MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello VWC Members.

Within the next few weeks, our neighborhoods will be filled with children in costumes trick-or-treating for Halloween candy. Who can resist those faces, ringing your doorbells with such excitement and expectation, which is why the holiday is the second-largest commercial holiday. Later in the month, many of us will travel to destinations or welcome family into our homes to observe Thanksgiving and bask in the glow of love in the present and memories from the past. Whatever your traditions include, we hope you are filled with gratitude.

Thank you to those who joined us for the Fall Brunch for the partnership of VWC and VHA (Vanderbilt Housestaff Alliance). We will soon begin matching members of both organizations based on interests and needs. There will be shared activities throughout the year that both groups can participate monthly. If you are interested in becoming a mentor/friend to the significant others of residents and fellows at Vanderbilt Medical Center or the group of physician moms who are residents or fellows, we still have a space for you.

In this month’s issue of the Magnolia News, we are excited about the following items to share with you:

For those members who like to help others, there is information included about a new group that will allow VWC members to assist and provide support to each other called “Friends Helping Friends.” Chairman, Roxanne Roske (hrroske@yahoo.com) can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Our annual “Poinsettia Sale” is back! Please place your order for your favorite holiday colors.

Coming up next is the Fall Lecture and then the “Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar” where we will shop, enjoy a lovely lunch, and fellowship with each other to ring in the holiday season. Please contact our Hospitality Chairman, Susan Perdue at vwchospitality2223@gmail.com for more information.

Please review the Community Service opportunities organized by our Vice President, Kelly Chambers (kellychambers420@yahoo.com).

In closing, stay safe as we begin to lose daylight and the weather changes. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and for interest group activities as we come together in friendship, fellowship, and scholarship!

In service,

Yolonda Brooks Robinson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Poinsettia Deadline: November 7 - Pick Up November 17 & 18
Wednesday, November 15: Fall Lecture - Green Hills Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 30: Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar – Old Natchez Country Club, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

December is busier than ever. It will have its own issue of the Magnolia News.

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
Annual Poinsettia Sale

Choose from traditional red or white, plus additional distinctive colors and shapes: pink/white marbled, pink variegated, red glitter, or winter rose.

Small 6.5" pots are $15
Large 8" pots (containing 3 plants), $20.

For a touch of green, and try the 8" succulent dish with holiday ornaments for $17.50.

Order deadline is November 7
Pickup November 17-18

At the home of
Kelly Chambers
1115 Lipscomb Drive
Nashville 37204

For more information contact:
Sharon Hels
SHELS53@gmail.com

Thank you for your generous support of our scholarship fund

Use the link below to place your order
https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/4595
VWC Fall Lecture:

Update on Memory Loss and Alzheimer’s Disease: Keep a Twinkle in your Wrinkle

Dr. Katherine Gifford is a clinical neuropsychologist and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Gifford sees patients within the Cognitive and Behavioral Clinic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Gifford’s research focuses on disorders of aging, dementia, and developing tools for early detection of cognitive impairment. Her research includes a specific emphasis on understanding subjective cognitive decline in older adults, or when people start to notice changes in their own memory and thinking. She is involved in independent and collaborative research projects within the Vanderbilt Memory & Alzheimer’s Center.
HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 30, 2023
SHOPPING BEGINS AT 11AM
$40

OLD NATCHEZ TRACE COUNTRY CLUB
115 GARDENGATE DRIVE
FRANKLIN, TN 37069

FOR LUNCHEON AND VENDOR INFORMATION CONTACT
SUSAN PERDUE
VWCHOSPITALITY2223@GMAIL.COM

We have numerous vendors committed to coming and can’t wait to share this special VWC tradition with you!

Please use this link to make your registration by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27:
https://vanderbilt.alumiq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/4523
**Member Vendors**

**Joan Hornberger**
Iced Almonds, Micro Bowl Cozies, and handmade bags.

**Sara Plummer**
*Homemade jams and jellies.* The flavors she plans to offer include strawberry, grape, peach, blueberry, blackberry, and muscadine. Cost $6 per jar.

**Debbie West**
*Copper creations*  Unique, hand-made stained glass and copper creations for you and your home.

**Jennifer Murray**
*Southern Junk Chic*
Instagram@southernjunkchic
will be at the Holiday Bazaar again this year with vintage & antique items and handmade copper, brass and sterling jewelry. She will also have some of her wonderful all natural handmade herbal balms, lotion bars and infused oils.

