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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10-Gazteak Dance Group practice 1pm
Children's Paleta Goma Practice 3pm
- Jan. 11- Women's Club Meeting 10:30am
- Jan. 16- Dance 101 7pm-9pm
- Jan. 17-Children's Paleta Goma Practice 3pm
- Jan. 18- Members' Free Lunch at 12
NOON & Mus Tournament
- Jan. 20- Elgarrekin Choir Practice
7:30pm
- Jan. 24-Children's Paleta Goma Practice 3pm
- Jan. 30- Women's Club Dinner 6:30pm
- Jan. 31-Children's Paleta Goma Practice 3pm
- Feb. 13- Reunion Dinner - 70th Birthdays
- Feb. 14/15- BCC's 27th Anniversary
- Feb. 21- Half Moon Bay Beach Clean-up
- Mar. 28- Children's Petting Zoo
10:30am-12noon

Choir Singers Needed

The Elgarrekin Choir is looking for new singers to join. We especially need men's Bass (lower voice) singers. The choir will be practicing for the upcoming Anniversary Mass in February. Practices begin on January 20th at 7:30 pm and every Tuesday after that at the Center. If you need further information contact Jean Baptiste Moustirats at (650) 364-6369.

Women's Club News

Save the date for the Women's Club annual dinner on January 30, 2008. Dinner will be at the Basque Cultural Center with cocktails at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. Please call Mayte Ocafrain at 650-589-2973 or Yvonne Cuburu at 650-871-4225 to make a reservation. All women are welcome!

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on January 11, 2009 at 10:30am. We hope to see you there!

Volunteering Opportunity

Do a good deed this winter and help our environment with The BCC Youth Group! The Youth Group will be volunteering on a Saturday February 21, 2009 at Half Moon Bay State Beach from 10am to 1pm. Work may include cleaning up beach debris, planting, removing plants, and maintaining trails. Please be prepared for physical activity. After our hard work, we will have lunch together at Moss Beach Distillery.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Oroz at stephanieoroz@gmail.com. Ages 10 to 15 are welcome with a supervising parent present. This is a GREAT service hour opportunity for students with community service requirements.

La Classe 1939 70th Birthdays

Friday, February 13, 2009

6:00 pm No Host Cocktails
7:00 pm Dinner

Menu:

Hors D'oeuvres
Split Pea Soup
Coquilles St. Jacques

Choice of Rack of Lamb OR
Magre de Canard OR
1/2 Roast Chicken

Salad and Cheese
Dessert Special
Coffee-Cognac
Chateau Terrefort
Pinot Blanc D'Alsace

R.S.V.P. by February 6th to
Maurice Bigue 650-692-6720

Attention Pilotaris

The 2009 pilota insurance is now due. Any person who plays in the court needs to keep their dues up to date. The cost is \$30 for the year. Please send your checks payable to BCC to: Aitor Berrueta, 748 Acacia Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010

Please note: Pilota dues should not be combined with membership dues.

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New Year's Wishes

The Basque Cultural Center Board of Directors would like to wish all our friends and members a Happy New Year. May 2009 be a year filled with health, happiness and love. Urte berri on deneri!

Gazteak Dance Practice

The Children's dance group will hold its first practice on Saturday, January 10th from 1 - 3 pm in the kantxa. Children born in 2002 or earlier are welcome to join. For forms and information, please contact Valerie Arrechea at etcharren@msn.com or 415-859-1154.

THANK YOU

On Behalf of Sebastian

A big thank you to everyone who registered, volunteered and donated money in honor of Sebastian Moustirats. The marrow drive would not have been a success without your kindness and support. Most of all, thank you to the Basque Cultural Center for hosting and sponsoring the drive. We swabbed 116 people!!

A Belated Happy Birthday to BCC's Oldest Member

Grace Palmatier turned 100 on September 19th. Her family had a small private dinner at the BCC to celebrate. The Board of Directors presented her with a big bouquet of flowers. Two girls dressed in Basque costume sang and played accordion for her. Grace is the oldest charter member of the BCC. She was born in San Pedro (near San Diego) but her sisters, Lyda Esain and Jeannette were born in Fresno. They all grew up in the Fresno area.

Aita Tillous Update

If you would like to keep in contact with Aita Tillous now that he is in France, he has left us his address and phone number:

Aita Martxel Tillous
Residence "Gallia" #35
Allee de la Nive
40130 CAPBRETON
France
Cell phone number—06 85 44 98 32

Odolki Jatea and Mus Tournament

Our annual members' FREE lunch and mus tournament will be held on January 18, 2009. Please note that lunch will begin at 12 noon—one hour earlier than usual—to allow the mus tournament to get started sooner!

Xiberoa Youth Exchange > LAST CALL

Although the sign up time has officially closed, there are one or two more spots available. Participants from all over the US will be exchanging letters with the school in Mauleon. They will travel to Xiberoa the last week in June and stay for two weeks. In August, the group from Xiberoa will come to San Francisco and Chino to perform the pastorale based on immigration to the US. For more information, please contact Valerie Arrechea at 415-859-1154.

Upcoming Opportunity

A class on administering CPR for infants, children and adults will be coming soon to the Basque Cultural Center. The date and time are yet to be determined. If interested, please contact Yvette Gorostiaque Fantham at yvette@fantham.com

So you wish you could dance: Dance 101

Do you want a little exercise after this holiday season? Made a New Year's Resolution to become more active? Got tired of sitting down, watching people have a good time? Come learn how to dance! The next practice will be on Friday, January 16th, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! We will be working on Fandango / Arin Arin, Carnival de Lantz, and the jauziak. If you have questions, please email etcharren@msn.com

2008 NABO Calendars

are available for sale. They are the same bargain price of \$6 each. Contact Mary Curutchet at 650-588-2249 to purchase them.

Euskara Corner

Do you have any hobbies or are you a big fan of sports or music?

Well, to indicate a fan of something in euskara, you merely need to add the word for fan, '**zalea**', to the end of a word to let someone know. For example, a fan of pilota would be a 'pilotazalea', a mus fan is a 'muszalea' and if you like music, you are a 'musikazalea'. Try making new friends by sharing your common interests!!

Children's Paleta Goma

Children's Paleta Goma will start on Saturday, January 10th from 3pm-4pm.

Ages 5 and up are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyne Garat at 415-850-6733.

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Gratien Etchebehere

and David Indart

for bringing home the bronze medal in Paleta Cuero in the tournament they participated in Caracas, Venezuela.

Youth Committee FREE Petting Zoo

The Youth Group will be hosting a free petting zoo for children on Saturday, March 28 from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. The petting zoo features chickens, ducks, bunnies, goats and a pig. There will also be two ponies available that children can ride! Please stay and join us for a hot dog lunch for both kids and parents!

If you have any questions, or are interested in attending please contact Arantxa Arriada at msarriada@yahoo.com or 650-302-0925 to RSVP. Please include the age and number of children who will attend.