September 2014

# Euzkaldunak

## FROM THE KITCHEN

The September Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 13. This dinner will be hosted by the Boise Fronton Association.

The doors will open to the Dining Room at 6:00 PM with dinner being served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Prior to entering the Dining Room, please pick up your reservation ticket in the Bar. You will need it to pay for dinner.

The price for the monthly dinner is:	
Senior Members (65 and older)	\$14.00
Members	\$15.00
Guests	\$18.00
Children (10 and under)	\$ 5.00

Here is the May dinner menu: Tossed green salad Pork chops with pimientos Alaskan cod with lemon Au gratin potatoes Mixed vegetable Dessert Fresh homemade bread and butter Wine and coffee



There will be free babysitting service during the dinner. Please call in your reservation to 1-208-572-0604 or email your reservation to <u>dinner@basquecenter.com</u>. Please leave the name the reservation is to be held under, the number of people in the party, the age designation (Adult, Child, Senior or Guest) and your contact info. Please indicate if you will need babysitting, along with the names and ages of the children.

The deadline for dinner reservations is 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10. <u>Reservations called</u> into the bar will not be accepted. <u>Reservations</u> <u>left after September 7 will not be accepted.</u>

## SAN INAZIO: THANK YOU TO ALL

Another great San Inazio weekend enjoyed by so many Basques and non-Basques alike. Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to work at the booths or behind the scenes. Your names are included in the lists below - if we missed someone we are very sorry and we will thank you in future newsletters.

A special thanks goes to Hank and Gerri Achurra. Every year they do so much for the Basque Center especially during San Inazio. We don't know what we would do without you.

I would also like to personally thank the Board of Directors and the employees of the Basque Center. All your hard work and organization made the festival run so smoothly and your willingness to help whenever needed was very much appreciated. Looking forward to Jaialdi 2015!

Eskerrik asko,

Martin Bilbao - (president@basquecenter.com)

## **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

## Mass

San Inazio Mass is a very beautiful and spiritual display of Basque Culture, and this year's was no different. The organizing committee would like to sincerely thank the following:

Fr. Mike Lastiri Deacon Jude Gary Participating Concelebrating Priests Debbie Moody Bobbi Dominick Staff of Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist Ricardo Yanci Izaskun Kortazar Oinkari Basque Dancers Oñati Dancers Xanti Alcelay John Ysursa Biotzetik Basque Choir Patty Gabica Haas

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#### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED!

#### Karro Kampos

Dave and Jeanie Eiguren David and Joanna Aizpitarte

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#### THANK YOU – VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED

#### Scrip sales volunteers

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#### Food Prep/Food Sales

Hank & Gerri Achurra Lisa Guerry Jesus Alcelay Oinkari Basque Dancers

#### <u>THANK YOU – VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED</u>

#### Saturday & Sunday Entertainment

Thanks to everyone involved in making the Saturday & Sunday successes. Without all the volunteers, it would not have been such a great event!

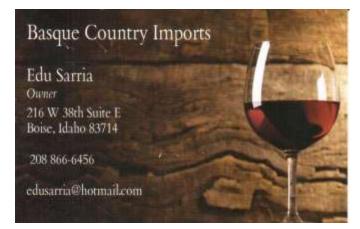
Thank you to Johnny Ysursa and Aitor Amuchastegui for emceeing throughout the day.

We would also like to thank all the performance groups that made the days/nights great and brought many family members and fans to the Basque Block!

Boiseko Gazteak Txantxangorriak Oinkari Basque Dancers Boise Fronton Association & all the pala players Boise Fire Department & Boise Police Department Amuma Says No

#### **Cleanup - Special Thanks**

A sincere thank you to those individuals that stuck around to help take apart the lights, flags, and wires Sunday night. It helped the board so much and was truly appreciated! Eskerrik asko bihotzez!





