

# Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors News

# May-June 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.**

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**BLOOMINGTON**



**NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS CLUB**

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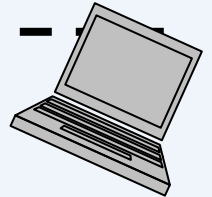
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**BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31**

## 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](mailto:dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net)
- John DePaemelaere for website and end of year slide show:  
[john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net)

# Sunday, July 20th

4:00 PM  
**Bryan Park**

Woodland Shelter House  
(North of Swimming Pool)  
1020 S. Woodlawn Ave.  
Bloomington IN 47401

Parking available in lot on East Side of Woodlawn, South of Southdowns Dr.

**Make your reservations by Monday, July 14th**

**Cost: \$12.00 per person**

*No payments accepted on-site*

**Assorted Box Lunches from Dagwood's Deli Sub Shop.** We will have water, but if you want to bring your own drink you can. You have a choice of wraps:

1. Turkey wrap, with bacon, avocado, lettuce and tomato.
2. Ham and cheese wrap, with red onions, tomato, lettuce and chipotle mayo.
3. Veggie Wrap, various vegetables with tomato, lettuce and Dagwood's special sauce.

Plus chips and a cookie .

Music in Bryan Park follows from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket if you plan on going to the music event. We hope you can join us!



## Summer Picnic RSVP

*For Sunday, July 20th 1020 S. Woodlawn Ave, Bloomington, IN 47401*

**RSVP due by Monday,**

Name(s):

**July 14th**

Guest(s):

*No payments taken at the picnic.*

Cost each @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to:**

Turkey Wrap \_\_\_\_\_

**BNNC**

Ham & Cheese \_\_\_\_\_

Mail RSVP and check to:

Veggie Wrap \_\_\_\_\_

**BNNC  
PO Box 8231**

**For Office Use Only**

**Bloomington, IN  
47407-8231**

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

## **BNNC meetings have returned to the American Legion!**

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

Mark your calendars in October and November for the \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**Important! The American Legion can no longer support us on the Second Tuesday for our Luncheon Meetings. They can however, support us on the First Tuesday for our meetings. Due to the fact that the American Legion is the best and about the only location that will work for us, we will have to change our bylaws to reflect the change of days.**

**Please be sure to take photos of your group events! Forward those photos to [john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto: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 June and November.**

**Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.**

**[hlutz4@gmail.com](mailto:hlutz4@gmail.com) (812) 320-8386**

**John DePaemelaere and Susan Montgomery**

**May 9, 2025**

**6-8 PM**

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## RESOURCES FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### WEBSITES FOR EVENT INFORMATION

[visitbloomington.com/events](http://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](http://visitindiana.com/events)

## Friday Book Club

Claire Woodward, PhD Lab and Program Manager for [The Observing Civic Engagement Lab](#) at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs Indiana University asked if a student could observe our meeting. Sydney, a student came to our Friday Book Club meeting. She was delightful. We enjoyed having her as our guest. She offered to take our picture. So here is that photo along with one of our dessert.

Cheers, Izzy



## Lunch and a Movie

March 4, 2025



## Board Meeting March 6, 2025



## Luncheon Meeting March 11th, 2025 At American Legion







**Supper Club**  
**March 12, 2025**  
**At 55 Southern Stone**



# 3rd Monday Canasta

March 17, 2025



# Hiking Group

March 18, 2025

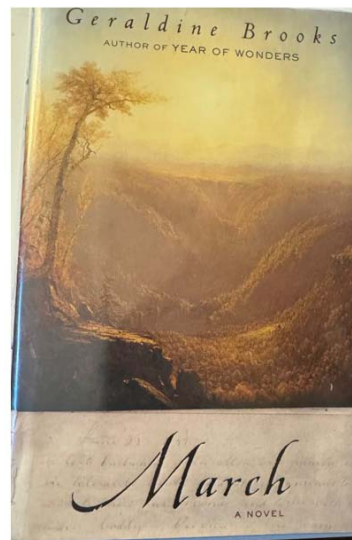
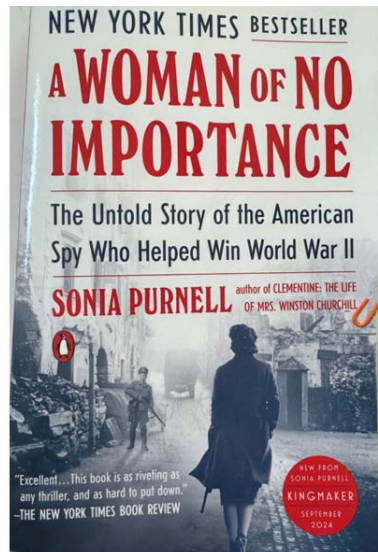


# Book Club 1

*Welcomes New Members*

Contact Ken Crawford 661-247-7600 krcrawford69@gmail.com

**Book Club 1** met Wednesday, 26 March, to discuss “A Woman of No Importance”, by Sonia Purnell, the story of Virginia Hall, a Baltimore socialite, State Dept. employee late 30’s, became an American female spy working for the British SOE to 1942, deep in France in World War II, running spy networks, calling air drops of weapons and explosives, leading the French resistance, killing Germans, surviving the Gestapo, German Abwehr, and French Milice. The SOE called her back to London. She then worked for the US OSS in France through the end of the war leading the Resistance up to and after D-Day.. The book is a story of spycraft, resistance, and personal triumph. Discussion was led by Meg Bieloski.



