MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Hello VWC Members

We kicked off the year with our first club-wide event – the Annual meeting, which provides members with an opportunity to gather for fellowship with each other, hear important business updates and reports from Board members, enjoy a lovely lunch, and be informed by a guest speaker. Well, this year did not disappoint. This year’s Annual Meeting was held on January 18, 2024 in the Vanderbilt Historic Old Gymnasium, a favorite location of many club members. Once again, we want to express our gratitude to Dr. Doug Christiansen, Vice Provost for University Enrollment Affairs and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, and his team for graciously hosting and sponsoring this event in the aftermath of the heavy snow fall in middle Tennessee. Following the meeting, the members were treated to a discussion with Vanderbilt’s new women’s volleyball Head Coach, Anders Nelson.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting is always the presentation of the slate of officers. The slate was approved with a favorable vote and we want to congratulate the incoming officers for the upcoming 2024-2025 year! Please see the names and pictures of each officer in this month’s newsletter. And, I would like to say a special “thank you” to the members of the Nominating Committee for their diligent efforts.

Next month we will be reaching out to members asking for your support for the club’s Annual Capital Campaign which is designed solely to fund the Stapleton/Weaver scholarship benefiting deserving Vanderbilt students from February 15-29. During this time, our members and friends of the club will learn more about our current three scholars and have an opportunity to give as we support them and more to come in the coming years. These donations really are the gifts that keep on giving! So, join us during this time which, in this leap year, includes an extra day to give, by scanning and sharing the QR code provided.

Finally – it’s never too early to begin planning for the much-anticipated Spring Luncheon that will be on May 2, 2024 at Hillwood Country Club. If you like to assist as part of the committee, please contact our Hospitality Chairman, Susan Perdue at vwchospitality2223@gmail.com. And, as always, please check out the details of our Community service opportunities for club members in this month’s newsletter.

In service,
Yolonda Brooks Robinson

UPCOMING EVENTS
Capital Campaign: Online - February 15 - 29
Spring Lecture: Green Hills Public Library - Friday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
Spring Luncheon; Hillwood Country Club - Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.
VANDERBILT
Woman’s Club

Stapleton Weaver Scholarship Capital Campaign

February 15-29, 2024
An Extra Day to Give

Without the Vanderbilt Woman’s Club, I would be completely detached from [many] opportunities!
-Ana Key 2025

GIVE TODAY
Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship

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

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.

Donations Since the Last Newsletter

Kay Hall, Joan Hornberger, Coco McGinley, Mary Raffety, Maisie Roden, Anne Roos, Susan Sharp, Anna Walker, Karen Wieckert

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Member Spotlight

Inka Odom was born in Germany during World War 2. She left Germany at age 19 for London, Paris, NYC and eventually Nashville.

An Alumna of Vanderbilt, with a BA in Art History/Literature, and an MS in special Education with an emphasis on disabilities and the gifted, Inka taught at Westminster School (now Currey/Ingram) for seven years and the Ensworth School for nearly 20 years. She loved teaching.

In 1976 Inka met Richard Odom, Professor of Developmental Psychology at Vanderbilt. They traveled extensively to different countries and continents. The Arts, especially classical music, opera and theatre are a passion.

Last April, Inka lost Richard with whom she had lived for 47 years.

Inka is ready to see The Light again and continues to be a lifelong learner.

New Members Corner

Welcome new members,

Lou Bartlett

Amy Austin Petersen is a retired United Airlines B777 Captain. She graduated from Duke University in 1984, flew as a US Navy pilot for 8 years, then flew as a pilot for United for 28 years. She is active in the Duke Nashville Club, Nashville Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club, OLLI at Vanderbilt, and volunteers with Book’Em. Amy moved to Nashville in early 2021, and she and her husband Craig (a beekeeper and Whitland Neighborhood Board Member) are enjoying early retirement. Her son Austin is newly married, is a Navy helicopter pilot in San Diego, and graduated Vanderbilt in 2012. Her daughter Audrey is also a Navy helicopter pilot, lives in Norfolk, VA and graduated Vanderbilt in 2014.

