

Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors News

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**New domino group added.
See Page 17 for meeting info.**

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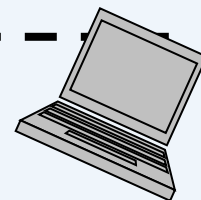
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BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31

Bloomingtonnnc.com

- Announcements and RSVP forms
- Current newsletter
- Photos
- Membership Application



WANTED: Photos of your group activities. Send to any of the following:

- Debbie Zerr for Facebook: dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net
- John DePaemelaere for website and end of year slide show:
john.depaemelaere@outlook.com

Publication Deadlines

Send to the **newsletter editor** any general announcements no later than the **10th of the month**.

Please send **requests for special occasion cards** (e.g. Sympathy, Get Well, Wedding) to Jan Greenwood. (No birthdays, please.)

The **Newcomers & Neighbors News** is published for members of the BNNC. Annual membership is \$20. First time members: discounted rate of \$10.

Visit our page on Facebook:

Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors Club

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Fall Kickoff

Tuesday, September 10th

6:00 PM

Peppergrass Shelter House

654 E Heather Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401

**Make your reservations by Friday,
September 6th**

Cost: \$10.00 per person

No payments accepted on-site

This event is \$10 and includes pizza and dessert. Participants are asked to bring chairs and beverage of their choice.

Fall Kickoff RSVP

For Tuesday, September 10th. 6 PM. 654 Heather Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401

RSVP due by Friday,

Name(s):

September 6th

Guest(s):

No payments taken at the picnic.

Cost each @ \$10.00 _____ = \$ _____

Please make check payable to:

BNNC

Mail RSVP and check to:

BNNC

PO Box 8231

Bloomington, IN

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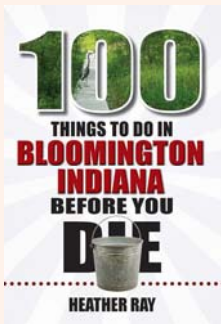
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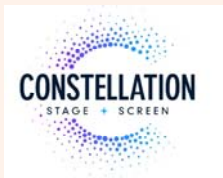
BNNC meetings will be at Hoosier Hank's East, 1285 S College Mall Rd.

They have a variety of food on the menu besides their pizzas. No RSVP needed. They have a nice large meeting room. Mark your calendars in October and November for the second Tuesday at lunch time for exciting events! Please do not arrive before 11:15 AM; program starts at noon. Plenty of time to order and socialize before the presentation!

You are welcome to attend without eating; please come and join your friends.



On Tuesday, October 8th 2024, our featured speaker will be Heather Ray, M.S., R.D., author of One Hundred Things to Do in Bloomington, Indiana, Before You Die. A freelance food and lifestyle writer whose work has appeared in a number of well-known publications, Heather will discuss her 'Bloomington' book as well as the writing process. We'll learn some insider secrets she's gleaned from longtime residents and many other fascinating facts about what Bloomington has to offer.



On Tuesday, November 12th 2024, a representative from Constellation Stage and Screen will speak at our luncheon meeting. We'll learn about the theatre and find out about some wonderful upcoming productions.

Please be sure to take photos of your group events! Forward those photos to john.depaemelaere@outlook.com for inclusion in the newsletter.

Membership Survey-Expect a Call

Some of our members have already received calls on the Survey that our club board is conducting. We know that our greatest asset is our members, and we are reaching out to you to find out how BNNC is doing for you. If you haven't received a call, expect one soon. We want your opinions and suggestions on how we can make BNNC better for you.

Membership Drive-September through October 31, 2024

We are going to have a Membership Drive starting September 15th through October 31st. To make it fun, we are making this a contest. First prize is **\$100** and second prize is **\$75** for the two top members who bring in the most new members with signed applications and \$10 checks. If you need sign up applications/brochures, please call the number below.

The other way you can participate is to refer us your prospects. A **\$50** prize will go to the member that gives us the highest number of referrals who have signed and then paid. In other words, just call or email the Membership Drive Coordinator with the names and phone numbers of the individuals you are referring and the Membership Committee (Janet, Debbi and Charlotte) will do the necessary follow up. Be sure to state your name or phone number in relation to the referral's name so we can tally results.

Coordinator phone or email is: Janet Justus 321 276-6080 jjustus24@gmail.com

All you have to do is start a list of potential members you would like to invite that are in your "sphere of influence," like sister, brother, neighbors, business people you see and know who may know of someone who would like to be active in our Club. And remember our Club is not only for newcomers, but also for established people who live in Bloomington.

BNNC is going to Radio!

