Dear Greater Boston Members,

The three years of my term as chapter co-president have flown by, as do all wonderful experiences! It has been educational for me to learn about the inner workings of the chapter and what it takes to keep it running smoothly (more complex than you would think!). I have learned to appreciate all the facets of BNC that I only took for granted before, and have gained a true belief and understanding of the mission. Most of all I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you. In good conscience I leave the chapter in Lexie's very capable hands, with the assurance to her and to all of you that I am still here for any assistance you need. Thank you all for three great years!

Audree

I joined BNC a few years ago to meet people. New to Massachusetts, I wanted to move beyond the Sudbury Newcomers' Club, and do interesting things in the process. I came to a New Member's Tea and enjoyed myself so much, that before I knew it, I was invited to play mah jongg, was encouraged to come to the Book and Author Luncheon (which I did and familiar faces greeted me) and signed up for several study groups. Fast forward to now...whew! One thing I've learned for sure: to meet people you need to come to events, go to a study group, come to a monthly meeting, join a committee. When you participate, you'll start to recognize faces and get to know the members who share your interests. I just played canasta for the first time and met more new people!

New members for this 2015-2016 year, don't miss our Champagne Brunch on May 15. If you know someone who is on the fence about joining, this welcome brunch could be just the incentive they need. It will be small and intimate, cozy and hamisch. If you're a little nervous about coming to something new, let Nancy Lightman or me (lextext@aol.com 408-340-8854) know and we'll arrange a friendly face to greet you and introduce you around.

We try to make the experience of belonging to BNC a great one! Our mission is to raise money in support of Brandeis University, but our vehicle to reach our goal is You. We nourish your mind, warm your heart, entertain you, feed you, teach you and play with you. You can hold your head up with pride when you say you are a member of the Brandeis National Committee!

A huge thank you to Audree for mentoring me through this year and for being such a great friend to me and to BNC! I hope everyone comes to our closing meeting so we can give her the round of applause she so richly deserves!

Lexie

SAVE THE DATE
New Member Event

Sunday, May 15, 2016
10:30 am
An invitation will be sent to this year’s new members with all the details.

If you see someone at a BNC event you don’t recognize, introduce yourself. Next time you won’t be strangers to each other.
Monthly Meeting Dates

Our monthly meetings are open to everyone and are a great way to learn about our chapter. If you’ve never been to a meeting other than an opening or closing one, we encourage you to try one out.

What do you get in return? Hear updates about our community service projects, discuss ideas for events, get an opportunity to meet people in a small venue, talk to board members and other attendees who will reinforce why you joined BNC. Coffee begins at 10:00 am, meeting begins at 10:30 am and is usually over by noon.

April 4  May 2  June 6 (Closing Meeting)

Monthly meetings are held at Temple Beth Avodah in Newton.

Membership Report

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO REACHING OUR 2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP GOAL!

Welcome to our new members who joined since the printing of our last bulletin:
  Rosanne Greenstein   Barbara Rosemar
To keep the momentum going, we are again offering the 15 month membership for new members. Join in April, May or June, and your membership is good through June 30, 2017.

If you know of someone who is interested in learning about us, please send their contact information to me. I will make sure they receive a welcoming message and a copy of this online bulletin.
Nancy Lightman
nancy.lightman@rcn.com
617-964-7537

Ethnic Lunches

Petit Robert Bistro, Needham
Thursday, May 19, 2016  1:00 pm

PRB's savory dishes showcasing only the freshest and best seasonal ingredients, cozy ambiance and friendly service will transport you to an authentic French Bistro in Paris. Bon Appetit!

Cost $28 members  (Includes tip) $33 non-members

Spring Art Adventures

Worcester Art Museum and Lunch
Thursday, May 12, 2016  11:00 am

If you haven’t experienced the wonderful collections at the Worcester Art Museum, you are in for a rare treat. Enjoy a docent-led tour followed by lunch at the Museum Café. Back by popular request. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Cost $43.00 members   $48.00 non-members

Strawberry Banke Museum, Portsmouth, NH
Tuesday, June 14, 2016  11:00 am

Come and explore Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH, an outdoor history museum. The tour will feature restored buildings built between the 17th and 19th centuries. You will learn about the history and lifestyles of homes from the staff portraying characters from the past. This is a self-guided tour with lunch on your own (Portsmouth is a restaurant mecca). Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Cost $18.00 members   $23.00 non-members

Potpourri

Gary Hylander, PhD
Harry Truman and the Founding of Israel

Dr. Hylander is the most entertaining speaker on historical events you may ever hear! He speaks as though he was there and by the end of the event, you will think you were, too.

