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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ah, the holiday season. To borrow some Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." We don't always say it out loud but the holidays – no matter which ones we acknowledge or celebrate -- can be both the most wonderful time of the year and a season with some pretty mixed emotions. There is time with family and friends, games, favorite movies, parties, shopping, special foods, glittering clothes, beautiful decorations, special music, and treasured keepsakes and traditions that we bring out only once a year. But sometimes we also experience longing, stress, or even sadness at this time of year.

How can we balance out the yin and yang of these conflicting feelings about the holidays and even tilt them towards the joyous side? I would suggest community. And our Vanderbilt Woman's Club is a community. The holidays present us with opportunities to get out of our work clothes or at-leisure-wear and our routines for a few hours and celebrate – maybe even commiserate – with our VWC community of friends old and new. Kick off the season on **December 5th** at the very festive Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon at Hillwood Country Club. This luncheon always helps me get in the spirit and I always find some gifts (for others and myself!). R.S.V.P. BY NOON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

On a smaller scale celebrate at the Cookie Exchange and Musical Afternoon on **Friday**, **December 13**. Bring a batch of cookies and take home a variety of treats. Enjoy an intimate concert by talented young students. This lovely, unique event also raises funds for our VWC scholarship fund.

In the season's spirit of giving we'll be collecting books at both holiday events for "Book'em," a charity that donates 100,000+ books each year to underserved children in the Nashville area. Please see the flyers in this newsletter for full details on both events and Book'em. And have a love and joy-filled, peaceful holiday season.

Best.

Kelly Chambers



UPCOMING EVENTS

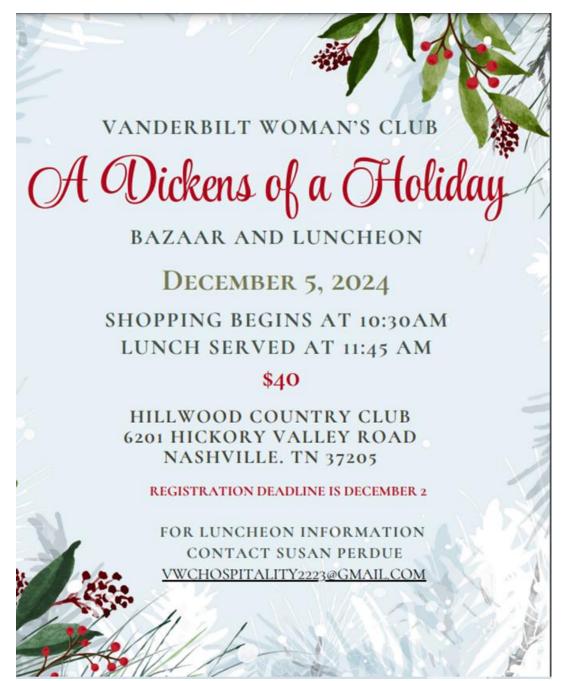
Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon: Thursday, December 5 at Hillwood Country Club - Shopping at 10:30 a.m. and Lunch at 11:45 a.m.

More dates are listed with the calendar on page 12.

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.







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Click here to make your reservation.

Shopping will begin at 10:30am. Please feel free to bring your favorite shopping bags to use in storing your purchases. A limited number of paper shopping bags will be provided by **Hester & Cook**. Most of our wonderful vendors are small business owners who are looking forward to sharing their products with us. Some can only take cash and others can take credit cards or other online forms of payment so please plan accordingly.

The delicious luncheon will be served buffet style. Additional desserts will be available for purchase from two of our vendors: **Mrs. Browne's Baking** and **The Cheesecake Society**.

Adult beverages will be available for purchase. Please see **Elisabeth Sandberg** to pay for your selections with cash, Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal. Please note that all taxes and fees are included in the following prices. You may bring your own unopened bottle of wine; a corkage fee of \$35 is required by the venue. Cocktails will be available for \$15 each and a variety of beers will be available for \$10 each. Hillwood Country Club does not sell wine by the glass so get together with friends to buy what you'd like to enjoy and share! You may purchase a bottle of red or white wine for \$60 or a bottle of sparkling wine for \$55 or sodas for \$5.

The venue will provide you with glassware.

Support our Vendors Members

Sara Plummer (jams)
plummemd@comcast.net

Lora Stevenson Obrohta (art & cards) thecobaltcreatives.com

Nancy Dwyer (fabric creations) nancy.dwyer1@gmail.com

Anna Walker (candles)
https://annawcouture.godaddysites.com/

Cindy David (jewelry) https://www.cindydavid.com/

Kathy Carlton (art) https://artofdeerie.com/

Other Vendors

Betty B. Elrod - Blue Smoke (jewelry)
Bluesmokejewelry.com Instagram@bluesmokejewelry

Nancy Wight - "Nancy's Craft Corner" nlwight1983@yahoo.com 615-542-3112

Shirley Browne - "Mrs. Browne's Baking" (baked goods) shirleybrowne59@gmail.com 629-273-5676