Check us out on **Glass in the Afternoon Radio Show** (WGCL 1370 AM) on October 1st between 3 and 6 PM. It's our first opportunity to discuss our BNNC activities with Radio personality, Mike Glasscott. He will be interviewing Linda Burton and we will continue to have future updates to let the Bloomington community know we exist.

Summer Picnic







Our BNNC picnic was a success! Thirty-nine members paid. Beautiful weather helped make the afternoon very pleasant.

Food.....\$469.92. Dagwood

Tip.....20.00

Water.....5.00

Rental87.00

Total cost \$581.92.....\$14.92 pp.....Members paid \$12.00 pp.....total cost to club \$113.88.

Future TGIF Events

We need volunteers to host future TGIF events on the 2nd Friday of each month.

TGIF dates for October, 2024, and all of 2025 are open at this time.

Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.

hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386

Carolyn Anderson

September 13, 2024

6-8 PM

3927 S BAYTREE LN, BLOOMINGTON, 47401-9754

(812) 340-1433

caanders@iu.edu

JoAnn and Kenneth Bretsch

November 8, 2024

6-8 PM

3936 E FENBROOK LN

BLOOMINGTON, 47401-7738

(812) 822-2066

joannandken@yahoo.com

RESOURCES FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

WEBSITES FOR EVENT INFORMATION

visitbloomington.com/events— a comprehensive listing of local events

Check out the City of Bloomington website for City events and local governmental information:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/about>

Don't forget to check out events throughout the state:

visitindiana.com/events

Board Meeting August 1, 2024



1st Friday Canasta July 12, 2024



3rd Monday Canasta

July 15, 2024



Spirits Group

July 17, 2024

Cardinal Spirits

Anyone can attend! Alcohol drinks not required.



Men's Breakfast

Bedräk Café

July 18th

Now Meeting at 8:00 AM

On Thursdays - Free Parking



Fun Lunch Bunch

July 18, 2024



Lunch and a Movie

August 6, 2024



Fun Lunch Bunch

August 8, 2024



TGIF

At the Montgomery-DePaemelaere Home

August 9, 2024





Spirits Group

August 13, 2024

Half Bottle Bistro

Anyone can attend! Alcohol drinks not required.



3rd Monday Canasta

August 19, 2024



Book Club 1 met 29 May at Bell Trace and discussed the book *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery, led by Phyllis Sindlinger. This is the story of a 67-year old grandmother who hiked the Appalachian Trail alone in 1955, from Georgia to Maine, and was the first woman to hike the entire 2,200 mile trail. She grew up on a farm in SE Ohio and raised 11 children, after dealing with an abusive husband.



On Wednesday, 31 July, we met again at Bell Trace to discuss the book "Bruno, Chief of Police" by Martin Walker, led by Phyllis Sindlinger. The story takes place in the French province of Perigord, east of Bordeaux, in the small town of St. Denis, with Bruno administering peace and order. The author presents the people, the French customs, and life in this quiet French town and the challenges Bruno faces. After dealing with EU market inspectors he deals with the brutal murder a French soldier, retired with honor, who turns out to have served the Vichy government in WWII to exterminate French resisters. The story ends with justice served. The character of Bruno was also an avid cook. Phyllis brought his cook book to the meeting, and made some of his cookies to share. Cathy also had cookies for us! Chocolate Chip in recognition of Chocolate Chip Cookie Day on August 4th. The cookies were a great way to end the meeting.



We meet again on August 28th to discuss "West with the Night" by Beryl Markham, the story of the first woman to fly across the Atlantic in 1936, landing in a bog in Nova Scotia.

Book club 1 always welcomes new members.
To join, contact Peggy Brown 815-263-6913
peggyb1013@gmail.com

INTEREST GROUPS

Do you have an interest in a topic that you would like to share? Why not consider being a leader of an interest group? You can meet as often as you like, or when an opportunity comes up!



Needlework Group 2nd Thursday, 11 AM—Carol Peterman peterman53@yahoo.com

Please contact Carol at (812) 323-7823 for more information. At her home.

New members welcome, but call me if you plan to attend.



Book Club #1-Peggy Brown peggyb1013@gmail.com (815) 263-6913

Meets the last Wednesday of the month at Bell Trace Chapel at noon. September's book will be *A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America*, and the *Woman Who Stopped Them* by Timothy Egan, led by Pamela Olivas. In October we will select the books for next year's reading list. *Always welcoming new members.*



Book Club #2—Book Club 2 meets on the 4th Friday of each month at Noon, with occasional date changes around the holidays. If interested, contact Izzy Beck greavesbeck@gmail.com or (949) 439-8560.



