Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors News Sept-Oct 2023

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Fall Kickoff details on Page 3.

Mark your calendar. Holiday Party on December 12.

Member Tom Weaver passed away June 3, 2023.



BLOOMINGTON NEWCOMERS & MEIGHEORS CLUB



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Board Members

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

Program Coordinator Vacant: Would you like this position?

> Secretary Heidi Reiter (350) 541-1435 hreiter11@yahoo.com

Financial Coordinator Ken Crawford (812) 369-4630 ctec61@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor/ Photographer/ Website John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630 john.depaemelaere@outlook.com

Interest Group Coordinator Jerry Gonyo (812) 287-8879 jerrygonyo@comcast.net

Hospitality Jan Greenwood (630) 272-0107 jantgreenwood@gmail.com

Membership Debbie Zerr (574)-220-2561 dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net Charlotte Reitz (812) 457-2285 charlotte.reitz@gmail.com

Publicity & Communications Vacant: Would you like this position?

Special Events Planners Linda Burton (219)-793-5498 brtnlin@yahoo.com Carolyn Anderson (812) 334-1716 caanders@indiana.edu

Visit our page on Facebook: Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors Club Debbie Zerr: dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net

Book Club 1 is accepting new members.

Peggy Brown 815-263-6913

peggyb1013@gmail.com

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BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31

Dues payment date was June 1st.

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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 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.

Fall Kickoff

Tuesday, September 12th 6:00 PM Peppergrass Shelter House

654 E Heather Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401

Make your reservations by Wednesday, September 6th

Cost: \$10.00 per person No payments accepted on-site

This event is \$10 and includes pizza and cookies. Participants are asked to bring chairs and beverage of their choice.

Fall Kickoff RSVP

For Tuesday, September 12th. 6 PM. 654 Heather Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401

RSVP due by Wednesday,

Name(s):

September 6th

Guest(s):

No payments taken at the picnic.

Cost each @ \$10.00 _____= \$ ___

Please make check payable to:

BNNC

Mail RSVP and check to:

BNNC PO Box 8231 Bloomington, IN 47407-8231 For Office Use Only

Amount: _____

Check Date: _____ Check No. _

Second Tuesday Luncheon meetings will resume on October 10th at the Red Lobster, 2617 E 3RD STREET, BLOOMINGTON. Mark your calendars in October, November, January, February, March and April for the second Tuesday at lunch time for exciting events!

On October 10th, Daniel Schlegel, Jr, Director of the Monroe County History Center, will tell us about the center and its programs, and how YOU can get involved!

November's speaker is Loida Rodriguez, Community Advocate for the American Red Cross, speaking on the services locally and internationally of the Red Cross including disaster relief.

DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM; Program starts at noon. Plenty of time to eat and socialize before the presentation!

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

Board Meeting 8-3-2023



We are looking for members to fill the following Board vacancies:

- Program Coordinator Programs are already planned through March 2024
- Publicity and Communication

Contact a Board member for more information.



Summer Picnic July 16 at Bryan Park





















Future TGIF Events

We need volunteers to host future TGIF events on the 2nd Friday of each month. TGIF dates for October and November 2023, are open at this time. Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.

hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386

Barb & Lee Heflin

September 8, 2023

6-8 PM

3838 S State Road 446

BLOOMINGTON IN 47401

Barb: (812) 320-5207 barb.heflin@att.net

Lee: (812)322-5204 hiker0813@gmail.com

Jeannie and Stephen Bodney

December 8, 2023

6-8 PM

4020 S GRAN HAVEN DR

BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401-9468

(812) 972-0254

jbodney@outlook.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

Fun Lunch Bunch July 14, 2023



3rd Monday Canasta July 17, 2023



Spirits Group July 18, 2023 At Nick's



Book Club 1 July 26, 2023



Men's Breakfast

August 3, 2023



Fun Lunch Bunch August 11, 2023



















Spirits Group August 15, 2023







3rd Monday Canasta

June 19, 2023







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 3rd Thursday, —Carol Peterman peterman53@yahoo.com Please contact Carol at (812) 323-7823 for more information. 3718 Grasstree Ct. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP. We always welcome new members.

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



Meets the last Wednesday of the month at Bell Trace Chapel at noon, always welcoming new members. September will be "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Connie leads. November will be "Garlic and Sapphires" by Ruth Reichl. Karen leads. December will be "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks". Phyllis leads.



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.



Prompts Writing Group—Jerry Gonyo (812) 287-8879 jerrygonyo@comcast.net. Meets the 3rd Thursday at 2 PM. Group is full.



