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Welcome to the Barnstable Newcomers Club!

Hi everyone! I am so excited to take on the role as the new president of the BNC, as we begin our 45th year!!! Thank you so much for giving me such a warm welcome and kind words of encouragement as I learn the ropes!

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you. I appreciate all the activity coordinators, our executive board members, and of course each member of the BNC, whether you have been a part of this organization for many years or whether you are brand new to the Cape! Thank you for all you do to keep this organization exciting and a great place to make friends.

This year we will continue to have monthly meetings September through November and March through May, with fun activities, speakers, some special events during the year, and of course our activity groups will meet throughout the year! We will end the year with a fun filled Summer Kick Off Party in June!

We will also have planning meetings before our regular monthly meetings. These will be on the monthly calendar. I encourage all our activity coordinators to attend as well as the executive board members. These meetings are also open to anyone who would like to attend. I welcome everyone's ideas!

The 2024-2025 Membership Dues notification was sent out recently. Membership dues must be sent to our PO Box or brought to our first meeting Wednesday September 18th at Osterville United Methodist Church. The annual cost per person is only \$20.00. Your dues pay for our meeting venue each month, and we also give a small gift to some of our guest speakers. Please take a moment to renew by completing the 2024-2025 membership form included in this newsletter, if you haven't already done so, and return it to our PO Box or bring it to our first meeting.

I would like to welcome you again and invite each of you to get involved and join in the fun!

Karen Wyman

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President 2024-2025

BNC Activities

A core part of the Barnstable Newcomers Club are ongoing activities, which are organized and coordinated by volunteers from the membership. We encourage everyone to join at least one of the activities listed below in order to enjoy the social interaction and fun that comes with participation.

If you have an interest in an activity, sign-up sheets are available at the monthly club meetings, which the Activity Coordinator will use to contact you. Alternatively, you can contact the Coordinator directly at one of the monthly meetings.

The Club will happily assist any member develop and coordinate a new activity, anytime there is sufficient member interest. Please feel free to discuss a proposed activity with any Officer of the Club.

Ongoing Activities

BICYCLING: Enjoy a group Bicycle ride on a selected Cape Cod route.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Over 40 members participate in 4 book groups that each hold monthly meetings in members' homes. There is a maximum size of 12 members in each group to allow each member to participate in the discussion, and to comfortably accommodate members in the host's homes. If the book group memberships are full, the Club will start a new book group when six members are interested.

BOWLING (MIXED): This popular activity is candlepin bowling (i.e. 'the small balls') and the group consists of 50+ bowlers, both singles and couples. The 35 week season runs from early September to May on Mondays at 1:00 at the Ryan Family Amusement Center, Route 28, South Yarmouth. At the end of the season, there is an awards banquet. Substitutes, who may not be able to attend each week, are always welcome!

BRIDGE (ROUND ROBIN): Bridge players are welcome to our Round Robin (Chicago style) bridge 6 times a year, on your schedule, at your own home. The cost is \$10 per couple. We will attempt to compile a list of those that do not have partners and forward it to those interested. Arranging whom to partner with is up to the participant.

DINE-IN: This group meets in a host/hostess' home on selected Saturday evenings of each month beginning in September and ending in June. Although encouraged, it is not necessary to attend every dinner. The scheduled host/hostess will have two or three additional couples/singles to their home and will provide the main course and beverages. The guests will be asked to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert. This is a great chance to get to know other members in a casual intimate setting. There is always good food and lively conversation. Often, acquaintances who meet at these dinners turn into good friends.

GOLF: This coed group meets Tuesdays during the summer for low stress golf and lunch at Holly Ridge.

KAYAKING: Cape Cod has many great places for kayaking. Past trips have included Middle Pond in Marstons Mills, Scorton Creek in Sandwich, Barnstable Harbor, and the Centerville River. This activity typically has kayaking adventures June through September

MAHJONG: This game is rapidly gaining popularity in the United States. It originated in China hundreds of years ago. Groups of 3 or 4 can play. There are usually two tables (8 players) who play at a time. Currently we have about 9 nine players who join in the fun, taking turns hosting at members' homes. If there is more interest, we will consider beginning a second mahjong group.

MOVIE DISCUSSION: The movie discussion group meets monthly in the media room at the Everleigh apartment

complex in Hyannis. Members gather there to watch and discuss a movie and offer suggestions for a movie for next month's viewing. This year we will have a different theme each month!

PICKLEBALL: This activity meets Wednesdays at noon at the town courts. Members are supportive and everyone is welcome. We can help you get started if you want to find out why this is the most popular "racquet" on the Cape.

THE SOCIABLES: This activity meets the first Sunday of the month for lunch/brunch at a restaurant chosen by the group.

TABLE TENNIS: This group meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 am at the Hyannis Youth Recreation Center.

WALKERS: This group participates in weekly walks which are categorized as easy to moderate and take place at a variety of locations on the Cape. The length of the walks varies, and participants will be advised of the approximate length and place before each scheduled walk.

Club Support Activities

The following people are so important to support the workings of the Newcomers Club. The coordinators of all of our activities are always in need of help, so please reach out if you can assist in any way! The best way to make friends and to benefit from the BNC is to **GET INVOLVED!!!**

PLANNING BOARD: Meets every month to jointly plan meetings, events and club activities. All members are welcome to attend the Planning Meetings.

HOSPITALITY: Our Hospitality Coordinate arranges for refreshments to be served at our regular monthly meetings. We are always in need of volunteers to bring a dessert to each monthly BNC meeting. To volunteer to bring a dessert or to help with refreshments, please fill out the sign-up sheet available at each monthly BNC meeting.

PUBLICITY: Two of our members coordinate publicity for Newcomers events. They also work with Club members who belong to other organizations in the community to increase awareness of the Barnstable Newcomers Club and what it has to offer our residents. If you need publicity assistance, or would like to help, let one of the Club Officers know.

SUNSHINE: If you know of a Club member who is ill, has had an accident, or passed away, please let our Sunshine Fund coordinators know, and they will send the appropriate card. We also make a donation from the Club to the charity of choice indicated by a deceased member's family.



Membership Form 2024-2025

If you live in one of the seven villages of the Town of Barnstable, you may join the Barnstable Newcomers Club as a full member. If you live outside the Town of Barnstable, you may be sponsored as an Associate Member and participate in the club activities and events. Only active members may participate in club activities.

We usually have 6 meetings per year – September, October, November, March, April, and May. We normally meet on the third Wednesday of the month at a local venue. We also hold several special events during the year and host a variety of activities. Among our activities, we have book clubs, candlepin bowling, pickleball, table tennis, golf, kayaking, movie nights, walking group, and much more!

Dues are \$20 per person for the 2024-2025 year. Each applicant must submit a membership form along with their dues. This allows us to update our membership roster and contact information. We use email as the default method to contact and communicate with BNC members. Without up-to-date information, the communication chain is imperfect.

Most news and events is also posted on our website at [Barnstable Newcomers Club](#).

To apply, please complete the Membership Form below and send it and your dues to:

Barnstable Newcomers Club (or BNC)
P.O. Box 754
Centerville, MA 02632

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2024-2025 Membership – Barnstable Newcomers Club (Please print)

Name _____ Membership Dues \$20

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Sunshine Club donation _____ Note: Donations are not tax deductible

Street/Mailing Address _____

Phone(s) _____

E-Mail Address(es) _____

Please check here if you **do not** use email _____
(We will send yearly membership reminder but not all communication can be mailed.)

The BEST way to meet and get to know people is to GET INVOLVED!!! Please let us know any particular areas of interest you have below. (Use the back of this form if necessary)
