



Magnolia News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Ladies of VWC,

I greet you with great humility and excitement about the upcoming year. I am humbled to walk in the giant footsteps of my predecessors who valiantly guided us during the global pandemic of 1918, two world wars, and the ongoing global pandemic of the corona virus disease. Each of them had high ideals and a vision to continue the rich traditions, mission, and vision of the club, while enhancing it with opportunities to expand, grow and evolve. I am excited to make the most of my presidency by encouraging you to make meaningful connections, raise awareness of who we are, increase visibility on the Vanderbilt campus and through our community partnerships, and have another stellar year of generous giving to our **Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund** to continue our legacy.

At the Annual Meeting in January, we were charged by **Chancellor Diermeier** to be brand ambassadors for Vanderbilt. In accepting this charge, we will strengthen our relationships and seize opportunities to tell our story.

Our 2022-23 board is excited and energized to serve you. I am honored to be surrounded by five past presidents, **Sharon Hels**, **Tracy Stadnick**, **Joy Allington-Baum**, **Kelly Chambers** and **Elizabeth Doyle**, two newcomers, **Marie Hindman** and **Susan Perdue**, and three dedicated members who have served the board well over the years, **Yolonda Brooks Robinson**, **Elaine Smyth**, and **Elisabeth Sandberg**.

I give special thanks to **Sharon Hels** and the past board for their work on creating the new logo and our Communications team, **Kelly Chambers**, Past President, **Lynne Siesser** and Past President, **Lisa LeMaster** for their hard work on launching our publications with a new look. I applaud our Interest Group chairs for their work this year, as well. We have added a new group, **Explore Vanderbilt**.

In this issue, take note of few new things including a Did You Know? section where **Joy Allington-Baum** will be sharing stories from our archives that inspire and enlighten us about our history, a VWC CommuniCare section where **Kelly Chambers** encourages us to reach out to our seniors and life members to let them know we are thinking of them, and a monthly Member Spotlight - one month, it could be you!

I look forward to seeing you at the Opening Tea for a time to connect and engage. Please remember to renew your membership, invite someone to become a member and give to our scholarship fund.

