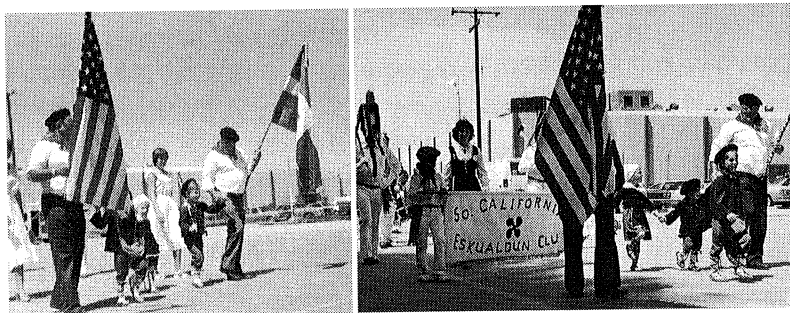
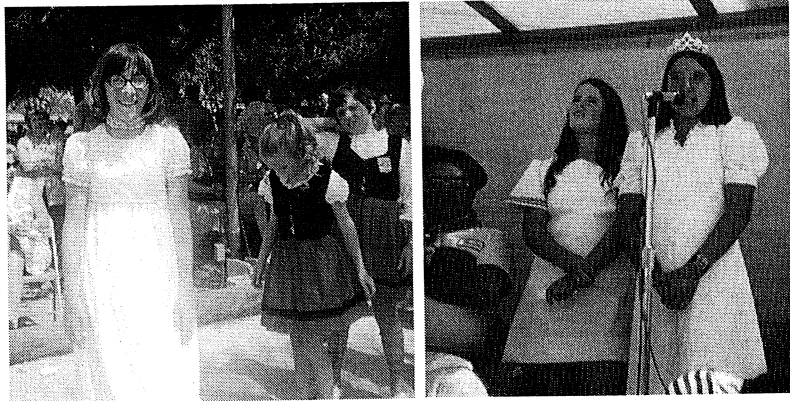


Clockwise from top left. 1. Michelle Mutuberria with her cousin. 2. Future queens, Mary Barcelona (left) and Juliet Robidart (right) with their friend Grace Amestoy. 3. Anita Etcheberria with friends 4. Rosemary Etcheberria and Barbara Zamora 5. Barbara Zamora and friends 6. Cecile Amestoy with her cousin.

Clockwise from top left. 1. Carmen and Rosemary Etcheberria 2. Grace-Ann Etcheberria 3. Bernardine Itcea 4. Pauline Itcea and Bernadette Mocho 5. Pauline Itcea, Bernadette Mocho and Bernardine Itcea 6. Bernardine Itcea and Kathy Ermigarat leading the dancers into church



Clockwise from top left. 1. Karen Guillemet 2. Michelle Ansolabehere and Nancy Ermigarat 3. Manuela Echeverria and Denise Cachenaout 4. The last queen Linda Indaburu 5. Anna Marie Bachoc and Linda Indaburu 6. Mary Duhart

Southern California Basque Club Mus Tournament Winners

- 1980 Mike Bidart and Michel Plaa
- 1981 Dominic Etcheberria and Johnny Plaa
- 1982 Mike Bidart and Michel Plaa
- 1983 Rich Bockstahler and Jean Cihigoyenetche
- 1984 Bernardette Mocho and Jean Mocho
- 1985 Ben Bidart Jr. and Mary Louise Jaureguy
- 1986 Martin Etcheverry and Jean Mocho
- 1987 Arnaud Cachenaout and Jean Cihigoyenetche
- 1988 Rosemarie Ascona and Pierre Chamalbide
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- 1990 Martin Etcheverry and Jean Mocho
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- 1993 Jean Ascona and Dominic Etcheberria
- 1994 Ben Bidart Jr. and Mary Louise Jaureguy
- 1995 Mitch Gariador and Randy Gariador
- 1996 Jean Ascona and Dominic Etcheberria

Congratulations
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Southern California
Basque Club

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50th Anniversary

In Memory of Our Beloved
AMA & AITA
AMACHI & AITACHI



Marcelina & F. Pete Barcelona
Charter Members
Southern California Basque Club

Joseph & Mary Almirantearna
Martin & Joseph Jeanette & Alain
John Barcelona
John & Lori

*In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Aunt and Uncles*



***Pete & Joaquina
Chilibolost***

J. Baptiste Chilibolost

*Charter Members of the
Southern California Basque Club*

Martin, Leona and Jean Cihigoyenetché

*In memory of our
Aunt and Uncle*
Laurent and Simona Arretche



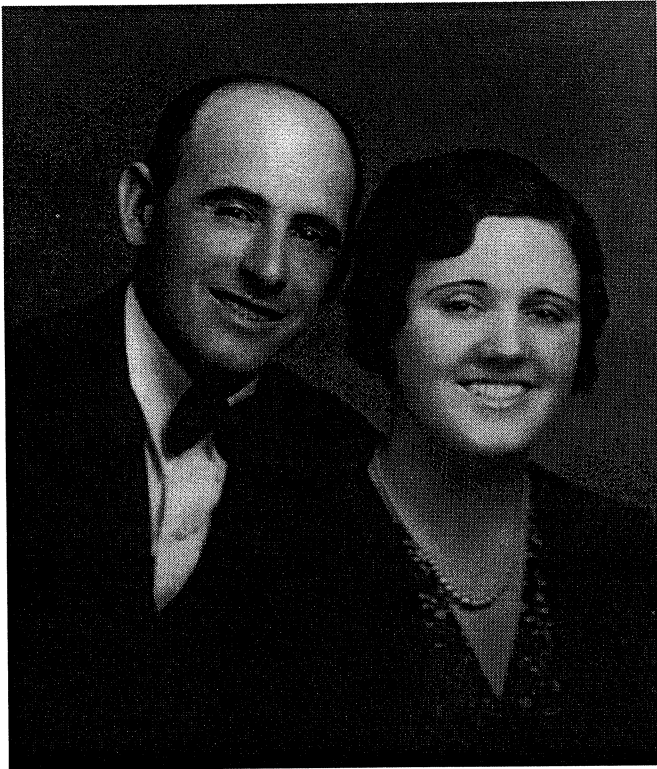
*In memory of our parents and
"Nana" and "Aitachi"*

