

Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors News

March-April 2025

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New this year: Renew your membership before June 1 and you will be entered into a chance for a \$50 gift card.

**Save the date for the Spring Fling.
May 13, 2025. See page 5 for reservation.**

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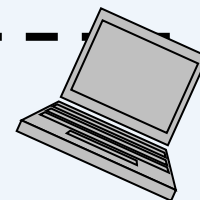
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BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31

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- 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 **15th** of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.

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

Debbie Zerr: dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net

BNNC meetings have returned to the American Legion!

1800 W 3rd Street. Ample parking at the door.

Mark your calendars in March and April 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.



Michelle Thomas of Like Law Group LLC is our featured speaker on March 11th. She has titled her talk as: Estate Planning 101: How to Avoid Turning Your Death or Illness Into a Real-life Soap Opera With More Drama Than Your Favorite Reality TV Show. Attorney Thomas will address:

- clearly designating where and how your belongings and assets will be distributed.
- transferring assets efficiently to minimize legal, tax, and nursing home costs.
- resting easy knowing you and those you trust are in control of decisions.



On Tuesday April 8th, Detective Jeff Rodgers of the Bloomington Police Department will be providing our club members some pointers on how to avoid being victims of scams and fraud. This will be an opportunity for us to ask Detective Rodgers questions. Don't miss it!

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

Future TGIF Events

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

We still need hosts for April, July, October, November.

Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.

hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386

Bill and Brenda Reed

March 14, 2025

6-8 PM

2403 E Gramercy Park Drive, Bloomington 47408

RSVP

Bill (512) 517-6782

Brenda (702) 682-1109

John DePaemelaere and Susan Montgomery

May 9, 2025

6-8 PM

6101 N GENEVIEVE LN, BLOOMINGTON, 47408-9280

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

Susan (812) 325-4611 montgomery_4884@msn.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

RSVP

For the

Spring Fling

To be held at

Oliver Winery

May 13th, 2025, 7:00 PM

Buffet Menu

House Salad with Crisp Lettuce, Carrot Ribbons, Grape Tomato and Cucumber. Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette on the side.

Pasta Bar - Penne or Spaghetti. Marinara, Tomato Cream and Garlic Mushroom Cream sauces. Italian Meatballs, Sliced Grilled Chicken, Grated Grana Padano and Garlic Bread.

Meal catered by One World Catering.

Dessert - Bakers Choice Assorted Mini Cupcakes.

Water

Oliver Cash Bar after 1 complimentary drink.

Seating is limited to 80 people. A wait list will be established. Get your RSVP in early.

RSVP Deadline is April 29th!



Spring Fling RSVP

*No payments taken at the door
Make check payable to: BNNC*

Name(s): _____

Mail RSVP and check to:

Cost: each @ **\$38.00** x ____ = \$ _____

BNNC
PO Box 8231
Bloomington, IN 47407-8231

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Amount: _____

Check Date: _____ Check No. _____

Luncheon Meeting January 14th, 2025 At American Legion





Supper Club

January 15, 2025

At Half Bottle Bistro



3rd Monday Canasta

January 20, 2025



Hiking Group

January 24, 2025

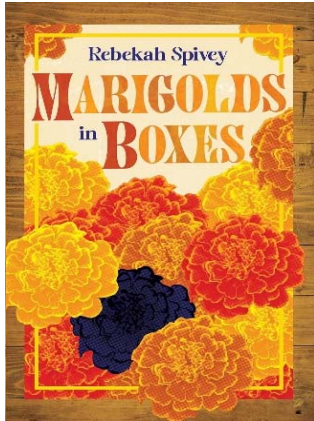


Book Club 1

Welcomes New Members

Contact Peggy Brown 815-263-6913 peggyb1013@gmail.com

Book Club 1 met Wednesday, 26 Jan, to discuss “Marigolds in Boxes” by Bloomington author Rebekah Spivey, right in picture on sofa. The club had a lively discussion with Rebekah, led by Mary Anheuser, on her writing the story of a small Indiana town and the characters she created. It took her 16 years to complete the book. She was a former editor of the IDS.



In a small Indiana town founded in 1845, Chanceville was known as the "Home of Marigolds in Boxes". The story begins 5 years after WWII as a feud begins between two churches on whether dogs have souls. Secret agendas and plots develop as the story moves through several Indiana towns and counties, crime and murders occur, before peace is restored between the people and the two churches. The dogs win!

Book Club 1 met again on Wednesday, 26 Feb, to discuss “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus, with the discussion led by Connie Clark. A global best seller, the novel is “irresistible, full of fuel” (NT Times), “witty, hilarious..the *Catch-22* of early feminism” (Stephen King).

Elizabeth Zott, a gifted research chemist, self-assured and immune to social convention in 1960s California whose research career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show “Dinner at Six”. It turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn’t just teaching women to cook, she’s daring them to change the status quo. In her chemistry research her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality and women’s research. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

Book Club 1 will meet at Bell Trace, 12:30, to discuss the next two books on:

March 26: “A Woman of No Importance” by Sonia Purnell. The story of an American spy in France in WWII with a resistance network fighting the Germans. Discussion led by Meg Bieloski.

