

May 2012



Dear Members,

After a very busy April with 3 events, we now have only one event to announce: our yearly Spring family camping trip. This year will be a new location but close to last year's.

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## Family Camping and Hiking Big Sur, Friday-Sunday June 8-10

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**Hiking:** Mount Manuel. This time of the year, the wildflowers can be spectacular!

**Camping:** We reserved three adjacent camping spots with room for about 20 people in the Pfeiffer campground in Big Sur. In addition to the hiking, several state beaches are just a couple of miles away. All ages are welcome. Generally, people arrive Friday late afternoon or evening. Arrival on Saturday morning is also a possibility but should be early enough so we can start the hike at a reasonable time.

**Food:** Participants host all meals. Traditionally the quality has beaten all standards of gourmet outdoor cooking! An arrangement about who brings what and any other logistics, will be made through email the week before departure. Hikers bring their own trail snacks & drinks.

**Cost:** \$15/person for the campsite. Food and drink expenses will be divided among the participants.

**RSVP** by May 31 by sending an email to [dirk@bcnc.com](mailto:dirk@bcnc.com) with the following information:

- Name of people attending and age of kids
- Cell phone number
- Would like to carpool or are looking for a ride
- Would like to arrive on Friday evening or Saturday morning

Reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis, with priority given to BCNC members. For any questions, please email Dirk or call him at (408) 910 7541.

## **Thank You:**

- The BCNC Easter Egg Hunt was a big success, more than 30 children signed up for this event! We'd like to thank all the people who helped to organize this event, especially Leslie Desaeeyere for the organization, Auriane Mathieu for registration and Ward & Sofie Vercruysse for hosting.
- Another big thanks to David Baeckelandt for a fascinating presentation on Flemish contributions to the settlement and discovery of the New World and to Belgica, the organization of Belgian students at Stanford, for hosting this event.

## **Announcements:**

- For our National Holiday celebration, we are planning a picnic in the wine country on July 21st. Keep that day open! More details will follow.

## **Congratulations:**

- Harold Deblander and Maria Jose Perry are the proud parents of a baby girl, Luna, born on March 9th. We wish the new family lots of happiness.

The board.