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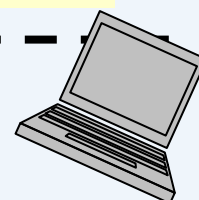
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BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31

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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.



HOLIDAY PARTY



**Our annual Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 13, 2025
5 PM at the
American Legion
1800 W 3RD STREET
Bloomington, Indiana**

Our buffet menu will be Roast Beef au jus, Baked Ham, baked potato with butter and sour cream, mixed vegetables and a tossed salad with dressings on the side. Our dessert will be either Fresh Cobbler or Cheesecake. Please remember to take only one dessert per person. Cash bar.

**The cost of tickets is \$28.00 per person.
All reservations need to be made by Monday, December 8th.**

Holiday Party RSVP	
<i>No payments taken at the door</i> <i>Make check payable to:</i> BNNC Mail RSVP and check to: BNNC PO Box 8231 Bloomington, IN 47407-8231	Name(s): Cost: each @ \$28.00 x ____ = \$ ____ For Office Use Only Amount: _____ Check Date: _____ Check No. _____



Welcome To Our New Members

Please reach out to our new members. Please make them welcome to our club.

Jane and Ed McHenry 317-385-2859 (Jane) 317-993-6132 (Ed)
2238 E CAPE COD DR BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401-6124

jmchenry1965@gmail.com emchenry52@gmail.com

Referred to Newcomers by friends.

Came from Carmel.

Interest groups (both): Book club 1, lunch & movie, fun lunch bunch, getting to know you dinners, supper club, local plays, couple's bridge, mixed bridge. Jane: crafting club, ladies bridge Ed: men's breakfast

Jane Freund (412) 877-5181
710 W DIXIE ST, BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403-4711

mejaneclay@gmail.com

Referred to Newcomers by Charlotte Reitz.

Came from Pittsburgh in 2024.

Interest groups: hiking (other groups pending).

Susan Daily (503) 939-2118
3875 E REGENTS CIR, BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401-7130

susanstdaily@gmail.com

Referred by John Martin, Town Planner

Came from Louisville in 2006

Interest groups: book club 1, lunch & movie, fun lunch bunch, TGIF, ladies night out, getting to know you dinners, wine tasting, supper club, hiking.

Marge and Ron Jones (678) 316-8574
939 N DAISY DR, ELLETTSVILLE, IN 47429-1096

mrmjones43@gmail.com

She was referred by Ruth Simon. They came from Georgia in 2024.

Interests: Book Club 1, hiking group, International Issues.

2026 Membership Campaign

Ramona Pound

jnrpound@hotmail.com

It may seem early to start talking about the 2026 Membership Campaign, but the truth is, to have a successful Campaign a lot of preparation, planning and communication needs to be done well in advance. Ramona Pound, who has been an active member of BNNC for five years, has offered to head the 2026 Membership Campaign. Ramona's educational and professional background are the perfect match to lead this effort.

In the coming months, Ramona will be conducting individual and group interviews to learn what the strengths and weaknesses of BNNC are and what we need to do to keep and attract members.

The BNNC Board hopes that you will become part of the discussions on how to make our club meaningful and exciting going into the future.

Ramona will be giving updates in each newsletter. Please feel free to contact her at jnrpound@hotmail.com if you would like to offer help with the Campaign, or to be sure that you are included in the discussion.

BNNC meetings have returned to the American Legion!

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

Mark your calendars in January and February for the FIRST 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, January 6th, Comedian Jan Gudaitis, also known as Dead Pan Jan, will give us a presentation on the comedy business.



On Tuesday, February 3rd, Amanda Oporta, CDP, CDCM, SSD, CADDCT, will give a presentation on Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Service.

Please be sure to take photos of your group events! Forward those photos by email 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 most moths in 2026.

Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.

hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386

Ginny and Jerry Myerson

November 14, 2025

6-8 PM

4060 S JUDEE DRIVE BLOOMINGTON IN 47401

RSVP (812) 824-9019

ginnymyerson@hotmail.com

jgmyerson@hotmail.com

JoAnn and Kenneth Bretsch

December 12, 2025

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

Lunch and a Movie September 2, 2025



Hiking Group September 5, 2025



Cribbage Group September, 2025



Supper Club September 9, 2025 At Little Zagreb



Board Meeting

September 11, 2025



3rd Monday Canasta

July 21, 2025



TGIF

At the Reed's Home

September 12, 2025



Fall Kickoff

September 16





International Issues

September 25, 2025



Fun Lunch Bunch

September 25, 2025



Luncheon Meeting

October 7, 2025

At American Legion

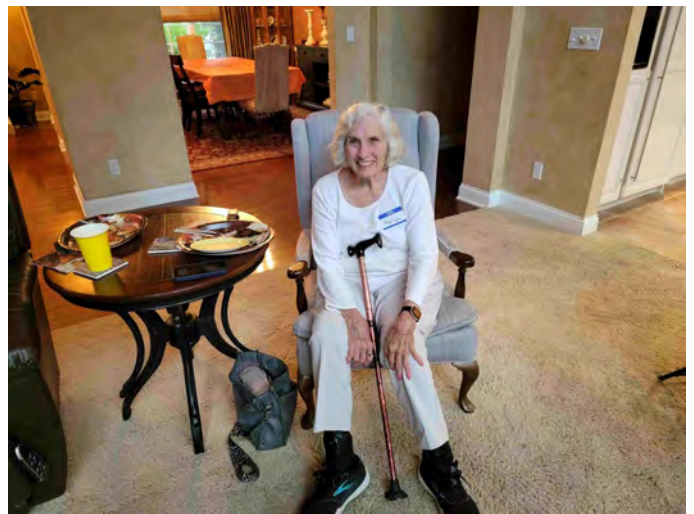




TGIF

At Mary Sutherland's Home

October 10, 2025





Men's Breakfast

October 9, 2025



Book Club 2



Wine Club October 19, 2025

Mexican theme wine tasting and dinner at Carolyn's home. Delicious Mexican food and great Spanish wines. Plus wonderful friends



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—Ken Crawford kcrawford69@gmail.com 661-247-7600

Meets at Bell Trace 3rd floor lounge at 12:30. **September 24** the Book Club will meet again at Bell Trace to discuss the book *"The Maid"* by Nita Prose. The reader comes to understand Molly's worldview, and to sympathize with her longing to be accepted—a quest that gives *The Maid* real emotional heft. The book discussion will be led by Phyllis Sindlinger.

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

LEADER NEEDED



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

Meets monthly.



Meditation Group

LEADER NEEDED

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

Will not meet in November or December because of holidays.

Ladies Night Out

LEADER NEEDED



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) 340-4223

'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

Jane Means to host 11/24/25.

Susan and Rob 12/29/25.

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.
jerrygonyo@comcast.net (812) 287-8879

Ramona and Carloyn at Meadowood 11/7/25.

12/5/25 Heidi and Jan.

Hosts will send out meeting details 10 days prior to meetings.

New Canasta Players always welcome.

Third Monday Canasta Group will meet at 1 PM at
Bloomington Library-Southwest. Coordinated by 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!

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
12:00 PM 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.*

Poker Group





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 Couples Bridge

LEADER NEEDED

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

conclrk@gmail.com

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.

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

Needlework	Men's Breakfast
Gardening	Wine Tasting
Mah-Jong	Supper Club
Ladies Bunco	Local Plays
International Issues	Ladies Bridge
Canasta	Men's Bridge
Book Club 1	Couple's Bridge
Book Club 2	Mixed Bridge
Lunch & Matinee	Railroad Group
Fun Lunch Bunch	Prompt Writing
TGIF	Hiking Group
Ladies Night Out	
Getting to Know You Dinners	

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