## **LEGACY AWARD WINNER**

At the May monthly dinner, the recipient of the 2014 Euzkaldunak Legacy award was announced. This award is given to members whose contributions have promoted and preserved the Basque Center. The 2014 Legacy Award winner Tony Arrubarena. Tony was a great asset to the Basque Center and the Board of Directors greatly appreciated all of his hard work and dedication.

The following represents the nomination as originally submitted by the nominator.

Dear Euzkaldunak Board Members;

My family and I would like to nominate my father, Tony Arrubarrena, for the 2014 Legacy Award. During the time that he was the custodian for the Basque Center, Tony became one of the "faces" that represented Euzkaldunak. The Basque Center was truly his second home and anyone who came down to the Basque Block knew who Tony was. My father has had a long relationship with his beloved Basque Center and the past 16 years working tirelessly as its custodian have solidified his commitment, dedication and support for the Euzkaldunak community.

Tony became a member of the Basque Center some 50 years ago. In the 1960's he served as a director on the Basque Fraternity board. He has played Mus, Briska and Pinochle up in the card room for more than 30 years now. In that time, he has won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Briska two times. He has been on the morcilla crew for many, many years helping not only to make them but cleaning up the aftermath.

During his time as janitor and maintenance worker, he oversaw various painting jobs, floor varnishings, carpet laying and most recently the installation of the elevator. His pride and joy were the beautiful flower baskets that he would put out front in the springtime and care for throughout the summer. He transformed the Basque *Center to look as one of the colorful baserris that can be* found in Euzkadi. During the winter months and whenever there was a snow storm, he would come down to the Basaue Center and make sure that the sidewalks were cleared. In fact, it was not unusual for him to clear the Basque Center walks before he would even get to his own at his home. There were few days that he did not come down to the Center to make sure the flowers were watered, the walks cleared, the dance area cleaned up or the restrooms in working order. His smiling face

and a genuine, friendly greeting was a constant at the Basque Center and many have commented how much they miss his presence since his retirement last July.

My father speaks highly of his time at the Basque Center working with the various presidents, board members, renters, co-workers and Euzkaldunak members. He enjoyed and took pride in representing the Basque Center and it showed in his prompt willingness to help in any way that he could. He feels blessed to have had his dream job in his second home after his retirement from MICRON in 1997. If his physical strength and stamina required for the job would have permitted, I believe that he would still be working diligently to "take care" of his Basque Center.

Please consider my father, Tony Arrubarrena, for the 2014 Euzkaldunak Legacy Award. In remembering past winners, I cannot help but to think they would be honored to have my father join their legacy. I believe that Tony's demonstrated dedication, hard work, and continuous support of Euzkaldunak merits recognition. What a great gift it would be to be recognized with this award by an organization that has represented the pride of Boise's Basque community for 65 years!

Sincerely,

Rosa Mari Arrubarrena

Zorionak Tony for being selected as this year's Legacy Award winner.



## BOISE'S 1ST TXIRRINDULARI BIKE RIDE (CYCLIST BIKE RIDE)

On September 13, 2014, Boise will be holding its very first Txirrindulari Bike Ride! This is a friendly, all levels welcome, 15-20 mile bike ride that will be competition free, but full of great fun. The morning will begin with everyone meeting together, taking some pictures of the group, and then it's off to the trails. The ride will end where it began and we will all share in a potluck lunch to talk about the ride and laugh at the fantastic memories we made.

More specific details to come, but get signed up now. The more the merrier! And if you aren't an avid biker but would like to participate, please sign up under the "SAG" (Support and Gear) as we will need folks to drive along and help the cyclists, take pictures, and help set up for the lunch.

Date - Saturday, September 13, 2014

Start and End Location – Basque Center, 601 Grove Street

Start time – Meet up at 8:00 AM, ride will begin at 8:30 AM

What to bring – Bike, helmet, water, sunblock/hat, and a yummy potluck dish (Coffee in the morning, route maps and air pumps, Gatorade and bananas on the ride will be provided) Sign up now! - http://www.volunteersignup.org/3WX8E

For further information, please email Delfina Krakau at <u>dellydear@gmail.com</u>

## **MEMORIALS**

<u>Pete Barinaga</u> Helen, Toni, & Juani Berria

#### <u>Micaela Bengoechea</u>

Jack Olson

## <u>Tom Miller</u>

Jack Olson Raleigh & Dee Hawe

## <u>Reme Jayo Yturri</u>

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## JOIN OINKARI THIS FALL!

