Dear VWC friend —

For almost two years now, one of my favorite sources for online reading has been The Atlantic. I especially appreciate reading a column by Arthur C. Brooks called “How to Build a Life.” I’ve needed some help with that through this stretch.

His latest entry has to do with the wearing of masks, both literal and metaphorical. One metaphorical mask Brooks cites is the “Pan-Am smile,” named for the frozen smiles required of airline flight attendants back in the day: the mouth smiles dutifully, but the eyes do not cooperate. It looks good, but it feels fake. A real smile happens with the mouth upturned and the eyes crinkled up at the corners. We can smile that way even over the top of a mask, using eye contact to make the face-to-face connection that we missed so much during the quarantine.

This issue of the Magnolia News is brimming with invitations for you to come out, spend some time, and have some real face-to-face interactions. If the gathering is indoors, we ask that you follow Vanderbilt guidelines and wear a mask for your safety—from Covid, of course, or from the flu or any other respiratory virus that happens to be floating around. As the temperature drops outdoors, and we move indoors where the heated indoor air is dryer, these masks are our friends and allies. They allow us to meet, to connect, and to protect ourselves, not only from infections, but also from the sense of isolation we can feel in the cold winter months.

This time last year, the choice was between the lesser of two evils: either hold out by ourselves or gather and risk a deadly infection. This year is different. Not perfect, but better. I hope you will consider joining fellow Club members for the activities of your choice with safety measures in place. Whether it is the headliner Fall Lecture with Becca Stevens, the Holiday Brunch, Girl’s Night Out, local destination tours, the several service opportunities in this issue, or your favorite bridge or book group…the options are plentiful.

As 2021 draws to a close, I wish you a holiday season filled with real crinkly-eyed smiles of happiness, the warmth of love around your hearth—and plenty of good, hot chocolate!

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.

Dot Galloway, Nancy Gentry, Sharon Hels, Lynn Davidson Maddox, Kitty Porter
Lynne Siesser in memory of Lael Kiesling’s father

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

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
Tribute cards are available from Liz at all meetings.

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

The new nametags were on display at the Fall Brunch.
If you have not ordered yours,
send your $10 check to
Peggy Curci
6249 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215-5501
314-369-4119 (c)
peggy@theCurcis.com

In Memoriam
Jennie Mills

Welcome new members!
Anu Aggarwal
Casey Cochran
Patti Gregg
Mary Lee Jackson
Sandra MacDonald

Welcome back!
Linda Nicholas
and
Renã Robinson
More accolades for Renã.
She has been named president of the National Organization for
the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical
Engineers.

Met anyone interested in the VWG? Ask Liz Doyle to
send them a membership form.
elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com
or
Click here

Check the notices for what is coming up in the
Interest Groups.
Does anything catch your fancy?
Contact the chairs to get on their email list.
Their information is on page nine.

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
Vendors at the Holiday Bazaar on December 2

Bring your check book and take care of much of your holiday shopping.
There is still space for more vendors. Check page 16 for details.

Our very own, Sara Plummer’s Jams

and new this year . . .

A Stitch in time

Blue Eye Dragonfly

Black Cat Mercantile

and back by popular demand . . .

Kendra Scott

AGENDA

Guests arrive at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.
Event ends at 2:00 p.m.
Shopping
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bring your check book!
The Vanderbilt Woman’s Club presents its annual

HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE

Beautiful, traditional poinsettia plants in foil-wrapped pots

6 ½-inch pot: red, white or pink — $15
8-inch pot: red, white, or pink — $20

New colors in large 8” pots: Red Glitter, Pink Variegated or Winter Rose — $20
8” ceramic dish with succulents and a holiday ornament — $25

Place your order online by November 10

Drive through pick up at Sharon Hels’s house
613 Lynnwood Blvd, Nashville 37205

Saturday, November 20, from 10:00 a.m. - noon
Sunday, November 21, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support of the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Fund!

In this Youtube video, the greenhouse owner shows some of the new poinsettia varieties for sale this year:  https://wolfriver.net/poinsettia-fundraising/

We will be taking orders and payment until November 10.
Pickup is the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 20 and 21.

Here's how to participate:

The link below is an order form from Vanderbilt, created with Google Forms.
(Please cancel out the 'save your form' message and proceed!)

Your order will be taken first. Your invoice and payment arrangements will arrive in a separate email from Vanderbilt. Do watch for that email; we must receive your payment before the final order is placed with the grower.

We thank you for your generosity and look forward to a wonderful holiday season.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rAEK9qte5JislCTTDryLWrSdARXOiCkz5KKwqtXvQdA/edit

Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website
Loosely Bound

We have changed our dates for November and December to avoid conflict with the holidays. Reading selections:

November 9th The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris.

December 7th The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes

Back to 4th Tuesday in January and February.

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 Change of Date

Due to the holidays, we have moved the lunch to

Thursday November 18th at 1:00 pm.