Johnnie and Joaquina Miguelena



**Laurent, Jean, Danny, Jackie
and Tina Arretche**

*In Memory of our Beloved Parents
who were Founding Members of the
Southern California Basque Club*
Agustin & Louise Mujica



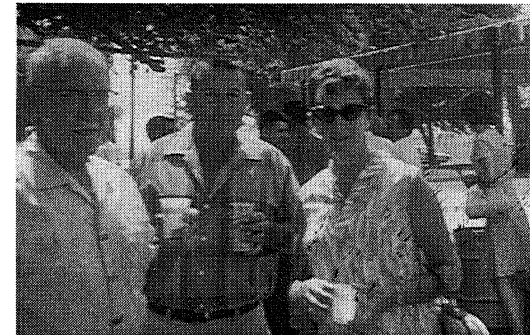
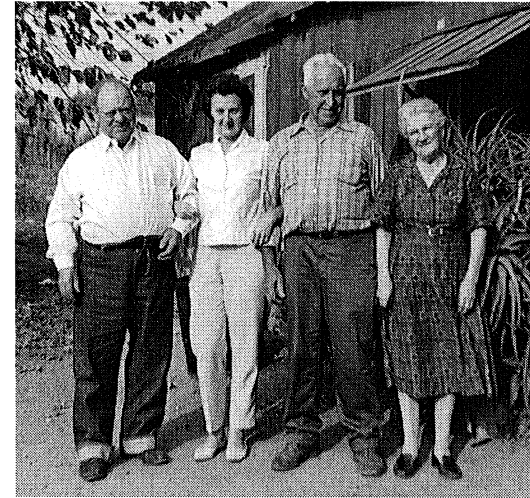
**Augie & Jan Mujica and family
Louie Mujica
Norberta & Jean St. Esteben and family**

*Thanks for making us proud of our Basque heritage and
culture. You will always be in our hearts and prayers.*

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Wedding January 24, 1933

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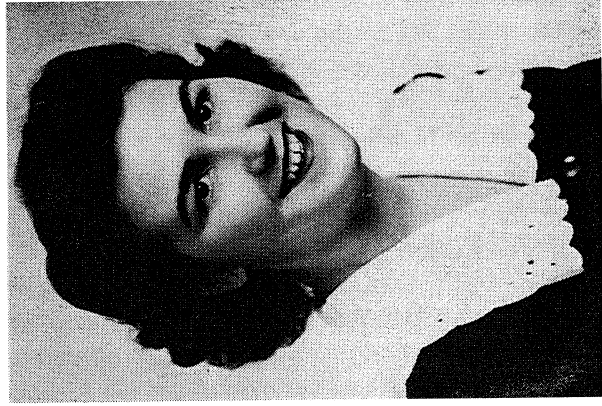
Domingo & Marie Segura
and
Fred and Anita Lanfranco



with gratitude and love,

*The Alan Lanfranco family
Alan, Pam, Kendra & Kyle*

Photo Information:
Top photo: Tomas Etchegaray, Anita, Domingo and Marie
Bottom photo: Domingo, Fred and Anita



A woman who was
always a little
ahead of her time

A mother who taught us to honor,
love & cherish
our Basque culture.

A teacher who passed on her heart's
passion for dance, to her girls
and so many others

In memory of our loving
and spirited Basque mom:

Prudence Arbonies Echeberria

From her girls:

Anita, Carmen & Grace:-Ann

In Honor and Memory of

Bernard
&
Lucie M.
Bidart

Mike, Jeannette, John & Andrea Bidart

In Loving Memory
KAREN GUILLET
1960 • 1982



In our Hearts forever
Mom & Dad

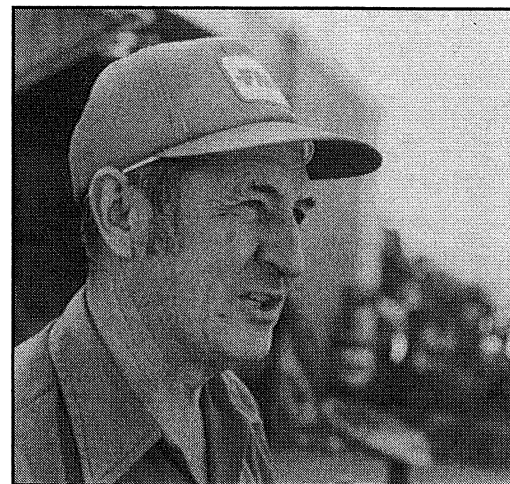
*In Loving Memory of
the deceased members of*
the Changala Family



Pedro and Marie Louise Changala
Grace Changala
John Changala
Pete Changala
Joe Changala
Dom Changala
Marguerite Changala

Picture information:
Mr. & Mrs. Changala with their 12 Children in 1938

In Memoriam



Joe Changala
 April 16, 1920 - April 24, 1980
 Member 1947 - 1980
 Secretary/Treasurer 1959 - 1977

