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Newcomers

Dear VWC friends,

I suspect that each of our interest groups has a routine or ritual of some kind to begin the time together. The Loosely Bound book group does something interesting: we choose one word to describe the book we are about to discuss. Depending on the book, it can be a challenge, and the responses are often surprising. But it's a great way to introduce different perspectives on the same book.

Our book club practice came to mind when I thought about summing up our 2021-2022 academic year, which is drawing to a close this month. My word is FLEXIBLE, because:

- We sustained our Club activities in an uncertain, quasi-pandemic environment.
- We raised an unprecedented amount of money for our Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Fund, either online or by check to Liz Doyle.
- We persisted in offering high-quality, welcoming, and creative gathering opportunities for groups small and large.



That being said, the year is not quite over. The Spring Luncheon on May 5 is our concluding Club-wide event for the year. A traditional festive occasion to visit with fellow Club members, it's also when we thank our current Board members, and welcome our new leadership. It will be a lovely occasion, and I hope to see you there.

This is my last letter to you as President. Before I leave the podium, so to speak, let me say how grateful I am for the time I've spent working on behalf of the VWC and its wonderful members. May the coming year see you happy, healthy, and ready for new adventures!

All my best,
Sharon

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Spring Luncheon - 11:30 am, Thursday, May 5

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

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**

Vanderbilt Woman's Club
is sponsoring two scholars this year.



Emily Song, Class of 2023



Ana Key, Class of 2025

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: Sharon Hels, Laura Klepper, Elaine McKenna,
Elisabeth Sandberg

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 from Vanderbilt.

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 McTamany, 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, Grace Wernke, Susan Winchester, Faye Wyatt

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

Anonymous, Evadne Awh, Cheryl Baird, Elisabetha Baugh, Judith Bayer, Frannie Benner' Elaine Blake, Merle Born, Ruth Cate, Kelly Chambers, Sue Clark, Janet Crowson, Peggy Curci, Liz Doyle, Nancy Dwyer, Ann Ercelawn, Betsy Fleetwood, Nancy Fruetel (*In memory of Estelle Condra*), Dot Galloway, Nancy Gentry, Kay Hall, Sharon Hels, Rebekah Hickson, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth, Lina Keefe, Ursula King, Laura Klepper, Paula Ladd, Jamie Leddin, Lisa LeMaster, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner, Sue McDougall, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil (*In memory of Estelle Condra*), Valerie Middleton, Kim Murphy, Margaret Norris, Paddy Peerman, Suzanne Petrey, Anne Plummer, Sara Plummer, Mary Raffety, Ebbie Redwine, Susanne Riess, Maisie Roden, Roxanne Roske, Kimberly Ross, Loretta Saff, Elisabeth Sandberg, Susan Sherrill, Lynne Siesser, Cindy Slobogin, Amy Smith, Elaine Smyth, Tracy Stadnick, Betty Thackston, Mildred Tilley, Fran Veters, Anna Walker, Grace Wernke, Diane Whalley, Susan Winchester, The Lunch Bunch

[click here to make your donation by credit card](#)

Newest Life Member, Penny TeSelle

Penny was born in Mt Vernon, New York, and raised in Larchmont. In 1960, she married her first husband. After he completed his doctorate in Chemistry at Northwestern University, they moved to Nashville where he taught in the Vanderbilt Chemistry Department. They divorced in 1977, and she married Eugene TeSelle, who was the Oberlin Professor of Church History and Theology at the Vanderbilt Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion. She and Gene had first met at the PTA when their children were at Eakin Elementary School.

Penny was a Realtor in Nashville for about 34 years, pursuing her interest in the real estate business and using its proceeds to help educate the five children in the TeSelle household—Penny's three sons, plus Gene's son and daughter. Her family has grown to include many grandchildren, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Now retired, Penny lives at Richland Place, where she has wonderful neighbors, including many from the Vanderbilt community. She spends her time reading, knitting, making jewelry, playing duplicate bridge and volunteering at her church. Her husband died in 2018.

Penny says she has loved being part of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club and getting to know other women from various parts of the University.



Welcome new members

Norma Jean Bueschen

Maddie French

is the Senior Academic Counselor at Vanderbilt University School of Engineering. In her role, she manages a program of support for undergraduate student advising and oversees an Academic Mentoring Program for academically at-risk students.

Maddie received her bachelor's degree in liberal studies and master's degree in education *summa cum laude* with a specialization in counseling and guidance from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly, SLO). After completing student teaching and receiving a multiple subject teaching credential (K-6) during her undergraduate degree and working with a non-profit she transitioned to pursuing a career in higher education. Maddie grew up mostly in San Diego, California but has lived in Nashville since 2016. Since moving to Nashville, she has joined the Nashville Junior League and is involved with philanthropy projects through this organization. In her spare time, she enjoys staying active with barre and hiking, gardening and cooking, and spending time with family and friends.



Barbara Mueller

I was born in Pineville, Ky and graduated from Pineville High School in 1965.

