



GURE EUSKAL ETXEA

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Upcoming Events

- Dec 6-Gingerbread Etxea Workshop 10:00am
- Dec 6-Women's Club Meeting 10:30am
- Dec 6-Euskararen Eguna (Day of Euskara) film
- Dec 10-USFP Fundraising dinner at Piperade
- Dec 12-Children's Nativity practice
- Dec 13-Christmas Mass and Children's Party
- Dec 31-New Year's Eve Dinner Dance
- Jan 9- Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Jan 10-Michel Etcheverry at Members' Lunch
- Jan 16-Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Jan 17-Members' Free Lunch/Mus Tournament
- Jan 22-An Evening with Kepa Junkera
- Jan 23-Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Jan 30-Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Feb 6-Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Feb 13/14-BCC 28th Anniversary
- Feb 27-Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Mar 13-Bertso Jaialdia

Euskara Classes Thursday Evenings at 7:30

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CHILDREN'S NATIVITY CHRISTMAS MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

The BCC has had a tradition of doing a living Nativity scene at its annual Christmas Mass. This tradition, started by Aita Tillous, is a great way to bring the community together and remember the true meaning of Christmas. (It is a nice balance to Santa who comes later in the day.)

With Aita Tillous no longer with us it will fall on us parents to choose to continue this important tradition. Without your support this can easily fall to the wayside.

Please let us know if your child would be able to participate in the Nativity scene. There is no speaking required -- only that they be in costume and move where they need to go. There will be help with the costume for those who need it. There are two groups: angels and sheperds.

Please RSVP for your child to etcharren@msn.com or alaini-doya@hotmail.com as soon as possible. There will be a rehearsal and surprise for participants on Saturday, Dec. 12th.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING

College students are eligible to win a \$300 scholarship! The student 1) must be a member or child of a member and 2) should complete and submit the application himself or herself. Call Anita Arduain at 650-583-7018 for an application. All applications must be received by **December 10, 2009** to be accepted. Winners will be required to show proof of college enrollment.

Four scholarships will be drawn following lunch on **December 13th**. Two are sponsored by the Board of Directors and two are sponsored by the Women's Club.

DIRECTORS FOR 599 RAILROAD CATERING, INC.

The directors of the Basque Cultural Center annually appoint the directors of the 599 Railroad Catering corporation, which manages and operates the restaurant. If you are interested in being considered, please contact Philippe Acheritogaray at 415-924-2151 or at PhilippeA@frk.com.

GAZTEAK BASQUE DANCE GROUP

Dance practice will resume for children on **Saturday, January 9, 2010**. Practices will be held on Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Kantxa. Not only is this a great way for children to learn about their culture, but it helps form friendships and build our community. Children can participate if they were born in 2003 or earlier. No experience needed. Please contact Valerie Arrechea at 415/859-1154 or etcharren@msn.com for more information.

GAZTEAK PALETA GOMA

Children's paleta goma will start on **Saturday, January 9th from 3-4pm**, following dance practice. All children age 5 and up are welcome. Practice will be held on most Saturdays from January 9 until June 5th. Please check the BCC website (pilota link) for an updated schedule. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Evelyne Etcharren at 415.850.6733. Volunteers are needed and appreciated!

2010 NABO CALENDARS

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Zorionak to our newest Members:

Marie Therese Berhan
Beatrice (Falxa) Immoos
Christine (Poydessus) Kehoe

When you have the opportunity, please congratulate them!

'EUSKARAREN EGUNA' DAY OF EUSKERA

Sunday, December 6

To commemorate the annual 'Euskararen Eguna' (Day of Euskara), the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center will have a special screening of the documentary "Bidaia Intimoak / Intimate Journey", where four interesting people share their relationship with Euskara. The documentary is in Euskara with English subtitles. Join us for some "Pintxos" (appetizers) before lunch. The showing will be after the members' lunch at approximately 3:15pm. Free admission.

Note: If you plan to attend Basque lunch that day, please send an email to alainidoya@hotmail.com so we can give the kitchen a count.

MEMBER'S LUNCH ENTERTAINMENT MICHEL ETCHEVERRY

Michel Etcheverry will be performing during Member's lunch on **Sunday, January 10, 2010**. Please come and enjoy some great food and great music. Be sure to make a reservation for this date!

MEMBERS' SUNDAY LUNCH TIME CHANGE

The Board of Directors and Catering Board is announcing that starting in 2010 the Members' Sunday lunch will be moved from 1:00 p.m. to 12 noon. **Beginning Sunday, January 3, Sunday lunch will be served at 12 noon.**

ATTENTION PILOTARIS

The Kantxa will be closed on Sunday, December 6th from 8am until 1pm for the **Gingerbread Etxea Workshop**.



Women's Club annual

EGUBERRI

DECEMBER 13, 2009

10:00 A.M.

Father Lastiri will celebrate our Basque Christmas Mass beginning at 10:00 a.m. **PROMPTLY** featuring the Elgarrekin Choir and a Nativity Play presented by our children.

12:00 NOON - LUNCH WILL BE SERVED EARLY!

\$15 Adult Member

\$25 Non-Member

\$20 Member Guest

\$ 6 Children under 12

SANTA CLAUS WILL ARRIVE AFTER LUNCH

Don't forget to bring your child's wrapped gift (\$15 or less in value) with name printed clearly so Santa can read it!

Reservation deadline is December 8 to Anita Arduain at 650-583-7018 or e-mail rsvp@basqueculturalcenter.com

Luncheon Price without Reservation

is Non-Member Price.



EUSKARA CORNER

In 1948 in

Baiona, at the 7th Congress of the Eusko Ikaskuntza, it was decided that the feast day of St. Francis Xavier would be chosen to celebrate the Basque language, Euskara. Since then, December 3 has been celebrated around the world as International Basque Language Day or Nazioarteko Euskararen Eguna. Please help commemorate this day by remembering our unique language on December 3rd.

5th Annual Gingerbread Etxea Workshop



Sunday, December 6th, 2009 10:00 am

Celebrate the season as you and your family build a delicious gingerbread house decorated with candy canes, marshmallows, gumdrops, frosting and many other treats.

The workshop price includes an assembled 10"X13" gingerbread house plus all the trimmings & a pizza lunch!

Christmas cheer, pizza lunch and clean-up provided!

\$20.00 per house, advance payment is required.

TWO CHILDREN MAXIMUM PER HOUSE

**Please contact Stephanie Oroz
at 408.309.9032 or stephanieoroz@gmail.com
with any questions.**