



Magnolia News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings VWC Members

As we prepare to close out the current year and break for the Summer and I write my last president's letter, I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside the amazingly talented and committed women who comprise the current Board. This past year they have taken me under their wing and provided support and guidance as I learned the ropes as President - serving in a role that has been such an honor for me. I want to publicly say to each Board member, "**thank you**" for the opportunity to serve with you and learn from you.

To the members, thank you for continuing to be the heartbeat of the club. It is because of you spreading the word and sharing with your friends and networks, that the club has seen an increase of sixty new members this year and has been sustained for over 130 years. Together you have made the club a place where friendships are formed and often last a lifetime. I have heard from several family members who reached out this year to inform the club of their loved one's passing. A constant sentiment has been how proud each woman was to have been a member of VWC and how much the relationships with the members meant to them. Our interest groups and club-wide events are an opportunity to socialize and form bonds with each other, so please continue to enjoy spending time and making memories together in the future.

In closing, I am so proud of all we have experienced and accomplished during the past year. We have had fun celebrating our **friendships**, assembling in **fellowship**, and funding the **scholarships** for our three young, deserving Vanderbilt students. Thank you for entrusting me to lead this club - I wholeheartedly appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Enjoy your summer with your loved ones until we meet again.

In service,

Yolonda Brooks Robinson



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Liz Doyle*

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Robin Sandidge

Newcomers

TBD

Fundraising

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Luncheon: Thursday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Hillwood Country Club

VALET PARKING

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.

Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship

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

In Memoriam
Eva Hodgson

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.

Our scholars



Ana Key,
Class of 2025



Sophia Pieri,
Class of 2026



Kennedy Grace Cross
Class of 2027

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

DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

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YEAR TO DATE

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Diane Whalley
(in honor of Judy Turner, mother of my son-in-law)
Faye Wyatt

The Membership Directory is currently undergoing a makeover!
Do I have your best pic for the directory?
Be sure to send to elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Kendra Gives Back

fundraiser for the VWC Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship

Thursday, August 15th

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Kendra Scott

Hill Center, 4025 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, 37215

RSVP to Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328

You shop and our Scholarship benefits or just come to socialize.



New Members Corner

Welcome new members,

Pam Brown was in the Vanderbilt Human Resources department for 20 years. She was on the Learning and Organizational Development team. Her husband Bruce Compas is in Psychology at Vanderbilt.

Elizabeth Livingston is a native Tennessean and, as a realtor, especially enjoys welcoming new residents to her home state. Her life experiences as a mother, teacher and volunteer bring a wealth of knowledge to her profession. Her family has relocated several times.

Jill Perigo

Susan Stewart is originally from New Jersey, lived in Florida and North Carolina, but recently bought a home in Nashville. She is currently making the move from Asheville, NC to be close to her daughter, son-in-law, and young granddaughters. She also loves to visit her son's family and grandson in New York, and to travel abroad whenever possible. Susan was an educator, first teaching elementary school, then training teachers as a university professor, and now volunteering in her grandchildren's schools. Her granddaughters are in a Spanish immersion elementary school and her grandson is in a French immersion school, so learning languages is a work-in-progress. Susan loves working at the craft of children's book writing and hopes to get involved with writers in Nashville.



Elizabeth



Susan

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.)
May 1, 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
May 9, 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.
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://volunteer.thestore.org/opportunities/xN23uNbscH>
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.

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 car seat belt to help cushion the Portacath site, on the patient's chest. We have a pattern available, or they can be found online. This project is a great way to utilize your fabric scraps! Please note: if you follow patterns you find online, please adjust measurements to have the port pillow measure approximately 7 inches long and 3 inches wide. The online patterns make smaller port pillows. Exact measurements are not too important. Stuff them to feel firm.

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.

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

VWC Bridge Summer Classes

Are you ready or are you curious to learn to play Bridge?

Lynne Siesser has agreed to introduce members to Bridge Today.

Sharing the best of today's game including tidbits learned from her mother a long, long time ago.

We'll have fun with party favors along the way, concluding with a fun-filled match including more experienced players and their guests.

Thank you Lynne, from many of us who now play and those out there waiting for an invitation.



Contact Lindsay (chair of the Tuesday Bridge Group)
if you would like to participate.



Lindsay Lawrence
720-785-4075 - lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com

Book Nook

Our groups are reading these books over the Summer.

Book Group One: May: *Oath and Honor* by Liz Cheney **ROOM FOR MORE MEMBERS**

June: *Epiphany* by Ferrol Sams

July: *Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights* by Samuel G. Freeman

August: *Oil and Marble: A novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo*, by Stephanie Story

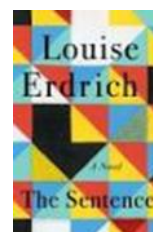
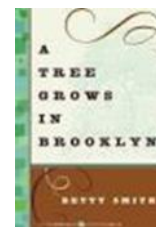


Book Group Two: May: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith **GROUP FULL**

June: *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw

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

August: *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl



Loosely Bound: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich **GROUP FULL**



