MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies of VWC,

I have had many great opportunities to hear speakers who inspired and motivated me with their stories and journeys. Such was the occasion to hear our speaker at the annual meeting, Dr. Aziza Khan. We were encouraged by her resilience, the ability to find the will and the way, pursue her dreams, and pay it forward. Befitting for celebrating Black History month, I relate this quote to Dr. Khan by Maya Angelou, “You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted lies, you may tread me in the very dirt, but still, like dust, I’ll rise.” May we all have the courage to continue to rise and encourage others to do the same.

Thank you again to Sharon Hels, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, and the office of Dr. Doug Christiansen (Vice Provost for University Enrollment Affairs and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid) for making this possible.

Further, we heard from our third scholarship recipient, Sophia Pieri, and introduced a host of new members.

We congratulated our honorary members, Dr. Aziza Khan and Dr. Bridget Gorokhovsky, and approved our 2022-23 slate of officers: President Yolanda Brooks Robinson, Vice-President Kelly Chambers, Treasurer Sharon Hels, Recording Secretary Jeanette McNeil, and Corresponding Secretary Tracy Bannantine. I will proudly serve as Past President.

February marks the last month of winter. It actually means to cleanse. How appropriate as we prepare for spring.

This year, we will have our Stapleton/Weaver Capital Campaign in March. The theme is “Giving the VWC Way.” Our goals are at least $50,000, 100% participation, and a fourth scholarship recipient. As a part of the campaign, you will hear from our board, members, and others who will help tell our story and its importance. We will host a special reception of appreciation for our donors, so, we ask you to prepare to give generously. Our collective efforts make a measurable difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you for your continued support of the of the VWC. We need each other in these times more than ever.

With Gratitude and Love,

Anna Walker

https://m.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/? Vanderbiltwomansclub or search @vanderbiltwomansclub
Did you know?

Vanderbilt Woman’s Club has supported students from the club’s inception in 1893. In the beginning by giving students loans and now scholarships. Our scholarship fund was officially named in 1954 after Ada Bell Stapleton, Vanderbilt’s first official female faculty. She was hired in 1925 to be Professor of Literature and Dean of Women. (See the letter from our archives.) During our centennial year in 1993, Blanche Henry Weaver’s name was added to the fund. She was also a Dean of Women, a past VWC President and professor of History at Vanderbilt. Thus, the Stapleton Weaver scholarship was born. In January 2015 the club voted to award $5,000 per year for four years giving our recipients $20,000 over 4 years. Our current goal is to be able to give 4 scholarships and have a recipient in each year.  Joy Allington-Baum

Member Spotlight

An alumna

Nancy Gentry is a Nashville native, born and raised. She is married to her husband of 55 years, Ken, and she has two grown daughters, but, alas no grandchildren yet - just grand cats. She graduated from Baptist Hospital as a Registered Nurse 55 years ago and then went to Vanderbilt for her BSN. She obtained her MSN at UTK. She has worked in many areas of nursing: staff nursing, administration, education, and quality assurance. For the last few years of her career she worked part time at Vanderbilt, in the Informatics field. Nancy retired four years ago. She loves sports, especially Vandy (ANCHOR DOWN!!!!) and the Titans, reading and travelling. She is so happy to be a member of this wonderful group of women and to be able enjoy all the great opportunities which are available for members! Nancy chaired the Out-to-Lunch Bunch until Joy Allington-Baum took over.
Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship

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.

Year to date

New Members Corner
There will be a coffee for newcomers on Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Elisabeth Sandberg’s home.

We welcome these new members.

Anna Marra moved to Nashville four months ago. She teaches Italian Language, Literature, and culture at Vanderbilt. Her research investigates the relationship between literature and visual arts, focusing on Medieval and Contemporary poetry. Anna is a filmmaker and a certified meditation teacher. She has a new puppy named Mya.

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.

Do you have a friend who might be interested in enjoying what the VWC has to offer? THEY MAY SUBMIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND PAY THEIR DUES HERE.

To order a nametag
Click here
Our goal is to have everyone bring their own name tag to events.
**Explorers**

**Orchid Tour**
Cheekwood
**Friday, February 24 at 10 a.m.**
There will be a private tour and talk about orchids from Cheekwood’s master gardener.
**Cost $21 per person, payable to Tracy Stadnick.**
Please RSVP
Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu
so she knows who is coming.
Bring your payment when you join her at Cheekwood.

