



Magnolia News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings VWC Members

At the time of this newsletter's distribution, we are proud to report that the state of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club is strong. Included in our more than 230 members, we have welcomed over 50 new members this year! Thank you for continuing to spread the word about one of the best kept secrets in Nashville and the Vanderbilt community – the special connection and fellowship among our dear club members. A special thank you to our Membership Chairman, **Liz Doyle**, for keeping track of the new additions to our club.

IT'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TIME! As part of our service to the Vanderbilt and local community, we set aside time each year to highlight our commitment to the Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Endowment established in 2007 to provide financial support to deserving undergraduate students at Vanderbilt based on academics, citizenship, and financial need. This year our online Capital Campaign benefiting the scholarship runs through **February 29** – which means that there is still time for you to make your gift! 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 in this newsletter. To see the current beneficiaries of your generosity, please refer to our 3 current scholarship recipients highlighted in the newsletter: **Ana Key** (class of 2025), **Sophia Pieri** (class of 2026), and our newest scholar who is a local resident of Antioch, Tennessee, **Kennedy Grace Cross** (class of 2027). We are proud to be part of these young adults' lives as they work towards completing their Vanderbilt journey. And, with your help, it is our goal to add a 4th scholar in the near future – we are approximately \$50,000 away from endowing this additional scholar. Stay tuned for updates on our progress towards this goal.

Looking forward, please see details regarding the upcoming Spring Lecture and Spring Luncheon. If you would like to assist as part of the planning committee for the luncheon, please contact our Hospitality Chairman, **Susan Perdue** at vwchospitality2223@gmail.com. Finally, as always, please check out the Community Service opportunities for club members in this month's newsletter.

In service,

Yolonda Brooks Robinson

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UPCOMING EVENTS

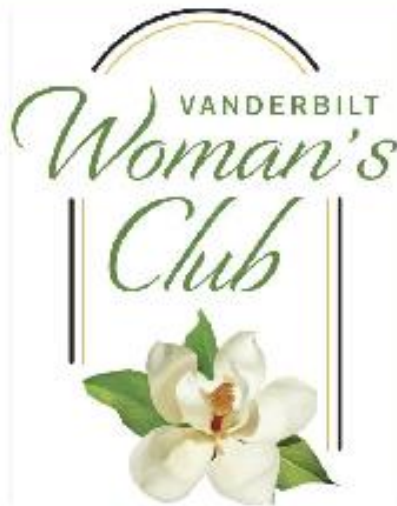
Spring Lecture: Green Hills Public Library - Friday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
Spring Luncheon; Hillwood Country Club - Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.

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.

VWC Spring Lecture



Speaker: Dr. Angela Sutton
Friday, March 22, 2024
10:30-11:00 – Arrivals/Coffee/Chit Chat
11:00-12:00 – Lecture and Q&A
Green Hills Library
3701 Benham Ave.
Nashville, TN 37215
R.S.V.P. to
kellychambers420@yahoo.com



Latest Developments at Fort Negley: Why Now?

Nashville's Fort Negley was built and defended by enslaved and free Black people during the Civil War. It is a UNESCO Site of Memory on the International Routes of Enslaved Persons, and has received much media attention in the last few years due to a wide variety of local efforts to remember its complicated history, and support its legacy. Angela Sutton is a board member of the Friends of Fort Negley, and an assistant research professor of Communication of Science and Technology at Vanderbilt University, where she directs the Builders and Defenders Database and the Fort Negley Descendants Project. In this talk, Dr. Sutton will lay out the latest developments in historical, genealogical, archaeological, and technological research and urban planning which undergird the city's support of this once-forgotten and often misunderstood historical landmark to show why now is the time for its revitalization as one of Nashville's premier historic destinations.



SAVE THE DATE

Spring Luncheon

THURSDAY, MAY 2

11:30 AM TO 1 PM

HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
6201 HICKORY VALLEY ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN 37205

VWCHOSPITALITY2223@GMAIL.COM

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.

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

Our scholars



Ana Key,
Class of 2025



Sophia Pieri,
Class of 2026



Kennedy Grace Cross
Class of 2027

DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

Suzanne Alexander, Sue Clark, Alka Jain, Meredith Oates, Kendra Scott LLC, Roxanne Roske

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, Kay Hall, Cherie Hamilton, Margaret Hansen, Sharon Hels, Pat Holdridge, Joan Hornberger, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Pam Lamp, Lindsay Lawrence, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner, Sue McDougall, Coco McGinley, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Adair Mitchell, Rosann Nunnally, Inka Odom, Carol Person, Suzanne Petrey, Sarah Plummer, Kitty Porter, Mary Raffety, Jessica Rickman, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, Maisie Roden, Anne Roos, Kim Ross, Robin Sandidge, Susan Sharp, Vivian Shields, Nancy Simerly, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Debbie Stevens, Mary Stinson, Penny TeSelle, Anna Walker, Karen Wieckert, Lorena Wilson, Faye Wyatt

In Memoriam
Anne Carr

Thank you all who have already donated to the Capital Campaign.

The Campaign ends - February 29.