Pablo Itcea
 Jan. 14, 1892 • Aug. 8, 1955
Paulina Itcea
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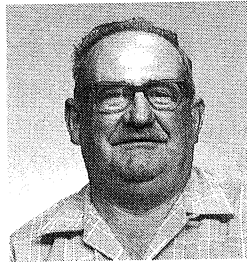
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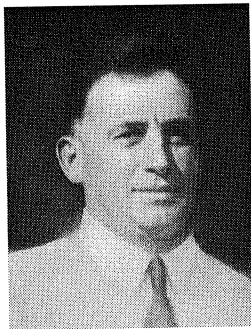
*In loving memory
of our family*



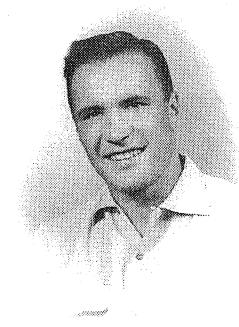
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**Domingo
Mendionde**
member 1953 • 1989

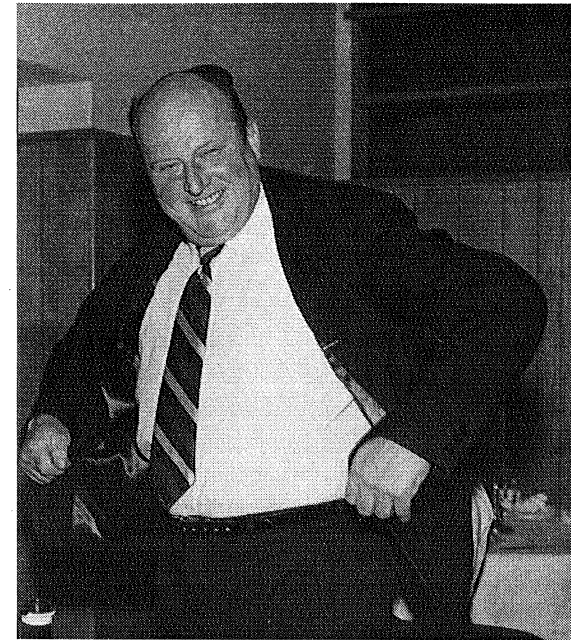


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**Jean Baptiste
Gariador**
member 1960 • 1967

Grace and Anne Marie
Randy, B. J., Kimberlee and Marty
Mitch, Delora, Lauren and John Baptiste



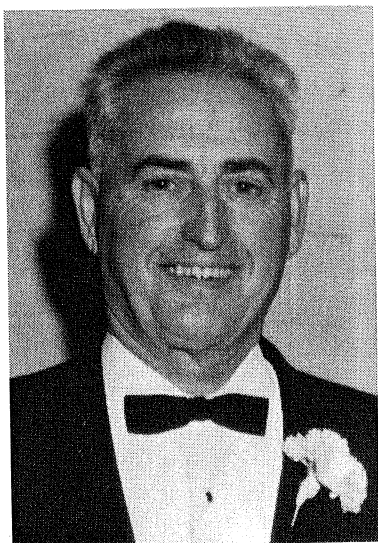
Arnaud Minaberry

He was a man of principle
with a rich character
and was a happy devoted man
to his
family, friends and country.

Mayi, Bernard, Michel and Henri
Minaberry

In Loving Memory of

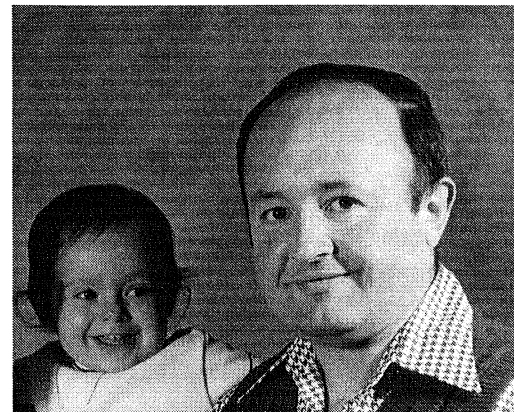
Michel & Anna Bordato



"...urikaltzeko dire hein traibaluak
bein ere ez ditaske aski pagatuak"

*Marianna and Anna Marie
Martin, Jill, Marc,
Brendan and Jenae*

With Heartfelt Memory of
Arnaud Etcheverria



Marianna & Anna Marie

In loving memory of

Placido (Pinky) Errea

1907 • 1984

Martin Errea

1912 • 1994

*We love you and miss you,
Felix , Kathy
Jennifer & Anthony
Gonzales*

In memory of our beloved



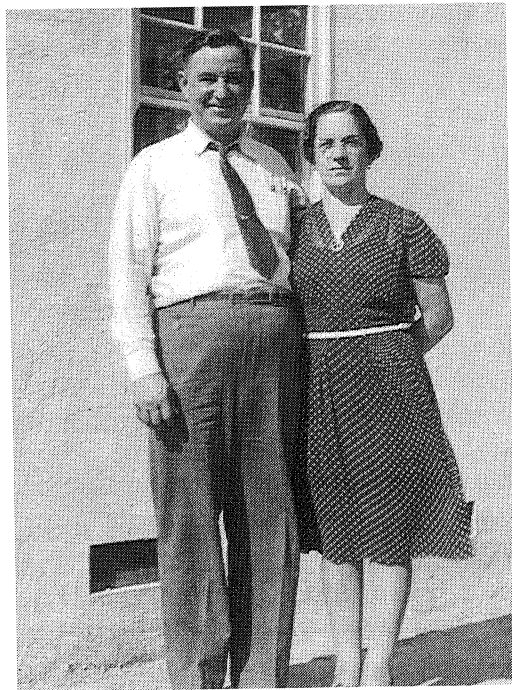
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John B. & Grace Robidart

**Chino Hoteleros &
Founders of the Centro Vasco**

1940 - 1947



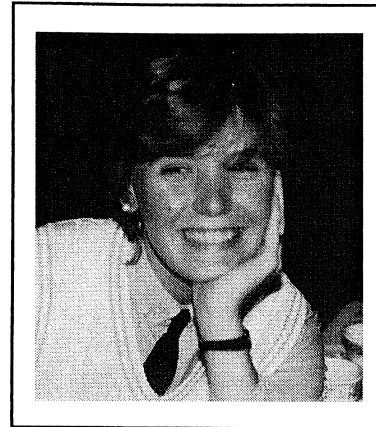
Steven, Jeannine and Joseph Campos



*Anna Marie
Bachoc*

*Always in Our Hearts
Beti Gure Bihotzetan*

*Love,
Your Family*



in memory of our beloved son and brother

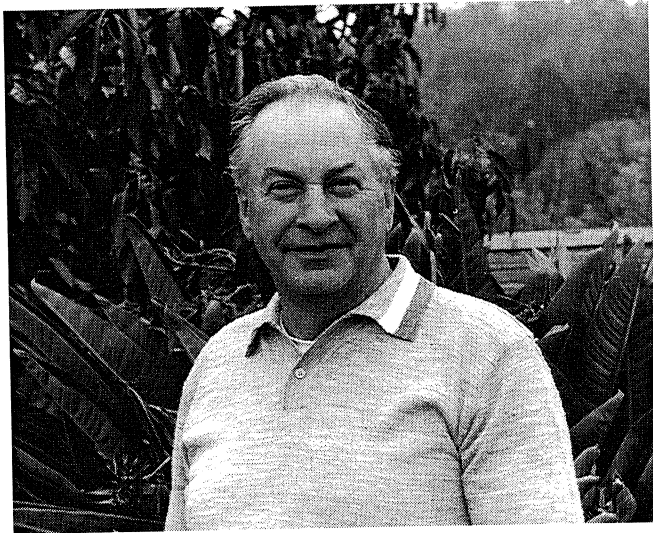
Steve Dotta

you will forever be in our hearts

The Morris Dotta Family



In
loving memory
of



Jean Pierre Fernandez

March 4, 1927 - July 26, 1996

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Many families have been a part of this club at one time or another and we would like to express our sincere appreciation for their efforts. It was impossible to list each and every one of them but they are truly not forgotten. The following biographies, listed by year that they joined the club are provided as an accompaniment to the history to provide the personal aspect of some of the members who are no longer with us but who contributed greatly to the club. We hope that these biographies will help to give a complete picture as to what the club was about and the types of people who made it successful.

John Lifur • Charter Member

John Lifur was from an early Basque family in the Los Angeles area. His father Martin Lifur arrived here in 1875 having left his hometown of Eugui at the age of 17. Martin was married to Babila Etcheverria of Pamplona. Martin was originally a sheepman who had a ranch in the Newport area and later purchased portions of the Rosa Castilla ranch in El Sereno, in what is today known as Alhambra. This was originally part of an old Spanish Land Grant owned by the Batz family who were related to the Lifurs and among the earliest Basque settlers.

Martin and Babila Lifur had three children. John was born in Los Angeles in 1888 and grew up on the family ranches. In 1912 John married Jeanne Clavere who also was from Los Angeles. Born in 1892 to Felix Clavere, a Frenchman and Marianne Uhalt, a Basque from Urepele. They had one daughter Madeleine who was born in 1916. She later became Mrs. Gilbert Schnieders.

As Father Espelette set about finding community leaders to organize this club, he asked John to be a charter member because of his strong business background. John graduated from the Los Angeles Business School and started the Franco-American Bakery with Eugene Doree, then later operated the California Baking Co. He subsequently became an architect and builder and began subdividing and developing the family property in Alhambra. During this time he also worked for John B. Leonis, a banker from Vernon building the stockyards in that city. This is another connection to the earliest Basques in Los Angeles as Leonis was a nephew to Miguel Leonis, an original settler in the Calabasas area.

Working for the Leonis' he also got involved in the banking business which was his profession when he became the first President of the Basque club. He originally worked for the First National Bank of Vernon that was later bought out by Citizens National Bank. He retired from the banking business but remained active in business as a property manager for Leonis Malburg. He remained actively employed commuting from San Marino to Vernon essentially until his death in

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1980 at the age of 92. Jeanne Lifur passed away in 1986 at the age of 94.

It is very clear the Mr. Lifur was highly respected by members of the Basque community. Although he was an extremely successful businessman, he always had time for the Basque people and never lost sight of his humble beginnings.

Matias Etchart • Charter Member

Matias Etchart was born in 1890 at Xalbadorenea in Urepel. He left the Basque country for Montana at the age of 19. In 1920, he arrived in Los Angeles at the home of Jean Baptiste and Marie Uricarriet, a Basque family also from Urepel. The Uricarriet home was the main welcoming place for the "Urepeldarak" who would gather there each Sunday for lunch. It was there that Matias would meet his future wife Dominica Itcaina. Actually, they had known each other as children in Urepel, where Dominica was also born in 1896 in the house of Biperenea. Dominica arrived in Los Angeles at the age of 22 and worked as a maid for a doctor. Matias and Dominica were married in 1920 in Barley, Idaho in a double ceremony with her sister Marie and Jean Gastambide. They initially purchased a dairy in Baldwin Park and a couple of years later they purchased a farm in Chino near Chino Ave. and Grove. There they farmed barley and corn and grew walnuts while raising their three children, Noeline, Arlette and Ferdinand. Because of his leadership among the Basques of Chino, Matias was selected by Fr. Espelette to become its first Vice President. Matias greatly enjoyed the club and probably was responsible for recruiting the other Urepel natives into the club including his brother Martin who was a member for a number of years. Matias died in Chino in 1956 and Dominica continued to live in the area until her death in 1981.

Fr. Charles Espelette • Charter Member

Father Charles Espelette was born in the village of Les Aldudes in 1884 and came from the house of Hasketa. As a young Benedictine cleric, Fr. Espelette left France in 1903 and completed his theological studies at St. Gregory's Abbey in Oklahoma. He was ordained in 1910. In 1914 he returned to France and was drafted as an ordinary soldier during World War I. He initially served as a medic but due to manpower needs he was transferred to the front lines. He returned to Oklahoma in 1919 as a prefect and teacher but in 1933 at the request of 500 families he was sent to California.

Fr. Espelette was assigned to the poverty stricken mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in "Simon's Brickyard", a company compound

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surrounding a brickyard. Built in 1912, this compound had deteriorated and by 1952 most of the property was condemned. The old monastery served as Fr. Espelette's base of operation where in addition to his parishioners, he ministered to many of the Basque and French immigrants of Southern California. In 1958, the entire 15 acre property was sold and Fr. Espelette passed away the very same year.

Despite the poverty of the parish, Fr. Espelette never turned his back on his parishioners. Instead, with the help of the Basque community and the picnics of the Southern California Eskualdun Club, he found a way to raise dearly needed money for the poor. This is no doubt a unique story regarding the foundation of a Basque club but clearly shows the generous qualities and resourcefulness of the Basque people. Fr. Espelette deserves a great deal of gratitude for his efforts, especially to the people he served, but more importantly, for us, for the legacy he has left in supporting the continuance of the Basque culture.

Laurent Arretche • Charter Member

Laurent Arretche was born in 1894 in the house of Clementenia in Arneguy. He arrived in the United States via Montana and eventually settled in Chino as a sheepman. For awhile Laurent worked as a bartender for his future wife, Simona. Laurent and Simona resided on Riverside Dr. in Chino and their home was the welcoming place for many young Basques. Laurent loved to play the accordion and was instrumental in organizing the early dance groups. After Simona died, Laurent returned to the Basque Country and died there in 1977.

F. Pete Barcelona • Charter Member

Pete Barcelona was born in Valcarlos at the house of Curutzegahar. He was 18 years old when he left the Basque country, with his brother Pierre, headed for Buffalo, Wyoming. Later he herded sheep in Bakersfield and eventually ended up in Chino with a dairy. Pete married Marcelina Yturri in 1940 who was born in Brea in 1910. Her parents were Jose and Antonia (Pedroarena) Yturri. Jose was born in Garayoa and Antonia in Burguete, both are in Spain. They were farmers in the Brea area. Pete and Marcelina had two children, Mary and John. Pete was instrumental in teaching the Basque dances of his region to the youngsters. He passed on his love for dancing to his children and grandchildren. In 1950, Pete became ill and he sold the dairy business. The family lived for a number of years between the Basque country and Chino. It was in Chino in 1958 that Marcelina passed away and Pete died in 1962.

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Pete Chilibolost • Charter Member

Pete Chilibolost was born in 1883 in Arneguy in the house of Maneshaundi. Pete initially went to the Bastanchury Ranch in Fullerton where he met his future bride, Joaquina. She was born in Burgete, Spain in 1880. Joaquina was also employed at the Bastanchury Ranch and their wedding took place on the ranch. Eventually, they came to Chino and started farming with his brother, Batita. They initially leased property south of Chino near what is now the Chino Prison. They raised beets there and eventually purchased property in Carbon Canyon farming all forms of vegetable crops. The Chilibolost Ranch became more than a farm as it was the site of numerous Basque socials. During the 1930's and 40's people from all around came up the canyon on Sundays to partake in lunch and dancing. Sometimes the Ranch would be host to over 300 people. They eventually rented the property out and went to Europe, when they returned they bought their property on Schaeffer Ave. in Chino which also became the site of many Basque functions. In 1946, they became Charter Members of the club which allowed them to continue their dedication to bringing the Basque people together. Pete passed away in 1956 and Joaquina in 1968.

J. Baptiste Chililobost • Charter Member

J. Baptiste Chililobost was born in 1914 in Arneguy and was the younger brother of Pete Chilibolost. He was more commonly known by his Basque nickname 'Batita' and came to the United States as a shepherd in Montana. When he came to Chino he went into partnership with his brother Pete which is described above. He remained in Chino the remainder of life and died there in 1970.

Joe Changala • 1947

Joe was one of twelve children born to Pedro and Marie Louise Changala in San Juan Capistrano. Pedro and Marie Louise were from Valcarlos and Ascarate, respectively. Joe served in the Pacific during World War II and upon his return from the service in 1947 he was recruited along with Johnny Etcheberria to join the newly formed Basque club during a party at the Mujica's. In 1956, he married Amalia Itcea who was from the La Puente area. Amalia was born in Los Angeles in 1924 to Pablo and Paulina Itcea and the younger sister of Martin Itcea. Both her parents were from Spain, her father was from Acpilcueta and her mother from Urdax. Joe and Mali were farmers in the Irvine area

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who grew a variety of crops with the primary ones being barley, peppers and tomatos. Joe and Mali jointly served the club as Secretary/Treasurer for 18 years. Joe died in 1980 and Mali still resides in the El Toro area.

