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Uztaila-Abuztua (July-August) 2012

Upcoming Events

- Aug 25-26- BCC Euskal Etxeko Jaialdia **
- Sep 7- BEO Lecture 7:30pm **
- Sep 9- Women's Club Meeting 10:00am
- Sep 14- Basque Film Series: Bertsolari 7:30pm **
- Sep 29- 15th Annual BCC Invitational
- Oct 6- Txirrindulari Kluba Bike Ride
- Oct 12- Basque Film Series: Gazta Zati Bat 7:30pm
- Oct 13- Birthday Lunch—1942-1952
- Nov 2- Basque Film Series: Zuretzako 7:30pm

** see enclosed flyer

Euskara Classes

Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm

JUNE 2012 ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our newly elected 2012 Board of Directors.

Arantxa Arriada-Brown—191 votes

Gracian Goyhenetche—188 votes

Matthew Etchepare—173 votes

John Falxa—171 votes

Xabier Berrueta—169 votes

The BCC board thanks all those who ran in the elections. The BCC board would also like to thank outgoing directors, David Alfaro, Jean Pierre Cabalette and Tony Espinal for their years of dedicated service to the board.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A FELLOW BASQUE

Andrew Michael Harragon is an American born Basque who is currently living in an assisted home in Burlingame with advanced dementia. As a result of his dementia he now speaks Basque more than English. Unfortunately, his wife and family do not speak Basque so they are not able to communicate with him. The family is looking for members of the Basque community who are willing to stop by and visit with him to help him communicate and pass the time.

The following is some information about his background:

Andrew Michael Harragon, born in Coleville, CA. His family originated in the Basque Pyrenees in the vicinity of Arette, France. His mother's maiden name was Marie Carricaburu. His father was Arnold Harragon who came to the US as a sheepherder and later sent for Marie. They first settled in Coleville, CA and many years later, in San Francisco where Arnold was a gardener. In 1959, they operated the "Wool Growers Hotel" in Los Banos, eventually returning to Tracy, CA and then Ceres on a small ranch. Close family friends from the Pyrenees were: John and Mary Louise Barbaste from Patterson, Pete and Mary Louise Lacondeguy from Tracy, and the Michelance family from Patterson. Andrew still has a cousin in Arette, France, Marie Mazeris and one in Reno, Nevada, Yvonne Harragon Chavez.

If you are interested in visiting Andrew, please contact the Mills Estate Villa, 1733 California Drive, Burlingame 94010 [650-692-0600](tel:650-692-0600) and ask for Delia.

His family is very appreciative of anyone who is willing to spend some time with this kind-hearted man.



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WOMEN' S CLUB NEWS

Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Croissants at the Euskal Etxeko Jaialdia

The Women's Club will be selling coffee, hot chocolate and croissants on Sunday morning, **August 26** before Basque Mass. Please support us by purchasing breakfast!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 9 at 10 am. New faces are always welcome to share ideas.

Trip to Sacramento- Count needed by July 24 !!

The Women's Club is planning a ONE DAY trip to visit our state capitol in Sacramento. We are planning to have the trip on **Saturday, October 20 or 27**, but we need to have the number of those interested in attending in order to make all of the reservations. This trip is open to men and women and friends of members if space is available. The trip will include a visit to the capitol building, lunch and a visit to the Railroad Museum if time permits.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Mayte Ocafrain at [650 589 2973](tel:6505892973) or at goxoki@sbcglobal.net before July 24.

ZORIONAK TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Dominique Erdozaincy
Karen Zubillaga

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

BCC TXIRRINDULARI KLUBA BIKE RIDE

The next bike ride is scheduled for **Saturday, October 6, 2012** (just before the Columbus Day celebrations). We have a new volunteer for this fall's ride and it will be located in San Mateo.

The host of the ride will be Pat and Bernadette Tobin (also known as Pagadoy). He wants to dive right in and get involved in a big way because he's heard what a great time the BCC riders have on our bike ride events.

We will be going back to two routes (a shorter, relaxed route and a longer, more challenging route) for the ride. Riders will have at least two solid months to train in case you are interested in the challenging route. There is no reason you couldn't make one of the routes if you like to ride bikes and meet a bunch of fellow Basques and friends of Basques.

