphaned Antique and Vintage Baby Dolls"  
3910 Caylor Drive, 37215

**Contact 615-269-0538  
or [maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com](mailto:maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com)**

*To reserve a Baby Doll to hold!*



**September 20:**

*American Brilliant Cut Glass with Jane Youngman*

**October 18:**

*Antique Jewelry with Bill Siesser*

**January 17:**

*Antique Road Show with Robin Sinclair*

## Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, March 24 at 1pm  
Punk Wok**

At Sylvan Supply, 4101 Charlotte Ave, Suite G-20, Nashville  
615-649-8885

### Menu

*This is a new building with lots of fun restaurants. Park in the large lot and walk towards Charlotte Avenue. You will see a courtyard. Punk Wok is off that square. There is also covered parking.*

**Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328  
[joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com](mailto:joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com)**



## Cocktail Club

**Hosts:**

**April 23 Browning  
May Harris/Cutler  
June Collins**

**Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980  
[lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)**



## The Daytime Movie Group

**No movie for the group in March**

**Betsy Fleetwood 615-579-0903 [befleet@aol.com](mailto:befleet@aol.com)**

**Gardener group** Tracy Stadnick [tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu)  
**Friday, March 11 at 10:00 - 12:00**  
**Southall Farms in Franklin**



We will have a small talk about their overall structure and hear about their farm. They have bees, as well as an apple orchard, greenhouses, and gardens. Please RSVP [tracy.stadnick@Vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tracy.stadnick@Vanderbilt.edu), so Tracy can send you specific directions and parking information

*In January 2018, Southall was recognized with a Good Food Award for Best Honey-Southeast, arguably the top honor in the country for craft producers and farmers. Beekeeper Jay Williams says the 2017 honey was exceptionally floral from a potent locust bloom that spring, coupled with a bit of leftover tulip poplar bloom that persisted thanks to perfect weather conditions in May. The 2019 harvest shows very similar characteristics, and once again has been named a finalist in the Good Food Awards.*

Glen Leven is hosting a free walk in their park to see the daffodils. A self-guided Nature Hikes see some of our unique daffodil varieties around the home labeled. Register through their Eventbrite page:



Join Tracy and the gardeners on **Saturday, March 12**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-nature-hikes-at-glen-leven-farm-registration-258315497607>

**Gardener Group visits Orchids at Cheekwood**



- Tracy Stadnick
- Sue McDougall
- Nancy Gentry
- Sharon Hels
- Peggy Curci



**The Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage**  
 April 26 - 30.  
 Smoky Mountains

<https://www.wildflowerpilgrimage.org/>

There are over 200 programs on a variety of natural history and cultural history topics. Sign up before they fill up. **Margie Hunter** will be co-leading two programs on observing nature "Skills of a Naturalist" (#28 and 136) and four wildflower hikes (#102, 159, 193, 207). **Tracy Stadnick** plans to go.



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

## Chocolate Lovers!

On March 14<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
We are creating GooGoo Clusters!

At Goo Goo Cluster, 116 3rd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37201

cost: \$55 per person

Betsy Fleetwood  
Mary Stinson  
in 2018

Please RSVP [Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu)

*The chocolate class or event will be located in the back section of the Goo Goo Chocolate Co. Come learn about the history of Goo Goo Cluster, taste an assortment of products and/or learn how to make a variety of Goo Goo confections.*