Railroad Group—Paul Lutz crfan59@yahoo.com (812) 322-4669

John DePaemelaere john.depaemelaere@outlook.com (812) 322-2630

All things railroad, model trains, historic videos, field trips and more.



International Issues—Andy Bratton a7bratton@aol.com (732) 236-8543

Meets 4th Thursday 4:30 PM at Red Lobster. Andy will email the topic a few days before.



Local Plays Group

LEADER NEEDED



Hiking Group--Charlotte Reitz charlotte.reitz@gmail.com (812) 457-2285



Meditation Group

LEADER NEEDED

Good Eating & Beverage Groups!



Fun Lunch Bunch Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Call Joan for reservations.
Joan Lawrence indycondo19@gmail.com (217) 820-5009



Men's Breakfast Every Thursday 8:00-9:30 AM

John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630.

This group meets at the Bedrök Café, 409 S Walnut Street.
Free parking. We hope to see the regulars and new faces.



Wine Tasting Linda Burton brtnlin@yahoo.com (812) 369-4611

This group is currently full.



Wine Tasting Ruth Simon prsimon@gmail.com (812) 339-8291

This group is currently full.



Spirits Group John DePaemelaere john.depaemelaere@outlook.com

Contact John DePaemelaere for the next meeting date and location (812) 322-2630.
RSVP to John.



Lunch and a Movie DeeDee Bratton dianebratt@aol.com or (732) 2236-8543

We meet the first Tuesday of the month for lunch then your choice of a movie. Deedee will email a list of movies and the name of the restaurant the week before. Call her for lunch reservations.



Cards & Games



Mah-Jong—Ruth Simon prsimon@gmail.com (812) 340-4233

'We play the hybrid military way.' Please come, observe and play with us. We would be glad to have you.

Cribbage Group—Susan Hiller (773) 678-4280
greenviewsusan@gmail.com

Offering instruction and welcoming new members.

Ladies Bunco-Debbie Zerr dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net
(574) 220-2561 Meets the 3rd Thursday.

First Friday Canasta Group meets at 1 PM in members' homes.
9/6/24 CAROLYN AND LINDA SMITH. 10/4/24 JIM AND HARRIET KULIS

New Canasta Players always welcome.

Third Monday Canasta Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 1 PM at home of Susan Montgomery.
montgomery_4884@msn.com
(812) 325-4611

New Canasta Players always welcome. You can play on Monday or Friday! We'll teach you to play!

Dick Mellinger is interested in forming a poker group some time soon.

If poker sounds interesting call Dick at (574) 532-1291
or email: dick.mellinger@gmail.com

Domino Group - Janet Justus jjustus24@gmail.com
(321) 276-6080

Will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the College Mall upper deck of the Food Court. We will meet at 11:30 AM for those who want to have lunch together at Azzip. At 1:00 PM the Games begin. The 13 games usually take 2 to 2 1/2 hours. First meeting is September 3, 2024



Cards & Games



4th Monday Bridge Linda Burton

brtnlin@yahoo.com (219)-793-5498

Need more players!

3rd Friday Ladies Bridge Linda Burton

brtnlin@yahoo.com (219)-793-5498

4th Friday Couple Bridge Karen Karpinski

(812) 334-0623

Call Karen to confirm date and location.

3rd Wednesday Bridge--Connie Clark (479) 365-9270

conmclrk@gmail.com September Cathy Korinek.

October to be announced.

1st Tuesday Men's Bridge Rich Weyand

weyand@rcn.com **New members welcome!**

3rd Thursday Men's Bridge Rich Weyand

weyand@rcn.com **New members welcome!**

1st Wednesday Bridge--Mary Rucker

We meet at 12:30. Please call Mary 812-219-1636 if you have gotten a sub. You may also call the hostess with that information.

1st Wednesday bridge meets at Clara Henderson's home at 12:30.

9415 Harbour Pointe Drive
812-824-3161

First Wednesday bridge meets at Janice Hunt's home on August 7th at 12:30.

4306 Falcon Drive
812-824-4049

Interested In Playing More Bridge?

Connie Clark and Mary Rucker have had several ladies approach us about playing bridge more often so we are in the process of setting up some new bridge groups.

Please call or text Mary Rucker (812) 219-1636 or Connie Clark (479) 365-9270 if you're interested. As soon as we have 4 interested bridge players we'll start a new group.

Also, Connie and Linda Burton just finished teaching bridge conventions at Meadowood and might agree to do some more teaching if there is enough interest.