

April 2008

Dear Members,



We would like to invite you to our next events:

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**Private Lecture in Dutch by Lieve Joris**  
**'Een reis door de literatuur van Lieve Joris'**  
**Saturday April 26, 5 pm**  
**San Francisco**

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Lieve Joris, born in Belgium and one of Europe's leading travel writers, will be visiting the Bay Area. Lieve Joris has won many awards for her books on Europe, The Middle East and Africa. She has published widely acclaimed reports of her journeys in the Middle East and Africa, notably the Congo. Her books about the Middle East include 'De Golf' (The Gulf, 1986) and 'De Poorten van Damascus' (The gates of Damascus, 1993). About the Congo, she wrote 3 books: 'Terug naar Congo' (Back to the Congo, 1987), 'Dans van de luipaard' (The Leopard's Dance, 2001) and 'Het uur van de rebellen' (The Rebels' Hour, 2006). The account of her travels through Senegal, Mauretania and Mali, 'Mali Blues' (1996), gained Lieve Joris the Belgian Triennial Award for Flemish Prose (1999) and the French 'Prix de l'astrolabe'.

Please join us for a private lecture in Dutch:

When: Saturday, April 26, 5pm – 7 pm

Place: Residence of The Belgian Consul, Dame Rita Bral, 111 Southern Heights, San Francisco, CA 94107.

Cost: \$15, payable the day of the event. The Lecture will be followed by a pizza dinner.

Sign-up: by sending an email to Inge Keuppens before Tuesday April 22 nd, [INGE@BCNC.COM](mailto:INGE@BCNC.COM). You will receive a confirmation email.

Please join us for our next event:

## **Family Camping Trip May 9 through May 11 Pinnacles National Monument**

\*Our campground is close to the East entrance of Pinnacles National Monument (<http://www.nps.gov/pinn>). Our camp site is #81. Sorry, the (in)famous site #79 was not available in May...

### **RESERVATIONS:**

The campsite allows for up to 16 people. Reservations must be made by sending an e-mail to [dirk@bcnc.com](mailto:dirk@bcnc.com) or calling Dirk at (408) 910 7541 and after you receive confirmation that space is still available, sending a check covering the camp site expenses. Please include in your reservation e-mail whether you would like to car pool, are looking for a ride, or can take extra people. ONLY four/five cars can park at the campground. Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to members.

### **COST:**

\$7.50/person/night for the camp site. Cost for food and drinks will be split among the participants. The vehicle fee for Pinnacles National Monument Park is \$5. You can enter for free with a National park pass.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Highlights of the park are: ancient volcano, caves, condors, and wildflowers. We will most likely do some kids hiking and some more challenging hikes for the adults who prefer a workout. We are open to suggestions for games. The campground has a swimming pool.

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

Tent, mat, sleeping bag, plate, utensils, cup, flashlight, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, bathing suit for the swimmers, and personal items.

We will compose a list of necessary camping items. We will ask you to bring a subset of these items (just to make sure we have enough but not too much stuff). The meal responsibilities will be shared among the participants.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From the SF Bay Area, take Hwy 101 south to the Hollister Hwy 25 exit just south of Gilroy. Follow the signs through Hollister towards Pinnacles National Monument. The campground is near the monument's East entrance. (Note: there is no through road connecting the East and West entrances). Stay on Hwy 25 for approximately 30 miles south of Hollister. Turn right on Hwy 146 (the road goes only one way and there will be a sign for Pinnacles National Monument). You'll see the campground on your left after two miles.

**Thank you:**

-to Mrs Cathy Smit for teaching us how to make a very creative floral table arrangement. We very much appreciate the time she spent with the BCNC during her vacation.

-to Doris Davis and Geertrui Vanhove for helping out the Easter Bunny at the crack of dawn!

**Did you know that:**

- L'Executive Club is organizing a special event on Thursday, April 17th at 5:30pm in Palo Alto: 'How European technology leaders are preparing for tomorrow's mobile content':

In the US, a cellphone is a tool but in Europe, it is a lifestyle. Come and learn the latest mobile broadcasting innovations from a continent where the mobile culture is so prominent and affecting all layers of society. The TV and the mobile phone are 2 inventions that profoundly affected our culture, so come understand how the merging of both technologies will revolutionize the industry. Introduction by Jean-Louis Gasee.

More information and registration at:

[http://www.lexecutiveclub.com/upcoming\\_event\\_lhr.html](http://www.lexecutiveclub.com/upcoming_event_lhr.html)

This event is organized by L'Executive Club <<http://www.lexecutiveclub.com/>> and Bretagne International <<http://www.bretagne-international.com/>> , the economic development agency for the region of Bretagne, France.

-Lieve Joris also gives a lecture for NaulCal (same program) on Sunday, April 27, 3:00 pm, Men's Faculty Club, Seaborg Room, U.C. Berkeley. For more information, call Martine van der Laan at 925 253 1189.

-Professor Christophe Crombez is presenting the following talk at Stanford University on Thursday, May 1: 'The End of Belgium?' For more information and reservations, see [http://fce.stanford.edu/events/the\\_end\\_of\\_belgium/](http://fce.stanford.edu/events/the_end_of_belgium/).

-Jan Declair won the 'The Golden Reel Award' for best actor in the movie 'a Perfect Match, at the Tiburon Movie Festival.

-BCNC member Claire Schroeven-Verbiest will be showing her award-winning paintings at the Saratoga Rotary Art Show, 'The Largest One Day Juried Fine Art Show in The West', on Sunday, May 4, from 9am until 5pm. This is an outdoor festival featuring 200 artists, food, entertainment and wine tastings. The event takes place on the grounds of West Valley College, Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. Please visit [WWW.SARATOGAROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.SARATOGAROTARY.ORG) for directions and details.

### **Upcoming Events:**

As usual, The BCNC will participate in the Bay to Breakers footrace in San Francisco. The race will be held on Sunday, May 18. You can sign up online.

The board.