The routes have not been determined yet but our committee is experienced in this area as there have been other rides previously held in the Canada Road - Woodside area. As usual the lunch is always most enjoyable after a fantastic ride with some exercise and beautiful scenery to take in as well as expected good weather during this time of the year.

If you are interested in joining us on the ride and need more information please contact Leon at irissartara@yahoo.com or call him at [415-285-0748](tel:4152850748) and leave a message. Do so right away so we can start planning on routes, food etc. The host location of the ride start will be given to those who sign up with Leon.

Everyone participating will be expected to provide something to share for the event such as food, drink, paper plates, cups, eating utensils, tc... This will be worked out depending on the response as we get closer to the ride. Since this is a combined newsletter there may not be a chance for a reminder, so be sure to contact Leon in order to get your names on the list for continued interaction about the ride.

BEO LECTURE—

BASQUES IN AMERICAN CINEMA

SEPTEMBER 7TH—7:30PM

The Basque Cultural Center's Basque Educational Organization present's Dr. Oscar Alvarez and his lecture entitled "Sheep, Wine, Baskets and Bullets, Almost a Hundred Years of Basque Immigration in American Cinema". Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.



basque film series

The Basque Film series will showcase three films this fall with distinguished presenters for all three. Please check www.BasqueEd.org for trailers and more information.

BERTSOLARI

Friday, September 14th, 7:30pm

"The bertsolari is the improviser of verse sung in the Basque language, Euskara. This oral tradition has managed to evolve and adapt to the times connecting with the younger generation, bringing together ten thousand people at the final of the last championship. An austere aesthetic art that surprises in this era of spectacle and special effects. BERTSOLARI is a journey through improvised poetry, silence, and art laid bare. Please see attached flier for more details.

GAZTA ZATI BAT

"A PEACE OF CHEESE"

Friday, October 12th, 7:30pm

The film tells the story of a small Basque village famous all over the world for its cheese. Villagers forget the differences caused by the last armed conflict in Europe in order to accomplish a mission: to be able to choose what they want to be in the world. Leaving behind a dark and difficult & problematic past, "Gazta Zati Bat" ("A Peace of Cheese") is a story with a positive look towards the future. This documentary will be presented by political journalist Imanol Murua, who is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada at Reno.



Friday, November 2nd, 7:30pm

When life repeats itself, we'll do anything to change our destiny. We'll toil and sacrifice for our families, without asking the cost to our children. To support his family in the Basque Country, Joaquin must herd sheep alone in America. Burning suns and blistering winds have made him a quiet, distant man. When his son joins him herding, years of separation and sacrifice come to a head. Together, they must battle the mountains, isolation, and each other. The first American-made Basque language film, Zuretzako is based on the life of filmmaker and Princess Grace Award-Winner Javi Zubizarreta's own grandfather. Zuretzako will be presented by director Javi Zubizarreta.

Basque Educational Organization

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A Barnetegia is an intensive immersion program for learning the Basque language. In Boise last month, the 2nd annual barnetegia for future Euskara teachers took place; these are the folks that will be instrumental in keeping Basque classes going in our clubs.

Check it out at http://www.nabasque.org/Astero/2012_Barnetegiak.htm.

Attention to those Born between 1942 ❁ 1952

We will have a birthday celebration on

*Saturday October 13, 2012
12 noon lunch at the BCC*

Menu

Soup du Jour

Coquille St Jacques

Sorbet au Poire Williams

A choice of:

Filet Mignon, Rabbit, Veal Chop

Mixed Fresh Vegetables

Roasted Small Potatoes

Cheese and Salad

Chef's Surprise Dessert

Café Brandy or Anisette

Red and White Wine

All for \$55 per person

RSVP before October 6th to:

Marie Gorhouet

1 650 291-2198 or 1 650 872-8490

Marie Claire Fischebehere

1 650 796-2326

15th ANNUAL Basque Cultural Center INVITATIONAL

DETAILS

Sharp Park Golf Course, Pacifica

Saturday, September 29, 2012

First Tee Time: 11:00 a.m.

Deadline to signup is September 1, 2012

Cost: \$125 per golfer, \$500 for a foursome
Limited to 60 golfers

Price includes:

Green fee, cart, prizes, favors and dinner

Dinner to follow at the Basque Cultural Center

SIGN-UP

Make checks payable to Alain Camou

Send to:

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South San Francisco, CA 94080

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