



Magnolia News

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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

Yolonda Brooks Robinson

Members of the Board

2023-2024

Yolonda Brooks Robinson
President

Anna Walker*
Past President

Kelly Chambers*
Vice President/Programs

Sharon Hels*
Treasurer

Jeannette McNeil
Recording Secretary

Tracy Bannantine
Corresponding Secretary

Elisabeth Sandberg
Communications

Susan Perdue
Hospitality

Joy Allington-Baum*
Interest Groups

Liz Doyle*
Membership

TBD
Newcomers
Fundraising

*Past Presidents

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.

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



February 15-29, 2024
An Extra Day to Give



Stapleton Weaver Scholarship Capital Campaign

GIVE TODAY



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

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.



*Ana Key,
Class of 2025*

Our scholars

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



*Sophia Pieri,
Class of 2026*

DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

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

YEAR TO DATE

Judy Andrews, Evadne Awh, Cheryl Baird, Melinda Balsler, Mary Baysinger, Holly Beavers, Merle Born, Audrey Brown, Sarah Calvani, Kelly Chambers, Kelly Christie, Susie Cohan, Janet Crowson, Peggy Curci, Katrina Dickerson, Colleen Edwards, Betsy Fleetwood, Dot Galloway, Susie Garner, Kathleen Garthwaite, Nancy Gentry, Michaelene Gnau, Catherine Griffith, Cherie Hamilton, Margaret Hansen, Sharon Hels, Pat Holdridge, Joan Hornberger, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Pam Lamp, Lindsay Lawrence, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner, Sue McDougall, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Adair Mitchell, Rosann Nunnally, Inka Odom, Carol Person, Suzanne Petrey, Sarah Plummer, Kitty Porter, Jessica Rickman, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, Kim Ross, Robin Sandidge, Susan Sharp, Vivian Shields, Nancy Simerly, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Debbie Stevens, Mary Stinson, Penny TeSelle, Lorena Wilson, Faye Wyatt

In Memoriam

Dennis Hall
Husband of Rita Hall

The slate of officers was presented at the annual business meeting and approved.

President: Kelly Chambers

Vice President: Elisabeth Sandberg

Past President: Yolonda Brooks Robinson

Treasurer: Susie Garner

Recording Secretary: Jeannette McNeil

Corresponding Secretary: Tracy Bannantine

Thanks to the nominating committee: Tracy Stadnick (Chair)
Amy Page Christiansen, Liz Doyle, Susan Perdue, and Diane Whalley



Kelly Chambers



Elisabeth Sandberg



*Yolonda Brooks
Robinson*



Susie Garner



Jeannette McNeil



Tracy Bannantine

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 lsiemer7@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

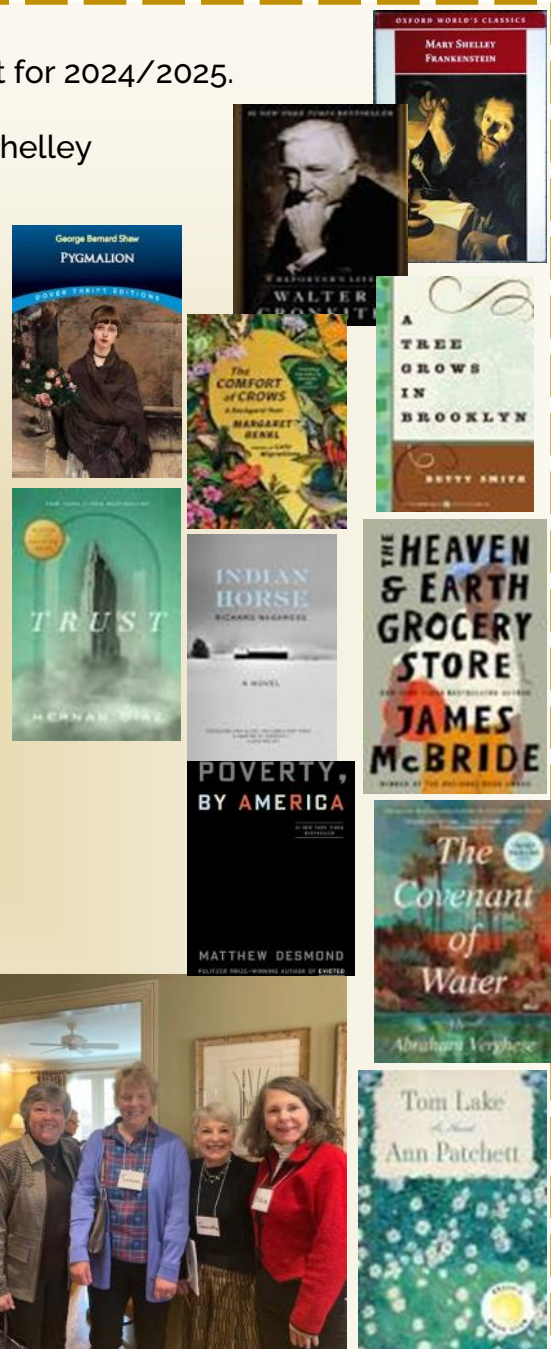
November 4: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

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 nnfruetel@msn.com
1st Monday at 1pm



Book
Choice
Lunch
January
2024



Marlene Corlew, Mildred, Tilley, Fran Veters, Nancy Fruetel, Carmen Gherman, Mildred Tilley, Susan Bradford, Jeannette McNeil, Ebbie Redwine

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 **GROUP FULL**

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

BKish *So Late in the Day* by Claire Keegan **GROUP FULL**

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

Explorers at Antiques & Garden Show



Roxanne Roske, Susan Perdue, Kathryn Egli, Robin Sandidge

RSVP by Feb 8th



Winter Wonders
AT CHEEKWOOD



Lorena Wilson, Roxanne Roske



Susan Perdue



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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



Chair needed for Daytime Movies

Contact Joy Allington-Baum

214-755-5328

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

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



Joyce Gore celebrated her birthday with the Lunch Bunch in January



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



Communications

Thank you for keeping us all informed.

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

Text: 617-957-2169

The Team

Elisabeth 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

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 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 - gsusie481@gmail.com

407-461-9313 - colleende@aol.com

LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 1pm

Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.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

MONDAY MAH JONGG 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 STITCHES WITH LOVE: Sharon Berenfeld

704-936-7479 SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com



Instagram

Look for us as Vanderbiltwomensclub
or search for vanderbiltwomensclub

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/VanderbiltWomensClub/?ref=bookmarks>

EVENING/WEEKEND

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser - 615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com One Friday per semester 7pm

BOLLYWOOD MOVIES: Joyce Gore - 914-954-1019

joycegore0681@gmail.com Weekends

BOOK GROUP ONE: 3rd Sunday 2:30pm

Becky Atack & Eileen Crawford

615-406-3711 - atackrw@comcast.net

615-306-1211 - eileencrawford5@gmail.com

BOOKish: Debby Stevens 4th Tuesday at 6pm

615 -545-4545 - 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

720-939-0135 - amyjsmith.rn@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.womensclub@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 Mab Jongg



February

			RSVP	1	2	3
				VU Explorers 6:30pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Book Group Two 1pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am Finish It 1pm	PENCIL 9:30am Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Second Harvest 1pm French 1pm		
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SAVE THE DATES
Annual Campaign: February 15 - 29
Spring Luncheon: Hillwood Country Club - May 2 from 11:30 - 1 p.m.

**VWC CELEBRATES
 BLACK HISTORY MONTH**