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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
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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.

A New Membership Year. A New Look.

You'll notice some updates across our materials and communications — all part of our refreshed look and renewed energy. We're proud to introduce:

- Our new logo, better reflecting who we are.
- A brand-new advertising rack card, designed to better showcase what we offer.
- An updated business card, with a clean, modern design.

The Board would like to thank Henry Freeman, president of Uplift Media, for helping us create our new look. A vibrant two-sided rack card will be placed strategically around town to attract potential members. A new business card and magnet will be distributed through the Interest Groups, programs and events to give to potential members, or to put on your own refrigerator to remember how to get to the BNNC website. A new way to access our website is through our QR code that will be on all our promotional materials.

New Ways to Pay

Many of our members told us that they don't write checks anymore. So, we now have Venmo available as an option. We will be adding Zelle.

New Fee Structure 2026-27 Membership Dues

More than half of our membership is made up of single individuals. We are changing from a "household" membership structure to individual memberships to be more equitable. Dues for the 2026-27 membership year (June 1 – May 31) will be \$15 per person.

Renew Your Membership Now

Membership renewal is due by June 1. Go to our website bloomingtonnc.com to complete your renewal form. Questions about the website can be directed to john.depaemelare@outlook.com.



Upcoming Events Announcement

Renew your membership by June 1 and Join the Fun!

We are excited to share some of our upcoming events and activities. Mark your calendars and be sure not to miss out!

- May 6: Join us at Switchyard Park for Expo 50 from 3 – 6 p.m.
- May 14: BNNC private tour of Assembly Hall. <https://iuhoosiers.com/sports/2015/4/1/tour-requests>.
- June 9: French Lick and West Baden Springs (2 seats open jnrpound@hotmail.com).
- June/July issue of Bloom Magazine, featuring an article on Bloomington Newcomers and Neighbors.
- July 23: We are sponsoring the Potluck Luncheon at Endwright East Senior Center in College Mall. 11:30 a.m.; bring a dish to share.
- August 6: BNNC private tour of the IU Football Stadium.
- December 6: Holiday Brunch in the Tudor Room IMU.

Plus, there will be many other exciting activities planned throughout the year—so keep watching for updates!

Our new Events and Activities Committee is here to make it a fun year: Mona Johnson, Heidi Reiter, Charlotte Reitz, Linda Smith, Sue Kirkpatrick, Judy Cooperman, Jane Means, Jane McHenry, Jan Tyra, Lou O'Boyle, and Ramona Pound. Contact any of them with ideas or to get involved or contact Ramona at: jnrpound@hotmail.com.

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 **FIRST TUESDAY** at lunch time for exciting events! Please do not arrive before 11:15 AM; program starts at 12:30. **Get your lunch order in as soon as possible. This will allow lunch to be served without interrupting the presentation.**

You are welcome to attend without eating; please come and join your friends.

Luncheon meetings will return in October.

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

TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Friday)

John DePaemelaere - Susan Montgomery

May 8, 2026

6-8 PM

6101 N GENEVIEVE LN
BLOOMINGTON IN 47408-9280

No need to RSVP

(812) 322-2630

john.depaemelaere@outlook.com

Hollie and Paul Lutz

June 12, 2026

6-8 PM

2729 E CRABAPPLE CIR BLOOMINGTON IN 47401-9305

RSVP

Paul (812) 322-4669 crfan59@yahoo.com

Hollie (812) 320-8386 hlutz@indiana.edu

Future TGIF Events

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

We still need hosts for July, October, November and December 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

Hiking Group

The hiking group welcomes any Newcomers and Neighbors Club members. The group hikes in nearby state parks as well as other hiking locations. We walk on level trails which would accommodate members who do not like to climb hills. The hiking group has been to 6 different counties near Bloomington. If interested, please contact Charlotte Reitz at charlotte.reitz@gmail.com or text at 812-457-2285.

Welcome To Our New Members!

Candy Genda 317-446-2392
3925 S Baytree Ln nurseprissy@live.com
Bloomington 47401

Susan Calabrese 812-272-4685
9233 S Harrodsburg Rd sgcrn58@yahoo.com
PO Box 203
Bloomington 47403

Candace Brand 805-794-8998
1125 Linden Dr candace@justaskcandace.com
Bloomington 47408