Alice Rogan Originally from the upper East Tennessee town of Rogersville. Received undergraduate and graduate degrees in Social Work at University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Have lived in Nashville since 1976. Worked in the corporate world as a Paralegal for 20 years before retiring in 2010 to work for my husband running his real estate investment and property management businesses. Enjoy reading, exercise, gardening, and am learning to play Mah Jongg. We have a yellow tabby named Mookie.

Katherine Stiegman
**Community Service**

Here are our January opportunities to serve:

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.)  
   **February 7, 2024**  
   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.  
   **When:** 1:00-3:00 p.m., Thursdays  
   **February 8, 2024**  
   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. **VWC Diaper Drive**  
   For a second year the VWC Board has voted to support the Nashville Diaper Connection as our community outreach project. Feel free to donate disposable children's diapers of any size at any club-wide event or contact me about picking up diapers or dropping them off. Nashville Diaper Connection  
   **VWC collected 4,252 diapers during the 2022-23 year. Let's surpass that number this year!**

4. **Do you knit, crochet or sew?**  
   The Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) Patient Resource Center would love to have your handcrafted Chemo Caps, Portacath Pillows and Knitted Knockers. Our members' donated items have been distributed within days of dropping them off. They are very much appreciated!  
   There are many Free Adult Size Knit and Crochet Chemo Cap and Hat patterns available online. Soft Acrylic yarns work best. Some patients may have an allergy to wool.  
   **Portacath Pillows** attach to a seatbelt to help cushion the patient’s chest area when traveling in a car. We have a pattern available, or they can be found online. This project is a great way to utilize your fabric scraps!  
   **Knitted Knockers** are soft prostheses for mastectomy patients. Some women prefer them over the heavier silicone prostheses. Go to knittedknockers.org for detailed information and instructions. Contact Sharon Berenfeld sharonberenfeld@gmail.com for more information.

5. **Friends Helping Friends**  
   **Rideshare Drivers. Support Team** or **Phone a friend.** Would you like to volunteer to perform these services? Are you in need of help or support yourself or have another member to refer for services -- please reach out to Roxanne Roske at hrroske@yahoo.com 323-371-2478. We are here to help and provide support to our members.

6. **Quilters** needed to make covers for the Giraffe Pods in the Vanderbilt NICU. Contact Lynne at lsiesser7@gmail.com or 615-856-3980.  

   **Kelly Chambers**  409-771-5731  
   kellychambers420@yahoo.com
**Book Group Two** announces their reading list for 2024/2025.

**March 4:** *Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley

**April 1:** *A Reporter’s Life* by Walter Cronkite

**May 6:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

**June 3:** *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw

**July 1:** *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

**August 5:** *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl

**September 9:** *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

**October 7:** *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond

**November 4:** *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

**December 2:** *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamere

**January 6 or 13:** LUNCHEON

**February 3:** *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

Nancy Fruetel  615-297-5075  nnfruel@gmail.com  
1st Monday at 1pm

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**Book Nook**

Our groups are reading these books in February.

**Book Group One:** *Iona Iverson’s Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley

**Book Group Two:** *The Code Breakers* by Walter Isaacs

**Loosely Bound:** *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

**BOOKish**

*So Late in the Day* by Claire Keegan

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

LET JOY KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN STARTING A NEW BOOK GROUP.

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
Explorers

Back by popular demand!!!

The Orchid Exhibit at Cheekwood.
We will have the master gardener present to us!
Presentation starts at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27th.
Cost: $15 for a Cheekwood member,
$30 for a non member of Cheekwood.
Please RSVP to Tracy Stadnick
Tracy.tn.Stadnick@gmail.com

RSVP by Feb 8th

Vanderbilt Explorers

Thursday, February 1

6:30 p.m. game vs Ole Miss.

Join us for the Girls’ Basketball Game in a Suite.
Cost $50 includes the ticket and light snack.
Please RSVP to
Tracy.tn.Stadnick@gmail.com
Girls Night Out

Thursday, February 22 at 4 p.m.
Pins Mechanical
1102 Grundy St, Nashville, TN 37203

Amy Smith 720-939-0135
amyjsmith.rn@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, February at 6 p.m.
HOST NEEDED

For your calendar
April: Diehl
May 18: Chambers/Sherwood
October: Kiesling

Hosts still needed for 2024.