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 The hiking group will be walking/ hiking every month the rest of the year. The dates and times will be sent to all members. Please let Charlotte Reitz know if you are interested in joining the group.



Meditation Group--Kimberly Hughes kim4meditation@gmail.com (646) 238-2908





Good Eating & Beverage Groups!

Fun Lunch Bunch Meets the 2nd Friday of each month. Call Joan for reservations. Joan Lawrence indycondo19@gmail.com (217) 820-5009 September 8th will be at Red Lobster. 11:30 AM.







Men's Breakfast Every Thursday 8:00-9:30 AM John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630. This group meets at the Bedräk 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 *Women only. This group is currently full.*

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



Spirits Group John DePaemelaere john.depaemelaere@outlook.com Contact John DePaemelaere for the next meeting date and location (812) 322-2630.



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

we meet the first Tuesday of the month for Tunch 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 Iunch reservations.



Getting to Know You





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

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month in members' homes at 2 PM. Offering instruction and welcoming new members. Will meet 2 PM on 9/25 Meg Bieloski and 10/23 Susan Hiller. Contact Susan for location.

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

Canasta Group first Friday at 1 PM in members' homes: Peggy Brown 9/8/23, Gail Feagens 10/6/23. Invitation to play will be sent out one week prior to event.

New Canasta Players always welcome.

Canasta Group third Monday meets at 1 PM at home of 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!

Dick Mellinger is interested in forming a poker group some time soon. If poker sounds interesting call Dick at (574) 532-1291

or email: dick.mellinger@gmail.com







1st Tues Bridge Linda Burtonbrtnlin@yahoo.com(219)-793-5498Need more players!	1st Tuesday Men's Bridge Rich Weyand weyand@rcn.com New members welcome!
4th Tuesday Duplicate Couples Bridge Helen Sauer (812) 822-2474	3rd Thursday Men's Bridge Rich Weyand weyand@rcn.com On hiatus. Need more members to play.
3rd Friday Ladies Bridge Linda Burton	1st Wednesday BridgeMary Rucker
<i>brtnlin@yahoo.com</i> (219)-793-5498 4th Friday Couple Bridge Karen Karpinski	September 6th, Connie Clark. (479) 365-9270. 3609 E 3RD STREET. October 4th, Carol Anthony. (812) 320-9832. 2480 W AMHERST ROAD.
(812) 334-0623	
Call Karen to confirm date and location.	
3rd Wednesday BridgeConnie Clark (479) 365-9270	
<i>conmclrk@gmail.com</i> Sept hostess is Cathy Korinek, Oct hostess is Connie Clark.	



Bylaws

BLOOMINGTON NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS CLUB BYLAWS 8-3-2023

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this club shall be the Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors Club ("BNNC").

Section 2: The motto of the BNNC shall be "In this world there are no strangers, just friends who have never met."

Section 3: The purpose of the BNNC is to be a social organization giving people the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with others. Through general meetings and interest groups, the BNNC encourages members to learn more about Bloomington and to develop friendships by sharing interests and hobbies.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Active membership: People living in the Bloomington area are welcome to join the BNNC. Upon payment of the BNNC annual dues Active Membership status is initiated.

- A. Active members are eligible to vote, participate in BNNC general events and interest group activities, and receive the Membership Directory and Newsletter. As used in these Bylaws, an active member is as defined in this subsection.
- B. A membership is defined as people living in the same household.
- C. The Bloomington Area is defined as all of Monroe County and other surrounding counties from any location within a reasonable driving distance to Bloomington.
- D. The membership year is June 1st through May 31^{st.}
 - 1) Dues are determined by the BNNC Board and are due by August 1st for inclusion in the Annual BNNC Directory.
 - 2) If annual dues are not paid by September 15th, active membership is terminated until which time dues are paid.
 - 3) Dues may be paid at the September Fall Kick Off.
 - 4) Dues for new members (those who have not previously been a BNC/BNNC member) are discounted for the first year, regardless of the date paid during the membership year.
 - 5) Dues paid after, but no earlier than, April 1st will be applied to the next membership year unless paying for multiple membership years simultaneously.

Section 2: Guests

- A. Active members may invite guest(s) to attend any BNNC function to encourage the guest(s) to become a member(s) or for those individuals visiting the area for a limited time.
- B. Prospective members may attend up to two (2) general meetings and/or two (2) meetings of any interest group without paying membership dues.

Section 3. The membership list is the property of the BNNC and may only be used for BNNC related, non-commercial purposes.

ARTICLE III - FINANCES

Section 1: Operating expenses of the BNNC are funded by membership dues and contributions.