## Explorers

### Radnor Lake Aviary Education Center

Join us at

### Radnor Lake State Park

**Wednesday, March 30th, 9:30 a.m.**

as we take a short hike to the

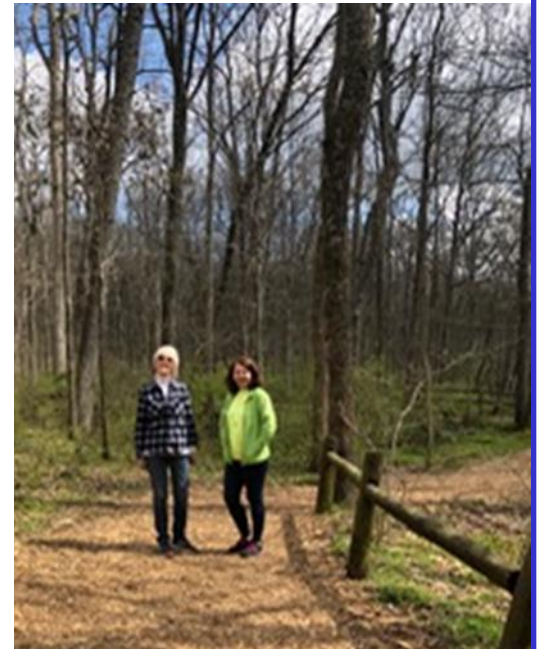
**Barbara J. Mapp Aviary Education Center**  
*Hall Dr, Brentwood, TN 37027 off Otter Creek Road*

*Approach from Franklin Road.*

to hear about and see the centers Great Horned Owl, Red Tailed Hawk, Black Vulture, Golden Eagle and more.

*RSVP to Lina Keeffe to let her know you are coming!*

[LDFK@comcast.net](mailto:LDFK@comcast.net)



**2019 Spring Lecture** *Sue McDougall, Ebbie Redwine at Radnor*

# Archives News

Join us in the archives to identify members in photographs.

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

**March from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, the 16th**

**Friday, the 18th**

**Tuesday, the 22nd**

**Thursday, the 31st**

Questions? Contact:

**Joy Allington-Baum** at [joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com](mailto:joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com) or text at **214-755-5328**.

If you would rather help from home, please let Joy know at [joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)**

**Text: 409-771-5731**

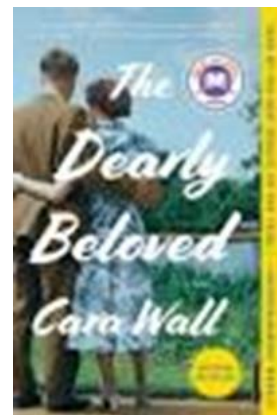
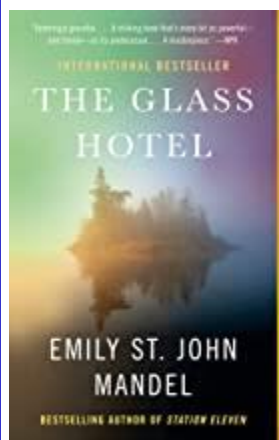
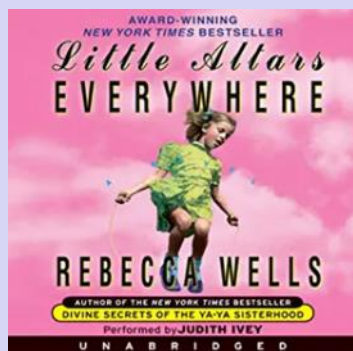
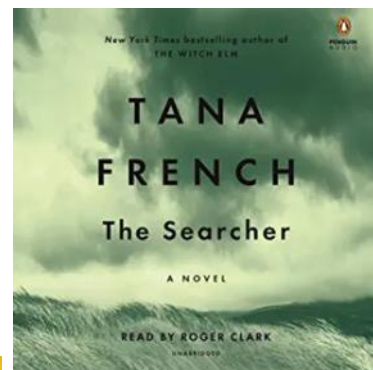


## Loosely Bound Book Group

**Elisabeth Sandberg** text: 617-957-2169

*Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Elisabeth's*

March 22	All Souls by Michael Patrick Macdonald
April 26	Little Altars Everywhere by Rebecca Wells
May 24	The Darling by Lorraine Lopez
June 28	The Searcher by Tana French
July 26	The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel
August 23	The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wells



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# 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/>



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](mailto:smyth416@comcast.net)**

## DAYTIME

**ANTIQUES:** Mary Helen Short *3rd Tuesday at 10am*  
615-269-0538 - [maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com](mailto:maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com)