Ryan Ghertner (ceramics) https://www.instagram.com/ryanghertner https://www.etsy.com/shop/RyanGhertner Kelly Shamblin (lavender-infused products) https://www.lavendergirltn.com/

Kendra Scott (jewelry) https://www.kendrascott.com/

Hester & Cook/Bang Chocolates

(paper goods, home decor, and Bang chocolates) https://hesterandcook.com/

Anna Wink (jewelry)
https://shoplinkwithwink.com/

Added since the last newsletter Tapered Threads

Empowering women through sustainable, trendy, & affordable fashion! Tapered Threads, the thrifted boutique, was started in 2019 & has been growing through Instagram & pop ups ever since!

www.instagram.com/taperedthreads

The Cheesecake Society

https://www.cheesecakesociety.com/

We have spent countless days and hours and have sacrificed many calories to make sure we brought you cheesecakes that we are proud of and hope you love as much as we do.

Bring your own shopping bags.





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 **Isiesser7@gmail.com** to be added to the list.

c<u>lick here to make a donation</u>
<u>by credit card</u>

Our scholars

Ang Key

Ana Key Class of 2025



Sophia Pieri Class of 2026



Kennedy Grace Cross Class of 2027



Greta Hellebuyck Class of 2029

DONATIONS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

Anonymous, Mary Baysinger, Frannie Benner, Danna Bennett, Sujata Biswas, Norma Jean Bueschen, Eileen Crawford, Sallie Diehl, Nancy Dwyer, Ann Ercelawn, Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, Faith Galbraith, Nancy Gentry, Elizabeth Hardiman, Sharon Hels, Becky Hickson, Judith Hodges, George Hornberger, Alka Jain, Sheila Jensen, Cynthia Kershner, Ursula King, Laura Klepper, Jamie Leddin, Lynn Maddox, Sue McDougall, Kim Murphy, Susan Perdue, Debra Perrone, Carol Person, Suzanne Petrey, Anne Plummer, Elaine Reed, Alice Rogan, Lynne Siesser, Cindy Slobogin, Elaine Smyth, Debra Stevens, Michelle Tellock, Carol Thigpin, Claire Tschudy, Vanguard Charitable Endowment, Fran Vetters, Grace Wernke, Diane Whalley,

YEAR TO DATE

Suzanne Alexander, Becky Atack, Evadne Awh, Kristen Bacharier, Melinda Balser, Sherrill Bandlow, Tracy Bannantine, Holly Beavers, Audrey Brown, Faye Brown, Maryann Byrd, Sarah Calvani, Kelly Chambers, Amy Page Christiansen, Sue Clark (*Mary C Rev Trust*), Janet Crowson, Peggy Curci (*in memory of Joan Hornberger*), Katrina Dickerson, Betsy Fleetwood, Nancy Fruetel, Dot Galloway, Susie Garner, Patti Gregg, Cathy Griffith, Margaret Hansen, Patricia Harris, Lindsay Lawrence, Lisa LeMaster, Anne Manner, Coco McGinley, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Amelia McTamaney, Louise Merritt, Rosann Nunnelly, Meredith Oates, Paddy Peerman, Mary Perkins (*Bradbury Foundation*), Amy Petersen, Sara Plummer, Mary Raffety, Ebbie Redwine, Yolonda Brooks Robinson, Maisie Roden, Kim Ross, Robin Sandidge, Kendra Scott, LLC, Susan Sharp, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Mary Stinson, Rae Thomas, Mildred Tilley, Tresa Vander Hoek, Joyce Weisenseel, Lorena Wilson, Faye Wyatt

New Members' Corner

Welcome

Click here to join or renew

Lisa Arterberry We have close ties to Vanderbilt -- my husband John and I met at Vandy where he graduated from the Law School and I graduated from A&S. All three of our sons graduated from Vanderbilt coming from Washington DC, where we worked and raised our family before moving back to Nashville in the summer of 2016. We have additional family members covering the medical school and Peabody, the list goes on.

Angela Curtis Lisa Hardiman Amy Jaffee Camille Kemp Cindy Kershner Ginny McKenzie



Explorers at the City Cemetery: Nancy Gentry, Carole Bucy, Lindsay Lawrence, Cindy Slobogin

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 Wednesday of the month at this time.)

December 4

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

December 12

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 <u>group's landing page</u> 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.



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, 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Next up: Friday, December 20 because Christmas complicates the last Friday.

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 Patient Resource Center would love to share your handcrafted Chemo Caps, Portacath Pillows and Knitted Knockers knittedknockers.org.











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







VWC Community Outreach Project: Book'em

What: As our Community Outreach Project for this year VWC is supporting Book'em. Book'em donates 100,000+ books to underserved children in the Nashville area, serving ages 0-18. These books foster a sense of ownership, dignity, and joy in the children who receive them as gifts. Their mission is to create a more literate Nashville and ignite children's passion for reading through book ownership and enthusiastic volunteers. They envision a future in Nashville where all children own books and know first-hand the joy and value of reading.