We will be meeting at

Lucky Bamboo China Bistro
5855 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209

Luckybamboochinabistro.com

RSVP joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or 214-755-5328 by November 16th if you wish to attend.

Save The Date

for the Thistle Farms Holiday Tea

December 10th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Daytime Movie Group will not meet in

November or December due to the continuation

of Covid-19 cases. Hopefully, 2022 will see a

reprieve so we can resume.

Thank you for your understanding - Betsy

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

No Antiques in November or December.

We look forward to seeing you again in January!

Cocktails

Friday, November 12
at the
LeMaster/Ruhl’s
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Masks to be worn if not eating or drinking

Bring a bottle and individual servings of nibbles to share
or a box supper for yourself.

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

Cocktails and Campfire

Hosted by The Curcis and Friends

December 18 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Golf Course Pavilion at Warner Park

Bring a bottle of wine or the drink of your choosing. If you
would like to bring an appetizer to share, please bring
individual items – food on a stick, in a cup,
in paper wrappers.

You are encouraged to bring potential new members as guests.

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Girls Night Out
Thursday November 4th at 21c Museum and Hotel, 221 2nd Ave N.
We will first meet at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy a docent-led tour of the curated exhibition in their gallery. At 6:00 p.m. we will check out the culinary offerings in the restaurant, Gray and Dudley.
Please have a mask and your vaccine card handy.

Monday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at The Greenhouse Bar, 2211 Bandywood Drive in Green Hills.
This funky neighborhood spot is full of greenery, fire pits and outdoor furniture for a fun night out. The Food Co is right next door and has wonderful soups and sandwiches.
Please RSVP to Marie Hindman 864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com

Chocolate! Dress warmly as we will be outside on a patio with patio heaters at Elisabeth Sandberg's home.
RSVP to Tracy Stadnick tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Hot Chocolate Tasting! Bring your favorite hot chocolate to share.
Monday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Chocolate Fudge and Chocolate Cookies Bring your favorite fudge and cookie to share.
Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Garden Club
Vanderbilt Latin American Garden Tour
Friday, November 5th
at 10:00 a.m.
Dr. Avery Dickins de Giron at the Latin American Garden will give us a tour. The Latin American Garden is located between Natchez Field and 31st Avenue North, and visible from Blakemore Avenue.
View map here: https://as.vanderbilt.edu/clacx/garden/map/
Park in Parking Lot 73B (next to Natchez Field). You can park at the edge of this parking lot, next to the Vanderbilt Community Garden, and then walk through the grass about 75 yards to the Latin American Garden. You will see the large fence and wooden entrance to the Latin American Garden.

Rescheduled Ghost Tree Tour: Monday, November 1: 1:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Check with Tracy at tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu for details.

Glen Leven Farm and Garden Tour
Tuesday, November 10th - 10:30 -12:00
$15/ Person
Come with us to visit Glen Leven Farm, an Historic Farm on a Land Trust. We will have a tour of the Historic home, and gardens and have time to hike. The Land Trust is home to an arboretum, to a garden for the Hermitage Hotel, for hops for Jackalope Brewery, and is an historic farm.
Be prepared for all types of weather. Please wear closed toe shoes.

Glen Leven Farm is 4 miles from downtown - 4000 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37204
https://www.landtrusttn.org/glen-leven-farm/
If you need more information, please contact Tracy Stadnick or Lina Keefe.
tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu LDFK@comcast.net

with Explorers
Community Service

Coordinator - Sharon Berenfeld

Our first opportunity this year to help out at PENCIL Wednesday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Volunteer With PENCIL, In Person, the 1st Wednesday of Every Month.
(whenever you can join us)

We will sort donated much-needed school supplies for distribution to Metro Nashville Public Schools.
Meet Sarah Finney at their warehouse, 7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd. We will wear masks as we are indoors.

Please email Elaine Smyth at smyth416@comcast.net to sign up.

TURNIP GREEN CREATIVE REUSE IN PERSON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

www.turnipgreencreativereuse.com

Monday November 15th 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Monday December 20th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us on the Third Monday of the Month to help organize the retail store. The shop is closed to customers on Mondays, which allows the opportunity to come in and help organize the shelves and make the store ready for shoppers! Art supplies, fabrics, beads, jewelry, office supplies - to name a few.

Meet Makayla, Volunteer Engagement Leader, at Turnip Green Creative Reuse.
407 Houston Street, Nashville 37203 615-720-7480
6 volunteers Maximum. Masks required.
Interested? Email sharonberenfeld@gmail.com to sign up!

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE

Would you like to support Second Harvest from Home?
Click the link below! We have a goal of raising $2500. There is no time limit!
http://shfbmt.convio.net/goto/VWC2021

Stay tuned for In Person Opportunities - coming soon!

Snacks For COVID-19 Staff at Vanderbilt Medical Center

All of the hard working staff appreciate your snack donations Thank You!