With Hope and Expectation,

Anna Walker

Members of the Board

2022-2023

Anna Walker

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Newcomers

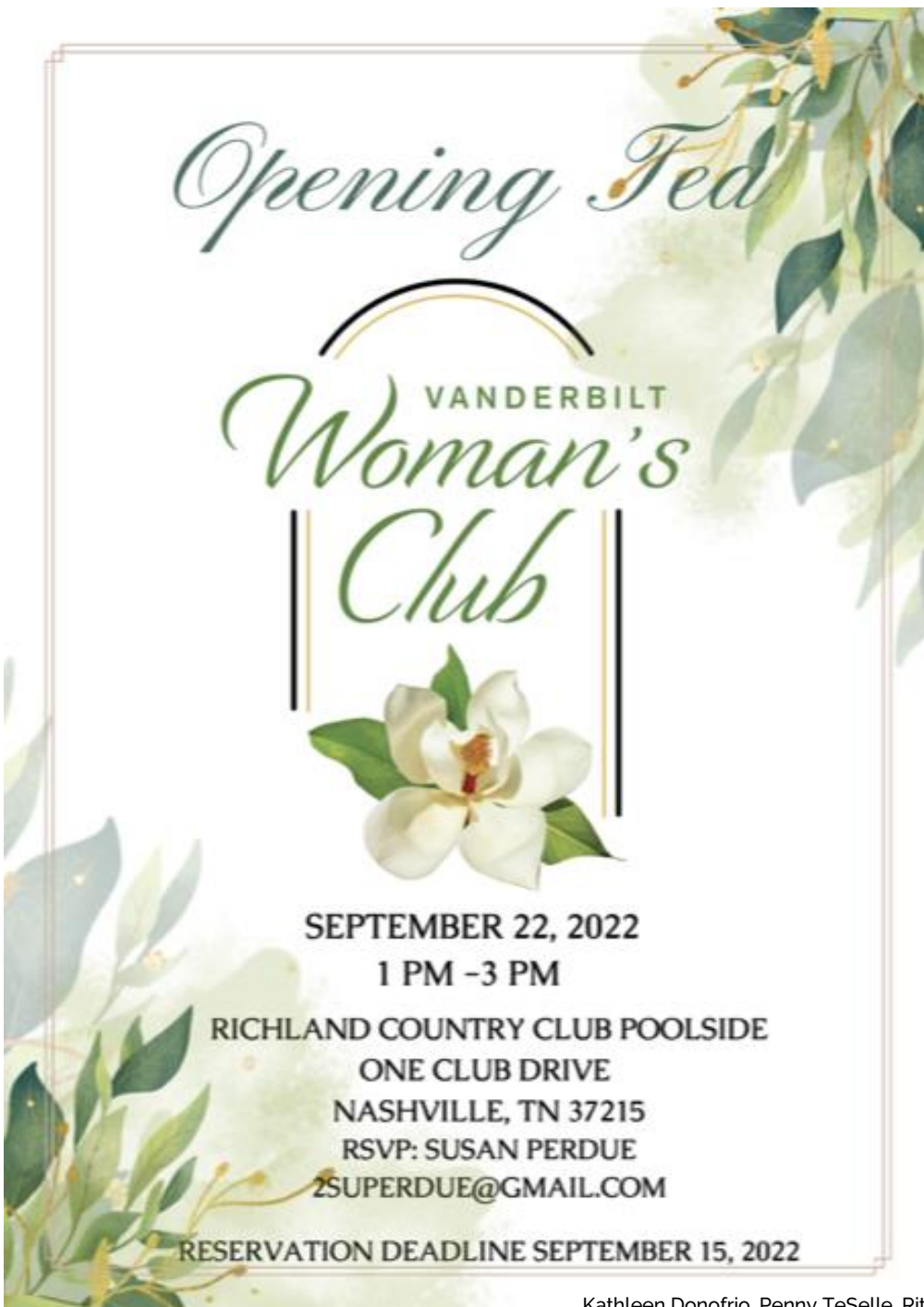
UPCOMING EVENT

Opening Tea

Thursday September 22, 1 - 3pm at Richland Country Club

Details on page two

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.



Make your reservation
online.

[https://
vanderbilt.alumniq.com/
index.cfm/events/register/
home/eventId/4140](https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events/register/home/eventId/4140)

Members are invited to join the club in honoring life members, reconnecting with old friends, and signing up for interest groups.

Do you remember when you were 22?

Were you...

- Newly graduated?
- Newly married?
- Pursuing your education?
- Starting your career?
- Starting your family?

Please bring a small memento that tells a story of your life when you were 22 to our fall tea on 9-22-22. It can be anything you'd like to share with the women who will be seated at your table.

We can't wait to see you there!"

Kathleen Donofrio, Penny TeSelle, Rita Hall, Carmen Gherman, Terri Hershberger



Opening Tea 10/5/1965



Opening Tea 9/17/2015

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.

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

Donations since the last newsletter

Norma Jean Bueschen, Elisabetha Baugh, Audrey Brown,
Carol Person, Sara Plummer, Tracy Stadnick, Faye Wyatt

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.

New Members Corner



Emily Song, Class of 2023

Last year a record
amount
was raised.

Vanderbilt Woman's
Club

is sponsoring two
scholars this year.

We are ready for a
third scholar.



Ana Key, Class of 2025

Lana Hefner

is an Academic and Education Support
Program Coordinator in the Student
Success office with the School of
Engineering.



Lana

Robin Sandidge

was in private practice in Nashville as an
Ob/Gyn for 20 years and has been retired
since 2011. She enjoys tennis, hiking,
cycling, travel and reading.



Robin

Welcome back **Susan Gillespie.**

Save the date: For All Newcomers:
Tuesday, October 4th 10am
Newcomer Coffee at Sharon Hels's
Home



To renew your membership

<https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events/register/home/eventId/4128>

or complete the form on page twelve.

Pass on the information to friends who might be interested.