**SAVE THE DATE**
Wednesday, March 22 at 1 p.m.
Private party at the Serenity Salt Cave in Spring Hill

**Gardening Group at Cheekwood in 2020.**
Tracy Stadnick, Sue McDougall, Nancy Gentry, Sharon Hels, Peggy Carci

**Explore Vanderbilt**

**Blair Student Concert**
The Choral Prism
**Friday, February 10th at 8:00pm**
in Ingram Hall.
**For more information click here**
Please RSVP to Sharon Hels.
We hope to see you there!
Sharon Hels shels53@gmail.com

**Cribbage**
**New day and time**
starting February 2
**Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.**
Grace Wernke 815-222-5986
gcwernke@msn.com
Antiques Study Group

Tuesday, February 21
10:00 a.m.

Peter Ward will share his antique maps and give us a peek at some of their English antiques. Mary-Jane will show us some wonderful examples of her mother’s and grandmother’s English Cathedral Altar sewing!

For directions and reservations contact

Mary Helen Short
615-269-0538 maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com

SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE ANTIQUE STUDY GROUP

March 21: Show and Tell
April 18: Sue Clark: A tour of her home which has been in the family since the early 1800s.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 23 at 1 p.m.

Nashville Farmers Market
900 Rosa L Parks Boulevard

Take your pick from the variety of Food Stations at the Market.

We will meet at the center tables to eat together.

RSVP by February 23rd by text.

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328

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, February 4
at the home of
Susie Garner and Mark Sherrill at 6pm
Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com

March 25 - Chambers/Sherwood
April - Tschudy
May - Harris/Cutler

Contact information and meeting dates and times are on page seven.

Book Nook

Our groups are reading these books in February.

Book Group One Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Book Group Two The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

Loosely Bound Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

BOOKish The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel
Daytime Movie Group
will meet THIS Monday.

January 30

to see "Living"
at the Belcourt Theater.
There is a 2:35 pm showing.

I look forward to seeing you there.

The lead actor Bill Nighty has been nominated for an Oscar for his performance.

Please let Betsy know if you plan to attend.

Betsy Fleetwood
615-579-0903

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“Let’s Cook!”
and Girls Night Out

What: A Mardi Gras Party!
Gumbo, Wine and Hurricanes. $25.00 - just to come eat, drink and be merry OR Potluck for those who cook!

Who: Everyone! Its a party. All are invited. Please come!!

When: 5:00 PM - Note the time change, February 21 - Fat Tuesday!!

Where: Susie Garner’s house: 101 McArthur Ridge Ct. RSVP to Susie (sgarner@bellsouth.net) or Colleen (colleende@aol.com) by February 12, please :

SAVE THE DATE:
March 21
Making pasta from scratch and more with Chef Paulette.

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Armchair Travel

Friday, February 24 at 7pm
after supper
Lisa LeMaster and JB Ruhl
Venice
at the home of David Condra

Canals, Chianti and Cannoli

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

First meeting of "Lets Cook!"

Tracy Stadnick, Jay Allington-Baum, Colleen Edwards, Lynne Siesser, Laura Klepper, Susie Garner
Communications  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

The Team
Kelly Chambers - Coordinator
Lisa LeMaster - Website
Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News

Interest Groups
Do you have another interest not listed? Contact
Joy Allington-Baum  214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

DAYTIME

ANTIQUES: Mary Helen Short  3rd Tuesday at 10am
615-260-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Frueetal  1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5076 - nnfrueetal@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Lindsay Lawrence 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm
720-785-4075 - lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com

CHOCOLATE! Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS
Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu
Roxanne Roske
323-371-2475 - hrroske@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Kelly Chambers 1st Wednesday
9:30am and 2nd Thursdays
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke  Thursdays
9:30am 815-222-5986 - gcwernke@msn.com

EXPLORE VANDERBILT
Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu
Sharon Hels
615-715-3739 - shels53@gmail.com

FRENCH: Maisie Roden  2nd Thursday 1pm
maisie.roden@gmail.com

GARDENING: Peggy Curci and Ursula King
314-369-4119 - peggy@theCurcis.com

LET’S COOK: Susie Garner and Colleen Edwards
3rd Tuesday - 3pm
615-500-4886 - sgarn@bellsouth.net
407-461-9313 - colleende@aol.com

MAH JONG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

TUESDAY MAH JONG: Lynne Siesser  Tuesdays 10am
615-856-3980 - lsisser7@gmail.com

LEARNING MAH JONG: Mondays 10am
615-856-3980 - lsisser7@gmail.com

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

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 1pm
Joy Allington-Baum  214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

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

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser
615-856-3980 - lsisser7@gmail.com

To avoid conflicts check the Google Calendar. vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com

Pop-Up Group

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.