May: *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro **GROUP FULL**

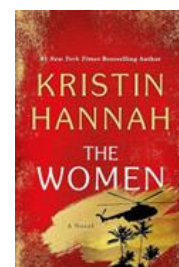
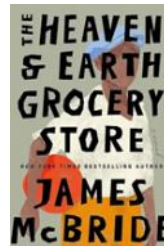
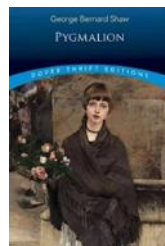
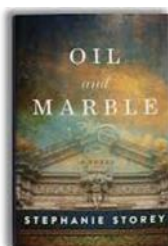
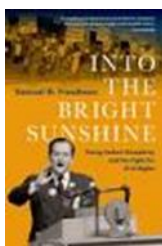
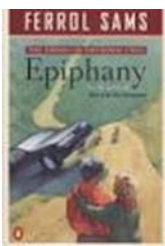
June: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah



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



Vanderbilt Explorers

Wednesday, May 1st, at 10:00 a.m.

Barbara J. Mapp Aviary Education Center
at Radnor Lake State Park
a presentation about raptors



Please arrive a few minutes prior so the presentation can start at 10:00.
This is a free event.

R.S.V.P. to Tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com by April 26

Wednesday, June 5 at 9:15 a.m.

Downtown Main Library Tour,
including the 19th Amendment Room and exhibits

R.S.V.P. to Roxanne Roske hrroske@yahoo.com



Introducing . . . The Supper Club

Let's get together once a semester for a sit-down meal.

Come alone, bring a spouse or bring a friend.

Cannot host a large group? Lynne Siesser will be happy to let you use the Siesser home, if you do the organizing.

Choose a theme.

Share a sign-up sheet for various courses.

Bring a bottle of wine and enjoy interesting conversation with delicious food and drink.

Volunteer to send out emails and collect the hosts.

Let Joy know if you would like to lead the group or just participate.

Joy Allington-Baum
214-755-5328



The Gourmet Group enjoying a celebration of Diwali - October 2019.

Terry Calvani

Gary Jensen

Dede Clements

Sharon Hels

Sarah Calvani

Girls Night Out

has found a Chair! Thank you, Peggy.

The group will probably start again in August. Third Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m.

Peggy Curci peggy@theCurcis.com
314-369-4119

Daytime Movies

The new Chair is Amelia McTamane. Thank you, Amelia. First movie will be in September.

Amelia McTamane amelia@mctamane.com
908-334-1395

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 18
at 6 p.m.
at the Chambers/
Sherwood

Future hosts:

June 8: Harris, Paula & Matt

July: TBA

August: Gherman

September: Harris/Cutler

October: Kiesling

November: TBA

December: Elrod



Lynne Siesser

615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com

Hosts needed for July & November.

Puzzling Times & Book Swap

Save your puzzles and books.

Saturday, May 25
from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
5724 Stoneway Trail

The final event this academic year

*Snacks will be available along with coffee and visiting on my back porch.
Park on the street and follow the steps.*



Fingers crossed for good weather.



Joy Allington-Baum
214-755-5328



Lunch Bunch



May 23rd at 1 p.m.

Nashville Farmers Market

900 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard

RSVP to Joy 214-755-5328

by May 21st 5 p.m.



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: Amelia McTamane

908-334-1395 - amelia@mctamane.com

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 **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 **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: Peggy Curci 3rd Thursday at 6pm

314-369-4119 - peggy@theCurcis.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

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 kellychambers420@yahoo.com

SUPPER CLUB: **CHAIR NEEDED**

contact Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

if you are interested



To avoid conflicts, check the Google Calendar. vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com

New Member Tea: *Suzanne Alexander, Kathy Schultenover, Sallie Diehl, Jennifer Ward, Merry Beth Ward, Elizabeth Livingston, Betty Tudor, Lora Stevenson Obrohta, Genevieve Hill, Faith Haber Galbraith, Louise Merritt, Lynna Carlton*
 Board members included *Robin Sandidge, Joy Allington-Baum, Sharon Hels (back) Yolonda Brooks Robinson, Liz Doyle, Jeannette McNeil, Susan Perdue (front) Kelly Chambers (behind the camera)*



We are so excited to have welcomed almost 60 new members over the past 12 months to VWC! We celebrated our new members with two lovely receptions this Spring. Many of our new members will be attending the Spring Luncheon so we look forward to seeing more of them at that event. Look for more new member events to occur this Fall - coffee meet and greet in September, lunch or cocktails in October as well as other activities. *Robin Sandidge*



Joy Allington-Baum, Sallie Diehl, Robin Sandidge, Jeannette McNeil, Kathy Schultenover, Sharon Hels, Lynna Carlton, Lora Stevenson Obrohta, Liz Doyle, Merry Beth Ward, Genevieve Hill, Kelly Chambers



If you join after January, you are a new member until the Fall of the following year.



Kelly Chambers, Liz Doyle, Merry Beth Ward, Jeannette McNeil, Sallie Diehl



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			PENCIL 9:30am Cribbage 9:30am Explorers 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	Spring Luncheon 11:30am		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Book Group Two 1pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Second Harvest 1pm French 1pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Book Group One 2:30pm	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Lunch Bunch 1pm		Puzzling Times & Book Swap 9:30am
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