Section 2: Additional assessments and/or adjustments may be authorized by the BNNC Board for general meetings and social events, to cover the costs of food, entertainment, or other expenses.

Section 3: A three-member audit committee consisting of the out-going Financial Coordinator, the in-coming Financial Coordinator (if different from the current **Financial Coordinator**) and BNNC member(s) shall audit the financial records prior to the June meeting of the BNNC Board.

Section 4: The Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors Club is a social club only and as such no monies in the treasury shall be used for charitable donations.

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 1: The general meetings of the BNNC shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, from September through May. A social event may be planned on the date of the general meeting. Any change is subject to BNNC Board approval.

Section 2: Other meetings may be called by the BNNC Board or by petition of two-thirds of the BNNC membership.

Section 3: A motion shall be carried by the majority vote of those members present.

Section 4: A meeting may be canceled at the discretion of the Meeting Facilitator.

ARTICLE V – INTEREST GROUPS

Section 1: Special Interest Groups

- A. The BNNC encourages members to volunteer to organize interest groups and to serve as leaders to identify meeting dates, times and locations.
- B. Attendees at the Interest Groups are to be active, dues-paying members or guests of an active member.
- C. Interest Group Leaders are required to provide meeting details to the BNNC Board Interest Group Coordinator in a timely manner as identified by the Coordinator in order to be published in the BNNC newsletter.

Section 2: Liability:

- A. No legal responsibility is assumed by BNNC, its Board, or volunteer leaders.
- B. Members attending events are to assume responsibility for their own safety and/or accuracy of information.
- C. All Interest Groups are to be financially self-sustaining.

ARTICLE VI - BNNC BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1: Function: The BNNC Board shall function to preserve, improve and enhance the BNNC, and its purpose as stated in Article 1 section 3. Tasks will be distributed to the various Board members to include but not be limited to:

- A. Organize general meetings and social events
- B. Provide communication regarding club activities, both for general events and specific interest groups.
- C. Provide outreach to recruit new members

Section 2: Meetings:

- A. Schedule: Meetings of the BNNC Board shall be held monthly and at other times as agreed upon by the Board. Upon an e-mail sent to all members of the board proposing the cancellation of a board meeting, the assent of a quorum of the members will cancel that board meeting.
- **B.** Quorum: One half of the BNNC Board members will constitute a quorum. A quorum is required to call for a vote on any issue proposed to the Board. If a quorum does not exist, general BNNC business may be discussed but not voted upon.

C. Open Meetings.

- 1) Meetings are open to all members to attend and observe.
- 2) If a BNNC member wishes to address the Board with an issue or recommendation, the member should inform a Board member of their desire to speak to be placed on the meeting agenda.
- 3) Only the BNNC Board members may vote on issues.

Section 3: The responsibility of the Board shall be to transact business consistent with the BNNC's purpose, including recommending changes to the BNNC's Bylaws.

Section 4: The decision of the BNNC Board in all BNNC matters shall be final.

Section 5: The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the BNNC unless other procedures have been established by the BNNC Board.

ARTICLE VII - BNNC BOARD

Section 1: Board Structure

- A. The Board is a cooperative body composed of a variety of members who agree to fulfill the tasks required to maintain the organization.
- B. No one specific position holds more weight than another position. However, to provide some continuity over time individuals are encouraged to rotate from one position to another.

Section 2: Term of office

- A. The term of service for all BNNC Board members is from June 1 through May 31.
- B. Any term may be extended for an additional year(s) if deemed necessary by the Board.

Section 3: Identification of BNNC Board members.

- A. The BNNC Board, shall recruit a nominating committee consisting of five members.
- B. If the nominating committee is unable to identify a full slate of members, the BNNC Board shall propose an alternate plan that will implement the Board responsibilities until which time a candidate(s) can be found who will fulfill the necessary functions as outlined in Article VII, section 4.
- C. The proposed slate of Board members shall be posted in the BNNC's newsletter in advance of the April meeting.
- D. A slate of Board members will be presented for a vote at the April general meeting.
- E. Any BNNC member may make a nomination from the floor with the permission of the nominee to be included in a vote by the members.

Section 4: Board Member Functions The following are functions/responsibilities required to maintain the organization purpose and uphold the bylaws. They do not necessarily indicate a specific position on the Board and may be combined to more effectively address the organization's needs. The Board as a body must provide oversight to ensure that all functions/responsibilities are being fulfilled.

A. Meeting Facilitator

- 1) shall open, facilitate, and close all general and Board meetings.
- 2) shall create and share in advance the agenda for Board meetings
- 3) shall support all BNNC functions.
- 4) Shall provide periodic BNNC updates to the membership.

