

Dear Members,

In good tradition, Saint Nicholas will soon be on his way to the Bay Area and promised us a visit.

Visit from Saint Nicholas Sunday, December 7 at 11 am, Mountain View

Where: Clubhouse at Whisman Station Drive, Mountain View.

Cost: Children with BCNC membership: \$7 per child.

This a members-only event. If you consider becoming a member, your membership will be active for the whole year 2009.

For more information on how to become a member, visit www.bcnc.com.

Please do not forget to bring a small gift for your child(ren). The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the full name of your child.

Registration:

1. Sign up by writing a check made payable to BCNC and mail the check to Inge Keuppens – 1224 Sesame Court – Sunnyvale, CA 94087 before Monday, December 1st.
2. Email the name and age of your child(ren) and a brief text for each child that you would like Saint Nicholas to read (what he/she did well, things that need to be improved, etc) to inge@bcnc.com by Monday, December 1st. The text can be in Dutch, French or English.
3. When payment and email have been received, you will get a confirmation email.
4. Let inge@bcnc.com know if you would like to get the directions to the clubhouse.

Thank you:

We would like to thank the people who made our last BCNC event a most pleasant one:

- Thank You, Consul General Geert Criel and Vice-Consul Mr. Pascal Faidherbe for visiting the Belgian Club and for offering the reception. We truly appreciate the initiative Mr. Criel and Mr. Faidherbe took in getting to know the Belgian community in the Bay Area.

Mr. Criel emphasized that the Belgian Consulate in Los Angeles is here to help us, and also invited us to visit their new web site: <http://www.diplomatie.be/losangeles/>

- Thank You, Professor Vanhautte for an informative and entertaining lecture on Peasants, Potatoes, and Politics in the mid-19th Century.

- And Thank You, Professor Jeroen Dewulf for helping to realize this event for the Belgian Club.

Announcements:

NAF-Norcal is celebrating Dutch-American Heritage Day with an annual fundraiser on November 21st at the Ex'pression College in Emeryville.

Dutch radio legend and journalist Jan Donkers will discuss the impact of American music on the Netherlands in the 1950s and 1960s.

This entertaining presentation will be followed by a 'rijsttafel' dinner and live 1960s music. For more information and to sign-up, please visit www.thenafsanfrancisco.org.

Upcoming events:

New Year's reception: International House, Berkeley, tentative date January 25th 2009, to be confirmed soon on www.bcnc.com.

The board