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Dear Basque Cultural Center (BCC) Members,

As many of you already know, San Mateo County issued a “shelter-in-place” order effective March 17, 2020 and continuing through April 7, 2020. The order requires all individuals living in San Mateo County to remain at their residences except for certain “Essential Activities,” and requires all businesses (except for certain “Essential Businesses”) to cease all activities at facilities located in the County other than “Minimum Basic Operations.” Failure to comply with the order is a criminal offense punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

In compliance with the order, the BCC’s Board of Directors is closing the BCC for all member activities. Until further notice, all activities and events held at or through the BCC will be cancelled, including but not limited to the March 29 Mus tournament, the April 5 Palm Sunday lunch, the Gateau Basque Contest, all pilota (handball, jai-alai, pala), Basque Film Series nights, and Sunday member lunches. The restaurant also will be closed. The hunter safety and education course scheduled to be held at the BCC this month and dance practice already have been cancelled.

Please note that the Board previously cancelled the April 5 Palm Sunday lunch. We understand that the Palm Sunday Mass at Notre Dame de Victoires has also now been cancelled, as San Francisco County issued a similar “shelter-in-place” order. Euskara language classes will be held online using the Zoom app.

Because we recognize that some of our more senior members may need assistance during these challenging times – for example, with picking up groceries and prescriptions – the Board will gladly help coordinate with those willing to provide help. Please contact Valerie Arrechea at (415) 859-1154 for more information.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. The Board puts the health and safety of the BCC’s members above all else.

BEO TO POSTPONE UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH AND EARLY APRIL

Due to the spread of COVID-19, BEO is postponing two of its upcoming events until further notice: the 1st Annual Mus Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, March 29th, and a movie from the Basque Film Series, Pagafantas / Friend Zone, which was scheduled to be shown on Friday, April 3rd. Both events were to be held at the BCC.

If you would like to receive email updates from the BEO, please go to basqueeducational.org and sign up for our mailing list under BE IN THE KNOW.

From all of us at the BEO, hunker down, stay safe, and keep washing your hands. We’re all depending on each other to get through this.

Upcoming Events

- May 10 - Amaren Eguna- Mother’s Day
- May 30 - Txirrindulari Bike Ride
- Jun 14 - Membership Mtg. & Elections
- June 21 - Aitaren Eguna-Father’s Day

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JUNE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION



WE WANT YOU

The elections for the Board of Directors will take place following the **General Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM SHARP on Sunday, June 14, 2020.**

WE WANT YOU to strongly consider running for the Board of Directors or recommend a member for nomination. Let's keep Gure Euskal Etxea going strong and our founding fathers proud! All you need to do is contact anyone on the election Committee below! If you're hesitant about the commitment, call Valerie and she will happily discuss this with you !!!

All candidates are required to submit a short paragraph about why they want to be on the Board of Directors and send it to Valerie Arrechea 415-859-1154
etcharren@msn.com.

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

The following Board of Director's three year terms will end June 2020: Philippe Acheritogaray, Pierre Etcharren, Joe Goyhenetche, Tony Huarte, and Christian Iribarren.

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 14th.

Some of the rules are as follows:

- 1) You must be a Certificate Member in good standing to vote or run for office.
- 2) 2020 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 6, 2020. The election ballots will be sent out in May.
- 5) Ballots sent by mail must be postmarked by June 11, 2020 in order to be counted.

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TXIRRINDULARI KLUBA BIKE RIDE - MAY 30, 2020

There are two rides every year that are hosted by various members of the Basque Cultural Center. The May 30th bike ride will be hosted by the Sorhondo household. The rides include two routes which are called Bide Luze (long route) and Bide Txiki (short route). This allows both beginning and intermediate riders as well as more advanced and looking for a challenge riders to participate. For those that would like to participate but aren't ready for a ride yet, there is the SAG crew option. That's short for support and gear. They provide driving for those needing directions, assistance in possible repairs such as flat tires etc or just giving a ride due to fatigue, etc. The routes haven't been determined yet but they start and end at the host location (Twin Peaks of SF). If you would be interested in helping set up the routes contact Leon below.

The rides generally start at 8AM and end at Noon time. Since there is no charge, the luxurious Basque meals have always been supplied by everyone who participates. If you wish to participate or have any questions call or text Leon at 415-235-9017 or email him at Irisar-rtara@yahoo.com.