

October 2015



Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to our next two events:

Belgium King's Day Dinner Celebration **Sunday, November 15th, 5 to 8 pm.**

We will celebrate Belgium *King's Day* or *Feast of the Dynasty* in San Francisco at BEL, one of the new Belgian restaurants in our city. From 5 to 8pm, the restaurant will be all ours. It will be a three course dinner with two drinks, all included in the ticket price.

Thanks to the fascination for Belgian food and beer from owners Jenn and Rich, BEL menu is totally typical from our country. The royal choices for this King's Day Dinner Celebration are quite extraordinary. And the beer selection is just as fine!

We'll start with Charcuterie and Cheese Mingle

Course 1:

King's Choice: Beer & Cheese Soup, *Orval* beer infused vegetarian dish

Queen's Choice: Shrimp Croquettes, *Bay shrimp, leek and potato*

Princess' Choice: Salade Ardennaise, *Warm salad of kale, confit duck gizzards, bacon, cranberries and potato croutons*

Course 2:

Philip's Choice: Moules-frites *with a St Bernardus witbier sauce*

Mathilde's Choice: Chicken Waterzooi

Elisabeth's Choice: Carbonades Flamandes

Course 3:

Brussels' Choice: Torte Brabant, *BEL's special with our Belgian colors*

Flanders's Choice: Rich Chocolate Cake - Chocoladetaart

Wallonia's Choice: Profiteroles Café Liégeois style, *with ice cream & mocha sauce*

Where

BEL San Francisco, 3215 Mission Street, at Valencia, San Francisco, CA 94110

For more information on this restaurant, go to belsf.com. Directions: see below.

Cost

\$77 per BCNC member, including tips and tax. Maximum seating is limited to 60 people. So, make your reservation early not to miss this royal feast. This is a members-only event. Reservation and payment need to be received by Nov. 7.

Membership

To become a member, go to www.bcnc.com/about and follow the instructions. Starting November 1st, your new membership will count for the entire year 2016.

Reservation and Payment

Reservation can be made at bcnc.com and select the **King's Day Dinner Celebration** event and then follow the instructions.

Payment is by Paypal online or by check mailed to:

Pierre Smit, 442 Ramsell St, San Francisco, CA 94132.

Please, specify how many people will be attending and the choices for each course.

For questions, contact Pierre Smit at 415-939-2410 or by email at Pierre@bcnc.com.

Reservation and payment must be received by November 7th

Directions to 3215 Mission Street:

- From The East Bay, take the Bay Bridge, continue on FW101, EXIT at Cesar Chavez street; go West on C. Chavez, then left on Mission.
- From the South, take FW101, EXIT at Cesar Chavez; go West on C. Chavez, then left on Mission.
- From the North, take the GG Bridge, continue on Lombard Street, take a right on Van Ness Avenue; cross Market Street and continue on South Van Ness till Cesar Chavez Street; take a right on C. Chavez, then immediately a left on Mission.

NOTE:

For more information on the Belgian Monarchy, go to www.monarchie.be.

In good tradition, Saint Nicholas will soon be on his way to the Bay Area and promised us a visit.

Visit from Saint Nicholas in Sunnyvale Sunday, December 13, 2:00pm

Where:

Fairbrae Club, 696 Sheraton Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Please note that the clubhouse is located next to a pool, parents are responsible for their child(ren) at all times during this event.

Cost:

Children: \$10 per child.

This is a members-only event. If you are not a member, please pay your (family) membership first. Your membership will be active for the entire year 2016. For more information on how to become a member, please visit www.bcnc.com/about.

Important:

Please do not forget to bring a small gift for your child(ren). The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the full name of your child. After arrival at the clubhouse, please drop off your gift(s) in the kitchen area and put the gift(s) in one of the bags.

Registration:

- Sign up on our website or by writing a check made payable to BCNC, mail the check to Philippe Jansen - 647 Torrington Drive - Sunnyvale, CA 94087 before Tuesday, December 1.
- Email the name and age of your child(ren) and a brief text for each child that you would like Saint Nicholas to read (what he/she did well, things that need to be improved, etc) to philippe@bcnc.com by Tuesday, December 1.
- The text can be in Dutch, French or English.
- When payment and email have been received, you will receive a confirmation email.

Upcoming events:

- The New Year's Reception 2016 is set for Sunday, January 24th in the International Hall in Berkeley. More details will follow. If you want to sponsor this event and exhibit your company or organization at the event, please contact Harold De Blander at harold@bcnc.com for details.

Thank You:

- All our members who brought food and drinks to share at the oyster event. This made the event even more successful: 50+ Belgians enjoying incredible weather and great food and drinks on the beach!

Announcements:

- The BCNC Board is looking for someone who can work on our website; this represent little time investment from a knowledgeable person, but big savings for the club. We'd rather spend our money on events instead of expensive computer consultants. Contact dirk@bcnc.com for any questions.

The Board.