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Upcoming Events

- Apr 18– Blood Centers of the Pacific Mobile Blood Drive 10am - 2pm
- Apr 24–Woman’s Club Day Trip to Red Rock Casino
- Apr 30– BEO Film– Spirit of the Beehive 7:30pm
- May 8- Iparreko Ibarra NABO Mus Tournament
- May 9– Amaren Eguna Luncheon
- Jun 5– Bike Ride in San Mateo County
- Jun 6– SF Basque Club annual picnic

Gazteak Basque Dance

Saturdays 1:00-3:00 pm

Gazteak Paleta Goma

Saturdays 3:00-4:00 pm

Euskara Classes

Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm

JUNE 2010 ELECTIONS

The elections for the Board of Directors will take place following the General Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM SHARP on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Elections will be held in the same format as previous years. Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the election “BY MAIL” if you are unable to be present on June 13, 2010.

Some of the rules are as follows:

- 1) You must be a Certificate Member in good standing to vote or run for office.
- 2) 2010 dues must be paid if you wish to run for office.
- 3) You can still vote at the Basque Cultural Center on Election Day if you do not send in your ballot on time.
- 4) You MUST have a signature card on file. Members who do not have one on file will receive one in the mail. When you do so, please sign on the line and mail it back before May 10, 2010. The election ballots will be sent out in May.

We wish to remind you that the following committees are a vital part of the Board in which the most important work for us as members still lies: Building and Grounds, Basque Language

Board of Directors

President

Philippe Acheritogaray

Vice Presidents

Tony Espinal
Christian Iribarren

Secretary

Arantxa Arriada

Treasurer

Anita Arduain

Assistant Secretary

Stephanie Oroz

Assistant Treasurer

Maitexa Cuburu

Directors:

David Alfaro
Jean-Pierre Cabalette
Johnny Curutchet
Pierre Etcharren
Gratien Etchebehere, Jr.
John Falxa
Jean Gorostiague
Idoya Urruty

Program, Entertainment, Children and Youth activities, Pilota, and Women’s Club. If you have a desire to be on any of these committees, would like to consider running for the Board or would like to recommend a member for nomination, please contact anyone on the Election Committee listed below.

All candidates are required to submit a short paragraph about why they want to be on the Board of Directors and send it to, msarriada@yahoo.com or mail to: Arantxa Arriada, 4515 Callan Blvd., Daly City, CA 94015.

All nominations and paragraphs must be submitted by May 10th in order to appear on the ballot to be mailed.

The following Board of Directors' three year terms will end June 2010: Anita Arduain, Johnny Curutchet, Jean Gorostiague, Stephanie Oroz, and Idoya Urruty.

Election Committee:

Chairperson: Arantxa Arriada 650-302-0925 msarriada@yahoo.com

Co-Chairperson: Maitexa Cuburu 650-580-0437 maitexa@hotmail.com

[see page 2 for the list of Election Committee Members]

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United States Federation of Pelota

BENEFIT DAY FOR THE UNITED STATES FEDERATION OF PELOTA

The United States Federation of Pelota will be holding a fundraiser sometime in May or June at Bocado Restaurant in San Francisco. Come spend a wonderful spring afternoon in San Francisco with friends and family by enjoying good food and wine provided by reknown **CHEF GERALD HIRIGOYEN** accompanied by good music played by world reknown musician **KEPA JUNKERA**.

Contributions and donations (tax-deductible) made by those who attend will help the United States Federation of Pelota in its projects. More details to follow in the May BCC newsletter.

Contact Xabier Berrueta @ 650-922-2474, or xabier.berrueta@usapelota.com if you have any questions.

GAZTEMUNDU 2010

The Basque Government has announced that it is accepting applications for its 2010 Gaztemundu program that will run from **July 1st through July 15th**. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30, must be a member of a Basque Club registered with the Basque Government for at least 3 years, reside outside the Basque Autonomous Community (Bizkaia, Araba, Gipuzkoa) and has not attended Gaztemundu before. For more details and requirements please check the link on the BCC website (www.SFBCC.us) under "Program & Activities", then under "Gaztemundu 2010."

WOMENS'S CLUB NEWS

The Women's Club is planning a day trip to River Rock casino on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**. If you are interested, please give Mayte Ocafrain a call at 650-589-2973 or email at goxoki@sbcglobal.net by April 5, so we can figure out the size of the bus needed for transportation and the price of the trip. The more people who sign up, the less people have to pay!

BEO - SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE

The Basque Educational Organization and the Basque Cultural Center will feature a special screening of Victor Erice's timeless classic, *The Spirit of the Beehive*, on Friday, **April 30th 7:30 p.m.** It will be introduced by Dr. Santiago de Pablo of the Center for Basque Studies. Please see the enclosed flier for more details.

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Election Committee Members:

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*Attention Young People Born
1924+1925+1926+1927+1928+
1929+1930+1931+1932+1933 +1934*

*A Celebration Luncheon will be served
at the Basque Cultural Center on
Saturday, May 15th*

*No host cocktails 12:30p.m.
Lunch 1:00 p.m.*

Menu:

Basque Soup

Sea Bass Basquaise

Peach Sorbet with Pear Brandy

Choice of

Rabbit, Rack of Lamb or Veal Chop

Salad and Cheese

Gateau Basque and Fine Opila

Café Liqueur

French Red and White Wine

\$50 per person

*Call with your reservation and choice of main
course on or before May 12th to:*

Leon Franchisteguy 415-681-2677

Alphonse Acheritogaray 415-221-6858

Francois Camou 650-583-8091

A SECOND CHANCE TO HELP SAVE A LIFE!

Every three seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion, yet less than 4% of those eligible to give blood do! The Blood Centers of the Pacific has approached the Basque Cultural Center for a second blood drive.

We have a chance to make a big difference in the lives of people right here in Northern California by taking part in a second BCC blood drive on **Sunday April 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Please help reach our goal of 15 units by donating on the 18th. Look for the Blood Center mobile unit in the parking lot. Please contact Nicole Sorhondo for any questions at 415.285-0748 or euskalduna@comcast.net. You can also schedule online at

www.bloodcenters.org.

EUSKARA CORNER

If you ever see or hear a word ending in -dun(a), it is used in the description of a person. It means someone with or having. Here are some examples!

haurdun: pregnant/person with child

dirudun: rich/person with money

bizardun: bearded person

txapeldun: person with/wearing hat

iledun: hairy person

betaurredun: person with/wearing glasses

BASQUE MUSEUM EXHIBITS



Basque Immigration Exhibit Opening

The exhibit "Gardeners of Identity - Basques in San Mateo County", opened on March 20th at the San Mateo County History Museum, located in Redwood City.

A special opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 10th at 11:00am.

For more information on the museum, please check:

<http://www.historysmc.org/>

Pilota Exhibit at South San Francisco Historical Society Museum

Visit the South San Francisco Historical Society Museum's newest display of images and pilota artifacts as well as the Basque Cultural Center's role in maintaining pilota as a viable sport in South San Francisco. The exhibit is open to the public and will be on display until the Fall of 2010. For SSFHC Museum visiting hours and information, please contact Sylvia Payne @ 650-829-3825.

BASQUE BIKE RIDE ♣ JUNE 5, 2010



Don't these smiling faces of the September 2009 Marin Basque Bikers and their Support Crew inspire you to join in? Left to right Standing: Fred Alfaro, Yvonne Sorhondo Cuburu, Sue Elicetche, Mathew Etcheper, Dan Berterretche, Yvette Gorostiague Fatham, Gracian Goyhenetche, Nadine Goyhenetche, Jean Marc Sorhondo, Martin Bachoc, Gerald Hirigoyen (host), Leon Sorhondo (ride co-ordinator), Marcel Etcheverry (host), Juan Jayo, Jason Hirigoyen, Michel Tristant, Daryl Keiper, Alain Urruty, Vincente Hirigoyen, Eric Oillarburu, Xabier Berrueta. Kneeling: Joseph Goyhenetche, Isabelle Laxague Spano, Rose Marie Arriada Keiper.

You've all been waiting for the news, and you have two whole months to get in shape!! For all you bike enthusiasts (not motorcycles) whether new, intermediate, or advanced, get ready to start riding. **Saturday June 5th, 2010** is the day and date for the next bike ride. This is also the day before the SF Basque Picnic.

Your host for the event will be Daniel and Laura Berterretche who have graciously volunteered their home for the celebrating ceremonies after the grueling ride. That's refreshments and drinks for you newbies.

Yvette Fantham (aka:Gorostiague) and her husband, Dean, have worked on setting up the bike route. There will be two routes starting near the edge of Highway 92 near Highway 280 (or roughly there) that will go to Woodside and from there we will separate according to the wishes of the riders. More information will follow as we gather information on the number of people interested and desires and/or capabilities of the participants.

Finally, there is no reason for not coming in case you think it will be too hard. Ask anyone that's been on one of our previous rides. It's all fun!

Please contact Leon Sorhondo if you are interested at 415-285-0748 Email: irissartara@yahoo.com or euskalduna49@gmail.com.