Member Spotlight

MARGARET NORRIS

Margaret moved to Nashville with her husband, John, in 1957. In the 1960s, she worked as a Staff Physician at the Vanderbilt Student Health Clinic, then began a three-year residency in Psychiatry and went into private practice. Eventually she began working as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the V.A., retiring in 1998. Margaret has been listed as a noteworthy Psychiatrist by Marquis Who's Who.

Margaret Norris joined St. Augustine's shortly after she moved to Nashville. She serves as an Emeritus member of the St. Augustine's Advisory Board and has written a short history of St. Augustine's.

Margaret has been a loyal member of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club for 65 years and can still be seen at a variety of events - lectures, lunches, Backyard Music, Kendra Scott Jewelry etc.

Her avocation: swimming. *Quote from Prabook.*

Margaret always remembers how welcoming the Newcomers' Club was to her when she first came to Vanderbilt. She has been a Book Group One member for over 60 years. At first the Book Group was very serious with presentations on Russian authors and other erudite topics. Over the years, things changed to themes and authors the members could really enjoy. Margaret participated in the Dance Group. Music was provided by the Doctors' Orchestra. Sadly the group disbanded. When their orchestra was no longer available, the hiring of another orchestra proved prohibitive.



*Picture from
St. Augustine
bulletin*

Margaret Norris with the newest member of St A's family at the Fall Retreat- 2017.



Carol Bachmann, Dot Galloway, Elaine McKenna look on as Liz Doyle shows her gift.

In the News

In Memoriam

George Hahn
Husband of Frances

Would you like to share a major event happening in your life? Send the information to

lsiesser7@gmail.com.

Did you know?

The Vanishing Silver Service

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club has always welcomed the newcomer and started off the year in style for all its members with either a Welcome Coffee or Opening Tea. The décor matched the era and, as you can see, elegance was de rigueur during the Branscomb era.

The first mention of a Silver Tea Service was October 1936, as the New Member Tea was allocated \$20 for the tea and all the other guest meetings had a total \$20 expenditure, it can be concluded that the first event was meant to impress. Mrs. Branscomb is seen in the photo at the first event of that year for the VWC and features our first photograph in the archives of our silver service. This service was kept at the home of Mrs. Brown and the hostesses for each event were responsible for retrieving, returning and polishing the sets.

The service was insured for \$10 per year. The silver was moved to the University Club where it was to be kept locked in a cupboard. The keys to the silver cupboard "will be kept by Ava Sellars and the hostess for each individual event, will have to ask for the keys prior to each meeting." Between May and July of 1971, the silver service was stolen. In September of 1971 a \$500 insurance check was spent to replace the old silver service with a new one seen below. Except not all of the replaced pieces are shown.

The saga with the silver service was not over. At the August 1976 board meeting Ava Sellars, house chairman, suggested that the silver be left where it is. At this time the keys were not available to the upstairs locked cabinets at The University Club so it was safer at someone's home. She also reported that the teapot is still missing. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Holladay (President) would select a teapot in a pattern that would blend with the silver we have and this be paid from the insurance money for the lost pot.

Two new pots of identical design to the one that went missing were ordered; one paid for with insurance; the other not to exceed \$100. The Treasurer's report for the year was \$1,276.54 in the bank with one thousand in short term savings account so \$100 was a large expenditure.

Our silver service keeps disappearing. Where is it now?

Part 2 in the next Magnolia News.

By Joy Allington-Baum - part of her research in the Archives.



Our Silver Service in use October 7th 1993 at VWC Welcome Coffee at the home of Sassy Carroll featuring speaker Carole Bucy.

Antique Study Group

Tuesday, September 20
10am

Jane Youngman

American Brilliant Period Cut Glass

American Brilliant Period Cut Glass refers to hand cut and polished high quality glass cut between 1876 & 1915. American cut glass during this period excelled all cut glass worldwide due to the high lead content (50%) and expert cutting which resulted in an unprecedented brilliance. Because this glass was entirely hand-decorated, high labor costs made it extremely expensive and out of reach to all but the affluent class. The introduction of inexpensive pressed glass imitating cut glass forced cost cutting short-cuts, and inferior products crept into the market by WWI, resulting in the demise of this industry in America.