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

Armchair Travel

Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m.
Sue Perdue: New Zealand
at the Perdues

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

April: David Condra - Algeria
September: Kobie Pretorius - Greek Isles
October: Kelly Chambers - Poland

Out to Lunch

Thursday, February 22nd at 1 p.m.
McNamara Irish Pub
2740 Old Lebanon Road, Nashville, TN 37214

RSVP by February 21st

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

Chair needed for Daytime Movies
Contact Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

Joyce Gore celebrated her birthday with the Lunch Bunch in January
Communications  Thank you for keeping us all informed.

Please send all photos (with names) or items you want to share to

Elsbeth Sandberg - 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
BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel  1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com  GROUP FULL
BOOK SWAP: Joy Allington-Baum  214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
BRIDGE TUESDAY: Lindsay Lawrence 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm
720-785-4075 - lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com
CHOCOLATE: Tracy Stadnick  615-604-4513
tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com
COMMUNITY EXPLORERS: Tracy Stadnick  615-604-4513
tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com
Lynne Siesser 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  Wednesdays 9:30am
815-222-5986  gcwernke@msn.com
EXPLORE VANDERBILT: Tracy Stadnick & Sharon Hels
615-604-4513  tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com
615-715-3739  - shels53@gmail.com
FINISH IT: Joy Allington-Baum  Tuesdays 1pm
214-755-5328  joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
FRENCH: Maisie Roden  2nd Thursday 1pm
maisie.roden@gmail.com
LET’S COOK: Susie Garner and Colleen Edwards
3rd Tuesday - 3pm
615-500-4886  - gusie81@gmail.com
407-461-9313 - colleende@aol.com
LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 1pm
Joy Allington-Baum  - 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
MAH JONG: Cindy Slobogin  Every Wednesday 1pm
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com
TUESDAY MAH JONG: Lynne Siesser  Tuesdays 10am
615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
MONDAY MAH JONG: Lynne Siesser  Mondays 9:30am
615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
MOVIE GROUP - DAY: Chair needed
POP-UP GROUP, Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - Kellychambers420@yahoo.com
PUZZLING TIMES: Joy Allington-Baum  214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
QUILTING: Lynne Siesser
615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
VWC STICHES WITH LOVE: Sharon Berenfeld
704-936-7479  SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP ONE: 3rd Sunday 2:30pm
Becky Atack & Eileen Crawford
615-406-3711  - atackrw@comcast.net
615-306-1211  - eileencrawford5@gmail.com
BOOK Kish: Debby Stevens 4th Tuesday at 6pm
615 - 545-4546  - debbyhstevens@gmail.com  GROUP FULL
COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser Saturdays 6pm
615-856-3980  - lsiesser7@gmail.com
GAME NIGHT: Elisabeth Sandberg & Ashleigh Maxcey
Text Elisabeth: 617-957-2169 Ashleigh: ammaxcey@gmail.com
GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT: Amy Smith
720-030-0135  - amyjsmith2046@gmail.com
LOOSELY BOUND (BOOK GROUP): Elisabeth Sandberg
4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169  GROUP FULL
MAH JONGG - EVENING: Lynne Siesser
Mondays 6:30pm 615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
MOVIE GROUP - EVENING: Cindy Slobogin
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com
PINOCHLE - Beth Fisher
615-714-0435  - bethwillfish@yahoo.com
POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731  Kellychambers420@yahoo.com

To avoid conflicts, check the Google Calendar: vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com
Sherrill Bandlow, Cindy Slobogin, Sharon Hels, Robin Sandidge, Amy Peterson at the Annual Business Meeting to hear Coach Anders Nelson

Community Service at The Store
Frannie Benner, Kelly Chambers, Peggy Curci, Cindy Slobogin

Susie Garner

Ursula King, Anna Walker, Karen Wieckert

Grace Wernke

Norma Jean Bueschen, Ann Bond at Wednesday Mah Jongg
RSVP deadline for the Annual Business Meeting on January 18 is 1/3/24

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VWC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH