

August 2020



Dear Members:

Following up with a safe sheltering in place while reimagining our social club in this year 2020, we are amazed by the insight of some of our members in understanding today's way of life. A couple of months ago, Anne Degheest detailed her remarkable study on this year's pandemic. Now, we are inviting you to our upcoming Face-To-Face Zoom Presentation that will detail the many facts about investment opportunities for young or old. The Covid-19 pandemic cannot stop us to look ahead and be prepared to act for a positive future. We know this will bring you valuable information.

For suggestions of future events, please share it with us by emailing us at Board@bcnc.com.

FACE-TO-FACE Zoom Presentation
An In-Depth Study of Real Estate in Time of Covid-19
By Harold Deblander, Real Estate Broker and Expert
Sunday August 30, 2020 at 1 pm

Harold Deblander is a Real Estate Broker-Associate with Sotheby's International Realty in San Francisco. He has deep and extensive experience handling real property in court-related cases within probate and family law, with a focus in working with and resolving high conflict situations. His training as a Certified Divorce Real Estate Expert and in Collaborative Practice has allowed him to present in front of local attorney BAR Associations, which resulted in this in-depth study of real estate in time of coronavirus.

What is the impact of Covid-19, the Economy, and the Governor's Executive Order on real estate and mortgage? The topics will include:

- Real Estate Market Update
- Title, Escrow and Recordings
- Statewide Ban on Foreclosures
- Missed Payments
- Focus is on the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as the entire state of California
- Showing and Selling Properties with Shelter in Place
- Determining Property Values
- Mortgage Update
- Looking Ahead

As a real estate broker, Harold's clients and peers seek his deeply analytical and strategic professional advice for market trends and conditions, as well as property valuations and innovative marketing approaches in today's market. His comprehensive background in real estate development provides him with a unique perspective into complex real estate problem-solving, construction, remodeling and value added strategies. Harold was raised and educated in Belgium and Spain, and graduated with a Master in Business Administration from Belgium's first-ranked University.

If you are thinking of buying/selling a house or an investment property, if you are not sure how to go about forbearance on your mortgage due to lay-off, if you are considering to foreclose on a property, or simply to understand the real estate market during Covid-19 time, Harold's presentation will bring you great inside information. The presentation will be followed by Questions & Answers.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Note: This is going to be a live event that will not be recorded. Once you register, you will receive the Zoom meeting link 24 hours prior to this event.

When: Sunday August 30 at 1 pm

Where: Using Zoom Video Conferencing from anywhere.

Cost: There is no cost for this event; however, we are suggesting a donation of \$5 per BCNC member and \$10 per non-member.

Registration: please go to our website www.bcnc.com and select Face-to-Face under "Events". You can pay by credit card, incl. Paypal, or mail your check to our treasurer:

Fabienne Sowa, 2820 Willow Creek Trail, Cool, CA 95614.

Deadline to register: Friday, August 28, 2020

For membership sign up, visit www.bcnc.com and select "Become a BCNC Member".

In Memoriam
BCNC Member
Joseph “Jos” Bouckaert

Joseph Bouckaert (March 3rd, 1940 - July 7th, 2020) unexpectedly left us during a medical procedure. He is survived by his loving wife Christine; his two children, Mikael and Peter; his daughter-in-law, Nicolette; and his three grandchildren, Thomas, Sebastian, and Katherine. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas. He also leaves behind his mother, five brothers, and their families. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Joseph “Jos” Bouckaert was instrumental in the creation of KU Leuven Research and Development (LRD) in Belgium in the early seventies. As its first director, Joseph grew LRD into a leading European entity, brought international dimensions to the company, and laid the foundation for its patent activities. Under his tenure, valuable connections with the VC world were initiated and expanded.

Jos then became CEO at a number of prominent biotech companies, including Advanced Genetic Sciences (AGS), and is considered one of Silicon Valley's true visionaries. Among his professional achievements is the design of an innovation incubator at one of the new campuses of UCSF.

After his retirement, he became a founding board member of Amici Lovanienses, where he kept advocating for innovative approaches to existing challenges.

Jos loved all of life, from its greatest operas to the simplest song of a bird. He brought warmth and joy everywhere he went and he will be dearly missed.

Announcements

- *A big thank you* to Marcia Saecker for the preparation of the Belgium Independence Day event on July 19.

- *Thank you* to Board members Saskia Rock, (Liege waffles made live!) Marcia Saecker, Dirk De Mol, Philippe Jansen and Pierre Smit for hosting the different zoom meetings. It was great to see such a large interest for all the topics.

- *Special thank you* to Tim Van Herck for providing two Zoom accounts for the Independence Day event.

- Paintings and Photographs presented in the *Arts & Crafts Party Room* during the July 19 Belgium Independence Day event can be seen and are for sale by our members:

- Paintings by Martine Callebaut: visit www.martinecallebaut.art, click on "shop", then on "inquire by email"; or call 415-509-2175.
- Pictures of Fabienne Sowa: website is coming up in September; contact: 415-342-2102
- Pictures and Paintings of Martine Hoefnagel: see at www.dropbox.com/sh/mlx78o6jtukezde/AACFSkl-k9YxMP_S6CocV5Bya?dl=0; contact Martine at martine@dmaia.com for more information.

- A little bit of history: Belgium was of course right in the center of WWI and WWII. Thanks to the untiring restoration efforts of a small group of collectors and his fascination with aviation, San Francisco based world's most famous aviation photographer Philip Makanna has published since 1980 yearly calendars with great photographs of in-flight historical airplanes used during these wars. Please visit www.ghosts.com for more information.

- Join our BCNC Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5421040815/?ref=bookmarks> where you will find a series of posts on:

- sharing a place, museum, treasure or building in Belgium that you know about and that is not-so-well known...we all want to learn about it.
- sharing your way to remain in good spirit and productive during the shelter-in-place...we can all learn from it.
- sharing your best pictures of the shelter-in-place moments

Remain safe and healthy,
The Board

BCNC is a social club to enjoy being with other Belgians & friends. If you are in Northern California for a day, a month, a year or a century, you can participate! If you know of something happening in or with our Belgian community, or if you know of a "special" Belgian visiting the Bay Area, let us know with a simple email to Board@bcnc.com, or on our Facebook page. Thanks to members sharing information, members have had the chance to enjoy an evening, a beer or a meal with consuls, ambassadors, entrepreneurs, scientists, athletes, singers (Stromae and Johnny Hallyday) and even prime ministers such as Jean-Luc Dehaene and Guy Verhofstadt. To become a member, simply sign up now at www.BCNC.com.