

*Happy Holidays from your friends at the
British Benevolent Society of California!*



As this year draws to a close, the BBS would like to wish you all a festive holiday season and a new year full of happiness. Thank you for your past support which helps make possible our goal of providing relief to those facing difficult times.

In case you have not renewed your 2017 membership, would like to renew your 2018 membership early, or if you would like to make a donation to the BBS, please do so by visiting our new [web site](#) today! Your annual donations and membership help sustain our work and enable us to continue to provide aid to those most in need.

To show the impact of your support, here are some of this year's accomplishments and relief cases as we look back at 2017:

- We continue to work with the British Consulate General on a number of cases involving: replacement of lost passports for tourists and business travelers and subsidizing payment for return flights to the UK for a handful of individuals with mental health issues.
- Maintaining contact with elderly Brits living on their own in the Bay Area, providing them with a resource in case of an emergency and checking in regularly to let them know that they haven't been forgotten.
- Financial aid to a cancer survivor who, after providing the BBS with a 6-month plan for getting on his feet, needed just a little more time and compassion in order to re-start his life once again.
- Coordinating the 39th Annual Festival of Remembrance at Grace Cathedral.
- Financial relief to a family that lost their home in one of the North Bay fires.

Providing relief and assistance is a delicate and time consuming piece of what makes up the fabric of the British Benevolent Society. We are fortunate to have dedicated members of our Relief Committee, as well as the guidance and support of partners at the British Consulate in San Francisco.

A very big thank you to all of our Business Members:

- [Florin Pensions](#)
- [FNB of California](#)
- [Kiosk](#)

Thank you for your generous donation in becoming Business Members!

This year we also made a big change by adopting a new logo and brand for the organization. You will see this fresh new look on our web site! We encourage you to visit the site frequently to keep up to speed with activities and events.

Your support enabled us to achieve these successes. We ask for your continued generosity by [renewing your membership or making a donation](#) to strengthen our impact in achieving our mission. Thank you for being a part of The British Benevolent Society.

Best wishes for the holidays and a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,



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