For anyone interested in joining Oinkari Basque dancers in fall of 2014, we welcome all interested Basques 14 years of age and older to join during three Sundays this September:

Sunday 9/14 Sunday 9/21 Sunday 9/28

Practice begins promptly at noon in the main hall of the Basque Center (601 Grove, Boise). Practice generally lasts until about 4:00PM. Please wear comfortable workout clothes and closed-toe, flexible shoes. We will have leather Basque dance shoes for purchase, which are a required part of the costume. No previous Basque dance experience is necessary.

Qualifications:

--- Must be at least 14 years old or in the 9th grade by 9/1/14

--- Must be enthusiastic and interested in learning Basque traditional folk dances.

--- Must belong to (or join by 1/1/15) Euzkaldunak, Boise's Basque club. If the dancer is under 18, at least one parent must belong to Euzkaldunak, which is \$40/year for a new member. For more information, email info@oinkari.org.

This year is a great time to join Oinkari, because dancers will get to perform at Jaialdi in 2015 and hang out with the foreign dance groups that will be in Boise for the festival. See you in September!



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## **2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September Dinner	September 13
October Dinner	October 11
Mortzillak Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo	November 1
Sheepherders Ball	December 20

## **2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

General Membership Dinner	January 31
Valentine's/Bingo Dinner	February 21
Mus Dinner	March 21
Anniversary Dinner	April 18
Mother's Day Dinner	May 16
Jaialdi	July 28 to
	August 2
September Dinner	September 19
October Dinner	October 17
Mortzillak Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo	November 7
Sheepherders Ball	December 19



(large or small groups / indoor or outdoor)

Catering options for large parties at the Basque Center <u>www.lekuonaid.com</u> 208-345-6665 Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Grove

## ZORIONAK

Happy birthday Ander Achabal!

Happy birthday Bo Norton!

Happy birthday Carl Papapietro!

Happy birthday Lisa Norton!

Happy birthday Jude Gary!

Happy birthday Alaina Gavica!

Happy birthday Kristina Franzoia!

Happy September 20 birthday: Belen Lete Edu Sarria Jaqueline Kite-Powell Juli Lete

Happy nuptials to Dan and Tamara Ansotegui!

Happy belated birthday Mark Bieter!

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Happy anniversary to Tim and Ana Lete Powell!

Happy anniversary to Ricardo and Dolores Salutregui!

Happy anniversary Emeterio Ysursa and Flora Aldazabal!

Happy anniversary Steve and Mary Lou Anderson!

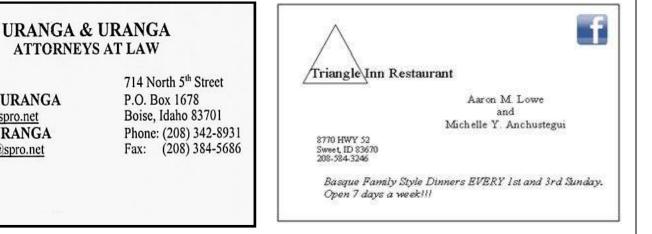
## ZORIONAK CONTINUED

Welcome Xavier Bruce Papapietro! Xavier made his grand debut on Tuesday, August 26 to proud parents Tere Achabal and Carl Papapietro, and big sister Lili Papapietro! Xavier weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long. Zorionak!!!

## **EUZKALDUNAK MUS TOURNAMENT**

The Euzkaldunak NABO mus tournament will be held Saturday, November 22. The cost is \$20 for Euzkaldunak members, \$10 going toward NABO dues and \$10 towards the cost for lunch. Players wanting to play but who are not Euzkaldunak members are still able to play with membership dues being taken the morning of the tournament.