**BOOK GROUP TWO:** Nancy Fruetel *1st Monday 1pm*  
615-297-5075 - [nfruetel@msn.com](mailto:nfruetel@msn.com)

**BRIDGE TUESDAY:** Mary Helen Short *2nd Tuesday 1pm*  
615-269-0538 - [maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com](mailto:maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com)

**CHOCOLATE!** Tracy Stadnick  
615-604-4513 - [tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu)

## COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Tracy Stadnick

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Lina Keefe - 615-268-3850 - [LDFK@comcast.net](mailto:LDFK@comcast.net)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Kelly Chambers  
409-771-5731 - [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)

**CRIBBAGE:** Grace Wernke *Wednesdays 2pm*  
815-222-5986 - [gcwernke@msn.com](mailto:gcwernke@msn.com)

**FRENCH:** Maisie Roden *2nd Thursday 1pm*  
[maisie.roden@gmail.com](mailto:maisie.roden@gmail.com)

## GARDENING:

Tracy Stadnick  
615-604-4513 - [tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu)

**MAH JONGG:** Cindy Slobogin *Every Wednesday 1pm*

615-292-2214 - [slobogin@hotmail.com](mailto:slobogin@hotmail.com)

**MAH JONGG - BEGINNERS:** Lynne Siesser *Tuesdays 1pm*  
615-856-3980 - [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

## MOVIE GROUP - DAY:

Betsy Fleetwood  
615-579-0903 - [befleet@aol.com](mailto:befleet@aol.com)

## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH:

*4th Thursday 12:30pm*

Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328

[joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com](mailto:joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com)

## POP-UP GROUP:

Kelly Chambers  
409-771-5731 - [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)

## QUILTING:

Lynne Siesser  
615-298-5659 - [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

## EVENING/WEEKEND

## BOOK GROUP ONE:

*2nd Sunday 2:30pm*  
Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - [ann.ercelawn@gmail.com](mailto:ann.ercelawn@gmail.com)

Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - [kitty.porter@gmail.com](mailto:kitty.porter@gmail.com)

## COCKTAIL CLUB:

Lynne Siesser  
615-298-5659 - [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:

Marie Hindman  
864-901-7425 - [marie.hindman@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:peggy@theCurcis.com)

## MOVIE GROUP - EVENING:

Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - [slobogin@hotmail.com](mailto:slobogin@hotmail.com)

## POP-UP GROUP:

Kelly Chambers  
409-771-5731 - [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)

## INACTIVE:

*Anyone willing to reactivate these groups?*

**ARMCHAIR TRAVEL, GET FIT,  
GOURMET GROUP, MUSIC GROUP, VANDY LUNCH**



## Community Service

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

**When:** 1st Wednesday of the Month.

Next date is **March 2, 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.*



*Dede Clements, Kathleen Donofrio, Justine Franko, Alethea Lutz, Linda Nicholas, Mildred Tilley*

**Where:** Meet Sarah Finney at their warehouse,

**7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd.**

R.S.V.P.: Please email Elaine Smyth  
at [smyth416@comcast.net](mailto: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>

## VWC Name Tags still available - \$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: \_\_\_\_\_



# March 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Pencil 9:30am Cribbage 2pm	3	4	5
6	7 Book Group 2 1pm Girls Night Out 5:30pm	8 Mah Jongg 1pm Bridge 1pm	9 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	10 ZOOM French 1pm Mah Jongg 6pm	11 Gardening 10am	12 Gardening Tour
13 Book Group 1 2:30pm	14 Chocolate! 10:30am <b>MASKS BECOME OPTIONAL</b>	15 Antiques 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	16 Archives 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	17 	18 Archives 9:30am	19
20	21	22 Archives 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Loosely Bound 7pm	23 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	24 Lunch Bunch 1pm	25	26
27	28	29 Mah Jongg 1pm	30 Explorers 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 2pm	31 Archives 9:30am		

**NOTES** **Vanderbilt Spring Break March 4 - 12**  
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Spring Luncheon at Richland, Thursday, May 5

## Message from Eric Kopstain, Vice Chancellor for Administration

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.

Dear Friends,

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