Mary Helen Short

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maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com



Explorers

Join VWC Explorers for a docent-led tour of

"Knights and Armor" at the FRIST!

Come explore over 100 artifacts from full suits of armor to swords, all from the renowned collection of the Museo Stibbert in Florence, Italy.

Friday, September 30th at 12:45pm

Cost \$12 per person, *check made payable to Roxanne Roske*

RSVP by September 23, to

Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu



<https://fristartmuseum.org/exhibition/knights-in-armor/>

SAVE the DATE

Friday, October 28th

7pm for a walking Ghost tour in Franklin.

Explore Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt University is a city within a city: complex, dynamic, and full of fascinating places and people with stories to tell. Please join our new Interest Group to sample some of these!

Organizational meeting:

September 29, 10am, at Fido Coffee Shop

(1812 21st Avenue S, in Hillsboro Village).

We have plenty of ideas to share. Bring your own, and we'll plan together.

Questions? Can't make the organizational meeting but want to be on the email list? Contact

Tracy Stadnick tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Sharon Hels shels53@gmail.com

or find us at the Opening Tea on September 22. You can also sign up then to get your name on the list.

In the meantime, here's a video showing the growth and development of the Vanderbilt campus through successive master plans: www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9XQq6CT7P8

And here's another one, a recent (2020) very enthusiastic review of Vanderbilt pitched at prospective undergraduate students: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jvdw6JyaxbA



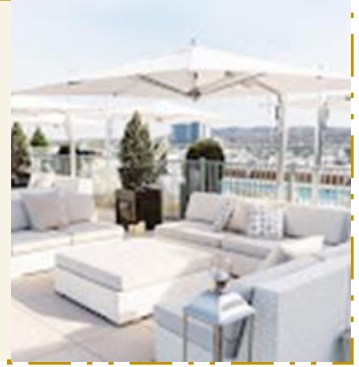
Girls Night Out

September 15 from 5-7pm at the Rooftop Sky Bar
at the Hilton in Green Hills, 3801 Cleghorn Avenue, Nashville, TN.

This rooftop bar is the place for viewing the green hills and distant city lights of Nashville. SkyBar Green Hills features handmade cocktails, craft beers, wine, and light food. Enjoy their tiki-bar-themed cocktails and tapas menu during the summer season.

Marie Hindman

864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@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, September 10 at the Siessers
at 6pm**

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

October
November
December
January
February
March
April



French

Our first meeting of the academic year is

Thursday, September 8
at the cafe at Richland Place at 1pm.
Please let me know if you can come so we reserve enough chairs.
maisie.roden@gmail.com



French Conversation: Joan Harshman, Penny TeSelle, Maisie Roden, Anne Plummer, Frances Hahn, Eileen Crawford, Eva Hodgson

Armchair Travel

Friday, September 23 at 7pm
at the home of David Condra

Soup, Samosas and Sights of India with Bill Siesser

*Let Lynne know if you would like to be on the email list
for this and future events.*



Spouses welcome.

Relive your travels by sharing your photographs with friends.

Details will be emailed later.

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



Lunch Bunch

September 22 Opening Tea

1-3pm

Richland Country Club

October 27 1pm



Bringles Smoking Oasis
4901 Centennial Boulevard

4th Thursday in November is Thanksgiving

Friday, December 16 from 2-4pm
The Holiday Tea at Thistle Farms

More details to follow.

In the new year we will have a brunch and I am open to suggestions.

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

Loosely Bound

4th Tuesday at 7pm

Book list 2022 updated April 2022

September 27

The Searcher by Tana French

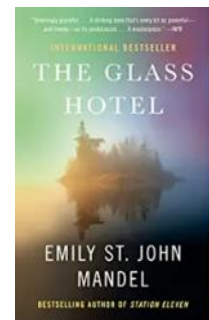
Guided by Sheila Jensen

October 25

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel

Guided by Michelle Tellock

Elisabeth Sandberg
text: 617-957-2169



Tuesday Bridge

Bridge is now on the second and fourth Tuesday.