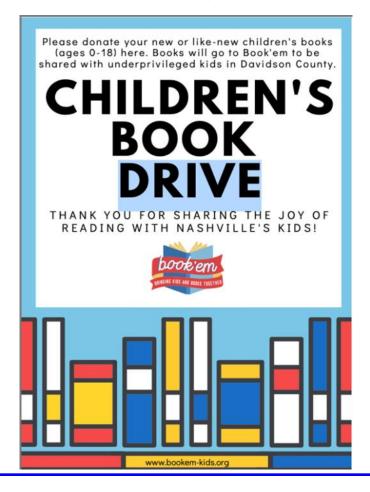
When and How: If you'd like to participate by donating children's books, VWC will collect books at all club-wide events this year starting with the Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon and the Cookie Exchange and Musical Afternoon. If your Interest Group would like to collect books contact Kelly Chambers about having the books picked up or dropped off.

What kinds of books would Book'em like donated? They accept books for ages 0-18; books in excellent condition (new, like-new, very gently used); board books, picture books, chapter books. (A book that would not be given as a gift may be a better fit for a used book store or secondhand store.)

Questions? Contact Kelly at kellychambers420@yahoo.com

For more information about Book'em go to their website:

https://bookem-kids.org/about-bookem/



Announcing a New Book Group: "Between the Lines"

Tresa Vander Hoek will be chairing our fifth book group with the first meeting to be on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Details to follow in the January newsletter. Thank you Tresa!

Tvanderhoekx3@gmail.com 760-277-1797 (c)





Pam Brown, Fran Vetters, Michel McDonald with members of the Bellevue Library Class, including the instructor.

 ${\it Book.Nook.}$ Our groups are reading these books in December.

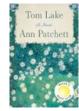
Book Group One: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

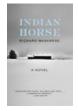
Book Group Two: Indian Horse by Richard Wagamere WAITING LIST

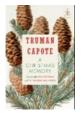
Loosely Bound: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER WAITING LIST

Between the Lines: First meeting on January 22

BOKish A Thanksgiving Visitor & A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote WAITING LIST







Contact information and meeting dates and times are on

page ten.

Girls Night Out

Holiday Cocktails & Holiday Lights Limo Ride Peggy Curci 314-369-4119 peggy@theCurcis.com

SOLD OUT IN 2024

> Deb Biord Debby Stevens Lindsay Lawrence Robin Sandidge Amy Smith Colleen Edwards Nancy Gentry



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, December 13 at 6 p.m.

Hosts: Laura & Sam Dunn Co-hosts: Tommye & Cecil Elrod

For your calendar

January: King/Middleton

Spring: Labovitz September: McTamaney

Lynne Siesser

615-856-3980

lsiesser7@gmail.com

There will be no meetings for these groups in December. Explorers

Lunch Bunch
Tuesday Bridge on the 4th Tuesday

Sara Plummer shares her experiences as a nurse in Vietnam.

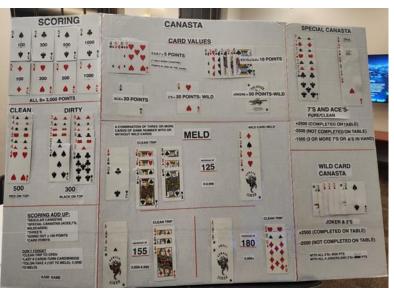








Occasional Canasta is up and running. Susie Garner, Grace Scherer, Susan Perdue, Mary Beth Ward at their last game.



Communications Thank you for keeping us all informed.

Please send all photos (with names) or items you want to share to Roxanne Roske or 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 hrroske@yahoo.com

DAYTIME

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm 615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com WAITING LIST

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Lindsay Lawrence 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm

720-785-4075 - lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com

OCCASIONAL CANASTA CLUB: Merry Beth Ward

615-878-3865 - merrybeth@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 3rd 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 McTamaney

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

TAI CHI: Roxanne Roske Wednesdays 11am NEW

323-371-2478 - hrroske@yahoo.com

VWC STITCHES WITH LOVE: Sharon Berenfeld

704-936-7479 SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com

Irregular events will be featured in the issue of the Magnolia News in the month they happen and will include a "Save the Date" for future events.

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To avoid conflicts: Interest Group Chairs, please check the Google Calendar. vanderbilt.womansclub@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

BETWEEN THE LINES (BOOK GROUP) Wednesdays 6:30pm *NEW

Tresa Vander Hoek 760-277-1747 - Tvanderhoekx3@gmail.com

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 WAITING LIST

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

Usually 4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169 WAITING LIST

MAH JONGG - EVENING: Lynne Siesser

Mondays 6:30pm 615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

SUNDAY MAH JONGG: Nan Flynn 3pm

nandotflynn@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 - Quarterly

615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

Lunch at Urban Grub in October





FOR YOUR CALENDARS Armchair Travel: January 10

Annual Meeting: Thursday, January 23 Chili Cook Off: Saturday, January 25

Visit to the Archives: Friday, February 21 Supper Club: Saturday, February 22 *Capital Campaign: March *Spring Lecture: TBD

Spring Luncheon: Thursday, May 1 "Save the Date" for future events not featured in this issue of the Magnolia News may be published here.