



March 10, 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

We are excited to repeat an event that was fun and very popular over the past years while at the same time very rewarding! Come and join us and bring your friends, family, and neighbors for:

Belgian Beer, Friet/Fries and Waffle Fundraising Event with DJ
Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm
26050 Kay Avenue, Hayward

This event benefits three organizations/projects (described below), all started by amazing Belgian Club members. We would love it, if you could join this fun event and sponsor these fabulous initiatives.

Event

You will be able to enjoy several different Belgian beers (\$5 for Stella, \$7 for specialty beers), and taste real Belgian fries and waffles while enjoying some Belgian music and other international sounds with our own DJ. We'll dance the night away, turning this event into a true Belgian party while bidding on auction items, benefiting the projects described below. Children are welcome to attend this event as there is a playground across the street and we will provide some kids activities.

Auction

To give this fundraiser an extra boost, we will organize an original silent auction at the event, but need your help. We are actively looking for donations to make this auction a success. Note that donations can include not only physical items, but also "personal services". Become very creative and think of items or special services that you'd be willing to offer that we could auction, for example, babysitting, cooking for a party of 6 at the hosts place, washing someone's car, providing an airport ride,... If you'd like to donate an item or service, please contact Ann Van Thielen at ann@bcnc.com or (650) 625 0210.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers who can help us peel and cut potatoes the morning of the event, bake fries, make waffle dough, bake waffles, supervise the kids activities, staff check-in, help with setup, help with cleanup, or act as bar tender. If you can help us, contact Sofie Vandeputte at sofie_vandeputte@yahoo.com and we will provide the details.

Donations

If you are willing to sponsor any of the items we need for this event, we would be grateful for your donation and add you to the list of donors. For more information, see the registration form.

Directions (coming from I-880 north or south)

- Take the CA-92 WEST exit towards the San Mateo Bridge
- Take the Hesperian Blvd exit and go North
- Turn right on Cathy Way - go 0.2 mi
- Turn right on Calarogo Ave - go 0.1 mi
- Turn right on Kay Ave. The building is immediately on the left.

Cost and Registration

The cost for this event is \$17.00. Kids under the age of 12 are free. All proceeds of the fundraising auction, waffle, and beer sale will go the charities. If you'd like to donate an additional amount for the fundraiser, please add this to your payment.

Advance registration is required and your registration form must be send in by Friday, March 19, 2010. For more information, call Sofie Vandeputte at (650) 529 0689, or e-mail at sofie_vandeputte@yahoo.com. Due to the planning involved into making this event successful, we cannot accept walk-ins!

Finally...

If you happen to travel to Belgium before March 27 and you have some space in your suitcase, we would love it if you could bring some chocolate or Belgian goodies for the fundraiser. We'd be happy to reimburse you for this order. For more information, contact Ann van Thielen at (650) 625 0210 or e-mail at ann@bcnc.com.

Registration Form for the Beer/Friet/Waffle Fundraising Event

Return by Friday, March 19 - No walk-ins, please.

Write a check made payable to the BCNC and mail together with the registration form to:
Sofie Vandeputte, 405 Cervantes Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail address:

Name Age: 21 and above (to make sure we have enough beer/friet)

1. Yes/No

2. Yes/No

3. Yes/No

... x 17 \$ = \$... ..

I'm interested in donating or covering the expenses for:	Put a check mark, if you want to be the donor for this item.	Estimated cost
the potatoes		\$120
oil for the fryer		\$80
friet sauces		\$180
friet bags		\$40
cups/napkins/table cloths		\$100
DJ rental		\$150
hall rental		\$310
fryer rental		\$275
fryer delivery/pick-up		\$150
Stella Artois (1 keg)		\$150 (13.2 gallons/Stella)
non-alcoholic beverages		\$120
waffles		\$200
ice		\$50
cleaning service		\$120
monetary donation, please circle		\$5, \$10, \$15, other: \$...

Total included \$

Children: free (12 & under)

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Beneficiaries of the Fundraiser:

The following organizations were selected based on the fact that they were founded by Belgian Club members.

Superatec

Superatec (www.superatec.org) was founded by Herman De Kesel. Through SUPERATEC, Herman launched technology training centers for residents of low-income zones in Venezuela. These centers offer participants the opportunity to acquire and maintain technological skills as well as certain other personal skills, which enhances their employability and productivity in the formal workplace. In addition, it provides them with tools with which to enhance their opportunities in the more prevalent informal economy. This improves their earning potential and consequently results in an improved standard of living for them and their families. Herman passed away in April 2004.

JW House

Jan-Willem Knapen (www.jwhouse.org) succumbed to brain cancer on August 3rd, 2005, after a courageous struggle. Following his diagnosis, Jan-Willem began a mission to build a home near Kaiser Hospital, in Santa Clara, where families can stay with their loved ones during long hospitalizations. Though he is no longer with us, Jan-Willem's incredible spirit reminds us that anyone can make a difference in our community if they believe in themselves and, as Jan-Willem always said, "never ever give up."

Sahaya International

Sahaya (www.sahaya.org) is a non-profit organization based in Davis, CA, which works on projects to improve the quality of life in third-world countries, especially for children and women. This includes the care and support of many AIDS orphans, elementary schools, and training & micro-credit programs for girls and women. Projects have already started in India, Kenya and Cameroon. Sahaya International is also training deaf peer educators in Kenya on HIV issues in sign language. This organization has been founded by Belgian Club member Koen Van Rompay.

We would like to invite you to another very popular event:

Easter egg Hunt
Saturday, April 3, 10:30 am until noon
405 Cervantes Road, Portola Valley

What to bring: your own Easter basket and appropriate shoes/boots. Be prepared to look for Easter eggs in tall, wet grass, and be prepared to walk on possibly muddy terrain. This event will start at 10:30 am sharp on Saturday April 3rd!

Cost: \$6 per child, members only please. Check our website www.bcnc.com for info on how to become a member or email inge@bcnc.com. Adults are free.

Registration: send a check payable to BCNC to Inge Keuppens, 1224 Sesame Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 before Friday, March 26, **and** send an email to inge@bcnc.com with the name and age of your child(ren).

Deadline to register: Friday, March 26, no late registrations please.

Volunteers needed: we need volunteers to help stuff the eggs and put a string on so we can hang them. We also need volunteers at 9:00am on Saturday, April 3rd to hide all the eggs. Email inge@bcnc.com in case you can help!

In case of bad weather the morning of the event: call Inge at (408) 830 0258 or (650) 704 6532.

Future events:

- Mount Diablo hike on Saturday, April 17.
- Hike / Wine Tasting / Picnic at Picchetti Winery (Cupertino) on Saturday, May 15.

Announcements:

Tom De Vre and Roosje Davidts have a baby son Jonas, brother to Marie, born on February 12. Congratulations and happiness to the entire family!

The board.