It is never too late to click below

[Give Today](#)

VANDERBILT
Woman's Club
Stapleton Weaver Scholarship Capital Campaign

February 15-29, 2024
An Extra Day to Give

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

Please watch for our updated donor list, including Capital Campaign results, in the April newsletter.

Member Spotlight

Dr. Robin E. Sandidge is the incoming Newcomer Chair. She is a retired obstetrician-gynecologist after 20 years in practice in Nashville. She received her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and did her residency in the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System.

Robin is a dedicated volunteer and serves on the liaison committee for the Vanderbilt Housestaff Alliance. Robin enjoys tennis, hiking, cycling, travel, Mah Jongg and reading. She is learning Canasta and possibly bridge this summer.



Robin and husband, David Bobman

New Members Corner

Welcome new members,

Danna Bennett, Louise Merritt, Lynn Reiner, Carol Thigpin

Betty Tudor is a retired VUMC pharmacist. She graduated from the Medical University of S.C in 1984 and worked for VUMC for 33 years (the last 12 years as the OR Pharmacy Supervisor). She has been married to Mike Tudor for 40 years. He is the owner of Builder Supply Source. She has three grown children, David, Eric, and Katherine, all living in Nashville with two granddaughters, Stirling and Stuart. She and her husband have been members of Hillwood Country Club since 1987 where she enjoys playing tennis in several local leagues.



Betty

Tresa Vander Hoek I recently retired as a high school English teacher. Originally from northwest Kansas, I moved to the greater Nashville area with my husband Jeff (Michigan native) from the San Diego area this past June. Our adult children live in Minnesota, Michigan and here in Nashville. Having always been involved with church, book clubs and community groups, I am looking forward to all the adventures ahead.



Tresa

Jennifer Ward & Merry Beth Ward are sisters and native Nashvillians. Both graduated from Hillsboro High School and Belmont University. Jennifer has worked for the Davidson County Register of Deeds office for 20 years. Merry Beth is in marketing for health care companies. Merry Beth has a new granddaughter named Camille Blake. They both love football and cheer for the Titans and the University of Alabama. They also love to travel, especially in Europe. They are excited to be a part of this group.

Jennifer & Merry Beth



Do you have a friend who might be interested in what we do? Forward them the newsletter and they can join the Vanderbilt Woman's Club by clicking [here](#).

Community Service

Here are our next 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.)

March 6, 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., Second Thursdays

March 14, 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. The Store

What: The Store operates as a year-round free grocery store allowing people to shop for their basic needs. There is no charge to those referred or to the people and agencies that send them. They may shop for food to supplement their income during times of crisis and as they work toward self-sufficiency. Volunteers stock shelves, bag groceries, and check out shoppers.

When: The last Friday of the month starting in April

Where: 2009 12th Avenue South

R.S.V.P. If you would like to volunteer, click on the following link to The Store's volunteer information page which includes the link for signing up to volunteer via Hands on Nashville: <https://www.thestore.org/volunteer.html>

Volunteer spots are limited. No need to respond to me. Just sign up and show up!

For more information about The Store and its mission, click on this link: <https://www.thestore.org/>

4. 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. <https://www.nashvillediaperconnection.org/>

VWC collected 4,252 diapers during the 2022-23 year. Let's surpass that number this year!

5. 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.

Many Thanks to **Joan Hornberger** for 12 beautiful Portacath Pillows!

Thanks to **Lynne Siesser** for fabulously crafting 5 hats, 12 Portacath Pillows and 2 Knitted Knockers!

Joan's pillows



These are very much appreciated! Contact **Sharon Berenfeld** sharonberenfeld@gmail.com for more information.

6. 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.

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



Sue McDougall, Robin Sandidge, Anne Manner, Danna Bennett, Kelly Chambers at Second Harvest

Kelly Chambers 409-771-5731
kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Book Group Updates

We have four active book groups currently. Two are full at the moment and the other two each have a couple of slots open.

With 51 new members as I write this, we have many people who have shown an interest in joining a book group. We are going to introduce a wait list in the hope that we can start a new book group or two.

Please, let me know if you wish to be on the new waitlist. This does not mean you will be removed from your current waitlist. If you are willing to help start a new group, I can walk you through that process.

You can contact me at

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

or text or call at

214-755-5328

Happy Reading,

Joy Allington-Baum

Book Group 1 in 2015

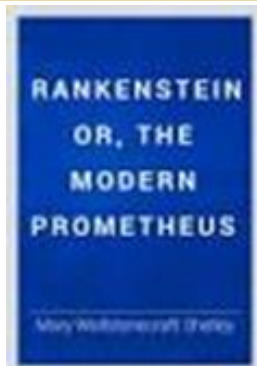
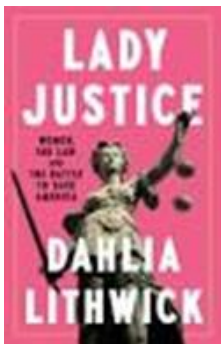


Anne Plummer, Ann Erce lawn, Ellie Raths, Mary Raffety, Becky Atack, Penny TeSelle, Mary Claire Bradshaw, Tilly Najjar

Book Group 2 in 2021



Marsba Chisolm, Elaine Smyth, Cassandra Estes, Ebbie Redwine, Ellie Rath, Frances Hahn, Mary Raffety, Jeanette McNeil, Carmen Gherman



Book Nook Our groups are reading these books in March.

