

- 1) Play the rest of your Sets, liberally interspersed with beverages and snacks, and distribute the prizes at the end of the night.
- 2) Turn over your Bunko Box of materials (dice and bell, scorecards and roster) to the hostess of the next party.

You're well on your way to starting a successful Bunko Circle! Congratulations!

## **One Thing You MUST Do**

Want to know one of the best aids to keeping your Bunko gatherings a long-term success? It's not necessarily what you may think. It is not the night you choose to meet or the number of people who attend. While important, it is not the type of food or snacks you serve, or even the themes you develop.

What is it?

It is as simple as a group roster! Your roster may be the single most important element in the ongoing success of your group, and is a key to building your group and keeping it organized and together. Groups who have been Bunko'ing together for many years share this handy tool to stay on track.

### **Roster Essentials**

First, pull together a list of all players, both regular and substitute. Include contact info like phone numbers and addresses. This is critical so that the host/hostess can make contact with all players prior to game night, reminding them of that all-important gathering.

Windsor Place **BUNCO** Group

Date	Hostess	Address	Phone	Appetizer	Dessert	Side
1/15	Anna S.	2324 London	555.1234	Donna	Etina	Jensen
2/13	Bev. L.	4533 Heathrow	555.3544	Erin	Hannah	Kelli
3/13	Cheri T.	3312 Kennsington	555.9823	Francis	Ivana	Tricia
4/11	Donna N.	8812 Buckingham	555.3424	Etina	Jensen	Anna
5/10	Erin A.	2939 Heathrow	555.2934	Hannah	Kelli	Bev
6/15	Francis F.	8231 Pickadilly	555.8822	Ivana	Tricia	Cheri
7/13	Etina M.	7712 Heathrow	555.2174	Jensen	Anna	Donna
8/12	Hannah M.	2326 London	555.5885	Kelli	Bev	Erin
9/10	Ivana B.	3434 Buckingham	555.7768	Tricia	Cheri	Francis
10/15	Jensen P.	8931 Kennsington	555.1109	Anna	Donna	Etina
11/3	Kelli K.	4522 Danforth	555.3294	Bev	Erin	Hannah
12/12	Tricia P.	8931 Kennsington	555.1109	Cheri	Francis	Ivana

<b>SUBS</b>	Lori B.	Mina a	
	555.9892	555.8988	555.6543

## Forming a Bunko Circle

Second, list the future meeting dates (and times, if they change periodically). If your group has predetermined who is hosting games throughout the year, include this on the roster. It is highly valuable because it helps everyone to plan better. Babysitters, shift changes at work, or any other scheduling adjustments work best when they can be planned well ahead. If a monthly player sees a conflict due to vacation, work, etc., a substitute player can be sought in advance so they can plan to take their place. This increases the chances of having a full house on Bunko night.

Third, keep it current. If someone moves or dates change, update the list and redistribute a copy to everyone. Check in periodically with your substitutes to ensure their information is current too. If you can, try to inspect the list 2-3 times annually for current content.

Finally, enlist someone in your group to “own” the roster responsibility, and rotate that responsibility annually or periodically. It is a simple task that, while not overly time consuming, is important never the less.

Many groups have learned to let technology work for them. They maintain their rosters and calendars on the internet, making it easy to access, share and update. If you have any web-divas in your group, you may want to look into going this route.

See Appendix D for a sample Roster Sheet, and other useful game materials.