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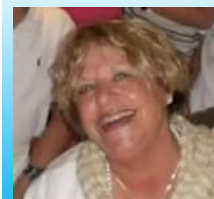
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NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS CLUB



Long time members
Carol Peterman and
Janet Ryan passed
away in November
2024.



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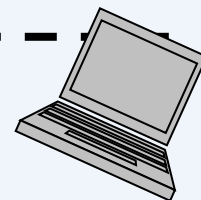
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BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31

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

Debbie Zerr: dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net

BNNC meetings are returning to the American Legion!

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

Mark your calendars in January, February, 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.



Dr. Kathleen Gilbert, Professor Emerita from I.U.'s School of Public Health will be our speaker on **Tuesday, January 14th**, 2025. Over her 40-plus year career, Dr. Gilbert has studied, taught and written about death, dying, loss and grief. Though retired, she has stayed active in the field. She will share how grief and grieving play out within families and in other intimate relationships.



Julie Ramey, the Community Relations Manager for the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, will be the speaker for our **February 11th** luncheon meeting. Julie will discuss services that this department offers. She is very knowledgeable having been in her position since 2002. Come to hear information that may be new to those who have moved to our community recently and also to those who've lived here for decades!

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.

TGIF dates for all of 2025 except December are open at this time.

Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.

hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386

No TGIF for January or February.

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

Holiday Party







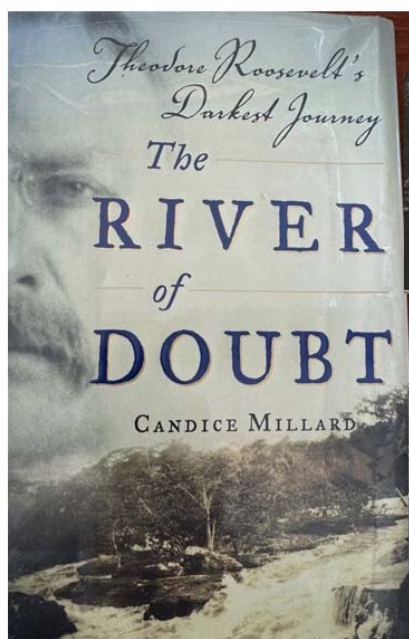
Book Club 1

Welcomes New Members

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

Book Club 1 met Wednesday, 27 Nov, to discuss "River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard. Discussion led by Meg Bieloski

The River of Doubt is a book that tells the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth. The river is a black, uncharted tributary of the Amazon that snakes through one of the most treacherous jungles in the world. Roosevelt's fall 1913 speaking tour of South America following his presidential defeat in 1912 included a tour down several known Brazilian rivers to the Amazon. Receiving word of an unexplored 800 mile river deep in the Amazon jungle, Roosevelt, along with a famous Brazilian Amazon explorer, organized with many difficulties a trip down the River of Doubt. The challenges were daunting: dangerous rapids, snakes, piranhas, disease, insects, hostile natives, starvation. With malaria and an infected leg Roosevelt almost died. Two members of the team did die, one vanished into the jungle. After two months traveling down a black uncharted river, they reached an outpost and help. Roosevelt recovered and made a triumphant return to New York City.



Descending the River of Doubt



Roosevelt under tent – very sick



13 (of 16) surviving camaradas

Upcoming book readings:

January 29: *Marigolds in Boxes* by Rebekah Spivey Discussion led by Mary Anheuser

February 25: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus Connie Clark leads discussion

Luncheon Meeting November 12th, 2024 At Hoosier Hank's East



Lunch and a Movie

November 5, 2024



Board Meeting

November 7, 2024



TGIF

At the Bretsch's Home

November 8, 2024



Supper Club

November 13, 2024

At Asuka



Fun Lunch Bunch

November 14, 2024



3rd Monday Canasta

November 18, 2024



Lunch and a Movie

December 3, 2024





Hiking Group

December 6, 2024



TGIF

At the Bodney's Home
December 13, 2024





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—



LEADER NEEDED

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



Meets at Bell Trace Chapel at noon. January 29: *Marigolds in Boxes* by Rebekah Spivey, Discussion led by Mary Anheuser. February 25: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, Connie Clark leads 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 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

Meets monthly.



Meditation Group



LEADER NEEDED

Good Eating & Beverage Groups!

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



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 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.



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 1/27/25
AND 2/24/25 AT 2PM AT REDBUD.

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.
1/10/25 Harriet and Jim Kullis. - 2/7/25 Jerry Gonyo.

New Canasta Players always welcome.

Third Monday Canasta Group usually meets on the third Monday of the month at 1 PM at home of Susan Montgomery. However, on February 17, 2025, the group will meet at the home of Jerry Gonyo, 2610 E 2nd Street, Apt B at 1 PM. 812-287-8879. 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.

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 January, Nancy Smith will host.

February, Monica Dignam will host.

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.