I moved to California, met my husband and got married in 1971. We have two married daughters and two grandchildren. I graduated from nursing school at Cerritos College in 1974. I worked all areas of nursing until I retired in 2007.



We moved to Louisville, KY, in January 2008 where I was very active in The Derby Newcomer/Friends Club. I was a volunteer tour guide at Churchhill Downs and the KY Derby Museum. I was very involved in The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, where I sponsor a retired race horse, Expected Colors, in Midway, Ky so he can live out the remainder of his life grazing and eating lots of carrots.

I was an avid bridge player at the Louisville Bridge Club. If not playing bridge, I would play pickleball three days a week.

We moved to Nashville in 2019 to be near our daughter and grandkids where we live only a short distance away.

I found many places to play pickleball here but, during the start of the pandemic, all play was placed on hold. With that being said, I got bored and took a part time job at Home Depot and I truly love it.

I'm back to playing pickleball, Bridge and I work three days a week and I am looking forward to meeting the ladies at Vanderbilt Woman's Club.

Call for new members

Think of friends who will enjoy an interest group or two.

Games of any sort; three different book groups; gardening; exploring Nashville or Vanderbilt; movies and slideshows; lunch, night out or a party; Chocolate!; or randomly meeting up with friends for an excursion using Pop-Up.

Have them join using this link on the website.

<https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/567>

Girls Night Out



Mudslides at Marie's

Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the quintessential boozy milkshake: sweet, creamy and rich made with vodka and kahlua in preparation for a hot summer. We will have it blended and shaken to see what we like better. Or, if you prefer, a chocolate milkshake - booze free - will be available. Feel free to BYOB if you would like to have a different drink.

Appetizers will be provided.

RSVP

Marie Hindman

marie.hindman@gmail.com



20th Century

Judith Hodges, Joan Harsbman, Penny TeSelle, Anne Plummer,
Elayne Crain, Maisie Roden, Ann Ercelawn

The French group

will have its final meeting
of the semester on
Thursday, May 12.

The group will meet using
the usual zoom link which
members should have in
their emails. Meetings will
resume in September.



Maisie Roden

maisie.roden@gmail.com

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 at the Chambers/
Sherwood's at 6 p.m.**

(masks optional) Ed will be making Old Fashioneds.

May Harris/Cutler

June Host needed

Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch

Save the date

**Thursday,
May 26
at 1 pm**

*Location to be
announced.*

*Suggestions for
locations can be
sent to*



2015

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328

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.

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mondays in May 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Questions? Contact:

Joy Allington-Baum at

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

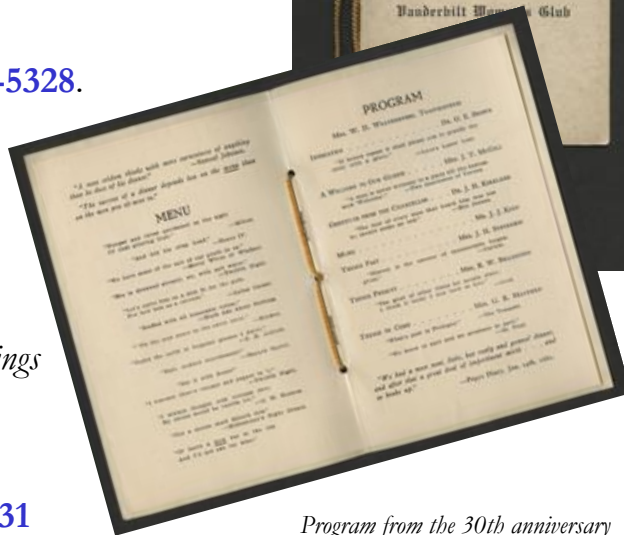
If you would rather help from home, please let Joy know at joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com and we can share a jump drive for you to fill in the blanks.

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



Program from the 30th anniversary

Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 5

Book and puzzle swap

Lost and found table (*items left after events*)

It is not too late.

The reservation link will remain open until Sunday.

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



2017



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Another new interest group:

Hand and Foot

If you can play Canasta, you can play
Hand and Foot.

Date and time to be determined by those interested.

If you would like to get this group going, contact Elaine Smyth.

615-298-2378
smyth416@comcast.net



Quilting

The project for baby quilts for the Giraffe Beds (aka incubators) in the NICU is ongoing. The quilts block light and noise from the sensitive eyes and ears of these tiny patients and are then, gifted to the family.

Anyone willing to participate may collect supplies and/or directions from

Lynne Siesser

615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com



The first meeting of Armchair Travel was a success — over 20 in attendance.