To join us at 1pm contact Lynne.

615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com



Evening Mah Jongg

All are welcome.

2nd Thursday of each month

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Peggy's home, 6249 Hillsboro Pike,
from 6 to 9pm. Bring your 2022 card
Let Peggy know if you would like to join the group.

Peggy@theCurcis.com



Gardening

Our first event is a repeat because I failed to realize that we had done it last year.

We will visit the

Vanderbilt Latin American Garden

on

Friday, September 9, 2022 at 9am.

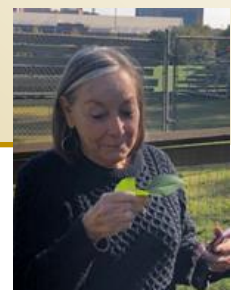
Executive Director, Dr. Avery Dickins de Giron will give us a private tour.

RSVP to

Peggy@theCurcis.com.



Sheila Jensen with the Gardening Group at the Latin American Garden in November, 2021



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

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/>



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.

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

For details and dates check
the Google Calendar.



vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com

Interest Groups

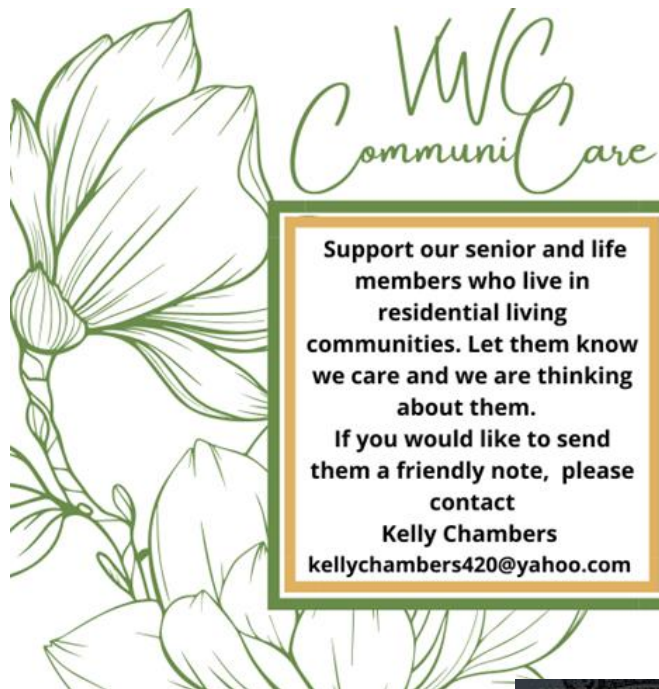
Do you have another interest not listed? Contact
Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

DAYTIME

ANTIQUES: Mary Helen Short 3rd Tuesday at 10am
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com
BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com
BRIDGE TUESDAY: Lynne Siesser 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm
615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
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Roxanne Roske
323-371-2478 - hrroske@yahoo.com
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9:30am 409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com
CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke Wednesdays 10am
815-222-5986 - gcwernke@msn.com
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Sharon Hels
615-715-3739 - shels53@gmail.com
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maisie.roden@gmail.com
GARDENING: Peggy Curci and Ursula King
314-369-4119 - peggy@theCurcis.com
MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com
MAH JONGG - NOT-SO-BEGINNERS: Lynne Siesser
Tuesdays 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
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731
kellychambers420@yahoo.com
QUILTING: Lynne Siesser
615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

EVENING/WEEKEND

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser - 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com One Friday per semester 7pm
BOOK GROUP ONE: 1st Sunday 2:30pm
Becky Atack - 615-406-3711- attackrw@comcast.net
Eileen Crawford - 615-306-1211
eileencrawford5@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



Support our senior and life members who live in residential living communities. Let them know we care and we are thinking about them.
If you would like to send them a friendly note, please contact
Kelly Chambers
kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Community Service

IN PERSON OPPORTUNITIES

The group resumes its monthly sorting and packaging of donated school supplies for Metro teachers at **PENCIL**

on Wednesday, September 7
from 9:30-11:30am

7199 Cockrill Bend Boulevard, Nashville 37209

This is light work and a good chance to be helpful and have fun with friends.

