



Spring 2023 Newsletter

2023 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. There are three Spring meetings. Email reminders, including speakers and topic, will be sent prior to each date. Each meeting starts 7PM with social time. This is followed by a BNC business meeting time. All meetings end with a presentation by our guest speaker(s) and/or an entertainment event.

- Mar. 15      **Monthly Meeting - United Methodist Church hall at 7:00 PM**  
Speaker/Topic: *Thrifting 101 from Trash to Treasure. Presented by Nancy Dillon and Karyn Wendell*
- Apr. 19      **Monthly Meeting - United Methodist Church hall at 7:00 PM**  
Speaker/Topic: TBD.
- Apr. 22      **Bus Ride and Play(SIX) in Providence organized by Karyn Wendell of Ready, Set, Travel.**
- Apr. TBD     **CPR/First Aid/AED and Fire House Tour at Hyannis Firehouse.**
- May 17      **Monthly Meeting - United Methodist Church hall at 7:00 PM.**  
**Ice Cream Social. Speaker/Entertainment TBD.**

Jun 21      BNC Season Ending Gala/Party at Cape Cod Academy. Details  
TBD.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE / FALL 2022 RECAP

This is the end of my fourth wonderful term as your President. I love doing this but I'm out of new ideas. We need fresh leadership. Elections will be held in April, please apply. We will have "Team Participation" instead of just one or two people making all the decisions for the club. In addition to a few officers we will include up to ten more people in our planning meetings. This should get some vigorous discussion of what "Newcomers Club" really means. Get involved.

I could not have presided without the support of our officers, activity coordinators, past presidents and everyone who has supported club meetings and events. Now is the time for new people to come forward and help.

During the Fall of 2022 we had fantastic meetings and speakers as we returned to regular meetings in our traditional format.

- In September, Mike and Joanne O'Connell (thank you both) led the meeting as I recovered from the Corona Virus. Our guest speaker, Ready, Set, Travel with Karyn gave great tips for travel in a post-Covid world.
- In our October meeting, "Trivia with Patrick" was a big success. It's a great idea that should be repeated next year.
- In November, Cyndy Cotton was one of two guest speakers. She gave us fantastic insight into the workings of the Osterville Library. Ted Lowrie from Neighbor to Neighbor Barnstable spoke about the work they do helping locals to "Age in Place".
- Mike and Joanne O'Connell organized a successful Hyannis Harbor boat excursion that was attended by 30 members on short notice.
- Wendy Baird and Helen Mc Williams organized an event that had members attending a play at Cotuit Center for the Arts. The Sound of Music is a play and story that never gets old. Fabulous!

Once again another big thank you to officers and Club Support, especially Joe Mc Williams, Bette Silva, Helen McWilliams, Colin Baird, Wendy Baird, Petra Schaffer, Joanne O'Connell, Mike O'Connell, Tina Lowman and Frank McIntosh They make BNC what it is.

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Let's also wish a big thank you to our activity coordinators. Without them there is no club. Some have done it for a while and some are new. They include Bette Sylva, Deb Krau, Kathy McIntosh, Joanne O'Connell, Doug Scott, Joe McWilliams, Helen Mc Williams, Betsy Carlin, Betsy Higgins, Wendy Baird, Tom Broderick, Petra Schaefer, Jean Paynter & Marilyn Quinn.

Spring meetings will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM to 8:30PM at the United Methodist Church hall in Osterville. Please note the meeting venue is different.

We will once again have a yearend party at Cape Cod Academy in Osterville. We will hold this event for June 21<sup>st</sup>. This will allow us to meet outdoors, weather permitting. Karyn is organizing a bus trip to Providence to view the play "Six" at the PPAC

I hope to keep the BNC an active, vibrant club as it has been for many years. Participation is the key. I have done my duty. See you on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie Sroczynski - President

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### Club Activities

The core of our Barnstable Newcomers Club is ongoing activities organized and coordinated by volunteers from the club membership. We encourage members to join at least one of the activities listed below to enjoy the social interaction that comes with participation.

If you have an interest in an activity you should contact the Coordinator directly. Sign-up sheets are also available on clipboards at all monthly meetings.

The Club will happily assist any member develop and coordinate a new activity anytime if there is sufficient interest. Please feel free to discuss a new activity at any meeting with any officer of the Club.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>	<u>Email</u>
Book Club (1)	Bette Silva	<a href="mailto:silvabel@comcast.net">silvabel@comcast.net</a>
Book Club (2)	Deb Krau	<a href="mailto:capedeb20@comcast.net">capedeb20@comcast.net</a>
Book Club (3)	Kathy McIntosh	<a href="mailto:kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com">kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com</a>
Book Club (4)	Joanne O'Connell	<a href="mailto:joanne1951@yahoo.com">joanne1951@yahoo.com</a>
Bowling (mixed)	Doug Scott	<a href="mailto:ddscott10@comcast.net">ddscott10@comcast.net</a>
Bridge	Helen/Joe McWilliams	<a href="mailto:helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net">helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net</a>
Canasta	Helen Mc Williams	<a href="mailto:helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net">helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net</a>
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Model Trains	Tom Broderick	<a href="mailto:newcapetwo@comcast.net">newcapetwo@comcast.net</a>
Movie Discussion	Petra Schaefer	<a href="mailto:nosenzo5@gmail.com">nosenzo5@gmail.com</a>
Sociables	Jean Paynter	<a href="mailto:gryhndgrl1@aol.com">gryhndgrl1@aol.com</a>
Walker Club	Marilyn Quinn	<a href="mailto:mare11@comcast.net">mare11@comcast.net</a>