Click the link below to access the Amazon List I’ve created. Pick a snack (or 2) and make sure to ship to Katie Kelly. Your donations are anonymous. The only one who can see who is sending them is Katie as its on the Amazon label. Please let me know if you have any questions. Please Note: Items on this list Will have Free Shipping with Prime Membership.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/V9L8NTRAWZQY?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_PoLG3odCdmoxg

If you have not been receiving emails from Sharon about Community Service opportunities, please let her know at sharonberenfeld@gmail.com
Community Service continued

If you have not been receiving emails from Sharon about Community Service opportunities, please let her know at sharonberenfeld@gmail.com

ONEGEN FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY. SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH. 7:30am-11am
534 Chestnut Street
Fort Negley Parking Lot – Chestnut Street entrance and exit, https://www.onegenaway.com/

Volunteers arrive between 7:30 – 8:30 AM and can stay until 11 AM or leave anytime they need to. If you are interested in attending, please email sharonberenfeld@gmail.com. I cannot attend, so if you'd like to be the point person at the event, please let me know.

Agenda for the event:
6:30 AM - Second Harvest 18-wheel truck arrives
6:30 AM - OneGen staff arrives
7:00 AM – OneGen trucks arrive and OneGen volunteers arrive
7:30 AM - Community Volunteers arrive
7:30 AM - Recipient vehicles start lining up
9:00 AM - Food Distribution begins
11:30 AM – Food Distribution ends or when food runs out

Anticipate serving 500 cars
Metro Police will participate – OneGen will coordinate
Masks, gloves, 6-foot distancing when possible, and additional safety protocols will be followed
At the beginning, volunteers breakdown the large crates of food into boxes and bags. From 9 AM on volunteers fill grocery carts with the prepared boxes and bags and then maneuver the grocery carts to the lined-up cars and unload the food boxes and bags into pre-opened car trunks.

Helpful to dress for the weather – i.e. T-shirts/ sweat shirts, caps/hats, comfortable shoes, gloves (weight lifting/ gardening-type)

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
9:00A - 10:30A - RAIN OR SHINE
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Sponsored by:
Vanderbilt University

In partnership with:
Nashville City Cemetery

FORT NEGLEY OVERFLOW PKG LOT
534 CHESTNUT LANE, NASHVILLE

VOLUNTEER FROM 7:30A - 11:00A
No registration needed for individuals/groups.

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

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 - maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel  1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - mnfruetel@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short  2nd Tuesday 1pm
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort111111@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: Sharon Berenfeld  704-936-7479
SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke  Wednesdays 2pm
815-222-5986 - gwernke@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
615-685-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

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

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 12:30pm
Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

POPS-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

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Your snacks for the COVID-19 staff are much appreciated. from Katie Kelly

Hi there! I just wanted to say thank you thank you for everything you guys have sent us! We can't say thank you enough!

Everyone has loved the snacks so much!! Here are some pictures I've taken over the last few weeks of some of the staff! Please pass on how appreciate we are! They all go so quickly because everyone gets so excited!
Brunch

Urban Grub
We are so excited to host Becca Stevens. Library doors open at 10am sharp. Enjoy reading Becca’s book before our meeting. A limited number of book signings will be available afterwards. Please contact me with questions.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Anna Walker
Vice President/Programs
totallyyou@msn.com 615-545-7788

RSVP to Anna
VWC Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar

Thursday December 2, 2021
Shopping 11 am to 2 pm
Lunch Buffet at 12:30
Old Natchez Country Club
115 Gardengate Dr, Franklin, TN 37069

Cost: General Members: $35.00

Lunch will be served buffet style with chicken, vegetables, wild rice pilaf,
deluxe salad bar, rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee.

Cash bar available

Please send your reservation along with cash or check made payable to
Vanderbilt Woman’s Club: Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215
Credit card: https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/634

Reservation Deadline is November 24

Tables of 8 may be reserved for groups for $280. Guests are welcome!!
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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 updated 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


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

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Members: The purchase of a Holiday Luncheon ticket - $35 will reserve your table. Kindly donate a minimum of 20% of your sales to the scholarship fund. Please send registration form and a check payable to Vanderbilt Woman’s Club to reserve your table. VWC c/o Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville TN 37215.

Non-Members: Table fee is $100 – includes lunch for 1, please send registration form and a check payable to Vanderbilt Woman’s Club to reserve your table. VWC c/o Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville TN 37215.

Date: Thursday December 2, 2021

Location: Old Natchez Country Club, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

Set up 10 am, please do not arrive early. You may park in the circle at the main door to unload and then move your car to the parking lot. Each Vendor will be assigned to a 6-foot table, black covering is provided by the club. If you need more than 6 feet of table space, there will be an additional fee of $50.

Guests arrive at 11 am

Lunch served at 12:30

Event ends at 2 pm

Tax deductible donations may be made to the scholarship fund by check, cash or credit card.

Credit card link https://admin.app.vanderbilt.edu/olga/pub/landing?appealCode=YDW03

We will follow Vanderbilt guidelines for off campus events. We ask that everyone be fully vaccinated and will only check vaccine status if required by the venue and CDC/Vanderbilt when the time comes.