



Magnolia News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Back to school time. It's a calendar construct that is imbedded in my very DNA it seems. I haven't been in school in quite a while but when August rolls around I get that back-to-school feeling. As a child it was a very mixed feeling. Summer was so fun with more freedom, some travel, and lots of unstructured barefoot days (and drinking out of water hoses). At the same time it was exciting to think about classmates I hadn't seen all summer, new clothes, shopping for school supplies using a list cut out of the local newspaper, and anticipating a new homeroom class and teacher. (OK, I'm really dating myself here with the reference to supply lists in the Newspaper.)

Another phase of having the school schedule ingrained in our brains occurs if we have children and their school schedule becomes our life schedule. If we or a partner works in education the school schedule becomes the household schedule. Many people look forward to being empty-nesters or retired and having no school schedules and traveling in the off-season and then find their plans track the school rhythm of their grandchildren. Even if we have zero connections to a school today, in Nashville we feel the school calendar through the traffic patterns. (Although that one is no fun.)

And so now it's August and we kick off another year of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club which aligns with an academic calendar and reinforces our connection to Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. It's a strong bond over 130 years in the making. It brings together university employees, their partners, alumni, and community friends of the university. We are diverse and yet connected. Here's to a great year of friendship, fun, learning, and philanthropy as expressed through our club-wide events, our many Interest Groups, and our VWC Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund. It is my honor to serve as president. We have a fantastic board this year with lots of plans and ideas and we will be calling on you for your opinions and your help from time to time. Enjoy!



Kelly Chambers 7/26/24

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Newcomers

Anna Walker*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

KENDRA SCOTT FUNDRAISER: Thursday, August 15, 5-7p.m.

OPENING TEA: Thursday, September 12 at Richland Country Club from 1-3pm

More dates are listed with the calendar on page 13.

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.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/?>



Vanderbiltwomansclub or search @vanderbiltwomansclub

Shine Bright, Do Good

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT!

4025 Hillsboro Circle, #505

DATE & TIME

Thursday, August 15, 2024
5:00-7:00 p.m.

DETAILS

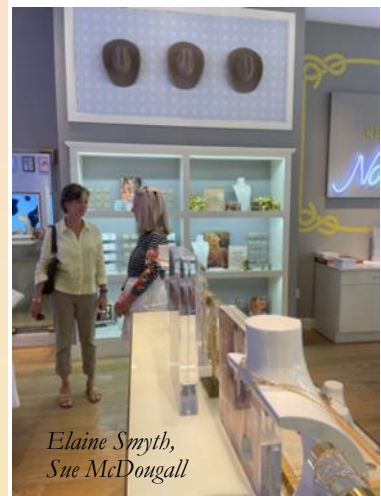
Enjoy sips, sweets and shopping at our Nashville Hill Center location! 20% of your purchase will benefit

Vanderbilt Woman's Club

We can't wait to shop with you!



*Amy Page, Lindsey,
Peyton Christiansen*



*Elaine Smyth,
Sue McDougall*



*Peggy Curci, Deb Bjord, Elaine
Smyth, Sue McDougall, Anna Walker*



*Anna Walker,
Amy Smith*

2022



SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR

*Opening
Tea*

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
1 PM TO 3 PM

RICHLAND COUNTRY CLUB
1 CLUB DRIVE
NASHVILLE, TN 37215

VWC2223HOSPITALITY@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

MEMBERSHIP

2024-2025 Membership Chair Liz Doyle



Cell 615.218.5164
Email: elizabeth.a.doyle@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 1556 Oxford Ct ~ Gallatin TN 37066

Donations *since the last newsletter:*
Tracy Bannantine

The QR Code is Active;

Be sure to send your best pic to be included in the new directory by **October 1st**.

Any questions?

Call, text or email anytime.

New Members Corner

Welcome new members,

Beth Owen Canavan

Niki Catafygiotu

Nan Flynn has been a Marketing & Communications Administrative Assistant at Montgomery Bell Academy since 2016. She has a BA from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Francesca Maas is an Independent Market Research Consultant with Bear Tracks Research. She has an MS in Market Research from the Wisconsin School of Business.

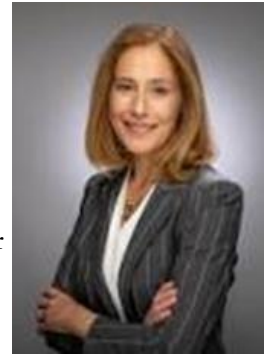
Grace Scherer

Tricia Scott



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Letter from the Provost



Dear esteemed members of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club,

As provost of Vanderbilt University, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the invaluable contributions that the Vanderbilt Woman's Club has made to our institution and its community. Your unwavering commitment to intellectual enrichment, cultural exploration and social connection has played a pivotal role in shaping the vibrant fabric of our university.

Although I am unable to be there to join in the festivities and extend my personal congratulations, please know that my support is with you wholeheartedly. I am deeply grateful for the dedication and passion exhibited by each member of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, past and present, and I commend you on reaching this significant milestone.