Agustin Mujica • 1947

Agustin Mujica was born in Spain in 1892 in Maya, Spain but grew up in Elizondo. He came to work here in 1925 to herd sheep in Idaho. Later he went to the Bastanchury Ranch in Fullerton where his sister Juanita was married to Joe Bastanchury. Agustin was working there as a foreman when he met Mary Louise Ustariz who was employed there as a maid. Mary Louise was born in Los Angeles in 1914 and raised in El Toro where her parents Juan and Mary Ustariz owned a farm. Agustin and Mary Louise were married in 1933 and had three children, Augie, Louie and Norberta. They moved to Yorba Linda in the 1940's and operated a citrus farm. It was there that Agustin died in 1965, after which Mary Louise moved to Chino where she resided for many years. She passed away in 1994.

Michel Mutuberria • 1948

Michel was born in the house of Lanciri in Urepel. He came to the U.S. at the age of 18 to herd sheep. He was in partnership with his brother until his brother was killed in an auto accident but continued in that line of work for many years. Michel's future wife, Marie Etchart came from Xalbadorenea in Urepel and was the younger sister of Matias Etchart. Marie initially went to an Etchart family in Montana as a housekeeper and cook and later came to Los Angeles to care for a family there. She ultimately arrived in Chino to care for her brother, Martin when he became ill. In 1938 she and Michel were married at St. Georges church in Ontario and the reception was held at the Chilibolost Ranch in Carbon Canyon. The Mutuberria's had two daughters, Suzanne and Michelle and in 1947 they moved to their home on Riverside Dr. in Chino. Michel continued to assist others with their sheep but preferred to spend his time in the hobby of carpentry and woodwork. Many Basque families in the area benefitted by the handiwork of Michel. Marie worked for the Chino Unified School District as a cook and baker for many years. It was because of the Mutuberria's excellent cooking skills that they were in placed in charge of the kitchen and the food servers for the picnics for many years. Michel died in 1972 and Marie sold their property in the early 80's so that she could move into a house closer to the church. Marie passed away there in 1989.

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Domingo Segura • 1948

Domingo Segura was born in Valcarlos in 1887 and Marie (Sallaberry) Segura was born in Urepele in 1892. They were married in Los Angeles in 1917 and had one daughter, Anita. The Segura's were originally in the sheep business then became farmers in El Toro. They moved to Chino in 1944 where they owned a dairy. Many of the club meetings were held at the Segura's home in Chino and they headed the cooking for the club for years. In 1967 Marie passed away and three years later in 1970, Domingo passed on.

Fred LanFranco • 1953

Fred was born in 1916 in Orange where he lived his entire life. He played minor league baseball and was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds but only lasted there a short time prior to being drafted into the service. After the service he returned to the family business of trucking asphalt and gravel. In 1941, he married Anita Segura in Las Vegas, the daughter of Domingo and Marie Segura and they raised one son, Alan. Anita passed away in 1974 and Fred died in 1994. His second wife Harriet who also helped at the picnics died the following year.

Domingo Mendionde • 1953

Domingo Mendionde was born in Urepele in 1912 and was four years old when his mother died so he was sent to live with his godmother and was raised by the Etchart/Aire families in the house of Xalbadorenia. He came to the United States in 1929 at the age of 17, arriving in the Imperial Valley where his sister, Catherine had emigrated to previously. He worked various jobs between Chino and La Puente before going into his first sheep partnership with Lucas Marticorena. In 1950 he married Marie Biscay from Lemoore. Marie was born Marie Maitia in 1906 in the village of Esterencuby. She arrived in the Fresno area in 1926 where many of her family and townfolk were living and married John Biscay from the same village in 1927. In 1928 their daughter Grace was born and they lived in Lemoore until after John's death in 1945. Marie and Domingo settled in Chino after their marriage. Domingo continued his business as a sheepman, grazing his flocks on properties throughout Southern California. Domingo was head of the kitchen and the preparation of the meat was done at their home for many years. Domingo retired from the sheep business to care for Marie after she became ill. She passed away in 1988 and Domingo the following year.

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Jack Carrillo • 1953

Jack was born on the Carrillo Ranch which was in San Juan Capistrano up in the hills along the Ortega Highway. He was married to Marcy Etchezahar who was a cousin to the Etcheberria's as her mother was the former Grace Etcheberria who came from Valcarlos and her father was John Etchezahar from the French side. They were farmers on the Irvine Ranch and portions of Rancho Santa Margarita and raised their son Jerry in that area. They later retired to Hemet where Jack died in 1986 and Marcy still lives there.

Tony Zualet • 1961

Tony was born in 1905 in Urdax Spain. He came to the United States and worked as a dairyman and in the business of buying and selling cattle. In 1952 he married Augusta Nogues, who was born Augusta Olivier in 1910 to a local French family and whose first husband Jean Pierre was a sheepman and hotel owner in La Puente. Jean Pierre and Augusta had four children Jean Pete, Joe, Yvonne and Mary Louise. Tony and Augusta were married in 1952. They lived in La Puente where Tony pastured cattle in hills of Walnut and spent time caring for the grounds of the La Puente Handball Court. Tony's responsibility with the club was making the beans until he passed away in 1970 and Augusta died in 1982.

Michel Bordato • 1966

Michel was born in 1905 and came from the house of Fiterainea in Lasse. He came to his uncle, Antoine Bordato in Santa Barbara in 1928. Antoine was a butler and he taught his nephew that trade. Michel worked as butler for a number of families including George Burns and Gracie Allen. In 1942 he married Anna Uhalde who was born in Artesia in 1915. Her parents were Gratian Uhalde from Banca and Marianne Borthagaray from Bidarray. They were farmers in the Artesia area. Michel and Anna continued to live in Artesia where they owned dairy property. They had two children, Marianna and Martin. Later they retired to Upland and Michel died there in 1969 and Anna in 1976.