Book Group One: *Lady Justice* by Dahlia Lithwick **ROOM MORE MEMBERS**

Book Group Two: *Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley **GROUP FULL**

Loosely Bound: *TBD* **GROUP FULL**

BOOKish *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon **ROOM FOR MORE MEMBERS**

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

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

Explorers

Two small museums at Belmont University in the Lilia D. Bunch Library
GIG - Gallery of Iconic Guitars
Frederick Hart Studio Museum.

Mr. Hart designed the bronze statue of the three soldiers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and he also designed the Creation sculptures in the National Cathedral.

Where: 1907 Belmont Boulevard

Date: **Thursday, March 21, 2024**

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5 (pay at the door)



Our guides for the tours will be students. One of the students built his own guitar which is on display in the GIG and he will perform for us.

There is limited parking in front of the library, but you can reserve free parking at belmont.aimsparking.com, two days prior to the event. . Registration is free and once registered, there is no need to print or display any permits on your dash as your visitor parking pass is virtual. (Note that P2 or P3 are the closest lots to the library.)

Please RSVP to Roxanne Roske by March 15th. hrroske@yahoo.com

Vanderbilt Explorers

Save the Date: VandyBoys Baseball game. Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Questions?

Tracy.tn.Stadnick@gmail.com



Guest, Colleen Edwards, Diane Whalley, Nancy Gentry, Coco McGinley, Judy Andrews, Sharon Hels with The Commodore at Women's Basketball last month.

Girls Night Out

Thursday, March 21
Time and Place TBD

Amy Smith 720-939-0135
amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com

NO

Puzzling Times or Book Swap
until May

Armchair Travel

No meeting in March.
Enjoy Spring Break. Take pictures to share.

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

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



Joy Allington-Baum, Liz Doyle, Roxanne Roske, Kathryn Egli

Lunch Bunch



Thursday, March 28th at 1 p.m.

Lemongrass Sushi and Thai
203 Franklin Road
Suite 100 (old Thai Esane location)
Brentwood

RSVP by March 27th

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@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, March 16
at 6 p.m.
at the Siessers

For your calendar
April: Diehl
May 18: Chambers/Sherwood
October: Kiesling
Hosts still needed for 2024.

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



Monday Mah Jongg

has a new chair. Players meet at
9:30 a.m. on Mondays taking turns to
host.

Janie Culos
301-613-9666
janieculos@hotmail.com



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, 2nd Thursday 1pm and last Friday

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

FRENCH: Maisie Roden 2nd Thursday 1pm

maisie.roden@gmail.com

LET'S COOK!: Susie Garner and Colleen Edwards

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 Janie Culos Mondays 9:30am

301-613-9666 - janieculos@hotmail.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



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

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

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.womansclub@gmail.com

Let's Cook! had a Chili Cook Off at the Abbotsford club house on January 31.

25 attended the event, masterfully organized by Susie Garner and Colleen Edwards with help from Coco McGinley, Sallie & Robert Diehl and John Edwards. The winners were . . . **Lynne Siesser** with a white chili and **Robin Sandidge** with a short-rib chili. Robin's son, Henry was her official taster and gave his seal of approval to Mom's entry. You can tell why he is going into the hospitality industry. Spouses were enthusiastic participants.

No Let's Cook! in March.

Pictured are Susie Garner, Lynne Siesser, Robin Sandidge and Colleen Edwards.



Welcoming New Members

at the home of **Elisabeth Sandberg**, future president.

A record 51 new members joined this year.

Robin Sandidge has graciously agreed to become the next Newcomers Chair.

She jumped right in by introducing two new members to the Club.

Keep spreading the word.



Back: Joy Allington-Baum, Patty Eichberger, Mary Louise Linn, Sharon Hels, Kathryn Egli, Suzanne Alexander, Middle: Anna Walker, Rae Thomas, Faith Haber Galbraith, Carol Thigpin, Beth Fisher, Karen Weikert, Robin Sandidge, Front: Liz Doyle, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, Danna Bennett



Elisabeth Sandberg, Faith Haber Galbraith



Joy Allington-Baum, Patty Eichberger, Carol Thigpin



Beth Fisher, Mary Louise Linn, Kathryn Egli, Danna Bennett, Liz Doyle

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	RSVP 3		41	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Book Group Two 1pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	PENCIL 9:30am Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Second Harvest 1pm French 1pm		Cocktails 6pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Book Group One 2:30pm	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Explorers 10am Girls Night Out	Spring Lecture 10:30am	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm BOOKish 6pm Loosely Bound 7pm	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Lunch Bunch 1pm		

It's Spring Time

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Luncheon: Hillwood Country Club - May 2 from 11:30 - 1 p.m.

Our thanks to Anna Walker for the charming calendar design each month.
We are grateful to have her talent and creativity.