



Magnolia News

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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



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Joy Allington-Baum*
Interest Groups

Liz Doyle*
Membership

Tracy Stadnick*
Newcomers

*Past Presidents

Spring Luncheon: Thursday, May 4 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Richland Country Club

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

Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship

Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court. Gallatin, TN 37066-5717

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[to make](#)
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DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

Elaine Reed

DONATIONS YEAR TO DATE

Kelley Anderson, Judith Andrews, Anonymous, Becky Atack, Evadne & Mark Awh, Cheryl Baird, Melinda & Jeffrey Balser, Tracy Bannantine, Elisabetha Baugh, Mary Baysinger, Holly & Wayne Beavers, Frannie Benner, Sujata & Gautam Biswas, Ann Bond, Merle Born, Susan & Jim Bradford, Faye Brown, Audrey Brown, Cathy Brunk, Norma Jean Bueschen, Sarah Calvani, Anne Carr, Ruth Cate & Roy Charles White, Kelly Chambers & Edward Sherwood, Amy Page & Douglas Christiansen, Mary Sue Clark, Eileen Crawford, Janet Crowson, Peggy & John Curci, Rory Dicker & Paul DeHart, Katrina & Steven Dickerson, Sallie Diehl, Elizabeth Doyle, Colleen Edwards, Ann Ercelawn, Betsy & Daniel Fleetwood, Nancy Fruetel, Dorothy & Kenneth Galloway, Susan Garner, Kathleen Garthwaite, Nancy & Kenneth Gentry, Patricia Gregg, Catherine Griffith, Shelia Hall, Kay Hall, Cherie Hamilton, Patricia Harris, Sharon Hels, Rebekah & Gerald Hickson, Marie Hindman, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth & Nicholas Zeppos, Sheila & Gary Jensen, Rhonda & Paul Keckley, Lina & Kevin Keefe, Beth Kelso, Lael Kiesling, Ursula King & Blackford Middleton, Helen & John Kornblum, Ann & John Krimm, Karen & James Lackey, Paula Ladd, Lindsay Lawrence, Jamie & Patrick Leddin, Mary Louise Linn, Lynn Davidson Maddox, Anne & Mark Manner, Ashleigh Maxcey, Michel McDonald, Sue McDougall, Colleen McGinley, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Judi & Mark Medford, Valerie & Elliott Middleton, Kimberley Murphy, Barbara Nash, Roseann Nunnely, Inka Odom, Patricia Peerman, Susan & Phillip Perdue, Carol & Peter Person, Suzanne & Claybourne Petrey, Anne Plummer, Sara Plummer, Katherine Porter, Evelyn & James Redwine, Jessica Rickman, Yolanda Brooks Robinson, Rosemary & Dan Roden, Roxanne Roske, Kedra Ruff, Loretta & Edward Saff, Robin Sandidge & David Bohman, Elaina Scott, Kendra Scott, Susan Sharp, Vivian Shields, Lynne & William Siesser, Nancy & Richard Simerly, Cynthia & Christopher Slobogin, Amy Smith, Elaine & Robert Smyth, Sandy & William Spitz, Tracy & Michael Stadnick, Debra Stevens, Mary & Timothy Stinson, Michelle Tellock, Penny TeSelle, Mildred Tilley & Richard Stewart, Claire Tschudy, Anna Walker, Joyce & John Weisenseel, Grace Wernke, Diane Whalley & John Patire, Susan Winchester, Faye Wyatt, Fiona Yull



Emily Song, Class of 2023



Ana Key, Class of 2025



Sophia Pieri, Class of 2026

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

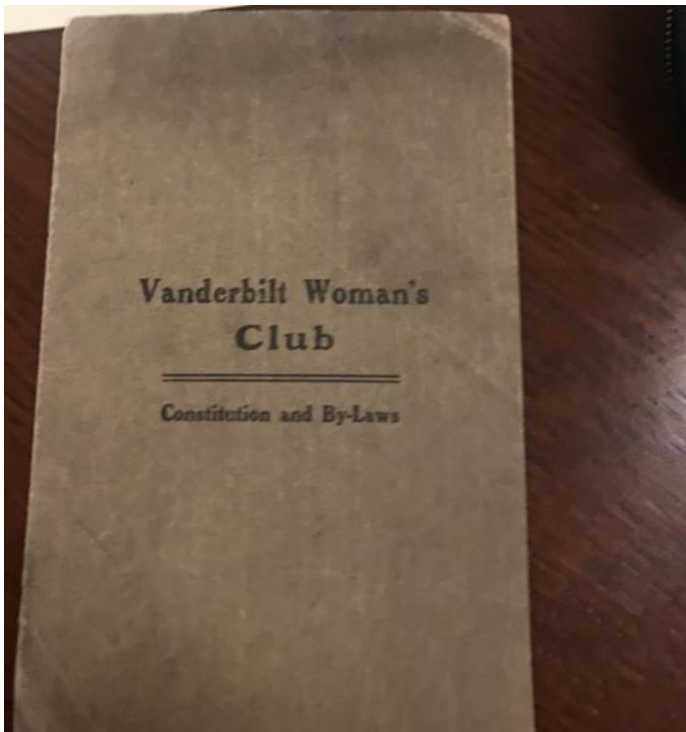
If your name is missing, contact Lynne Siesser lsiesser7@gmail.com to be added to the list. Information does not always trickle down from Vanderbilt.