The winners will represent Euzkaldunak at the National tournament in Homedale next year. Sign up in the Basque Center bar. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Bilbao at president@basquecenter.com or Tyler Smith at tylerjnsmith@gmail.com.



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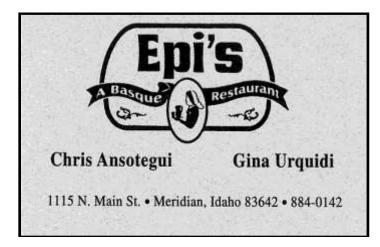


## JAIALDI 2015

Get your 2015 calendars marked!! Jaialdi will be celebrated Tuesday, July 28 – Sunday August 2, 2015!

Jaialdi's success is contingent on one major factor: You! Our volunteers are the reason why Jaialdi has been so successful. In order to orchestrate an international celebration of Jaialdi's magnitude, it requires VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by emailing Jaialdivolunteers2015@gmail.com.

For up to date information on Jaialdi, please check our website at www.jaialdi.com. And be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Jaialdi2015.





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## BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2014- 2015 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## The first dancing practice will be on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 P.M.

## **Registration:**

Online registration for Boiseko Gazteak will begin on Tuesday, September 9. It will be accessible until Tuesday, September 23. You will receive an email notification when registration opens with links to the registration documents. You may also register in person on September 23 at 7:00P.M. at the Basque Center. Whether you register online or not, you will need to come to the Basque Center that evening if you need to have your children measured for costumes, have costumes altered, or purchase used costumes, shoes, and other costume accessories. This evening will also be an opportunity to sell your used costume to another parent (if you are selling a costume, please plan to arrive early so that the costume pieces can be priced prior to registration).

In order to access the online registration forms, please use the following link: http://www.basquecenter.com/content.asp?id=5

In order to dance with Boiseko Gazteak, Parents/Guardians (NOT Grandparents) must be members of Euzkaldunak. If you are not currently a member of Euzkaldunak, you may become a member by contacting Patty Gabica Haas (secretary@basquecenter.com). The cost of a new member is \$40. You may also register for Euzkaldunak during the Boiseko Gazteak registration on the evening of Tuesday, September 23.



Group Organization: Txikituak (txiki) – 4-5 year olds (must be at least 4 by Oct. 1, 2014) Azkarrak – 6-7 years old Txulitoak (txulito) – 8-10 years old Nagusiak – 11-14 years old

## Costume Assistant:

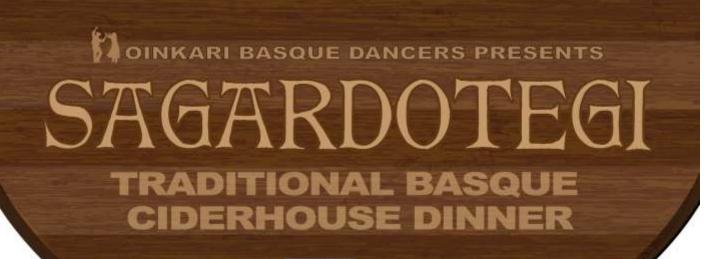
We are still looking for a couple of people/families to assist with costumes. YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HOW TO SEW! Assisting Linda would count as your family's two volunteer jobs! This is just organizing the new costumes, assisting the seamstress at registration and delivering the finished costumes to the families. Please contact Linda Barinaga (208.922.4037 or <u>rwkneale@gmail.com</u>) for additional information and requirements.

## Teachers & Musicians Wanted:

The board is also looking for teaching volunteers to assist the directors for each age group. This program cannot continue without the people who are committed to teaching every Tuesday night for nine weeks before Christmas and nine weeks after Christmas. Teaching is also a great opportunity for current high school kids to earn volunteer hours. Please think about joining the crew that continues to pass on our culture to these wonderful kids year after year. If you are interested, please contact Johnny Aldape (208.761.2121 or johnaldape@gmail.com).