Please let Elaine know if you plan to attend at

smyth416@comcast.net

Other volunteer opportunities will be announced as they become available.

Questions?

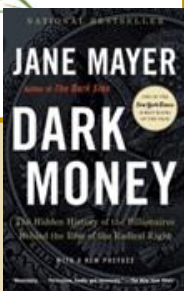
Contact Kelly at

kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Book Group One

The first meeting is
Sunday, September 4th
from 2:30-4:00pm.

Mary Raffety will lead the discussion on
Dark Money by Jane Mayer.



If you are interested, send us your email to get a zoom invitation. We'll be reevaluating zoom meetings vs in-person. Eileen or I will be sure to specify which.

Becky Atack - 615-406-3711

atackrw@comcast.net

Eileen Crawford - 615-306-1211



Jeannette McNeil, Mildred Tilley, Carmen Gherman, Chris Browning, Fran Veters, Joan Hornberger



Is anyone interested in putting together a scarecrow for Cheekwood?

This year's theme is **Personify a Plant.**

The magnolia was available and Peggy has reserved a frame. Let her know and the VWC Garden Group will come up with a plan. Peggy has a few yards of magnolia material left from mask making.

<https://cheekwood.org/learn/community-opportunities/scarecrows/>

Peggy@thecurcis.com

Wanted! A long-sleeved Vanderbilt T-shirt for Mr./Ms. Magnolia. Can you donate a shirt?

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's 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.

SEPTEMBER IS SELF-CARE AWARENESS MONTH



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Book Group One 2:30pm	Book Group Two 1pm	Mah Jongg 10am	PENCIL 9:30am Cribbage 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	French 1pm	Gardening 9am	Cocktails 6pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm	Cribbage 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	Girls Night Out 5pm Evening Mah Jongg 6pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Mah Jongg 10am Antiques 10am	Cribbage 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	Opening Tea 1pm	Armchair Travel 7pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm Loosely Bound Book Group 7pm	Mah Jongg 1pm	Explore Vanderbilt 10am	Explorers 12:45pm	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

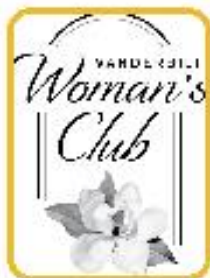
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Thursday, October 20
Fall Lunch

Thursday, December 1
Holiday Lunch

VWC CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH





2022-2023

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1558 Oxford Ct, Gallatin, TN 37066

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

_____ CITY, ZIP _____

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HOME/CELL

SPOUSE/PARTNER'S NAME & DEPARTMENT

YOUR VANDERBILT
DEPARTMENT/ALUMNA

BIRTHDATE(MONTH)

EMAIL

Annual Dues \$40

PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY **checks payable to Vanderbilt Woman's Club**

Regular Member of Vanderbilt Woman's Club

Women who are employed or are alumnae or whose husbands/partners are or were (retired/deceased) employed by the University or Medical Center and women who are not formally associated with the University, but possess an interest in the affairs of the University

Life Member Member for 40 years

Honorary Member

New to Vanderbilt Woman's Club

The wife of the Chancellor; women who are, or whose spouses/partners are members of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust; those women whose services to the University or the Club by a decision of the Board, deserve special recognition.

Alumna

I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the VWC Scholarship Fund

INTEREST GROUPS

- Antiques
- Arm Chair Travel
- Book Group One (afternoon)
- Book Group Two (daytime)
- Bridge
- Chocolate
- Cocktail Club

- Community Explorers
- Community Service
- Cribbage
- Explore Vanderbilt
- French
- Gardening
- Girls Night Out

- Loosely Bound Book Club (evening)
- Mah Jongg Daytime
- Mah Jongg Beginners
- Mah Jongg Evening
- Movie Group
- Out to Lunch
- POP Up Group
- Quilting

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Serve on the Board or special committees
- Fund Raising
- Chair a New Interest Group