



British Benevolent Society
Benefiting Brits Since 1858

Membership Annual Dues Changes

The BBS is grateful to all of our loyal and long standing members. Your annual dues directly support our relief efforts in providing compassionate support and financial aid to British nationals in desperate need of assistance. Quite literally, without the BBS many of the recipients of BBS aid would find themselves homeless or even worse.



After serious consideration, the Board of Directors has decided to adjust the annual individual membership dues to \$100. We are confident that the mission of the organization is worth this annual contribution. The Board has a responsibility to maintain both financial stability and a legacy for the organization. This increase in annual dues will help keep us on that path.

The change will take effect on 1 September. As a reminder, dues are up for renewal on the anniversary of your membership rather than at the end of each calendar year. If you are unsure of the status of your membership or would like to make sure that your membership is in good standing, please contact [Jenn Baker](#).

As a community, we provide unparalleled aid and relief to British citizens in times of dire need. Our support comes from donations, legacies and fundraising. In 2018 we provided over \$30,000 in relief and helped more than 30 individuals avoid homelessness, return to the UK, cover the cost of essential medication and advocate for medical assistance. We hope that you will continue to support the organization in any way you are able. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Planned Giving

Planned giving is a legacy program where you are able to leave a lasting impact with your gift. Your planned gift will offer huge potential for the mission of the BBS and the ongoing assistance that we provide to Brits most in need. Please keep the BBS in mind when you are planning your estate and considering legacy donations. If you have any questions about giving and would like further information, please [contact us](#).



High Tea with HMCG Andrew Whittaker

Last month, BBS Member Daphne Gerugthy and her family claimed the prize of her winning raffle ticket from the 2018 Christmas dinner! On a beautiful June afternoon, Daphne and her guests enjoyed high tea at the official residence of the British Consul General in San Francisco.

Daphne invited friends and family members to accompany her and enjoy champagne, scones, sandwiches, delicious cakes, and of course endless tea. The CG and his wife Alex were so kind to have opened the Residence to our members where we enjoyed each others company and raised our glasses to The Queen and the BBS.

Thanks so much Andrew and Alex!



Summer Intern

This summer we welcome Phoebe Archbell who will intern with the BBS. Phoebe is a recent graduate of Durham University where, among other things, she was President of the International Student Association and received a B.A. in History.

Phoebe will focus on our outreach initiatives and further promote the awareness of the BBS throughout the Bay Area. She will coordinate our charity outreach campaign, where we will introduce ourselves to social services and explain our relief efforts and mission. She will also help organize our upcoming events and social media content.

We are thrilled to welcome Phoebe and hope that you will all keep an eye out for some of her work!



BBS Events

BBS Social

When: Wednesday 28 August

Time: 6-8 PM

Where: Trinity House Paintings
82 Main Street Tiburon CA

We are thrilled that Trinity House Paintings will co-host a reception at the end of August! Join us for nibbles and drinks while at their beautiful gallery in Tiburon.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. We simply ask for a \$10 donation upon registration for the event.



Register & donate now

[Donate](#)

British Pub Quiz

When: Monday 9 September

Time: 6-8 PM

Where: [McGah's](#) Pub Danville, Ca

Registration: \$20



Put on your thinking caps and bring your best Pub Quiz team!

Don't worry, you don't have to be British to attend but you will definitely score extra points if you are able to answer some of our very British questions!

Register today and plan ahead

[Pay Now](#)

Save the Date

Member Only Event

Reception at the Residence of the British Consul General

When: Tuesday 29 October

Where: Official Residence of the British Consul General

BBS members will receive a formal invitation for this special event. Please do save the date as we hope that all BBS members will be able to attend.

BBS Christmas Dinner

When: Tuesday 3 December

Where: [City Club of San Francisco](#)

Mark your calendar for our annual Christmas dinner that includes Christmas crackers, carol singing and all of the traditional British trimmings. Be sure to buy your tickets once they are on sale. We sold out last year!



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