**Cindy David**
*Jewelry*
http://www.cindydavid.com
Unique pieces of jewelry using semi-precious stones, Swarovski crystals, freshwater pearls in sterling silver and 14KT Gold-filled components.

**Anna Walker**
*Hand Poured Holiday scented Soy Candles*

**Christine Browning**
*Jewelry*
It all started out when I was a teenager and wanted to make a necklace to wear to a dance. I remember after years of playing in my mother’s jewelry box that she had a beautiful old bracelet without a clasp. I got the idea to sew it on to a velvet ribbon and I wore it around my neck to the dance. The brown velvet ribbon matched my dance dress. After that I was hooked and I have been repurposing old pieces; even keys and chandelier glass. I look for discarded vintage jewelry pieces at estate sales. I like real stones, sea glass, real pearls and glass crystals so many of my pieces now are made of those too. I look forward to sharing my ideas with you.
**Commercial Vendors**

**Aarika Patel**  
**Suraj Spices and Teas**
We will be selling gift sets which include samplers of different teas, spice sets by cuisine and type of spice, our Hot Cocoa blends, and our Masala Chai Kits. Our Nashville Hot Mix is a set of spicy blends from different communities in Nashville and features blends from Turkey, Ethiopia, Morocco and more.

**Stephanie Richardson**  
**Pampered Chef**
From prepping and cooking to gifting and gathering, find everything you need to make it the most wonderful time of the year with Pampered Chef cooking tools. Order online from the entire catalog or choose from selected items at the holiday bazaar. To order online, use this link: [www.pamperedchef.biz/StephanieRichardson](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/StephanieRichardson)

**Jessica Rickman**  
**Apparitions Antiques & Curiosities**

**Kendra Scott**  
**Jewelry**
[https://www.kendrascott.com](https://www.kendrascott.com)
Kendra Scott is giving back 20% of any purchase to the Vanderbilt Woman’s Club Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Fund. Featuring our iconic styles and brand-new pieces for the holiday season, Stop by our table for a styling experience or to buy a gift and give back!

**Betty Blake Elrod**
As a 5th generation fashion retailer, designer and artist Betty B. Elrod grew up among the sourcing and buying, collecting and curating of fine jewelry and clothing in her family’s retail businesses. Named after the mist that settles over the Tennessee mountains, Blue Smoke fine jewelry incorporates the use of fine quality, precious and semi-precious stones, 14k and sterling silver, and an affinity for pearls, turquoise, diamond and opals - intertwining the rustic and elegant for beautiful, everyday jewelry. Each piece is one-of-a-kind and handmade.  
Visit [Bluesmokejewelry.com](http://Bluesmokejewelry.com) for more information  
Instagram @bluesmokejewelry

**Shirley Browne**  
**Mrs. B’s Baked Goods**

**Sarah Nicholson**  
**Macarons and Holiday Cookies**
Spread holiday cheer to all who are near with bespoke treats from Nicholson’s Nibbles. Each delicious dessert is crafted with care, packaged to perfection, and sure to put you on Santa’s nice list! Place your orders in advance here: [https://www.nicholsonsnibbles.com/nibblesnation](https://www.nicholsonsnibbles.com/nibblesnation)

**At Gas Lamp Antiques**
DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
Evadne Awh, Melinda Balser, Sarah Calvani, Colleen Edwards, Kathleen Garthwaite, Catherine Griffith, Lynn Maddox, Carol Person, Mary Stinson

YEAR TO DATE
Mary Baysinger, Merle Born, Audrey Brown, Kelly Chambers, Kelly Christie, Susie Cohan, Peggy Curci, Katrina Dickerson, Betsy Fleetwood, Cherie Hamilton, Pat Holdridge, Joan Hornberger, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Lindsay Lawrence, Anne Manner, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Rosann Nunnelly, Sarah Plummer, Kitty Porter, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, Robin Sandidge, Vivian Shields, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Debbie Stevens, Lorena Wilson, 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
Welcome new members
Genevieve Hill
Laura Stevenson Obrohta

To join or pay belated dues: click here:

Deadline extended to October 28.
https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/4534
Member Spotlight

Patti Harris - our first Associate Member

I was born in Pecos, TX, because there was no hospital in Wink. The next four years our family moved to Oklahoma, Illinois and Wyoming; as my father was part of the drilling crews on oil rigs. By the age of five we were back in Texas. I went through school in Houston, where I eventually started my higher education. All those early years prepared me for a life full of raising five children. Following that began a career in academia from Rice University (3 years) and the University of Chicago (16 years). During this period, I worked in the travel industry and opened my own agency. I am lucky to have visited every continent. Don’t ever ask me which was my favorite. I sold that business when Fred accepted a position in Dallas, using his computer experience in a start-up tech company. When the company was sold... we moved to the University of Iowa (6 years) and finally the University of Tennessee (3 years). We moved to Nashville, where my husband took a position during Governor Sundquist’s tenure. I started looking for various places where I wanted to volunteer. My luckiest find was Lynne Siesser at TPAC, where she was volunteering on that day at a Look Before You Buy event. I volunteered 22 years at TPAC. More importantly, I developed a long friendship with Lynne. Early in that relationship I told her about associate members of our Faculty Wives Club at Iowa, where we invited spouses of people at various plants in Iowa City to be a part of our club. This club, like VWC, offered many interest groups for women in the area. When Dot Galloway proposed Associate Members to the VWC, I became the first Associate member. The rest is history. I am so glad to be a part of such a vibrant organization. Amen!!

In all of this I did not mention that I attended classes at Wheaton College (Billy Graham’s alma mater) and the University of Iowa. I could have graduated at some point if all my credits would transfer; but, why? I was doing what I loved. All I did in Dallas was volunteer at a Food Pantry and play a lot of tennis...and travel, as I continued to work at a friend’s agency.

A New Group is Being Launched!

Friends helping Friends

will provide the following services:

1) Ride Share Drivers
Provide transportation for VWC members to VWC events by another member willing to carpool.

2) Support Team
Outreach to VWC members that need some extra support during difficult times. Perhaps a phone call, a meal delivered or a get-well card.

3) Phone a friend
Winter is Coming! Do you like to chat on the phone? A group of VWC members for regular phone calls to other VWC members to create a community outside of scheduled activities that provides socialization within the club.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Roxanne Roske, Chair via email at: hrroske@yahoo.com or by phone: 323-371-2478.
Community Explorers

Picasso right here in Tennessee.
FREE exhibit!
Join us, November 8th at 1:30 p.m.
in Hendersonville at the Monthaven Arts Center to see Picasso’s pottery.
Please let us know if you will attend so we could arrange a carpool.
https://monthavenarts.org/exhibitions/
Please RSVP to Roxanne Roske Cell: 323-371-2478 or hrroske@yahoo.com

Explore Vanderbilt

theWOND’RY
VANDERBILT’S INNOVATION CENTER

November 1, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Social Innovation Lunch and Learn

Register NOW for this November 1 event:
Scroll to the bottom of this link to register:
https://airtable.com/appBnzFsVegSRm4eU/shrXJYvvJYmRTMoIK
https://youtu.be/vPCNP1_Hfo0
For more information about the Wond’ry:
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/thewondry/

Tracy Stadnick  615-604-4513
tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com
Sharon Hels  615-715-3739
shels53@gmail.com

Dayime Movies

Friday, November 17
in the early afternoon
As always, it will depend on what is showing and what time.
Peggy Curci 314-369-4119
peggy@theCurcis.com

In 2015 when Table 3 was still there.

Peggy Curci, Ebbie Redwine, Sheila McCarty, Diane Whalley, Lin Watson, Betsy Fleetwood, JuAnn Staples, Angela Bowens, Mildred Tilley, Martha Alexander, Roberta Maguire, Judy Andrews
Community Service

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)*
   **November 8** *(for November they need us to come on the second Wednesday)* R.S.V.P. to Kelly

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. — Room for 10 volunteers
   **When**: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Thursdays - **November 9**
   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. Calling all Crocheting, Sewing, and Knitting Members
   a. Thank you to Sharon Berenfeld for sourcing and spearheading this new initiative for our group. Details below.
   b. Lynne Siesser is collecting quilts for the Giraffe Pods in the NICU [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

4. VWC Diaper Drive [https://www.nashvillediaperconnection.org/](https://www.nashvillediaperconnection.org/)
   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.
   VWC collected 4,252 diapers during the 2022-23 year. Let’s surpass that number this year!
   
