MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies of VWC,

When I penned my first president’s message, I greeted you with humility and excitement for the year ahead. I was humbled to stand on the shoulders of giants and excited about the vision I shared for our club.

As I pen my last president’s message, I maintain those sentiments. I am humbled to have the opportunity to preside over an amazing board and incredible group of women. I have learned what it means to be resilient, open-minded, and most of all grateful. We have had a great year and proved that we are VWC strong. We have shown up for our community in the midst of crisis and need and for one another.

I am so grateful for your support, opportunity to grow, and getting to know you. In the words of philosopher, William James, “The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.” As we look to the future, I am so proud of the growth of our membership, interest groups and participation in our campaign and all we have accomplished together.

I look forward to being with you at our last club wide event on May 4th where we celebrate “All Things Magnolia”.

With Gratitude and Love,

Anna Walker

https://m.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/?

The mission of the Vanderbilt Woman’s Club is to bring together the women of Vanderbilt University, provide an opportunity for intellectual, cultural and social activities within the community and the University, support and assist the mission of the University, and sponsor 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

SPRING Luncheon

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023
11AM TO 1PM
RICHLAND COUNTRY CLUB
$45 FOR BUFFET LUNCHEON
CASH ONLY BAR

Theme:
ALL THINGS MAGNOLIA

Attire:
CLUB COLORS OR COLORS OF YOUR FAVORITE MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM

RSVP: APRIL 28 TO VWCHOSPITALITY2223@GMAIL.COM

BRING A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK FOR OUR BOOK SWAP
DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
Elaine Reed

DONATIONS YEAR TO DATE

We sincerely thank everyone who has made a gift to the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Endowment.

If your name is missing, contact Lynne Siessler lsiessler7@gmail.com to be added to the list. Information does not always trickle down from Vanderbilt.

In Memoriam
Jim, husband of Barbara Nash

New Members Corner

NEW PROSPECTS MAY SUBMIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND PAY THEIR DUES HERE.
Did you know?

The object of the club as stated in the 1895 by-laws.

The club began in October 1893 and it took two years to create its constitution. Its cover and first page are in the photos above.

Vanderbilt Woman’s Club goal as seen in the original constitution:

The object of the Club is threefold – intellectual, social, humanitarian. In its work it shall endeavor

(1) to stimulate the intellectual and moral development of its members:

(2) to promote good fellowship among its members and between the students and the teachers of the University:

(3) to aid, by its organizational effort, such worthy causes as may secure its sympathy.

Object of the club in the 2019 by-laws.

The purpose of the Club shall be:

To bring together the women of Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center, providing an opportunity for intellectual, cultural, and social activities within the community and the University and the Medical Center; to support and assist the mission of the University and Medical Center; to sponsor the Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship through fundraising efforts.

It is good to belong to such a consistent organization. The language may have changed yet the goals have remained the same for 130 years.

Joy Allington-Baum
**Exploring Future Groups**

There has been some interest in the following future opportunities.

**Puzzling Times**
Please feel free to bring any puzzles you would like to share to the Spring Luncheon. We will be collecting and sharing puzzles. A signup sheet will be available at the Spring Luncheon. If you are interested in participating yet cannot make the luncheon, let me know at joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or text 214-755-5328.

**Book Swap**
We have four book groups and many members who like to read. We will have the opportunity to do a book swap. You sign up to be on the email list. Requests can be made for specific books and anyone can offer up a book to share. The giver can do a contactless porch pick up. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Spring Luncheon or to be put on the list contact joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or text 214-755-5328.

**Finish It**
A weekly 1½ hour group where you bring your UFO’s (unfinished objects). Anything sewing, knitting, etc. Good company and hopefully the completion of a project. Date and time to be determined by the group. A sign-up sheet for anyone interested will be at the Spring luncheon. Can’t go? Contact me at joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or text 214-755-5328.

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Lunch Bunch at Wilco Fusion Grill in April

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Joyce Gore
Joy Allington-Baum
Explorers and Explore Vanderbilt will not meet over the Summer
Tracy Stadnick at tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Explorers at the Dragon Park with Anne Roos

Explore Vanderbilt Tailgating before the Vandy Boys
Nancy Gentry, Ebbie & Jim Redwine, Kelly Chambers, Michelle Tellock, Susie Garner, Tracy Stadnick, Pat Hindman

VWC and VHA got together for Brunch at the Green Hills Y.