A scholar, an historian, a specialist for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and professor at Framingham State University, he’s a real treasure. He is a frequent and well-loved presenter at libraries, historical societies, civic and professional organizations. His talks often become standing-room only, so don’t miss this one!

Monday, May 9, 2016  10:30 am
followed by a light buffet lunch

Cost $25.00 members   $30.00 non-members

Proceeds to benefit the BNC Scholarship Campaign

In the Miller-Lieberman Lecture Hall in the Women’s Studies Research Center at Brandeis

Did you know that our annual cost to print and mail our bulletin is over $6,000 while our cost to provide our bulletin via email is $0. To minimize our expenses, we are forced to limit the number of pages and colors we use. An ebulletin can have more information, photos, articles, can be as long as needed, and is more interesting and enticing!

Effective this fall, we will put more emphasis on the online bulletin, just as most of the BNC chapters have done. The printed copy will be in black and white and the online bulletin will be expanded and in full color. We are very excited!

We don’t want to leave anyone out. Some of you don’t use a computer and some of you can look at the bulletin online, but can’t print it. We will send a printed bulletin if requested, otherwise we will send an ebulletin only. Just complete and return the section on page 3 with your preferences for receiving this bulletin and/or other mailings from the Greater Boston Chapter. You will continue to receive information from the National Office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
Brandeis National Committee
Greater Boston Chapter
Invites you to join us for our

spring luncheon with musical entertainment
by Tony DeBlois

Sunday, May 1, 2016
12:30 pm

The Continental Restaurant
266 Broadway, Route 1 North
Saugus, Massachusetts

$40 members   $45 non-members

Friends, spouses and significant others welcome

All proceeds to benefit the BNC Scholarship Campaign

Please RSVP by April 16

Member Name(s) ____________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________
Phone __________________________ Email ________________________________

Number of Reservations _____ Guest Names __________________________________

I will attend as:  ___ Supporter $40   ___ Supporter-Non-member $45   ___ Sponsor $100   ___ Benefactor $250   ___ Angel $500

I cannot attend, but would like to donate $ ________________ Total amount enclosed $ ________________

Entreee Choice: _____ Chicken       _____ Fish       _____ Beef       _____ Vegetarian

Please make check payable to BNC. Mail to Bev Cohen, 16B Clark Street, Randolph, MA 02368
For those attending the luncheon, any amount over $30 is tax-deductible
**BNC New/Renewal Membership Application**
Greater Boston Chapter

- Annual member: $60.00  
  (good through June 2017)
- Couples membership: $100  
  (good for two people living at the same address)

Enclosed is my check for $__________________

Name ________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City __________ Zip __________
Phone __________________________
Email __________________________

Spouse’s Name ________________________________

BNC dues payments are tax deductible. 
Make check out to BNC and return to:
Brandeis National Committee
MS132
PO Box 549110
Waltham, MA 02454-9110

Any questions, please contact Nancy Lightman at
617-964-7537 or nancy.lightman@rcn.com

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**Art Adventures Registration Form**
Mail to: Marilyn Howard
21 Frothingham Road, Burlington, MA 01803

Name ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________

I would like to attend the following:

- Worcester Art Museum        Worcester, MA
  $43 members    $48 non-members
- Strawbery Banke Museum         Portsmouth, NH
  $18 members   $23 non-members

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**Bulletin Mailing Preferences**
Mail to: Merle Carrus
P.O. Box 1228, Hollis, NH 03049

Name ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________

- I do not use email and wish to continue receiv-
  ing printed bulletins.
- I would like to receive a printed fall bulletin with 
  study group information. I will receive other bulletins 
  via email. Please use the email address above.
- I no longer wish to receive the bulletin or any 
  mailings from Brandeis National Committee.

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**Potpourri Reservation Form**
Mail to: Leslie Pearlstein
2 Raven Road, Canton MA 02021

Name ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________

$25 members                  $30 non-members

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**Ethnic Lunches Reservation Form**
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2 Raven Road, Canton MA 02021

Name ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________

Petit Robert Bistro           Needham, MA
$28 members   $33 non-members

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**Computer Training**
Mail to: Leslie Pearlstein
2 Raven Road, Canton MA 02021

I am interested in getting some help in improving my 
computer skills in order to read the bulletin online and 
to navigate the Brandeis/BNC websites.

Name ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________
Please open to see the Spring Luncheon invitation and for an important notice about future mailings.