B. Program Coordinator

- 1) shall serve in the absence of the Meeting Facilitator.
- 2) shall coordinate the programs for the general meetings and assist with the planning of any additional special functions.
- 3) shall provide information regarding general events to the Board and the newsletter editor for timely publication.

C. Recorder

- 1) shall record minutes at all BNNC Board meetings.
- 2) shall distribute copies to each board member prior to the Board meeting.
- 3) shall provide correspondence of the BNNC, as needed.

D. Financial Coordinator

- 1) shall receive all moneys from the membership and assessments for special functions.
- 2) shall maintain the official BNNC's membership database and provide reports as requested by the BNNC Board.
- 3) shall provide information of new members to other Board members such as the Directory Coordinator and the newsletter editor.
- 4) shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures.
- 5) shall provide reports as required by the Board.
- 6) shall deposit all funds in the BNNC checking account.
- 7) shall pay all expenses incurred by the BNNC as authorized by the Board.
- 8) shall have records prepared for the annual audit in June.
- 9) shall publish a summary financial statement in the BNNC Newsletter following the annual audit.
- 10) shall pay all charges greater than \$100.00 directly to the vendor.

E. Photographer:

- 1) shall be responsible for photographically documenting and archiving BNNC events.
- 2) shall be responsible for producing digital images for a "slide show" to be presented at appropriate BNNC events.
- 3) shall provide images for publicity, communications and outreach.

E. Hospitality:

- 1) shall keep the name badges current.
- 2) shall distribute and collect name tags at the general meetings
- 3) shall welcome guests and new members at the general meetings.
- 4) shall mail greeting cards (Sympathy, Thank You, Get Well, etc.) to members and/or their immediate family as appropriate.

F. Interest Groups:

- 1) shall oversee the formation or discontinuation of each interest group with the approval of the BNNC Board.
- 2) shall provide updates of each interest group's events to the Newsletter chairperson for publication.
- 3) shall prepare interest group sign-up sheets/display tables at the September general meeting.

G. Membership:

- 1) shall contact new members within one (1) month of their joining to answer any questions they may have regarding BNNC activities and provide a copy of the BNNC Directory.
- 2) shall collect local informational materials to be given to those new members who are new to the Bloomington area.
- shall oversee the distribution of promotional BNNC brochures throughout the community, to include such locations as, but not limited to, the Visitor's Center, and the library.

4) Shall keep track of new members since printing of the last Directory for insertion in the next Directory.

H. Directory:

- 1) shall receive membership contact information from the Financial Coordinator to produce the BNNC Directory. (If photos are included, the photographer will be responsible for providing such.)
- 2) Shall contact potential sponsors to defray cost of producing the BNNC Directory
- 3) shall oversee the creation of the mailing labels for the newsletter.
- 4) shall create and oversee the production and distribution of the "Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors Club Directory."

I. Publicity:

- 1) shall oversee the updating and creation of the BNNC's publicity brochure.
- 2) shall provide announcements regarding events to the print media
- 3) shall keep a record of all publicity contacts.
- 4) Shall seek opportunities to publicize the Club by means of print, audio, and personal appearances and the like.

J. Electronic Communications:

- 1) shall manage all electronic communications as directed by the BNNC Board.
- 2) shall oversee social media postings and usage.
- 3) shall oversee the continuous update of the BNNC website.

K. Newsletter Editor:

- 1) shall be responsible for compiling information received from other BNNC members.
- 2) shall compose regular newsletters throughout the membership year.
- 3) shall provide a draft to proofreaders for final approval prior to distribution.

L. Circulation:

- 1) shall acquire (or create) the mailing labels for all current BNNC members according to the most recent membership database.
- 2) Assist in any bulk mail.

M. Special Events Planner:

- 1) shall be responsible for organizing general BNNC social events as directed and approved by the BNNC Board.
- 2) shall contract with vendors for facility rental and catering.
- 3) shall oversee the necessary details such as decorating and clean up for BNNC social events.
- 4) shall provide information regarding special events to the Board and the newsletter editor for timely publication.

Section 4: Transition and training. Each BNNC Board member is encouraged to find his/her replacement at the end of their term and to instruct and assist the replacement regarding the responsibilities, including a review of the pertinent sections of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII- BYLAWS

Section 1: The BNNC Bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the BNNC Board and revised as needed. Changes may be submitted prior to the standard review.

Section 2: Proposed changes to the Bylaws by members must be submitted in writing to the BNNC Board. These changes will be reviewed and approved or denied by the Board.

Section 3: The Bylaws shall be published on the BNNC website. A hard copy will be available to members to download.