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Upcoming Events

- Dec 31-New Year's Eve Dinner Dance
- Jan 3-**SUNDAY LUNCH SERVED AT 12 NOON EVERY SUNDAY!**
- Jan 9- Gazteak Dance Practice begins 1:00pm
- Jan 9- Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Jan 10-Women's Club Meeting 10:30am
- Jan 10-Michel Etcheverry at Members' Lunch
- Jan 16-Gazteak Paleta Goma 3:00-4:00pm
- Jan 17- MANDATORY Pilota Meeting 10:00am
- 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 5- Women's Club Dinner
- 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 7-Youth Committee Event -Disney on Ice
- Mar 13-Bertso Jaialdia

WOMENS'S CLUB NEWS

The Women's Club would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported our annual raffle and bake sale. Whether you donated a baked good, raffle prize, or simply purchased raffle tickets, your help is very much appreciated. Also, congratulations to all the raffle winners. We hope you are enjoying your prizes!

Annual Dinner

Mark your calendars and come to the BCC on **Friday, February 5, 2010** for an evening of friendship and enjoyment. No host cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00pm. All women members (whether active in the Women's Club or not) are invited to join us. RSVP to Mayte Ocafrain at 650.589.2973 or email her at goxoki@sbcglobal.net by **January 30, 2010**.

Next Meeting

The next Women's Club meeting will be on Sunday, **January 10, 2010 at 10:30 am**. It will be the first meeting of the new year. We'd love to

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Zorionak to this year's annual scholarship winners: **Ann Marie Chiramberro, Erica Fosse, Jerome Goyhenetche and Alonna Jeanne Woodfin**. Each student has received a \$300 scholarship sponsored jointly by the Women's Club and the BCC Board of Directors.

ADULT EUSKARA CLASSES

Adult Euskara language classes given by Aitor Inarra, a native of Donostia-San Sebastian will resume in January. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Idoya Urruty at (415) 999-4007 or at alainidoya@hotmail.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!! See the practice dates on the front page "Upcoming Events" - January 9, 16, 23, and 30 and February 6 and 27.

PILOTA NEWS

The BCC Pilota Committee is asking all pilota players (pala, handball, baleen) to attend a **MANDATORY informational meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 10:00 am** in conjunction with the members lunch and mus tournament. Topics of discussions include the insurance and any other items that anyone wants to bring up. Also at this meeting members have the opportunity to renew pilota insurance fees for the upcoming year. The renewal fee is \$30 and is **MANDATORY** to pay, no exceptions. There will also be forms for all players to sign.

Zorionak to the 2009 BCC men's paleta goma fall tournament winners who are **Matthew Etchepare and Jean Uharriet**. For those interested in playing in the upcoming Class B spring tournament, including N.A.B.O. finals in July, please contact Xabier Berrueta at

650-922-2474 or e-mail at xabieberrueta1@yahoo.com.

YOUTH COMMITTEE EVENT

Our first event of the new year will be a trip to see Disney on Ice Presents "Worlds of Fantasy". We will be attending the **11:00 am show on Sunday, March 7** at the Oakland Coliseum. The Youth Committee will pay for members' children tickets. Adult tickets, and non-members are \$25 each. If there is enough interest, the Youth Committee will get a bus to pick us up at the BCC and take everyone to Oakland.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Arantxa Arriada at msarriada@yahoo.com or Stephanie Oroz at stephanieoroz@gmail.com.

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 your reservation to Anita Arduain at 650-583-7018 by January 5th.**

BCC'S SOLAR PROJECT HUGE SAVINGS !

The BCC's Solar Project to SAVE the environment and invest in renewable energies has also SAVED the Center thousands of dollars! The project has reduced the energy bill by a savings of \$15,100.98 through 12/21/2009!

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.



Please note that the MEMBERS' FREE LUNCH

is one hour earlier— the new Members' Sunday lunch time and to allow the Mus Tournament to get started sooner!

It is important that you make your reservation no later than Tuesday, January 13, 2009 by calling Anita Arduain at 650-583-7018.

Members who have paid their 2009 membership dues will be able to participate in the Mus Tournament

EUSKARA CORNER

The Basques are a very old and accomplished people. As a result, we have many words of wisdom. A list of standardized Basque proverbs was compiled and translated by Jon Aske, and can be found on Buber's Basque page. Here is one of many examples: *Asko baduk/n, asko beharko duk/n* - If you have much, you will need much. Let's be thankful for what we have at the beginning of this new year! Urte Berri On!

*Urte Berri On Deneri
The Basque Cultural Center Board of Directors*



*Wishes all their Friends and Members
a Happy New Year!*

May 2010 be a year filled with Health, Happiness and Love!

NEW MEMBERS

Zorionak to our newest Associate Member:

James Esarte

When you have the opportunity, please congratulate him!

Be Part of Renewing a Basque Historical Site!

In Euskal Herria Saint Vincent's Church in Ziburu dates from the 17th century and has been classified as a historic site. Its distinctive feature is its octagonal bell tower with a triple tiered roof. Its original organ was built in 1667 but was destroyed in 1793 during the war against Spain. In 1837 a replacement was installed and has been modified six times in the past 58 years.



The Parish Association of the Friends of the Saint Vincent Organ of Ziburu was formed in February of 2008 to construct a new unique organ and to show this instrument's cultural uses and to add and enrich the region's heritage. The estimated cost of constructing the new organ is \$900,000. For more information you can go to the website: <http://www.orguedeciboure.fr/>



Aita Jean Elicagaray, our United States Basque Chaplain from 1990-1994, is the Pastor of Ciboure's beautiful St. Vincent's Church.

Donations can be made to "Association des Amis de l'Orgue de Ciboure". United States checks in dollars are O.K.

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