**BOOK CLUB** - Four book discussion groups hold monthly meetings throughout the year in members' homes and outside public places. Bette Silva, Deb Krau, Kathy McIntosh, and Joanne O'Connell are coordinators of our four book clubs. Joanne O'Connell will help anyone who wants to start a fifth .

**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. Pairs are partners; singles will be paired. We 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 participants. A schedule for the year is drawn up in September and an end of year celebration is held. Bridge is coordinated by Helen Mc Williams and Joe McWilliams.

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**CANASTA** - You may remember playing this card game with your grandmother, but we play American Canasta! The plan is to play once a month, probably either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, in players' homes or possibly the Osterville Library. Players new to the game will be considered (depending on the number). Feel free to call or email the coordinator, Helen Mc Williams, with any questions.

**CANDLEPIN BOWLING (MIXED)** - BNC bowling league is ready for a new season and everyone is welcome. This is a coed affair and all talent levels are included. It is a social event and those who wish may have a snack meal or beverage nearby. The season finishes in early May and closes with an awards luncheon. New team members and substitutes are welcome. Contact the coordinator, Doug Scott, with any questions.

**DINE-IN** - This group meets in a host/hostess member's home Saturday of each month, beginning in September. The scheduled host/hostess will have two or three additional couples or singles and will decide who provides the main course, apps, salad, desert and beverages. This is a great chance to get to know others in a casual, intimate setting, and good friends are made from acquaintances. There is always good food and lively conversation.

**GOLF CLUB** - This coed group meets on Tuesday weekly during the Summer for a low stress golf and lunch at a local course. Coordinated by Wendy Baird.

**KAYAKING** - This group currently has 15 members. The Cape has many great places for kayaking including ponds, harbors and salt marshes. Past trips have included Middle Pond in Marston Mills, Scorton Creek in Sandwich, Barnstable Harbor, and Centerville River. This club typically has kayaking adventures three times a month from June through September. Our coordinator is Joanne O'Connell.

**MAHJONG** - Mahjong is a game of tiles, played in groups of four that originated in China. Similar to the Western card game rummy, mahjong is a game of skill, strategy and chance. This activity is coordinated by Kathy McIntosh.

**MODEL TRAINS** - Meet to discuss and show off your trains to other enthusiasts. This activity is coordinated by Tom Broderick.

**MOVIE DISCUSSION** - This group meets monthly from October through May. The members select the movie each month. The group generally sees the selected movie as a group or individually followed by a group discussion meeting at the selecting member's home or a selected location. Differences of opinion are guaranteed! This activity is coordinated by Petra Schaefer.

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**SOCIABLES** - This activity usually meets on the first Sunday of the month for brunch or lunch at a restaurant chosen by the coordinator, Jean Paynter.

**WALKING GROUP**- Meets monthly for moderately paced one hour/3 mile walks mainly within Barnstable. Most walks have a group of 5-10 walkers. Last year's walks include the Centerville River, Osterville, Hyannisport, Craigville Beach, Hathaway Pond and Joshua Pond. This activity is coordinated by Marilyn Quinn.

### OFFICERS & SUPPORT (2022-2023)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
President	Charles Sroczyński	csroc1003@gmail.com
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**Hospitality:** Petra Schaffer and Carl Nosenzo - Provide refreshments

at our regularly scheduled meetings. They are always in need of volunteers to bring a dessert to each monthly BNC meeting. To volunteer to bring a dessert to a meeting or to help out with refreshments, please fill out the sign-up sheet available at each meeting or call.

**Membership:** Helen McWilliams - Keeps track of all membership forms and prepares an up to date member list. She handles all email communication to the members. She also prepares membership badges and distributes at the meetings.

**President:** Charles Sroczyński - Leads the Club.

**Publicity:** Joanne O'Connell and Mike O'Connell - Provide publicity for Newcomers meetings and events. Work with Club members who belong to various organizations in the community to increase awareness of the BNC and what it has to offer our residents. If you need publicity assistance or have ideas please call.

**Sunshine:** Tina Lowman - If you know of a Club member who is ill, had an accident or passed away, please let us know and we will send an appropriate card. We also make a donation from the Club to a charity indicated by a deceased member's family. BNC Members may make a donation to this fund.

**Secretary:** Bette Sylva - Records notes at all our meetings for review and posting to the website.

**Treasurer:** Joe McWilliams - Tracks the clubs finances, deposits dues, and pays club expenses.

**Website:** Frank McIntosh -The Barnstable Newcomers Club maintains a website updated monthly. Activity Coordinators should contact Frank McIntosh to have new information added to their activity. Our website address is:

[www.barnstablnewcomers.com](http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com).