

December 2014



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 2015.

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

New Year's Reception
Sunday, January 25, from 5:00 till 7:00 pm
at the International House in Berkeley

This event is made possible due to the generous sponsorship of Mr. Rudy Veestraeten, Consul General of Belgium.

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 Chevron Auditorium.

Cost:

Because of sponsorship from the Consulate and from the BCNC, we will be able to keep the cost down: this event will be \$30 for adult members and \$15 for children above 12. Members are allowed to bring one guest. It's a member-only event. To become a member, see below for "Membership Renewal Drive".

RSVP:

You can register and pay with PayPal or credit card on our website www.bcnc.com or return the enclosed reservation slip with a check before January 19 to Lieve Maes, 3337 El Sobrante, San Mateo, CA 94403. You must register and pay ahead: phone reservations and walk-ins will not be accepted. Although this is by nature an adult event, the Club welcomes children as well. Should you have questions, please contact Ann at 408-477-2992 or [ann\(at\)bcnc.com](mailto:ann(at)bcnc.com). (Ann will answer after Jan 9). Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

Directions and parking:

Parking is hard to find and limited. We encourage you to carpool or to take BART. Visit <http://pt.berkeley.edu/park/public> for parking information.

As usual, we also have our yearly membership drive:

Membership Renewal Drive for 2015

The BCNC will bring again many interesting programs in 2015. In order to do so, we need your support. Please, pay your 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 on-line 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. It is your membership fee that makes these and other events possible. For many years now, the BCNC has organized many social, cultural, and sports events. You can see a list of our activities on our web page, www.bcnc.com.

The board will continue to mail our newsletter to everybody on our mailing list (opting-out is easy) All events will be member-only.

Thank You

- Roosje Davidts, Nadine De Leeuw, Carina Verbeke, Jelle Vink and Andre Carpiaux for organizing a very successful Saint Nicolas events. We had 29 kids attend!
- Saint Nicholas, a.k.a. Paul Van Hoorickx, and his helper, a.k.a. Niels Faché, for making 29 kids very happy at the annual Saint Nicholas visit.
- All BCNC volunteers who made it possible to offer the various activities in 2014. Without your help, the variety of events would not be possible.

Announcements

- The board is looking for new web-savvy board members. Contact Dirk at [dirk\(at\)bcnc.com](mailto:dirk(at)bcnc.com) for more information.
- Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge: Meeting of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge will take place on Saturday, January 10th, 2015 at 11am in the Auditorium of Ft. Miley Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 84121. Guest speakers are The Honorary Consul of Belgium, Nathalie Delrue-McGuire and The Consul General of Luxembourg, Georges Schmit. (\$10 suggested contribution for lunch) Call Doris Davis at (650) 654-0101 and leave a message or email Doris at [doris\(at\)dordavis.com](mailto:doris(at)dordavis.com).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER 2015

Name(s):
Address:
City + ZIP:
Phone:
E-mail:..... Second E-mail:.....
Favorite BCNC activities:.....
Least favorite BCNC activities:.....
Suggestions/comments:.....
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I would prefer to receive the BCNC newsletter by e-mail: Yes / No

We encourage our members to get the newsletter by email. This saves on postage and will get you the letter the fastest. Last minute events and events by other organizations sometimes can only be announced by email so you'll miss out on those if you get the letter by mail.

Dues:

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

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION ON 1/25/2015

Name(s) Adults
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Name(s) and age(s) Children 13-18
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Membership \$..... + Reception Adults \$..... + Reception Child(ren) \$.....

Please make your check payable to BCNC and return before 1/19/2015.
Mail to BCNC, c/o Lieve Maes, 3337 El Sobrante, San Mateo, CA 94403

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge

*Meeting of
the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge
to Commemorate the
70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge*

Date: January 10, 2015

Start Time: 11:00 AM

Lunch will be served at 12 Noon

Location: Ft. Miley Medical Center
4150 Clement Street
San Francisco, CA 84121
Auditorium



Our Guest Speakers:

Honorary Consul of Belgium, Nathalie Delrue-McGuire
Consul General of Luxembourg, Georges Schmit

(\$10 suggested contribution for lunch)

How To Register:

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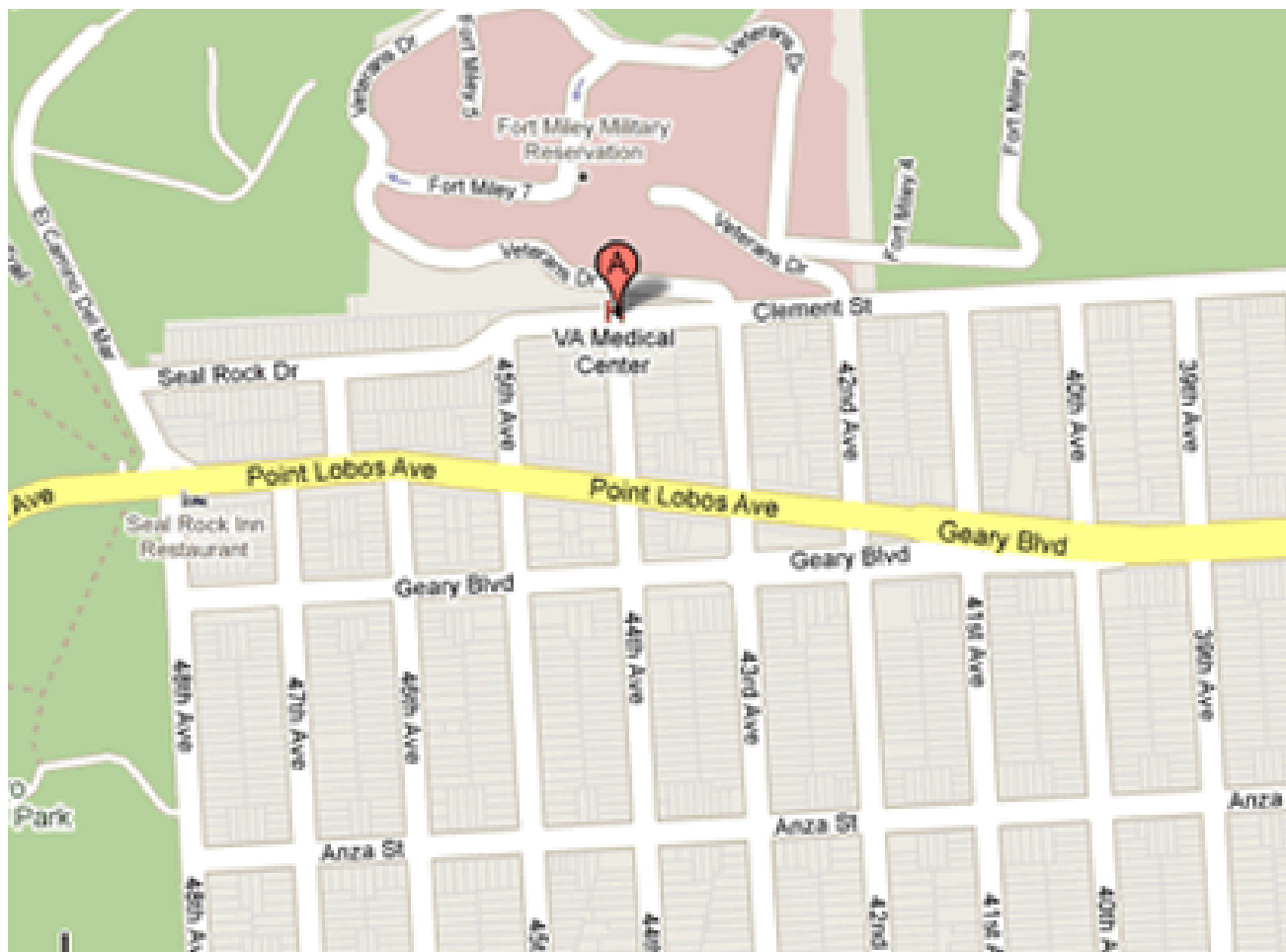
Or email her at doris@dordavis.com

Please leave your name (*please speak clearly*), and leave your phone number in case he has to call you back. Please leave the number of people in your party so we can plan an adequate amount of food. Family and friends are welcome.

No need to send any money in advance.

The Battle of the Bulge
(also known as the Ardennes Offensive)
(16 December 1944 – 25 January 1945)
was a major German offensive launched through
the densely forested Ardennes mountain region of Wallonia
in Belgium, and France and Luxembourg on the
Western Front towards the end of World War II.

Location of:
Ft. Miley Medical Center
4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 84121
Auditorium



The Auditorium is on the 1st Floor.
Please go around to the RIGHT side of the building (by the parking lot).
Go through the entrance and find the elevator and go up to the 1st Floor
(you have entered on the Ground Floor so you need to go up to the 1st Floor).
There will be signs directing you.