

January 2012



Dear Members,

The Board of the BCNC would like to take this opportunity to extend its best wishes to you for a happy, healthy, and a more peaceful 2012. To start off the new year, we have planned our annual New Year's reception.

New Year's Reception
Sunday, January 22, from 5:00 till 7:00 pm
at the International House in Berkeley

This event is made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of Mr. Geert Criel, Consul General at the Consulate General in Los Angeles, Mr. Frédéric Delbart, Trade and Investment Commissioner at the Wallonia Investment and Trade Office in San Francisco, and Mrs. Annik Bouquet, Technology Attaché at the Flanders Investment and Trade Office in San Francisco. Mr. Criel and our new consul in Los Angeles, Alain Leroy, will be at the reception. We will be honored by their presence.

Place:

International House in Berkeley on 2299 Piedmont Avenue, on the University of California campus at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Bancroft Way.

This year, our reception will take place in the "Chevron Auditorium".

RSVP:

Please register on our website www.bcnc.com or return the enclosed reservation slip before January 17 to Lieve Maes, 1220 Tasman Drive #573, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. You must register ahead: phone reservations and walk-ins will not be accepted. Adults only at this event and maximum 2 per family. For additional guests, please check with Lieve Maes for availability. If questions, contact Lieve at (408) 568 5650 or lieve@bcnc.com.

Directions and parking:

Parking is hard to find and limited. We encourage you to carpool or to take BART. Visit <http://pt.berkeley.edu/park/public> for parking information.

We would also like to invite you to one of our annual events:

Ski Weekend in South Lake Tahoe Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5

Due to limited accommodations, there will be only 16 lucky people to enjoy this weekend. This popular “do it your-self” formula is low cost but requires some hands-on participation such as cooking. Duties will be assigned when all reservations are made. People who have participated in the past are well aware that this weekend turns out to be very gastronomical too!

- Where: chalet in South Lake Tahoe, a couple of miles from the casinos and Heavenly. The chalet has 6 bedrooms, a large kitchen, 3 baths, an outdoor hot tub, pool table and is located right at the lake. Linens are supplied, no cleaning is needed. We just bring the food and some firewood. For pictures: visit www.tahoeaccommodations.com/tkh1226 (we've been there before).
- When: Friday evening, February 3 till Sunday evening, February 5.
- Cost for the cabin: approximately \$100 per person for two nights lodging on a 16 person occupancy basis. If less participants, the cost will be equally divided. Food and cooking duties will be arranged later.
- Transportation: your own. Car pools will be arranged once we get closer.
- Skiing: Heavenly Valley. For people without a season pass: discount tickets are available at REI.

Please call Dirk De Mol at (408) 910 7541 to make reservations or email him at dirk@bcnc.com .
First come, first serve. Priority to members.

Membership Renewal Drive for 2012

The BCNC will try again to bring many interesting programs in 2012. In order to do so, we need your support. Please, pay your membership, let us know your ideas of activities, and give us some feedback on our events. Our web page www.bcnc.com gives you all the information on how to contact us. We encourage you to sign up on-line at www.bcnc.com/about where you can even pay by credit card or PayPal. So no more checks to write and forms to mail! If you don't have internet access, please return the enclosed membership form with your check, payable to BCNC. It is your membership fee that makes these and other events possible. For many years now, the BCNC has organized many social, cultural, and sports events. You can see a list of our activities on our web page, www.bcnc.com. This letter has been mailed to everybody on our mailing list. The following newsletters will only be sent to paying members.

Thank You

- Saint Nicholas, a.k.a. Mark Jacobs, and his helper, a.k.a. Harold Deblander, for making 29 kids very happy at the annual Saint Nicholas visit on December 4. Another big thank you is due to Sabine De Brabandere, Ilse Pollet and Bernadette Charlier for their help with this event.
- All BCNC volunteers who made it possible to offer the various activities in 2011. Without your help, the variety of events would not be possible.

Announcements

- After being on the BCNC Board for many years, many of which as our president, Inge Keuppens decided to step down. We would like to thank Inge for her 9 years of dedication and hard work leading the club. We will definitely miss her!
- We are always looking for Board Members and volunteers. If you are interested in joining our great team, please contact Dirk De Mol at (408) 910 7541 or at dirk@bcnc.com.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION ON 1/22/2012

Name(s)
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Phone:
Email:

Please return before 1/17/2012.

Mail to BCNC, c/o Lieve Maes, 1220 Tasman Drive #573, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER 2012

Name:

Address:

City:

Tel.: E-mail:

Favorite BCNC activities:.....

Least favorite BCNC activities:.....

Suggestions/comments:.....
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I would prefer to receive the BCNC newsletter by e-mail: Yes / No

We encourage our members to get the newsletter by email. This saves on postage and will get you the letter the fastest. Last minute events and events by other organizations sometimes can only be announced by email so you'll miss out on those if you get the letter by mail.

Dues:

Couple/Family: \$30

Single: \$20

Student: \$10

Please make your check payable to BCNC.

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