

January 2018



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 peaceful 2018. To start off the new year, we have planned our annual New Year's reception.

New Year's Reception
Sunday, January 28, from 5:00 till 8:00 pm
at the International House in Berkeley

We will be honored by the presence of Consul General Henri Vantieghem of the Los Angeles Consulate and our Honorary Consul in San Francisco, Nathalie Delrue.

This event is made possible due to the generous sponsorship of Flanders Investment and Trade and the Belgian Club itself.

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 "Golub Home Room".

Cost:

\$30 for adults and \$20 for children above 12. It's a member-only event. Members are allowed to bring one guest. To become a member, see below for "Membership Renewal 2018".

RSVP:

You can register and pay with PayPal or credit card on our website www.bcnc.com (this is the preferred way) or mail a check and a list of participants before January 22 to Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112. You must register and pay in advance: phone reservations and walk-ins will not be accepted. Although this is by nature an adult event, the Club welcomes children as well. Parents are responsible for their children at all times. If questions, contact Philippe Jansen at (408) 674-0790 or philippe@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/parking/visitor/lots-pricing> for parking information.

Announcements

1 - Wooden Fish Ensemble plays music by the Belgian post-modernist Boudewijn Buckinx
<http://www.boudewijnbuckinx.com/>

Tickets are \$5-\$35. Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 4 pm.

Old First Concerts 1751 Sacramento Street in San Francisco

<https://www.oldfirstconcerts.org/performance/wooden-fish-ensemble-sunday-february-11-at-4-pm/>

2 - Battle of the Bulge Commemoration

On December 9, several members of the BCNC participated in the Battle of the Bulge Association Commemoration Golden Gate Chapter.

Thanks to Rudy de Walque for the pictures and to Doris Davis for her tireless dedication to the veterans.



Standing (from left to right): **Col. John H. Roush Jr.**, 83rd Inf Div; **Doris Davis**, President of Golden Gate Chapter; **Ms. Rita Bral**, former Honorary Consul General of Belgium; **Ann Van Thielen**; **Marie Jeanne Parsons**; **Pierre Smit**; **Martine MacDonald**; **Nicolas Guevara-Longree**; **Isabella Guevara-Longree**; **Marina De Mol**; **Nathalie Longree**; **Carina Verbeke**; **Philippe Jansen**; **Dirk De Mol** (President of the Belgian Club)

Seated (from left to right): **William “Bill” Armstrong**, 26th Div, 263rd FA Bn; **Dr. John Kerner**, 320th Inf Div, Medic; **Ken Mar**, 2nd Inf Div, 23rd Inf Rgt, 3rd Bn; **Lou Ravano**, 1st Inf Div, 18th Inf Rgt; **John Althuisen**, 7th Armd Div, 23rd Armd Inf Bn



Standing (from left to right): **Nathalie Delrue-McGuire**, Honorary Consul of Belgium; **Hon. Henri Vantieghem**, Consul General of Belgium from Los Angeles; **Col. John H Roush Jr.**, 83rd Inf Div; **Ken Mar**, 2nd Inf Div, 23rd Inf Rgt, 3rd Bn; **John Althuizen**, 7th Armd Div, 23rd Armd Inf Bn; **Hon. Pierre Franck**, Consul General of Luxembourg
Seated (from left to right): **William “Bill” Armstrong**, 26th Div, 263rd FA Bn; **Dr. John Kerner**, 320th Inf Div, Medic; **Lou Ravano**, 1st Inf Div, 19th Inf Rgt

3 - Ski Trip

Due to the lack of snow, the yearly ski trip, usually scheduled for the first week of February, has been postponed till later that month. More details to follow in our next newsletter.

As usual, we also have our yearly membership drive:

Membership Renewal Drive for 2018

The BCNC will again bring many interesting programs in 2018. In order to do so, we need your support. Please, pay your yearly 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 online at www.bcnc.com/about where you can pay by credit card or PayPal.

If you don't have internet access, please return the enclosed membership form with your check, payable to BCNC and mail the form and check to Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112. It is your membership fee that makes these and other events possible. For many years now, the BCNC has organized many social, cultural, and sportive events. You can see a list of our activities on our website, www.bcnc.com.

Our newsletters are emailed to everybody on our mailing list (opting-out is easy), member or not, but all events are member-only.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER 2018

Name:

Address:

City:

Tel.: E-mail:.....

Favorite BCNC activities:.....

Least favorite BCNC activities:.....

Suggestions/comments:.....

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Dues:

Couple/Family: \$40, Single: \$25, Student: \$10