Similarly, we are also looking for musicians (txistu, accordion, & tambourine) to provide live music during practices and performances. If you are interested, please contact Nikki Totorica (208.867.2175 or <u>nikkitotorica@gmail.com</u>).

Questions? Please contact the Boiseko Gazteak board: <u>boiseko@basquecenter.com</u>



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Proceeds raise money for costuming and transportation costs for future Oinkari trips, and Basque dance educational workshops for the group.



tortilla de bacalao (cod), bacalao al pil pil (cod with garlic and peppers), txuleton (steak), intxaurrak eta gazta (walnuts and Basque cheese), your fill of sagardoa (Basque hard cider), 5 raffle tickets, Basque folk music and dance performance

Learn about sagardotegi tradition and get tickets online, or call 208-557-1960 oinkari.org/sagardotegi

## A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

For many years now, our local Basque communities have been blessed to have wonderful Basque priests from California to preside at our special liturgies. Still, many of us longed for the days when we had our "own" Basque priest here to minister to our families in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. Our prayers have been answered. We now have a unique and wonderful opportunity to welcome Father Antton Egiguren Iraola, a priest of the Franciscan Order who has expressed his desire to move to Boise and be of service to our Basque community. Fr. Antton was born in Bidegoian in the Basque Country and has since learned to speak ten languages as he has done Franciscan missionary work all over the world.

By a stroke of luck, he heard about the Boise Basque community and came in May to see for himself how the Basque language and culture are flourishing here. Many people had a chance to meet him and found him to be humble, personable and very excited about the prospect of being a priest for our community. After meeting with representatives of the Diocese of Boise it was determined that Fr. Antton could indeed come to Idaho to be of service to the Basque community. A website has been established where you can already begin to be acquainted with Father by reading his commentaries on scripture. Go to www.basquecatholic.org.

Now the process has begun to fulfill all the immigration requirements to bring Father here to Idaho. Before any papers could be filed, the attorney fees and Visa fees needed to be deposited with the Diocese. Having taken a vow of poverty, Father Antton had no means to pay the \$5000 that was required to cover these expenses. To show our support for this wonderful priest, a group of Basque Faithful (Euskaldun Fededun) decided to launch a grass roots campaign to raise the necessary funds. Via emails and direct phone calls in late July/early August, donations from generous individuals and organizations were submitted to cover all of the costs of the attorneys' fees and Visa fees to initiate the immigration process. Additional contributions will be used to cover the costs to bring Aita Antton to Idaho and to help with a vehicle so that he can travel within Boise and outlying areas to serve the Basque community. We are asking for all Basques to make a donation of \$100 towards bringing Fr. Antton Egiguren to Idaho and helping him get established here. Of course we will accept contributions of any amount but with this approach we feel that we can quickly raise the needed amount and get Father here and ready to serve as quickly as possible.

Please join us, Al Erquiaga, John Ysursa, Patty Miller, Juliana Lliteras and Patty Gabica, representatives of Euskaldun Fededun, in filling this need we have had for so many years. Make checks payable to: Basque Foundation: Aita Antton Egiguren Fund, 601 Grove Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, or if you prefer to pay by credit card, contact: Patty Gabica, Secretary, at secretary@basquecenter.com. Donations are tax deductible to the legal limits.



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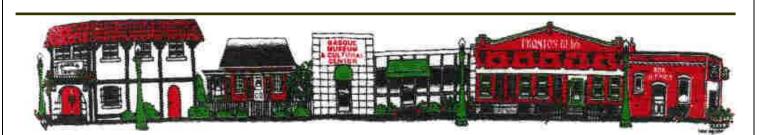


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## **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have information that you would like to have submitted into the Euzkaldunak Newsletter, please submit your written information by September 15 to: Euzkaldunak Newsletter, 601 Grove St, Boise, ID 83702, or e-mail it to <u>newsletter@basquecenter.com</u>. If you e-mail it, the chance of a typographical error is less. For name and address changes, e-mail Patty Gabica Haas at <u>secretary@basquecenter.com</u>.

