

January 2019



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 2019. To start off the new year, we have planned our annual New Year's reception.

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**New Year's Reception**  
**Sunday, January 27, from 5:00 till 8:00 pm**  
**at the International House in Berkeley**

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We will be honored by the presence of Honorary Consul in San Francisco, Nathalie Delrue and the Investment and Trade representatives of Flanders and Brussels, Wim Sohier and Eric Gabrys.

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

**Location:**

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. This is a member-only event. Members are allowed to bring one guest. To become a member, see below for "Membership Renewal 2019".

**RSVP:**

You can register and pay with PayPal or credit card from our website [www.bcnc.com](http://www.bcnc.com) (this is the preferred way), or mail a check and a list of participants to Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112. You must register and pay in advance before January 21; 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. For questions, contact Philippe Jansen at (408) 674-0790 or [philippe@bcnc.com](mailto: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**

Coming up early March 2019:

### **"BREXIT- Where are we with Brexit and what are the changes for Europe"**

Presentation by Prof. Christopher Crombez, Political Economics at KU Leuven and Stanford University. More info coming soon.

## **Thank you**

The **Saint Nicholas** event takes a lot of preparation and work to make it run smoothly. We have to thank Saint Nicholas, a.k.a. Jan Sysmans, for making 30 kids very happy. And volunteers Nadine De Leeuw, Eryk Sysmans, June Vanlerberghe and Carina Verbeke for setup, cleanup and entertaining the kids.

### **Battle of the Bulge Commemoration**

On December 7, several members of the BCNC participated in the Battle of the Bulge Association Commemoration Golden Gate Chapter.

Thanks to Doris Davis for her tireless dedication.

As usual, we also have our yearly membership drive:

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## Membership Renewal Drive for 2019

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The BCNC will again bring many interesting programs in 2019. In order to do so, we need your support. Please, register your annual membership, let us know your preferred ideas of activities, and give us some feedback on our events. Our web page [www.bcnc.com](http://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](http://www.bcnc.com/about) where you can pay by credit card or PayPal.

The alternative is to return the enclosed membership form with your check, payable to BCNC. Mail the form with your check to Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112. It is your membership that makes all events possible, and your participation that makes it enjoyable. 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](http://www.bcnc.com).

Our newsletters are emailed to everyone on our mailing list (opting-out is easy), member or not. However all events are member-only. So join in or renew now.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER 2019

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