

BBS Relief

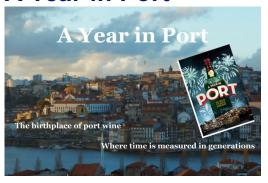
The past couple months have involved further assistance working with a lovely woman who is transitioning from her long term home in down town San Francisco to a retirement community. Through the patience, commitment and dedication of Kathleen Kimura, Joanna Findlay and other volunteers, Cynthia was able to work through this massive change. She embraced the move out of her apartment, where she had lived for decades, to start a new chapter of her life. After sorting through a massive amount of personal treasures, this photo shows her celebrating the completion of her move. Cheers to you Cynthia and all of the BBS members who have been involved in this journey!



Cynthia Celebrating her move

We also assisted a Brit who had fallen on extremely hard luck while traveling around the world. He had come across some incredibly bad times in that his bank account had been drained without his knowledge or approval. He reached out to the Consulate in San Francisco, explained his situation and that he just hoped to be able to return home to put his life back together. After spending several nights in hotel lobbies, with the help of the BBS and the British Consulate, the distressed gentleman was able to clean himself up in a local hostel and return to France.

A Year in Port



Don't forget! The Mostly British Film Festival heads into its 9th year with 26 feature films and documentaries from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa. More than half of them, including opening and closing night features, are San Francisco premieres!

The Festival will be screening BBS Member

David Kennard's documentary "A Year in Port" at the festival! "A Year in Port" premiered at the Rhode Island International Film Festival in August 2016 and was awarded Joint First Prize for a Documentary Feature.

"A Year in Port" will be screened on February 17th at 5PM at the Vogue Theater in San Francisco, 3290 Sacramento Street, San Francisco. Come and enjoy port tasting in the lobby of the Vogue Theater prior to the screening.

Details:

4.30pm - Port tasting in the lobby of the Vogue Theater 5pm - Screening "A Year in Port"

Tickets may be purchased at mostlybritish.org

Mostly British opens on February 16 with "Their Finest," the latest from "An Education" director Lone Scherfig. With a cast headed by Bill Nighy - who will attend the festival – and Gemma Arterton, this delightful romantic comedy tells the



story of the British film industry during World War II, charged with buoying the spirits of people living in constant fear of the Blitz.

For more about the festival visit <u>Mostly British Film Festival</u> and get your tickets today!

2017 AGM

Mark your calendars for the 2017 AGM that will take place in early April. Final date of the meeting will be shared in forthcoming correspondence. For any questions about the meeting, please contact Jenn Baker.

About the BBS

The British Benevolent Society (BBS) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit with a mission to build and nurture our diverse community through advice, support and relief when needed in the United States. Based in San Francisco our mission is to protect, support, prepare and connect.



- Protect: Emotional and Financial relief in times of need
- Support: Transition support and education for new arrivals
- Prepare: Essential local information to thrive including earthquake and disaster readiness
- Connect: Create connections and advance British cultural education and interests

Protect - Support - Prepare - Connect

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