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BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31

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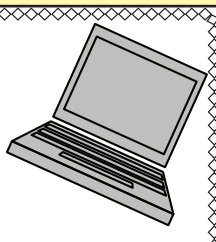
- Announcements and RSVP forms
- Current newsletter
- Photos
- Membership Application



WANTED: Photos of your group activities. Send to any of the following:
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Follow and tag us on Facebook.
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.

The Newcomers & Neighbors News is published for members of the BNNC. Annual membership is $15 per person.

BNNC Holiday Brunch

Sunday, December 6th
Indiana Memorial Union Tudor Room
Side Room Reserved for BNNC 11 – 1:45
(Arrive when you like)
RSVP by Nov. 20th
$23 per person buffet/tax/gratuity

There's nothing in Bloomington that compares to the gothic architecture of the majestic Tudor Room inside the Indiana Memorial Union on the Indiana University campus. Enjoy an unlimited brunch buffet in an elegant setting. Gentle piano music adds to the ambiance! Soft drinks, tea, coffee, dessert bar, taxes and tip are included. $23 BNNC member rate. Beer, wine, Bloody Mary's and Mimosas are available individually. Discounted parking at the IMU lot. The deadline for your payment is Friday, Nov. 20th. Payment can be made three ways:
Pay by Check: BNNC, P.O. Box 8231, Bloomington, IN 47401-8231 – Please print the name(s) of person(s) attending on the Note line of your check.
Zelle: btownnewcomersneighbors@gmail.com
Venmo - use the QR code below
Please put the name(s) of person(s) attending on your Note line for Zelle and Venmo

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Save the Dates!
Upcoming Special Events

December 6 – Holiday Brunch in the Coronation Room of the Indiana Memorial Union Tudor Room. 11:00 – 1:45 p.m. There's nothing in Bloomington that compares to the gothic architecture of the majestic Tudor Room inside the IMU on the Indiana University campus. The great hall with heraldic banners, vaulted ceilings, timber crossbeams and three-story high windows with coats of arms, carry you back to "merrie olde England." The artwork and relics are a mixture of early paintings and contemporary pieces by English and Indiana artists generously donated to the university.

The adjoining Coronation Room is being reserved exclusively for us. It takes its name from the Coronation Throne in Westminster Abbey. A wall-sized painting of a medieval coronation sets the tone in this intimate banquet room.

Enjoy an unlimited brunch buffet in an elegant setting where china, table linens and waiters are still in vogue. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and dessert bar, taxes and tip are included. Gentle piano music adds to the ambiance! $23 BNNC member rate. Discounted parking at the IMU lot.

Deadline to pay: Friday, Nov. 20th by check/Venmo/Zelle.
No payments at the door.

April 27 – Spring Event at the Bloomington Country Club, 5 – 8 p.m. Since 1921, the Bloomington Country Club has been one of the most elegant venues in Bloomington for special events. Come join us for a very special evening. Watch upcoming newsletters for details.

Questions about either event or to suggest other events, please feel free to contact Ramona Pound, jnrpound@hotmail.com.

The monthly program is held in the big dining room at The American Legion

1800 W 3rd Street. Ample parking.

Mark your calendars in November and January for exciting events! Please arrive at 11:30 if you wish to order lunch. The program will begin at 12:30 following brief announcements. You are welcome to attend without eating; please come and join your friends.

Tuesday, November 3. **(First Tuesday of the month.)(Election Day)**

What's the difference between the Monroe County Humane Association and the Bloomington Animal Shelter?

Andrew Krebbs, Executive Director of the Monroe County Humane Association, will share how its programs and services help pets in need stay healthy, thrive in loving homes, and remain out of shelters. From affordable veterinary care and pet food assistance to crisis housing and street outreach, MCHA helps families access the care and support they need to keep their pets.

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He will also share how MCHA responded when a tornado struck its campus in February 2026, from protecting animals and restoring services to sustaining programs throughout recovery. The talk will also look ahead at plans to rebuild, expand capacity, and meet the needs of pets and their families.

Please join us Tuesday, November 3rd (Election Day) in the main dining room of the American Legion 1800 W. 3rd Street, at 11:30 if you care to have lunch. The program begins at 12:30. Feel free to bring a friend!

Please be sure to take photos of your group events! Forward those photos to john.depaemelaere@outlook.com for inclusion in the newsletter. Also, to Debbie Zerr dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net for our Facebook page.

TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Friday)

Jeannie and Stephen Bodney
December 11, 2026
6-8 PM
4020 S GRAN HAVEN DR
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401-9468
(812) 972-0254
jbodney@outlook.com

Future TGIF Events

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

We still need hosts for November in 2026.

Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.
hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386
TGIF is a pitch-in. Bring an item to share and BYOB.

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

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

John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630.
This group meets at Lincoln Square, 2160 N Walnut Street.
Free parking. We hope to see the regulars and new faces.

Welcome To Our New Members!

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BLOOMINGTON IN 47403-3331

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.