April 28: “March” by Geraldine Brooks. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize--a powerful love story set against the backdrop of the Civil War. Discussion led by Susan Hiller.

Supper Club
February 5, 2025
At Bangkok Thai



Luncheon Meeting
February 11, 2025
At American Legion



Fun Lunch Bunch

February 13, 2025



Hiking Group

February 21, 2025



Domino Group

February 25, 2025



Wine Club

February 23, 2025



International Issues

February 27, 2025



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!



Crafting Club - Robyn Axelrod robyn@axelrod.us (812) 778-0880

We will be meeting at College Mall on the upper deck of the food court on the second Thursday of each month at 11 AM. Knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, embroidery, drawing, etc.



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

Meets at Bell Trace Chapel at noon. **March 26:** "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell. The story of an American spy in France in WWII with a resistance network fighting the Germans. Discussion led by Meg Bieloski. **April 28:** "March" by Geraldine Brooks. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize--a powerful love story set against the backdrop of the Civil War. Discussion led by Susan Hiller.

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. Participants bring a bag lunch and wine is served.



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



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

Meets monthly.



Meditation Group



Good Eating & Beverage Groups!



Fun Lunch Bunch Meets the 4th Thursday of each month. Call Joan for reservations.
Joan Lawrence indycondo19@gmail.com (217) 820-5009 The next meeting will be March 27th, 11:30, at Applebees.



Ladies Night Out Lily Bonwich (314) 608-8260 lilybonwich@gmail.com
Contact Lily Bonwich for the next meeting date and location.



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

John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630.

This group meets at the Lincoln Square, 2160 N 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.



Supper Club 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 CRIBBAGE WILL MEET 3/31/25
AT 11:45 AM AT REDBUD. April 28 at Jerry Gonyo's home.

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.
GAIL FEAGANS WILL HOST ON FRIDAY MARCH 7TH. Susan
Montgomery WILL HOST ON FRIDAY APRIL 4TH.
HOSTS WILL SEND OUT MEETING DETAILS 10 DAYS PRIOR TO
MEETINGS. **New Canasta Players always welcome.**

Third Monday Canasta Group will meet on Monday, March 17th, at 1 PM at home of Susan Montgomery.
montgomery_4884@msn.com (812) 325-4611 The group will
not meet in April; will resume in May.

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.
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.

Mens Gin Rummy Group - Arty Levy
arthur@theroartgroup.com

(917) 733-3661

Now forming. Contact Arty for more info.



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

conclrk@gmail.com *Third Weds bridge March 19 at Kay Theis home. April 16 home of Janice Hunt.*

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. **Wednesday, March 5**, we play bridge at JoAnn Bretsch's home at 12:30. JoAnn likes to get her own substitutes so please call her if you need a sub. **Wednesday, April 2**, we play bridge at Connie Clark's home at 12:30. Please get your own substitute if you need one and let me or Connie know who it is.*



2025-2026 BNNC Membership Application and Directory Form

Interest Group List

**Use this form for both new membership and membership renewal.
Please print.**

The information is published in a directory and shared with members.

Circle any information you do NOT want listed in the Directory

- To participate in any BNNC Interest Group an individual MUST be a paid member
- Membership Year: June 1 thru May 31. Annual Dues Per Household: \$20.00.
- **Special discounted fee for first time members is \$10 for the first year.**
- Late payment may result in not being included in the directory.
- Membership is open to any resident of the Bloomington area.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER		
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL		
bloomingtonnnc.com		
Name(s) REQUIRED:	Email:	Birthday (month/day):
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
Address:	Mailing Address (if different):	Preferred Phone contact:
City and zip:	City and zip:	1.
New Members:	New Members:	New Members:
Moved here from & year moved:	Hometown (if different):	How did you learn about Newcomers?
1.	1.	
2.	2.	

Please make check payable to:	Mail completed form and payment to:
BNNC	BNNC
	PO Box 8231
	Bloomington, IN 47407-8231

For Office Use Only			
Check Date: _____	Check No. _____	Amount: _____	Dep _____
New Member _____	DB _____	Directory _____	

Members may join any of the following interest groups. Simply circle those that you might be interested in and your contact information will be forwarded to the group leader. You may select as many groups as you would like. Duplicate the form when there are two members in a household with different interests. You may also download a copy from the website at www.bloomingtonnnc.com.

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| Crafting Club | Wine Tasting |
| Gardening | Supper Club |
| Mah-Jong | Local Plays |
| Ladies Bunco | Ladies Bridge |
| International Issues | Men's Bridge |
| First Friday Canasta | Couple's Bridge |
| Third Monday Canasta | Mixed Bridge |
| Book Club 1 | Railroad Group |
| Book Club 2 | Prompt Writing |
| Lunch & Movie | Hiking Group |
| Fun Lunch Bunch | Men's Gin Rummy |
| TGIF | Men's Poker |
| Ladies Night Out | Cribbage |
| Getting to Know You Dinners | Meditation |
| Men's Breakfast | |

The BNNC newsletter provides contact information, details of meeting dates and locations for those groups. The newsletter is sent to all dues paying members.

BNNC is always looking to add new groups.

You can create a group!

Would you like to be a leader?

btownnewcomersneighbors@gmail.com