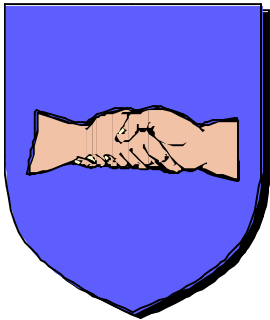


# Happy New Year

## BNC PLANS EXCITING 2010



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### Mark Your Calendar For Fun

#### Trivia Night

On Monday, January 18, the *Social Committee* offers a Lasagna Dinner followed by *Trivia Night*. It's not too late to sign up for this fun event which starts at 6pm at the Southport Community Center.

#### Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, January 20, we are back at the Community Center for our *regular monthly meeting*. Show up early at 9:30 AM for the coffee and goodies provided by the *Hospitality Committee*. The meeting starts at ten. The speaker is another appearance by noted North Carolina Historian Musette Steck.

#### Wine Tasting

On Friday, January 29, The *Wine Tasting Committee* launches the "Battle of the Grapes" comparing wines grown in different regions of the world.

#### Lunch Bunch

On Wednesday, February 3, the "Bunch" is headed to the Port City Chop House in Wilmington. Chef Matt Kahrs was selected as the new Top Chef at the Taste of Wilmington Festival.

### Membership Meeting

On Wednesday February 17, the General Membership meeting will feature members of the Wilmington Symphony introducing us to their 2010 programs, and to provide us with some 'live' entertainment.

### Savannah Trip

From Monday, March 8, through Wednesday, March 10, the *Travel Committee's* journeys to historic Savannah. This tour is already sold out but you can get your name on a waiting list.

### Cocktails for Ten

On Wednesday, March 18, the Social Committee is organizing another fun evening. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share.

### Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt

On Saturday, April 24, the Social Committee offers something new. By the way... it's BYOC (Bring Your Own Car)

FOR DETAILS ABOUT  
THESE EVENTS SEE  
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## **President Frans Kuipers**



Well it's a new year, and like many Presidents, you find you're slipping in the polls, and here is my column regulated to page 2. But what is exciting is what is on page 1. Steve Clark has arranged for some great speakers at

our next meeting, Wine Tasting is preparing for a battle, Lunch Bunch is once again "steaking" a claim for the best lunch yet, Ron is leading the charge to Savannah, and the Social Committee is getting very competitive with their Road Rally, which is not a Trivial pursuit. So there is still a great deal to join in and have a great time. So make a New Year resolution to join all the activities. Don't forget the BNC bucks for bringing in new or renewed members. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join in most of these activities, as I will be on a cruise with the treasurer to South America, Panama Canal Zone actually. But not to worry the treasury is staying here.

**THE NEXT BNC MEETING IS  
JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Coffee/Activity Signup Begins At  
9:30am**

**The Meeting Starts at 10am  
Southport Community Center**

**Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of  
the month**

## **OFFICERS**

**President...FransKuipers.....454-0933**  
**1<sup>st</sup> V-P.....Steve Clark.....278-3087**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> V-P.....Tom Cerniglia.....363-4157**  
**Secretary...Anne Metz.....253-9056**  
**Treasurer...George Blair.....457-9511**

## **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Membership	Cindi Neumann	253-9819
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Website	Susanne Melendez	371-2737
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	Sue Johnson	253-6089
Social	Carol Nord	253-4297
Activities	John Bourque	454-9523

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Greeters: Gladys Bris-Bois.....253-8010  
Lunch Bunch:  
Ann & Jim Gallman 363-4027  
Pinochle: Carol Nord .....253-4297  
Sailing: Tom and Bev Delmoral 457-0656  
Singles: Cathy Richard.....457-5381  
Sunshine: Mercedes Evans.....454-4423  
Travel - Ron Gilbert ..... 363-4194  
Wine Tasting - Carolyn Foster... 253-3515  
John McGorry ... 269-4031

## **OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **Wine Tasting**

Pam McGorry, Paul Foster, Bill and Cyn Young, John Bourque, Becky Trieff, Tom Cerniglia, Helenea Grace, Don & Janice Cunningham

### **Lunch Bunch**

Cate Ving, Bill Ving, Lorraine Hammond, Mike Hammond, Kathy Elms, John Elms, Deb Holly, Kevin Holly, Dennis Marks, Mary Marks, Bill Petterson, Judy Petterson, Tom Reuter, Julie Reuter

### **Social**

Kathy & John Elms, Cheryl & Don McGuire, Barbara Edwards, Jean Sessa, Paula and George Curtis-Burn

### **Travel**

Rick Sessa, Mary Couvillon,  
Rich Kunzier, Diane Cini

## WINE TASTINGS

The Committee kicks off the New Year on Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> with “The Battle of the Grapes”. Four red and four white wines grown in different regions of the world, will be compared. The difference will be surprising. The sign-up deadline is Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>. All tastings always start at 7pm. The cost is \$15 per person.

We are always looking for hosts. Hosting is easy because the committee shows up with all the wine, all the food, and a committee member to lead the discussion. You can sign-up to be a host at the January meeting.

If you miss the meeting you can deliver your check (payable to BNC) to Bill and Cyn Young, 3180 Wexford Way, Southport, 28461. Phone: (908)797-8563. Please provide your name(s), date desired, e-mail, and phone number.

About 4 or 5 days before the event you should receive an e-mail with the name of your host and directions to their house. If you have signed up and do not receive these emails call Corolyn Foster 910-253-351 (cclark@ec.rr.com), or John McGorry 910-269-4031 (jmcgorry@aol.com).