Nov 4 Janice Hunt 812-824-4049
3936 E Fenbrook Lane
Dec 2 Sheila Nickle 812-528-2940
3823 Brownridge

Substitutes:
Clara Henderson 812-824-3161
Judy Goen 812-824-2059 or 812-360-3747 (cell)
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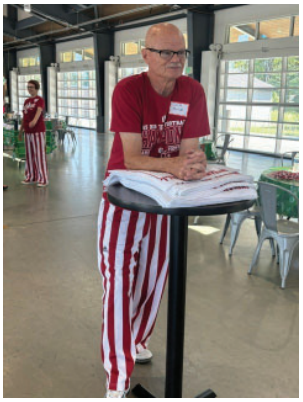
September
TGIF at Judy Hicks

Fall Kickoff

September 15, 2026



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Spring Fling

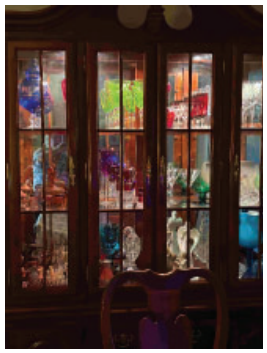
Ladies Bunco

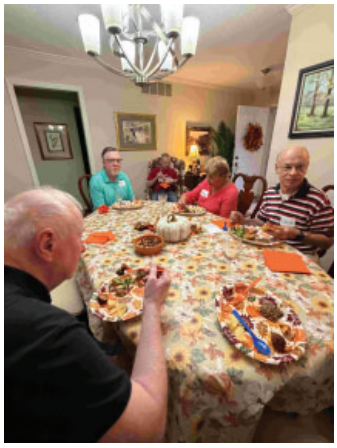
September 17, 2026

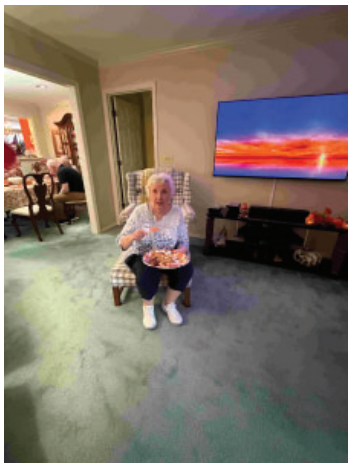
3rd Monday Canasta
September 21, 2026

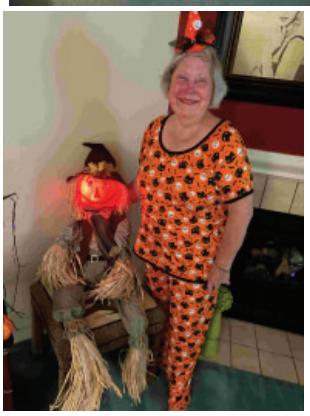
1st Friday Canasta
October 2, 2026

TGIF
Oct 9 2026
At Carolyn Anderson's Home









Supper Club
October 12, 2026

Fun Lunch Bunch
October 22, 2026

Luncheon Meeting
October 13, 2026

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 Group-

Book Club #1—*Ken Crawford kcrawford69@gmai.com 661-247-7600*
Meets at Bell Trace 3rd floor lounge at 12:30.
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 and Beverage Groups

Fun Lunch Bunch *Meets the 4th Thursday of each month. Call Joan for reservations.*
Joan Lawrence indycondo19@gmail.com (217) 820-5009

Ladies Night Out

Men's Breakfast *Every Thursday 8:00-9:30 AM*
John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630.
This group meets at 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 second Tuesday of the month for lunch and 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 Last Monday 2 PM.*
Offering instruction and welcoming new members.

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

First Friday Canasta *meets the first Friday of every month at Meadowood HP Lounge from 1 - 4:30 p.m. 2455 Tamarack Trail, 47408. No RSVP is required, but if you would like a reminder, please be sure that you are on our email list. Contact Ramona Pound, (813) 517-7505 or jnrpound@hotmail.com Beginners are welcome.*
New Canasta Players always welcome.

Third Monday Canasta Group *meets at 1 PM at Bloomington Library-Southwest 890 W Gordon Pike. 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!*

4th Tuesday 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.

2nd Wednesday Domino Group Diane Vestal - DianeVestal@hotmail.com
(319) 233-0622
Will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at College Mall. Upper deck of food court (next to Ultra). We will meet at 12:00 PM for those who would like to have lunch together.

Play will start at 1:00. Will end around 3:00.

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

Couples Bridge *Jane McHenry*
jmchenry1955@gmail.com (317) 385-2859
Players Welcome!
Looking for a fun, social way to spend an afternoon or evening together? The Couples Bridge Club is restarting and welcoming new members of all experience levels.
Whether you're:
- *Brand new to bridge*
- *A little rusty*
- *Or have played before and want to get back into it*

This group is meant to be relaxed, friendly, and social. The focus is on enjoying the game, meeting new people, and having fun - not competition or pressure.
No partner? No problem — couples are encouraged, but flexibility is built in as we grow the group.
If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Jane McHenry (317) 385-2859.
jmchenry1955@gmail.com
Come give it a try — we'd love to see you at the table!

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*
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November 2026 Calendar

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Nov 22	Nov 23 4th Monday Bridge Cribbage	Nov 24 Domino Grp	Nov 25 Book Club 1	Nov 26 Thanksgiving	Nov 27 Book Club 2	Nov 28
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