Loosely Bound Book Group

May 24 *The Darling*

by Lorraine Lopez

Guided by Sharon Hels

June 28 Summer Break

July 26 Summer Break

August 23 *The Dearly Beloved*

by Cara Wells

Guided by Courtney Lamb

September 7 *The Searcher*

by Tana French

Guided by Joy Allington-Baum

October 25 *The Glass Hotel*

by Emily St. John Mandel

Guided by Michelle Tellock

Elisabeth Sandberg

Text: 617-957-2169

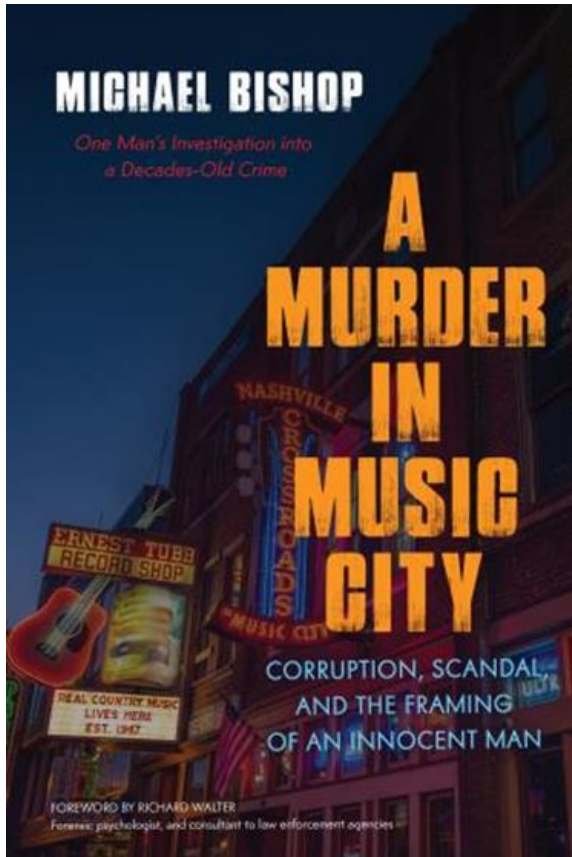


Explorers

Friday, May 6

TN State Archives and Library is doing a Lunch 'n Learn with author **Elaine Weiss** and her book "The Woman's Hour" and Tennessee's role in the 19th amendment.

Register by emailing: ask@tsla.libanswers.com to let them know you are interested in attending.



Thursday, May 12th 10:00 - 11:00

Explorers will meet at Tennessee State Archives and Library for a tour.

I've specifically asked to see information about

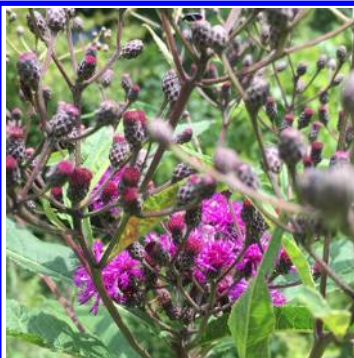
"Murder in Music City" and about suffragettes.

This tour is specifically for us. Please RSVP so I can send you parking information.



RSVP

Tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu



Gardeners

Starting Saturday, May 1 Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary and Wild Ones are hosting an online native plant sale. Pick your plants at www.owlshill.org

May 1-4. Pick up plants on **May 13th**.

In person sale on Saturday May 14th morning at Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary.

Chocolate Lovers Event!

Friday, May 20th 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Chocolate and Wine tasting at Tempered Chocolate

in Germantown. Cost \$22 per person. Includes 3 different wines (2oz pours) and a chocolate matched with each.

I have done this twice and totally enjoyed it. Her chocolate is some of my very favorites!

RSVP to get Tracy's address and send check by May 9th to participate.



RSVP

Tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

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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
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 - nnfruetel@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short *2nd Tuesday 1pm*

615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

CHOCOLATE! Tracy Stadnick

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COMMUNITY EXPLORERS **Co-chair needed!**

Tracy Stadnick

615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke *Tuesdays 10am*

815-222-5986 - gcwernke@msn.com

EXPLORE VANDERBILT

Tracy Stadnick

615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

FRENCH: Maisie Roden *2nd Thursday 1pm*

maisie.roden@gmail.com

GARDENING: **Any volunteers to chair the group?**

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

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@theCurcis.com

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING:

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

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

**Interest Group Chairs,
Watch for an announcement of
a summer gathering for our leaders.**



VWC Community Service Group:

IN PERSON OPPORTUNITIES

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

When: 1st Wednesday of the Month.

Next date is **May 4**, 9-11:00 a.m.

(Some volunteers meet for coffee first at Starbucks in Belle Meade.) The group will discuss whether to continue volunteering during the summer months or not when they meet in May.

What: There is room for around 15 volunteers to help sort donated school supplies for distribution to Metro Nashville Public Schools. Masks are now optional. 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>

For more information about Community Service Group contact **Kelly** at kellychambers420@yahoo.com or **409-771-5731**.



Kathleen Donofrio at Second Harvest. Kathleen started the Community Service Group in the VWC.

Dr. Churchwell was outstanding . . .



Sandy Spitz, Clare Tschudy, Cindy Slobogin, Tracy Stadnick, Robin Sinclair, Kippie Leland, Ashleigh Maxey, Elisabeth Sandberg, Kelly Chambers, Sue McDougall, Paddy Peerman, Elaine Smyth were highly entertained in a beautiful setting at Scarritt-Bennett.

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May 2022

Luncheon



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

NOTES

Spring Luncheon at Richland, Thursday, May 5