**Book Club 1** met again on Wednesday, 30 April, to discuss “March” by Geraldine Brooks, a love story at the time of the Civil War. March, a military chaplain for the Union Army faces overwhelming challenges to his marriage and the devastating consequences of the war as it plays out in Virginia between Union and Confederate forces.

**Book Club 1** will meet on the last Wednesday of the month at Bell Trace, 12:30, to discuss the next two books:

**May 28:** “Becoming Madam Secretary” by Stephanie Dray, the story of Francis Perkins in New York and her relationship with Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Discussion led by Pamela Olivas

**June 25:** “A Letter to My Daughters” by Edeltraud Evans, the story of her as a child fleeing with her family from the German area of Poland after World War II. The Bloomington author will attend and discuss her book, with Peggy Brown leading the discussion.

## Bunco Group



## Domino Group March 25, 2025



# Fun Lunch Bunch

March 27, 2025



# Wine Club

March 28, 2025



# Board Meeting

## April 3, 2025



# 1st Friday Canasta

## April 4, 2025



# Luncheon Meeting

## April 8, 2025

### At American Legion





**Crafting Group  
April 10, 2025**





# TGIF

## At Joan Lawrence's Home

April 11, 2025



**TGIF**  
**At Joan Lawrence's Home**  
**April 11, 2025**



**Supper Club**  
**April 16, 2025**  
**At Che Bello**



# 3rd Monday Canasta

April 21, 2025



# Fun Lunch Bunch

April 24, 2025



# International Issues

April 24, 2025

At Red Lobster



# 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](mailto: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.



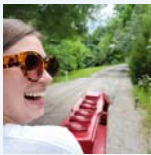
**Book Club #1—Ken Crawford** [kcrawford69@gmail.com](mailto:kcrawford69@gmail.com) 661-247-7600

Meets at Bell Trace Chapel at noon. **May 28:** “Becoming Madam Secretary” by Stephanie Dray, the story of Francis Perkins in New York and her relationship with Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Discussion led by Pamela Olivas. **June 25:** “A Letter to My Daughters” by Edeltraud Evans, the story of her as a child fleeing with her family from the German area of Poland after World War II. The Bloomington author will attend and discuss her book, with Peggy Brown leading the discussion.

*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](mailto:greavesbeck@gmail.com) or (949) 439-8560. Participants bring a bag lunch and wine is served.



**Railroad Group—Paul Lutz** [crfan59@yahoo.com](mailto:crfan59@yahoo.com) (812) 322-4669

**John DePaemelaere** [john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:brtnlin@yahoo.com) (812) 369-4611**  
This group is currently full.



**Wine Tasting Ruth Simon [prsimon@gmail.com](mailto:prsimon@gmail.com) (812) 339-8291**  
This group is currently full.



**Supper Club John DePaemelaere [john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:greenviewsusan@gmail.com) 5/26/25 and 6/30/25.

Offering instruction and welcoming new members.

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

**First Friday Canasta Group** meets at 1 PM in members' homes.  
Peggy Brown 5/2/25. Terry Halloran 6/6/25. Hosts will send out meeting details 10 days prior to meetings.

**New Canasta Players always welcome.**

**Third Monday Canasta Group** will meet on Monday, May 19th, and June 16th at 1 PM at home of Susan Montgomery.  
[montgomery\\_4884@msn.com](mailto:montgomery_4884@msn.com) (812) 325-4611 The group will

**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](mailto:dick.mellinger@gmail.com)

**Domino Group** - Janet Justus [jjustus24@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:arthur@theroartgroup.com)

(917) 733-3661

**Now forming. Contact Arty for more info.**



# Cards & Games



**4th Monday Bridge Linda Burton**  
[brtnlin@yahoo.com](mailto:brtnlin@yahoo.com) (219)-793-5498

**Need more players!**

**3rd Friday Ladies Bridge Linda Burton**  
[brtnlin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:conclrk@gmail.com)

*May, home of Connie Clark.*

*June, home of Monica Dignam.*

**1st Tuesday Men's Bridge Rich Weyand**  
[weyand@rcn.com](mailto:weyand@rcn.com) *New members welcome!*

**3rd Thursday Men's Bridge Rich Weyand**  
[weyand@rcn.com](mailto: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, May 7**, we play bridge at Monica Dignam's home. **Wednesday, June 4**, we play bridge at Carol Anthony's home.*





**Membership Application and Directory Form**

**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:**

NEW MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

bloomingtonnc.com

<b>Name(s) REQUIRED:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Birthday (month/day):</b>
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Mailing Address (if different):</b>	<b>Preferred Phone contact:</b>
		1.
<b>City and zip:</b>	<b>City and zip:</b>	2.
<b>New Members:</b>	<b>New Members:</b>	<b>New Members:</b>
Moved here from & year moved:	Hometown (if different):	How did you learn about Newcomers?
1.	1.	
2.	2.	

**Please make check payable to:**

BNNC

Mail completed form and payment to:

BNNC  
PO Box 8231  
Bloomington, IN 47407-8231

**For Office Use Only**

Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Dep \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Member \_\_\_\_\_ DB \_\_\_\_\_ Directory \_\_\_\_\_

**Interest Group List**

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.bloomingtonnc.com](http://www.bloomingtonnc.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](mailto:btownnewcomersneighbors@gmail.com)