In Memoriam
Jim,
husband of Barbara Nash

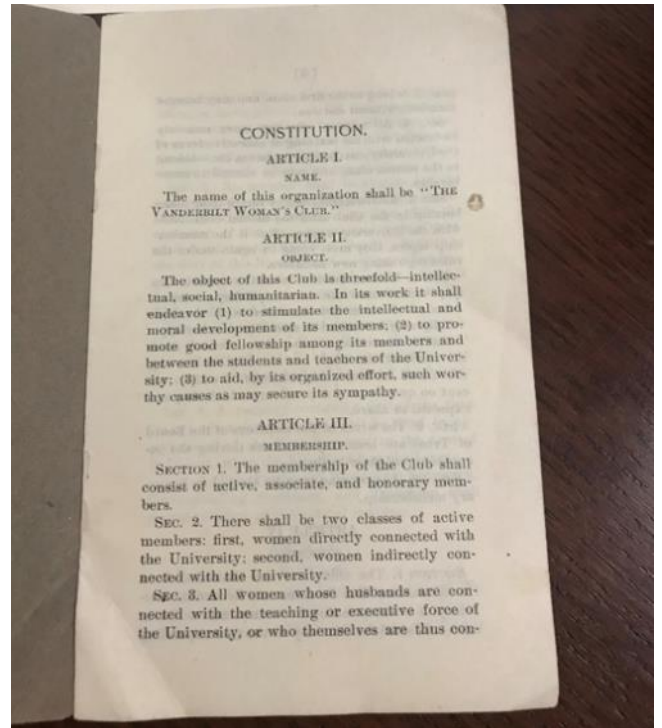
New Members Corner

NEW PROSPECTS MAY SUBMIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND PAY THEIR DUES [HERE](#).

Did you know?



The cover of our first Constitution and By-Laws 1895



Our Object as a club has remained the same although our language has become more modern.

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



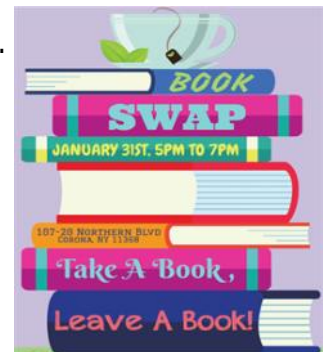
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or text 214-755-5328.

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 1 ½ 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.



Roxanne Roske Kathy Egli Paddy Peerman	Laura Klepper Fran Vetter Nancy Gentry
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Joyce Gore
Joy Allington-Baum

Lunch Bunch
at
Wilco Fusion Grill
in
April

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 Curci
Kelly Chambers
Sandra MacDonald
Patti Harris
Lynne Stesser
Sharon Berensfeld
Tracy Stadnick
Anna Walker
Mildred Tilley
represented the VWC*



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.

Save the dates
August 24th
September 28th
October 26th
November off due to Thanksgiving
December 15th
Thistle Farms 2-4



Joy Allington-Baum
214-755-5328

No Lunch Bunch in June or July.

Loosely Bound on the 4th Tuesday at 7p.m.



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

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

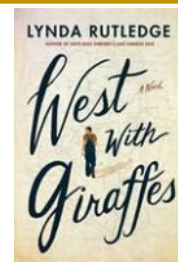
Book Nook

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.



Trust by Hernan Diaz

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

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;



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.

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 Redvine*



*Peggy Curci
Cindy Slobogin
Merle Born
Laura Klepper*



*Amy Smith
Frannie Benner*



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

615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm

615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@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 - hrroske@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

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 - sgarner@bellsouth.net

407-461-9313 - colleende@aol.com

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm

615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

TUESDAY MAH JONGG: Lynne Siesser Tuesdays 10am

615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

LEARNING MAH JONGG Mondays 10am

615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@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

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POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

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QUILTING: Lynne Siesser

615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com



Look for us as

vanderbiltwomansclub

or search for **vanderbiltwomansclub**

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 PUG 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

lsiesser7@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

eileencrawford5@gmail.com

BOOKish: Debby Stevens 4th Tuesday at 6pm

615-545-4545 - debbyhstevens@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser Saturdays 6pm

615-856-3980 - 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

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/>

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!

Anne Manner, Kelly Chambers, Joan Hornberger

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VWC members
(and VHA members at the
brunch) have donated
3,825 diapers!





May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Learning Mah Jongg 9:30am Book Group Two 1pm	Mah Jongg 10am	PENCIL 9:30am Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Spring Luncheon 11am		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Learning Mah Jongg 9:30am	Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm	Mah Jongg 1pm	Cribbage 9:30am 2nd Harvest 1pm French 1pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Learning Mah Jongg 9:30am	Mah Jongg 10am	Mah Jongg 1pm	Cribbage 9:30am Girls Night Out 5:30pm		Cocktails 6pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Book Group One 2:30pm	Learning Mah Jongg 9:30am	Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm BOOKish 6pm Loosely Bound 7pm	Mah Jongg 1pm	Cribbage 9:30am Out to Lunch 1pm		
28	29	30	31			
	Learning Mah Jongg 9:30am	Mah Jongg 10am	Mah Jongg 1pm			

VWC CELEBRATES ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