In recognition of the 130th celebration of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, I wish to reaffirm my commitment to supporting your endeavors and nurturing collaboration between the club and the university. Together, we can continue to cultivate an environment that encourages intellectual curiosity, celebrates diversity and fosters lifelong connections.

I encourage you to seize this opportunity to reflect on the rich history and legacy of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, while also looking ahead with optimism and enthusiasm. Your dedication to enhancing the lives of our community members and supporting the mission of Vanderbilt University is truly commendable and deserving of celebration.

It is my hope that your time together is filled with joyous moments and meaningful connections. I look forward to hearing about the highlights of the celebration and to continuing our collaboration in the days and years to come.

With warm regards and best wishes for a memorable event,

C. Cybele Raver
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Vanderbilt University

Member Spotlight

Betty Thackston

Betty was born and raised in Shelbyville, Tenn., and came to Peabody College where she majored in both English and Sociology, graduating in 1962. She met her husband Edward Thackston, who was an Engineering student at Vanderbilt. They married in 1961.

Betty joined the Vanderbilt Woman's Club in 1965 when Edward began teaching at Vanderbilt. Both daughters graduated from Vanderbilt in 1987, with majors in Psychology. They both received their MS degrees from MTSU, and Carol received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

Carol is a research scientist and a program evaluator for the CDC. Leah is a counselor and a physiological examiner in private practice.



Betty sold residential real estate for twenty-two years. She was also active in several political campaigns, including that of Governor Winfield Dunn. She was an avid tennis player, and loved reading and collecting antiques. She loved traveling with Ed, and especially taking all six grandchildren to Europe!

She has participated in community organizations, and was active in the Nashville Opera Guild for many years, where she served as Publicity Chairman. She also is a long-time member of The Centennial Club, where she is an avid Mah Jongg player. She is a member of the Campbell Chapter of the DAR, and a member of St. George's Episcopal Church. Betty loves spending time with her six grandchildren, her great-grandson and her friends.



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.)

August 7

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

August 8

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: Some VWC members sign up individually to volunteer at "The Store" on the last Friday of the month for the afternoon shift. If you'd like to join them register for the last Friday of the month.

Next up: Friday, August 30, 12:30-5:00 p.m.

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 sign-up site:

<https://volunteer.thestore.org/opportunities/xN23uNbsch> Sign up early. This is a popular place for volunteers and 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 Stitches With Love

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.

5. **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

Thank you to everyone who donated diapers
to the VWC Diaper Drive
for the Nashville Diaper Connection.
In 2023-24 we collected **4,599** diapers surpassing
the previous year's total of 4,252.



Faith Haber Galbraith & Kathleen Egli at PENCIL

Loosely Bound

announces their reading choices.
September 24th *Brooklyn*
by Colm Toibin

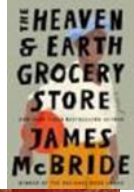
October 22nd *The Berry Pickers*
by Amanda Peters

November 26th *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
by James McBride

December No meeting

January 28th *This is Happiness*
by Niall Williams

February 25th *The Women*
by Kristen Hannah



Elisabeth Sandberg text: 617-957-2169



Parnassus

Check your email to learn more about the event at Parnassus to discuss possible reading lists for next year.



Jeannette McNeil, Frannie Benner, Peggy Curci, Elisabeth Sandberg

Book Nook

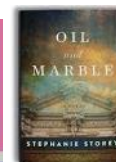
Our groups are reading these books in August.

Book Group One: *Oil and Marble: A novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo*, by Stephanie Story
ROOM FOR MORE MEMBERS

Book Group Two: *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl **GROUP FULL**

Loosely Bound: *The Last Ride* by Martha Smith Tate **GROUP FULL**

BOOKish *Sipsworth* by Simon Van Booy **GROUP FULL**



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

LET ROXANNE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN STARTING A NEW BOOK GROUP. hrrroske@yahoo.com

Summer Bridge Party

Come celebrate with our brand new bridge players.

Colleen Edwards, Susie Garner, Grace Janho, Robin Sandidge and all those who brushed up on their bidding skills.

Wednesday, August 21 from 1 - 4 p.m.

at the Siessers

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

Contact Lindsay
(coordinator of the Tuesday Bridge Group)
if you would like to join us
August 21.

720-785-4075

lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com



Bridge Extravaganza in 2015

*Jean Litterer, Bea McGee, Ruth Mathisen, Diane Baldwin,
Rosemary Worley, Mary Baysinger, Cat Covell*

**Contact the chairs of each group to
be included in their email lists.**

Cocktail Club

Share a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d'oeuvres. Bring your partner, bring a friend or come on your own to meet new friends from other departments.

Saturday, August 31

at 6 p.m.

at the Gherman's

For your calendar

September 21: Harris/Cutler

October: Kiesling

November: McTamanev

December: Elrod



Lynne Siesser

615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, August 22 at 1 p.m.