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.

https://m.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/?ref=bookmarks

EVENING/WEEKEND

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser - 615-856-3980 lsisser7@gmail.com One Friday per semester 7pm

BOOK GROUP ONE: 3rd Sunday 2:30pm
Becky Atack - 615-406-3711- attackrw@comcast.net
Eileen Crawford - 615-306-1211 eileenecrawford5@gmail.com

BOOKish: Debby Stevens 4th Tuesday at 6pm
615 -545-4545 - debbystevens@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser Saturdays 6pm
615-856-3980 - lsisser7@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
Community Service

Happy Valentine’s Day Month,
Our February volunteer opportunities are coming up soon.

1. Pencil, (DG Pencil Box)
Where: 7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd., Nashville, TN. 37209
What: Sorting/organizing school supplies that are then made available to Metro teachers
When: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (generally the first Wed. of the month at this time.)
Feb. 1  Mar. 1  Apr. 5  May 3
R.S.V.P. to Kelly at kellychambers420@yahoo.com

2. Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee
Where: 331 Great Circle Rd., Nashville, TN. 37228
What: Sorting donated food or packing boxes of weekend meals, etc. — Room for 10 volunteers
When: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Thursdays
Feb. 9  Mar. 9  Apr. 13  May 11
R.S.V.P. Second Harvest needs all adults to be registered for this shift before coming in, so please click on this link to go to our VWC group’s landing page to create an account and sign up. (Keep in mind that their system only allows us to see the shifts that are scheduled two months in the future, or sooner.) Please let me know if you plan to go and if you need any help signing up online.

3. Diaper Drive benefiting the Nashville Diaper Connection. The club is collecting children’s disposable diapers at all club-wide events this year. Diapers also can be dropped off at my home, 1115 Lipscomb Dr., Nashville, TN. 37204.
If you are in an Interest Group perhaps you could publicize the diaper drive there and collect diapers for the club. I can pick them up or you can drop them off at my house.

As always, thank you for your participation and please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions or if you want to be removed from the email list.

Contact Kelly at kellychambers420@yahoo.com
409-771-5731

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH enjoying Brunch at Loveless Motel
Sue McDougall, Lynne Siesser, Sara Plummer, Judy Andrews, Colleen Edwards, Nancy Gentry, Joy Allington-Baum, Ursula King, Paddy Peerman, Elaine Smyth, Robin Sandidge
Photographer - Kelly Chambers
Covid Guidelines

The Vanderbilt Woman’s Club follows Vanderbilt University Phase Guidelines for COVID-19. The University continues to follow the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based on Davidson County’s COVID community level. Gathering size limits are lifted for gatherings. Outdoor areas should be used as community gathering spaces whenever possible. Indoor gatherings may occur at the full capacity of a given indoor space, including work, classroom and research spaces.

In the News

Bridget Gorokovsky is the program director for the Humphrey Fellows at Peabody. She was at the Annual Meeting to support our speaker, Dr. Khan and sent us this message.

‘Yesterday we talked about the Humphrey Fellows, the Fulbright group that brought Aziza Khan to Vanderbilt. If you are interested in knowing more of the Fellows, linked here are their bios. I mentioned that we have a teatime when we are on campus from 10:30 to 11:00 in the Peabody Administrative Building room 303. It is a very informal time, but anyone who would like to meet the fellows is welcome. Our teatime dates this semester are on Wednesdays: January 25, February 1, February 8, February 22, and March 22.

If one of your members really enjoys being part of our international world, you can encourage her to talk with Sarah Crane, the program coordinator, about becoming a Humphrey Fellows Friendship Family". sarah.k.crane@vanderbilt.edu

The Quilting Group has delivered another dozen quilts for the Giraffe Pods in the NICU. Thank you Clare Heiberger, Susan McDougall, Lynne Siesser and Peggy Curci’s mother for the donations of fabric. Thank you Sallie Diehl and Lynne Siesser for sewing this batch.

If you would like to help with the next batch and need fabric or batting, contact Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980 lsiesser7@gmail.com

Bridget Gorokovsky, Anna Walker, Sharon Hels, Aziza Khan at the Annual Meeting
Annual Meeting

Thank you, Laura

Laura McCann
Senior Program Manager, Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Sujata Bismas, Michel McDonald

Angela Bowens, Fran Vettes, Eileen Crawford, Ursula King, Ann Ernslaw, Robin Redwine

Yolanda Brooks Robinson, Anna Walker, Scholar, Sophia Pieri, Class of 2026, Liz Doyle

Dr. Aziza Khan

VU Explorers at the women’s basketball game

Susan Winchester, Peggy Curri, Marie Hindman, The Commodore, Robin Sandidge, Judy Andrews, Nancy Gentry, Sharon Hels, Tracy Stadnick, Lina Keefe, Michelle Tellock
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**SAVE THE DATES**
- Tuesday, March 21: "LET'S COOK!"
- Wednesday, March 22: EXPLORERS

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**