Diane Whalley
Robin Sandidge
Amy Page Christiansen
Peggy Carri
Kelly Chambers
Sandra MacDonald
Patti Harris
Lynne Siesser
Mildred Tilley
Sharon Berensfeld
Tracy Stadnick
Anna Walker
represented the VWC
Book Nook
Our groups are reading these books in May.

**Book Group One**
- *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge (May)
- *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls (June)
- *All That Moves Us* by Jay Wellons (July)

**Book Group Two**
- *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler

**Loosely Bound**
- *Beautiful Little Fools* by Jillian Cantor
- *Loosely Bound* will not meet in June or July.

**BOOKish**
- *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

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

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**Out to Lunch Bunch**

**May 25th at 1 p.m.**

**Doughbird**
4031 Hillsboro Pike (in the old California pizza kitchen location)

**Rsvp May 23rd**

This is the final lunch bunch of the academic year. We are taking off June and July starting back up in August. If you have any future recommendations, please feel free to contact me.

Lunch Bunch meets at 1 p.m. the 4th Thursday of the month.

Criteria for venue: moderate to low pricing, ample parking, location can accommodate between 8-12 members, Nashville or Brentwood locations.

Joy Allington-Baum
214-755-5328

*No Lunch Bunch in June or July.*

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**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, May 20**

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

on the roof top

Patti Harris and David Cutler
at 6pm

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

June - Host needed
July - Waugh
August - Sallie & Robert Diehl

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Ashleigh Maxcey, Kelly Chambers, Courtney Lamb, Suzanne Petrey, Sheila Jensen, Joy Allington-Baum, Elisabeth Sandberg, Marie Hindman, Frannie Benner
Girls Night Out

Thursday, May 18th
Sky Bar at the Green Hills Hilton
5:30pm.

RSVP
Marie Hindman
marie.hindman@gmail.com

Girls Night Out last August

Nancy Gentry
Diane Whalley
Ebbie Redwine

Peggy Curvi
Cindy Slabogin
Merle Born
Laura Klepper

Sue Clark, Lynne Siesser, Kippie Leland, Robin Sinclair, Jane Youngman

Antique Study Group
Sue Clark gave a wonderful tour of her home. Thank you Sue for sharing your home and family stories and thank you, Diane Whalley for helping her put away the family heirlooms.

The Group will meet again in September.

Cribbage will be on
Wednesday, May 3 instead of
Thursday, the 4th
so players can attend the
Spring Luncheon.
Over the Summer they will meet
Wednesdays.

Grace Wernke  815-222-5986
gcwernke@msn.com

The players;
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  615-260-6538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com
BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Frueetel  1st Monday 1pm  615-295-0705 - nnfrueetel@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 323-371-2478 - rrroske@yahoo.com
COMMUNITY SERVICE: Kelly Chambers 1st Wednesday 9:30am and 2nd Thursday 1pm
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
masie.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 - sgarner@bellsouth.net
407-461-9313 - colleenende@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 - lsiisser7@gmail.com
LEARNING MAH JONGG  Mondays 3pm
615-856-3980 - lsiisser7@gmail.com
MOVIE GROUP - DAY: Betsy Fleetwood
615-579-0903 - bfleet@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 - lsiisser7@gmail.com

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
lsiisser7@gmail.com  One Friday per semester 7pm
BOOK GROUP ONE: 3rd Sunday 2:30pm
Becky Atack  615-406-3711 - atackrw@comcast.net
Eileen Crawford  615-306-1211
eileen.crawford5@gmail.com
BOOKish: Debby Stevens  4th Tuesday at 6pm
615 -545-4454 - debbyhstevens@gmail.com
COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser  Saturdays 6pm
615-856-3980 - lsiisser7@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

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

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.)
   May 3, June 7, July 5
   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
   May 11, June 8, July 13
   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. Please let me know if you plan to go and if you need any help signing up online.

3. **Diaper Drive --** VWC is collecting diapers this year as our community outreach project. Feel free to donate disposable diapers of any size at any club-wide event or contact me about picking up diapers or dropping them off. These diapers go to the Nashville Diaper Connection. [https://www.nashvillediaperconnection.org/](https://www.nashvillediaperconnection.org/)

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.

Happy Spring!

409-771-5731  kellychambers420@yahoo.com

VWC members (and VHA members at the brunch) have donated 3,825 diapers!
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VWC CELEBRATES ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH