



# GVRE EVSKAL ETXEA

Newsletter website: [www.SFBCC.us](http://www.SFBCC.us).

Volume 29 Issue 10

Abendua (December) 2010

## Upcoming Events

- Dec 4-Nativity Scene Rehearsal 11:00am
- Dec 5-Gingerbread Etxea Workshop 10:00am\*\*
- Dec 5-2009 Bertsolari Txapelketa\*\*
- Dec 12-Christmas Mass and Children's Party\*\*
- Dec 31-New Year's Eve Gala\*\*
- Jan 8-Gazteak Children's Dance Practice 1:00pm
- Jan 9- Women's Club Meeting 10:00am
- Feb 4-Women's Club Dinner
- Feb 5-Members' Free Lunch and Mus Tournament

\*\* Flyer enclosed

**Gazteak Basque Dance** Saturdays 1:00-3:00 pm

**Euskara Classes** Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm

## **UDALEKU 2011: JOIN THE TEAM!**

Every four years the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center hosts the NABO Udaleku—a summer camp for Basque children from the ages of 10 - 15 years old. This camp has been one of NABO's most successful programs, teaching children about Basque culture, and most importantly making friends and connections throughout the United States.

**Udaleku comes back to San Francisco from June 20th - July 3rd, 2011.**

For Udaleku to be successful, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help with coordinating, housing, and transportation. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Arrechea at 415-859-1154 ([etcharren@msn.com](mailto:etcharren@msn.com)) or Lisa Etchepare ([lisaetchepare@gmail.com](mailto:lisaetchepare@gmail.com))

All volunteers are welcome, from those who can house a few children, to those who can help serve during dinner.

## ***Board of Directors***

### ***President***

Philippe Acheritogaray

### ***Vice Presidents***

Tony Espinal  
Christian Iribarren

### ***Secretary***

Arantxa Arriada

### ***Treasurer***

Anita Arduain

### ***Assistant Secretary***

Patricia Elicagaray

### ***Assistant Treasurer***

Maitexa Cuburu

### ***Directors:***

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

## **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE**

Each year the children of the BCC participate in the Christmas Mass by putting on the Nativity Scene. This event reminds us of the important events associated with Christmas. All children are welcome to be a part of these festivities! Those interested should contact Valerie Arrechea (415/859-1154 or [etcharren@msn.com](mailto:etcharren@msn.com)) or Idoya Ur-ruty ([alainidoya@hotmail.com](mailto:alainidoya@hotmail.com)). There will be a rehearsal and Christmas lunch on **December 4th at 11:00** -- costumes will be handed out at that time.

## **LOOKING FOR EUSKARA SKYPE PALS!**

There is a 10-year old from Euskal Herria looking to exchange Euskara for English via regular communication on Skype or similar program. If you might be interested in having your child(ren) participate, you can get more details by contacting either Maitexa Cuburu at 650-580-0437 or Patricia Elicagaray at 650-683-0044.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

### Thank you!

The women's club would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Christmas raffle. From donating prizes to purchasing tickets, your help makes it possible for us to continue holding events for our kids! Mil esker!

### Two night trip to Las Vegas

The women's club will be organizing a 2 night trip to Las Vegas in early **April 2011**. Make sure you reserve your spot and get information from Mayte Ocafrain at 650-589-2973 or at [goxoki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goxoki@sbcglobal.net). Also, we want to let everyone know that this trip is not only open to members of the Women's Club, but to any member of the BCC, and their friends as long as there is availability

### Annual Women's Club Dinner

We will be holding our annual Women's Club dinner on **February 4, 2011**. The dinner will be at the Basque Cultural Center with no-host cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. All women are welcome! Look for more details in the next newsletter.

### Next Meeting

We're taking a break for the holidays, so our next meeting will be on **Sunday, January 9, 2011** at 10:00am. Please join us!

### NEW MEMBERS

**Zorionak to our newest Member:  
Frederic Alfaro**

**and  
Associate Members  
Guillaume Cornu  
Jeanette Cornu**

**When you have the opportunity, please  
congratulate them!**

## EUSKARA CORNER

December 3rd is the celebration of Euskararen Eguna or the day of the Basque language. The date is based on the feast of the Basque St. Francis Xavier (1506-52), a Christian missionary who traveled to Asia, putting into practice what Bernard Etxepare, the author of the first book in Euskara (1545), declared: "Heuscara ialgui adi mundura" "Basque, go out into the world." The event is meant to draw attention to the language and to encourage its use and expansion.

That is getting easier now, with even email programs and web browsers in Basque. To find out more click on [http://nabasque.org/Euskara/Euskararen\\_Eguna.htm](http://nabasque.org/Euskara/Euskararen_Eguna.htm)

## 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](mailto:PhilippeA@frk.com) by **January 6th**.

## GAZTEAK CHILDREN'S DANCE GROUP

The Gazteak Children's Dance group will start practice on Saturday, **January 8th** at 1:00 pm in the Kantxa. Those born in 2004 and before are eligible to dance. Please contact Valerie Arrechea ([etcharren@msn.com](mailto:etcharren@msn.com)) (415/859-1154) for more information and forms.

## ODOLKI JATEA AND MUS TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 5, 2011

The Member's Free Lunch and Mus Tournament will be held on **Saturday, February 5th** -- a change from the usual January date. Registration will start at 7:00 am, with games starting promptly at 8:00 am.

## 2011 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.