



BRITISH  
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SOCIETY

## Attention: New, Returning & Potential Members!

It is that time of year when we connect with all BBS members, potential members and corporate sponsors to ask for your support in helping continue our unique and essential charity work of providing assistance to distressed Brits in need.

Over the past few months, we highlighted some of the relief cases in which we provided assistance to individuals in bleak situations. In each case, the common bond is that they were unable to care for themselves. With the aid of the BBS they were reconnected with loved ones and provided with essential guidance and assistance.

The British Benevolent Society of California is a very unique charity and the only one of its kind in the US! Your membership helps us to continue this special work of helping those less fortunate, and in turn promotes British benevolence in our own community.

All BBS Board Members are driven to be a part of the wider mission of the organization, and when asked what inspired them to join, we received comments such as:

*"The BBS provides me with an opportunity to give back to the British community and to provide assistance to others in their time of need." -Paul*

*"It's great to be part of an organization that is able to make a real difference in an individual or family's lives." - Susie*

*"I have been a member of the BBS since 2001 -- on and off the board, serving two terms as president. The founders' commitment to helping BRITS who find themselves in emergency situations where they can't help themselves is what has inspired me to be involved. "There but for the grace of God, go we" -- we could all find ourselves in such a situation and what would we do? I have always also been impressed by the commitment with whom I have served over the years." - Kathleen*

*"I like being part of a community here that is prepared to reach out and help fellow Brits far from home and in need." - Stacey*

*"Over the last 25 years I've seen the BBS touch so many lives and make such a big difference." - Karen*

*"I am pleased to be part of an organization that can help my fellow countrymen (and women) through difficult times." - Stuart B*

## With the help of BBS members we can:

- Continue to provide aid and relief to distressed British nationals in dire need of assistance.
- Partner with the British Consulates General in San Francisco and Los Angeles to ensure people know where to find us.
- Follow the tradition that began in 1858 to help those that need it the most.

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## 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Join us for the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

**When:** 5PM, 6 April

**Where:** The Bay School in San Francisco



All BBS members are invited to attend.

Formal invitations will be mailed out in the coming days and we ask that everyone RSVP for the meeting and reception.

Contact [Jenn Baker](#) for any queries.

## Happy St David's Day



And for our Welsh members, Happy [St. David's Day](#)! This feast has been regularly celebrated since the [canonization](#) of David in the 12th century. Though it is not a national holiday in the UK, we know that our Welsh readers will certainly recognize this day and even pin a daffodil to their clothes.

## BABC Young Professionals

The BABC Young Professionals Group consists of BABC member representatives (under the age of 37) seeking to network and socialize with other young professionals and like-minded individuals in the BABC organization.



If this sounds like something you would like to learn more about visit [the BABC](#). Even better, join The BABC Young Professionals Group for the [Great British-American Pub Quiz](#) on 5 June!

## 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
- Connect: Create connections and advance British cultural education and interests

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