   **Kelly Chambers** 409-771-5731  
   **kellychambers420@yahoo.com**

VWC Stitches with Love

Do you knit, crochet or sew? The Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) Patient Resource Center would love to have your handcrafted Hats, Portacath Pillows and Knitted Knockers ([knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org)) to distribute to patients. Many thanks to our New VWC Member, Alka Jain for sewing 30 Portacath Pillows!

![Image of handcrafted items]

Julie Bulger is the Manager of Patient and Family-Centered Care and Program Manager for Volunteer Services at VICC. She’s sent me a few emails expressing gratitude to our members for their donations. Here are some excerpts:

“I am so happy to accept these beautiful handmade—with-love items!”

“I’ve already dropped off the big bag of Knitted Knockers to the Vanderbilt Breast Center Surgical Oncology team. They couldn’t have been more delighted to receive them. This was pure joy to them, and they know the grateful impact they have on new patients.”

“Re bringing in port pillows - great news! We can’t keep these stocked as they go as fast as they come in. This makes me SO happy! This is a true service and VERY appreciated. They go like hotcakes. These will be SO happily received. 18 of the 30 we received were distributed to patients within 2 days.”

Contact **Sharon Berenfeld** for more information [sharonberenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:sharonberenfeld@gmail.com)
These groups will take a break for the holidays and meet again in January.

**Antique Study Group**

**Let’s Cook!** They’ll be cooking enough for the Holidays.

**Out to Lunch Bunch**

**Save the dates:**

- **Cookie Exchange:** December 8
- **Thistle Farms:** December 15
- **Let’s Cook!:** January 30
- **Chili Cook Off:** Spouses welcome

**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.

- **Friday, November 17**
- **Note date change**
  - Abbotsford Clubhouse
  - Hosts: Coco McGinley, Colleen Edwards & Alka Jain
  - Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980
  - lsiesser7@gmail.com

Hosts needed for the rest of the academic year.

**Finish It**

Bring a project to work on or to begin one.

- **Tuesdays, November 7th and 14th from 1 to 2:30 p.m.**
- at 5724 Stoneway Trail, Nashville, 37209

RSVP

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
or text at 214-755-5328

**Book Nook**

Our groups are reading these books in October.

- **Book Group One:** *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim De Fede
- **Book Group Two:** *How It All Began* by Penelope Lively
- **Loosely Bound:** *The Whispers* by Ashley Audrain
- **BOOKish:** *The Last Ride* by Martha Smith Tate

Contact information and meeting dates and times are on page thirteen.
Girls Night Out

Thursday, November 9
at 4:30 p.m.
The Iberian Pig
607 Overton Street, Nashville, TN 37203

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

Puzzling Times and Book Swap

Thursday, November 16
from 9:30-11 a.m.
5724 Stoneway Trail, Nashville

Questions and RSVP to joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com or text at 214-755-5328

Community Explorers enjoy Wicked

Marie Hindman, Claire Tschudy, Susan Perdue, Tracy Stadbick, Sandee Tishler, Rhonda Keckley, Chloe,
Front row: Michelle Young, Susie Garner, Colleen Edwards at TPAC.
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

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 - nnnfruetel@msn.com

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 - hroske@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 - gsusiea81@gmail.com
407-461-9313 - colleene@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: Peggy Curci  Fridays
314-389-4119 - peggy@theCurcis.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

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

Evening/Weekend

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser - 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com One Friday per semester 7pm

BOLLYWOOD MOVIES: Joyce Gore - 914-954-1019
joycegore0881@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

BOOK Island: Debby Stevens 4th Tuesday at 6pm
615-545-4545 - debby@stevens@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.rr@gmail.com

LOOSELY BOUND (BOOK GROUP): Elisabeth Sandberg
4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING: Cindy Slobogin
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

To avoid conflicts, check the Google Calendar vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com
The Vanderbilt Woman’s Club and the Vanderbilt House Alliance enjoy brunch at the home of Melinda Balser.
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**VWC Honors Our Veterans**