### **REWARD OFFERED:**

*Bring a new or returning member (who has not yet signed up for this year) to the next meeting and receive 5-BNC Bucks good toward any club activity.*

**The solution to the crossword puzzle that appeared in the November Newsletter is on the BNC Website: [brunswicknewcomers.com](http://brunswicknewcomers.com)**

## TRAVEL COMMITTEE

### SAVANNAH

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup>

**\$250 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

This tour serves as a reminder to sign up early for BNC trips because this trip is already SOLD OUT.

The first stop is at Pawley’s Island for a full Buffet Breakfast at Applewood Restaurant.

Arrival at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Savannah is scheduled for 3pm. Dinner at 5pm will be at Mrs. Wilkes for a family style chicken dinner. This restaurant is considered one of Savannah’s best.

The second day starts with a hot Buffet Breakfast followed by a two hour historic tour. The rest of the day and evening are free to explore on your own. An optional show at the Savannah Theatre is available at an additional cost of \$25 per person.

The last day includes breakfast, another historic tour and lunch at the landmark “Old Pink House”. Call Ron Gilbert (363-4194) if you would like to join the 16 people already on the waiting list.

### **It’s Easy To Become A Member of BNC**

Download an application from BNC website and write a \$10 check payable to BNC for each person wishing to become a member. Bring them to the next general membership meeting or mail them to Cindi Neumann, 3510 Members Club Blvd., (St.James), Southport, NC 28461. Questions: E-mail Cindi at [cindi91048@aol.com](mailto:cindi91048@aol.com) or call 253-9819.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### **TRIVIA NIGHT AND DINNER**

Monday, January 18, from 6-9 PM is BNC Trivia Night at the Southport Community Center. The cost of \$20/per person includes a lasagna dinner catered by Baked with Love of Southport. You will need to bring your own beverage (wine, beer, or soft drink only please). The game will begin after dinner. Come alone or as a couple to be part of a group which will compete as a team for a chance to become the first BNC Trivia champions. You might also win some "BNC Bucks". To participate call Cheryl McGuire, 253-0482.



### **COCKTAILS FOR 10**

On Wednesday, March 18, members gather from 7 to 9pm for cocktails. Sign up at January or February BNC meeting. Host couple will notify guests regarding location of each gathering. Guests will bring their favorite beverage and an appetizer to share.



Contact person: Barbara Edwards, 253-6933

### **ROAD RALLY/SCAVENGER HUNT**

Saturday, April 24, is the date for the first BNC Road Rally. Save the date and sign up at next BNC meeting. Cost, details and starting point will be announced at a later date. Contact person: Kathy/John Elms, 253-6648



## **LUNCH BUNCH**

### **PORT CITY CHOP HOUSE - FEB. 3**

This Wilmington restaurant offers a high quality dining experience. Chef Matt Kahrs was selected as the new Top Chef at the July 19th Taste of Wilmington Festival. The \$19 cost includes choice of entrée, dessert and beverage. Cash bar opens at 11:30. Lunch at noon.

#### Entrée Choices:

- Prime Rib Beef Sandwich with Sautéed Mushrooms and provolone on grilled sourdough Bread. French fries.
- French Quarter Chicken Breast – Topped with Sautéed Shrimp and Andouille Sausage in a spicy tomato cream sauce over Cajun rice. Fresh Vegetables.
- Pan Seared Tilapia Filet drizzled with garlic butter. Creamed Spinach.
- Spinach Salad with Shrimp – Topped with bacon, egg, dried cranberries, roasted almonds, gorgonzola cheese, onions and hot bacon dressing.

#### Dessert Choices:

- New York Style Cheesecake – Topped with fresh strawberries and raspberry sauce
- Seventh Heaven (*Port City Specialty*) - A warm sweet biscuit topped with vanilla ice cream and raspberry or blueberry sauce.

The Port City Chop House is located at 1981 Eastwood Road, just past Military Cutoff and the white wall of the Landfall Community. Phone (910) 256-4955.

Drop off baskets will be located at the homes of Ann Gallman, 3792 Worthington Place and Debra Holly, 2787 Westree Circle, both in St. James. If you must cancel contact Cate Ving (755-6350) or Lorraine Hammond (207-0018). Cancellations after January 27th are not refundable.

## MORE COMMITTEE NEWS

### Website – Susanne Melendez

The BNC website address is:

[brunswicknewcomers.com](http://brunswicknewcomers.com).

The membership directory is password protected. The password is available from any Board member or by e-mailing Susanne at [se\\_melendez@bellsouth.net](mailto:se_melendez@bellsouth.net)

### Singles - Cathy Richard

Cathy is still trying to organize a variety of activities for single BNC members. It's a wonderful way to meet other newly arrived singles. Cathy's email is: [ncbeachcat@yahoo.com](mailto:ncbeachcat@yahoo.com)

### Sunshine -Mercedes Evans

If you know of someone who is sick or has recently lost a loved one and needs a little sunshine in their life contact Mercedes. 454-4423.

### Event Calendar – John Bourque

If your Committee has scheduled an event it should be placed on the BNC Calendar. Or, if something is happening in your community, which is likely to be of interest to our members, that should be on the calendar too. Email [JohnBeJohn@bellsouth.net](mailto:JohnBeJohn@bellsouth.net)



**The Lunch Bunch Enjoys Brentwood Restaurant in Little River on A Cold January Day**