Radish Kitchen

Sylvan Supply, 4101 Charlotte, Building G #10, 37209



Service options: Has outdoor seating · Serves vegan dishes

RSVP by the 20th

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com



Let's Cook!

Dim Sum Cooking Class!

- *Fried Shrimp Balls with Sweet Thai Chili Sauce
- *Pan Fried Chive and Leek Dumplings
- *BBQ Pork Buns
- *Pineapple Custard Tarts



Monday, August 19th

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Kitchen Social

214 Ward Circle, Suite 800

Brentwood, TN 37027

\$74.99 per person

Sign-up and pay online (link below)- please let us know so we can keep our seats together.

Spouses, +1's are welcome

BYOB (Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages only)

<https://kitchensocial.getoccasion.com/p/n/GTFQgx4n/v5>

Save the Dates:

September 6: Biscuits and Gravy Class

October 15: Cooking with Chef Paulette, making Ricotta Gnocchi to eat - AND take home!

January 25: 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off!

Susie Garner Colleen Edwards

615-500-4886 - gsusie481@gmail.com 407-461-9313 - colleende@aol.com

Crab Cakes & Pasta Class in April



*Philip Perdue, Amy Petersen, Colleen Edwards, Amy Smith,
Nancy Gentry, Robin Sandidge, Peggy Curci, Susie Garner,
Sallie Diehl, Rae Thomas, Craig Peterson*



Amy & Craig Petersen, Philip Perdue

Italian Cooking Class in March



Anna Marra & Susan Perdue

Mardi Gras in February



*Sallie Diehl, Robin Sandidge,
Marie Hindman, Lynne Siesser,
Laura Klepper*

**Check page ten for all the other
Interest Groups available.
Suggestions for new groups are
welcome.**

**Roxanne Roske 323-371-2478
hrrroske@yahoo.com**



Communications

Thank you for keeping us all informed.

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

Elisabeth Sandberg - Website

Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News

lsiesser7@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Do you have another interest not listed? Contact

Roxanne Roske 323-371-2478
hrrroske@yahoo.com

DAYTIME

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm

615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com **GROUP FULL**

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 - hrrroske@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 - miamct@aol.com

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers

409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.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 or two Fridays 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 - attackrw@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: Lynne Siesser Saturdays 6pm

615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com



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

Amy and Craig Petersen hosted Cocktails in July



Alice Rogan, Craig Petersen, Lynne Siesser, Leon Stevens, Philip Perdue



Amy Petersen, Kristen Bacharier



Leonard Rogan, Robert Diehl, Rae Thomas, Sallie Diehl



Susan Perdue, Debby Stevens, Tresa Vander Hoek, Suzanne Alexander



Explorers at the Juneteenth celebration to hear Alice Randall on her new book, *My Black Country*.
Lynn Maddox, Roxanne Roske, Kathleen Egli, Tracy Stadnick, Alice Randall, Judy Andrews, Mary Louise Linn



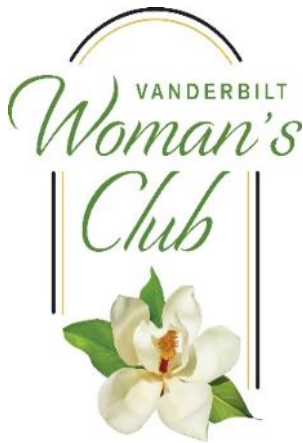
August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Book Group Two 1pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	PENCIL & Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	Second Harvest 1pm Kendra Scott 5pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Book Group One 2:30pm	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm Let's Cook! 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Summer Bridge Party 1pm	Lunch Bunch 1pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Mah Jongg 9:30am Mah Jongg 6:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm BOOKish 6pm Loosely Bound 7pm	Cribbage 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm		The Store 12:30pm	Cocktails 6pm

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Opening Tea: Thursday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m.
 Fall Brunch: Tuesday, October 24 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar: Thursday, December 5
 Cookie Exchange: Friday, December 13
 Annual Meeting: January
 Spring Lecture:
 Spring Luncheon: Thursday, May 1





Membership 2024-2025

Annual Dues \$40

Checks Payable to Vanderbilt Woman's Club

Checks may be mailed to:

Elizabeth Doyle

1556 Oxford Ct Gallatin TN 37066

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Home Address

City, Zip

Home/Cell

Spouse/Partner + Department

Your Vanderbilt Department/Alumna

Email

Regular Member of VWC (women who are employed or are alumnae or whose husbands/partners are or were (retired/deceased) employed by the University or Medical Center and women who are not formally associated with the University but possess an interest in the affairs of the University.

New to Vanderbilt Woman's Club

I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the VWC Scholarship Fund

VWC Board Volunteer Opportunities

Join us on a committee to experience the special friendships and adventures that always come with working together!

Hospitality

Communication/social media/Pics/Newsletter

Interest Groups

Membership

Fundraising/Scholarship Assist

Newcomers.

Questions? Liz Doyle - Membership Chair 2024-2025

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