Placido 'Pinky' Errea • 1968

Placido Errea was born in Eugui, Spain in 1907. He was 10 months old when his mother brought him to California to join her husband who came before them. Miguel and Maria (Urzanqui) Errea settled in the La Puente area where they worked in the sheep business and where the remainder of their children were born. Placido was given the nickname

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of Pinky in grammar school apparently because of his rosey red cheeks and it stayed with him all his life. Pinky loved to play handball at the "canchas" of that time. He met his future wife Frances Fernandez at one of the Santa Fe Spring social dances which was popular among the Basques, Spanish and other groups. Frances was born in 1913 in Wilmington to Froilan and Gloria Fernandez who had immigrated from Santander, Spain. Pinky and Frances were married in 1937 in Wilmington and during the first few years of their marriage they ran an Ice House in La Puente. They continued in this business until refrigerators became common household appliances. After this they both worked at various jobs including Alta Dena where Pinky worked for 18 years. Pinky's brother, Martin was married to Frances' sister, Catherine and the two couples spent much of their time together. Pinky and Frances built a home in Hacienda Heights in 1962 where Frances still resides. Pinky passed away in 1984.

Arnaud Minaberry • 1968

Arnaud Minaberry was born in 1926 in St. Esteban, France in the house of Uruzpuria. In 1950 he went to Arizona as a sheepherder for the Otondo family. In 1951 he came to Chino and learned to milk cows at the Arnaud Plaa Dairy and established his first dairy in Chino in 1954. In 1959 Arnaud returned to France and in 1960 he got married. His wife Mayie is from St. Jean Pied de Port and they have three sons, Bernard, Michel and Henri. Arnaud remained a dairyman up until his death in 1989. He gave pleasure to his friends through his ability to tell Basque stories. Mayie and their three sons are actively involved and continue to operate their dairy in Corona.

Arnold 'Cadet' Harismendy • 1969

Cadet Harismendy was born in 1908 on the French side of the Pyrenees. He came to California and at various times herded sheep, milked cows, worked as a baker and did gardening work. In 1937, Cadet married the former Jeanne Etchart of Chino. Jeanne was the daughter of Mike & Catherine Etchart who were farmers in the Chino area. Cadet and Jeanne initially lived in the Whittier and Artesia areas where their three children, Maryann, Mike and Frank were born. They ultimately moved to Glendora where Jeanne continues to live.

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John Borgogno • 1970

John was born in 1916 in the La Puente area to an Italian farming family. He graduated from Pomona High in 1936 and drove a truck hauling cattle prior to joining the service. In 1946 he married Isabelle Larraya. Isabelle was the daughter of Clemente Larraya of Spain and Francisca Zualet of Urdax of Spain. The couple were at various times involved in dairies and farms in the Artesia, La Puente and Walnut areas. After the service John returned to the business of freight driver. John and Isabelle had two children Gloria and Alex. John passed away in 1976 and Isabelle still lives in the La Puente area with her daughter.

Dick Ermigarat • 1966

Dick Ermigarat was born in 1929 to Pierre and Rose (Irigoyen) Ermigarat who immigrated from the Basque country to the Artesia/Norwalk area. They had five children. Dick's future wife, Betty Burgard was born to a French family in El Toro in 1933. She grew up with the Etcheberria's and Changala's and it was through them that she met Dick. They were married in 1952 in Norwalk and had three children, Kathy, Jim and Nancy. Dick and his brother Louis owned and operated LADE Trucking Company for over 30 years. Betty was a very creative individual, especially in baking and decorating cakes that were served at many Basque weddings, anniversaries and other special events. Betty passed away in 1976. Dick and his second wife, Dolores continued to remain very active in the club. Dolores passed away in 1995 and Dick passed away just a few months ago.

To all those past members who we were unable to name, we salute you and thank you for all efforts on behalf of the Basque culture.



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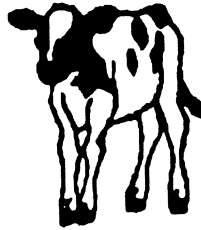
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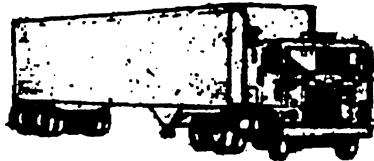
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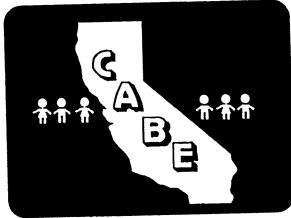
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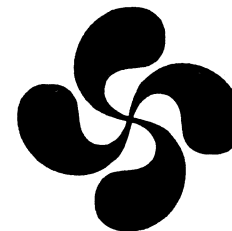
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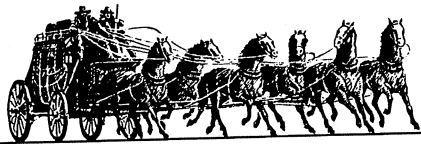