Bridge Lessons Offered

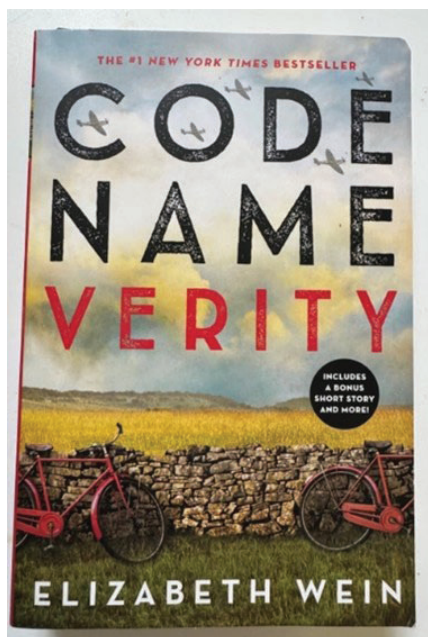
Our member Connie Clark has agreed to give all level of bridge players lessons once again. She will give lessons on bridge conventions and/or beginning bridge. Please text Linda Burton at 219-793-5498 or email brtnlin@yahoo.com no later than May 15 if you are interested. It will be in the card room at Meadowood. Dates and time will be announced after we have a number of interested members.

Book Club 1

Book Club 1 meets every month on the last Wednesday of the month, 12:30, at Bell Trace, in the 3rd floor lounge. **New members are Welcome!**

Our book club met Wednesday, 25 March, to discuss Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein. Discussion was led by Karen Wyle. The book is a historical fiction of two British women working for the SOE (Special Operations Executive) in WWII flying night missions to secret airfields in France to deliver agents, weapons, explosives, and cash to the French resistance.

One is a pilot, Maddie (code name “Kittyhawk”), skilled in night flying and navigation, the other a German speaking spy, Julie (code name “Verity”), skilled in explosives and sabotage against the Gestapo in war torn France. They become close friends, fly together on a mission to France and crash, are captured by the Gestapo. Julie dies a grisly execution. Maddie makes it back to England, flies again with the RAF.



Lysander II used for SOE night missions to French resistance.

The Club will meet on 29 April to discuss “Memorial Days” by Geraldine Brooks, with the discussion led by Phyllis Sindlinger. The book is the story of Geraldine Brooks and her marriage to journalist Tony Horwitz. Both were foreign correspondents. He died suddenly at age 60 of myocarditis. The book describes her struggle with a devastating loss and the process of grieving. After 3 years she begins to find peace and happiness.

Upcoming books:

May 27: “The Berry Pickers” by Amanda Peters. Discussion led by Peggy Brown.

June 24: “The Beautiful Mystery” by Louise Penney. Discussion by Susan Hiller.

July 29: “Who Killed Jane Stanford” by Richard White. Discussion by Elaine Pendly.

In Accord

March 13, 2026



Svetla Vladeva's accordion group,
"IN ACCORD".
Featuring Wolfgang Von Buchler And
Pamela Olivas doing the "Chicken Dance"

3rd Monday Canasta

March 16, 2026



Wine Club

March 17, 2026



Supper Club

March 18, 2026



Lunch and a Movie

March 24, 2026



Fun Lunch Bunch

March 26, 2026



International Issues

March 26, 2026



1st Friday Canasta

April 3, 2026



Luncheon Meeting

April 7, 2026



Supper Club

April 14, 2026



3rd Monday Canasta

April 20, 2026



3rd Monday Canasta

April 20, 2026



International Issues

April 23, 2026



Fun Lunch Bunch

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Hiking Group

March 17



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-



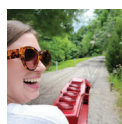
Book Club #1—Ken Crawford kcrawford69@gmail.com 661-247-7600
Meets at Bell Trace 3rd floor lounge at 12:30. See page 8.
Always welcoming new members.



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 greaves-beck@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

LEADER NEEDED



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 fourth 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
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!*

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



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!*

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 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.

May 6 Wendy Teller 630-240-2323

6601 E Kerr Creek Road

June 3 Jane McHenry 317-385-2859

2238 E Cape Cod Drive

July 1 Mary Rucker 812-219-1636

735 E Olde Mill Circle



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Interest Group List

Members may join any of the following interest groups. Simply check those that you might be interested in and your contact information will be forwarded to the Interest Group Coordinator. 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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Ladies Bridge
Couple's Bridge
Mixed Bridge
Railroad Group
Hiking Group
Dominos Group**

Use this form for both new membership and membership renewal. Please submit electronically or print if unable to do so. The information is published in a directory and shared with members.

- To participate in any BNNC Interest Group and individual MUST be a paid member.
- Membership Year: June 1 through May 31. Annual Dues Per Person: \$15.00.
- Membership is open to any resident of the Bloomington area.

Please Check One:

New member

Membership renewal

Name(s) REQUIRED

Email:

1.

1.

2.

2.

Address:

Mailing Address if different:

City and zip:

City and zip:

1. Phone:

2. Phone:

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