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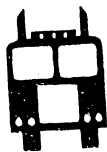
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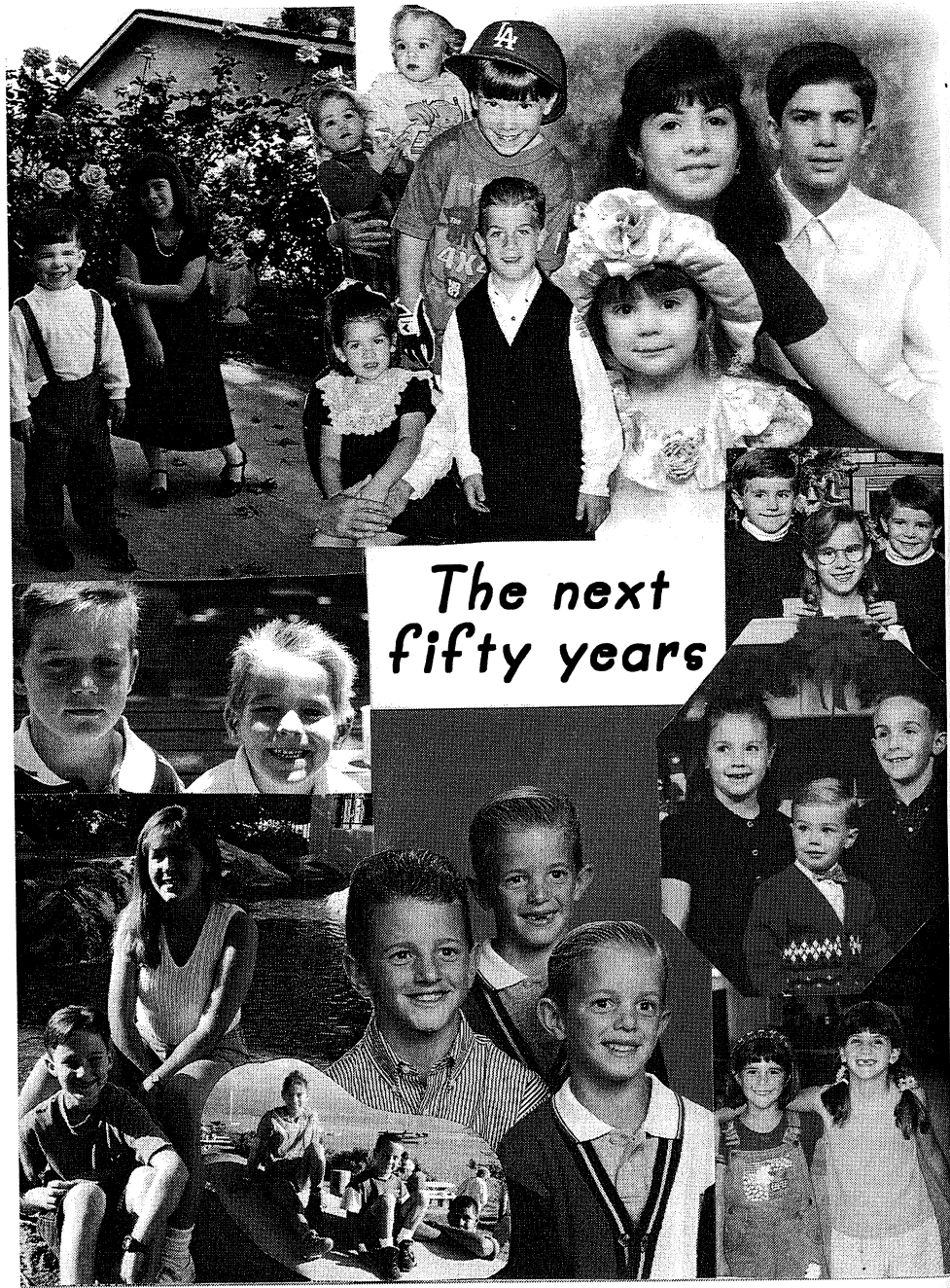
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In 1993 when I assumed the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern California Basque Club, I was given all the past records of the Secretary/Treasurers of the club. Of interest to me was the little black book of Father Espelette. In reading his detailed accounts of the activities of the club, I realized that 1996 would be our 50th anniversary. When I mentioned this to the members, there was immediate interest in doing something special for this occasion. A committee was formed two years ago which has diligently tried to put together a celebration which honors the history of our club. I would like to thank the members of this committee for their countless hours to bring about a memorable event.

Since a 50th anniversary implies a history, we set about recreating the history of the Southern California Basque Club. In the process of doing so, I would like to thank the following families for their photos and information they provided. Appreciation to the Almirantearena, Arretche, Bidart, Chanchorena, Cihigoyenette, Etchart, Etcheberria, Etcheverria, Gariador, Itcea, Kruse, Mocho, Mutuberria, Plaa, and Ruiz families for their picture memories. I would also like to thank Mali Changala and John and Julie Etcheberria for their time to interview them regarding the club's early history. The biographies of the members is special to these memories and I thank each of the families for the time they spent passing on that information. I appreciate those who took time to proofread the drafts including Marianna Etcheverria, the Mocho's and Plaa's, Jan Gustafson and the various members who looked at it in an effort to ensure the accuracy of the information and the grammar. Also I appreciate the time Dominic Etcheberria spent in helping me sort through the photos and Tito Chanchorena whose selling of ads has made this booklet financially viable. Finally, George Coriaty, Michelle Arricaberry and Dennis at Sir Speedy in Santa Fe Springs deserve recognition for the printing of this souvenir book.

There were a variety of reasons which compelled me to undertake this project but the main one was that this 50th anniversary is a once in a lifetime occasion and I felt there would never be a more opportune time. I truly appreciate the patience of my wife Delora, my kids, Lauren and John Baptiste who have had to make many sacrifices while my time has been devoted to this project. Additionally I would like to express my appreciation to my parents Jean Baptiste and Grace Gariador and my grandparents Domingo and Marie Mendionde for instilling in me a pride and respect for my Basque heritage. It has been an honor and pleasure putting this history together and I hope you receive as much enjoyment in reading this history as I received in compiling it. I thank the nine charter members for starting this club and I look forward to the next fifty years.

Sincerely,
Mitch Gariador
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