December 2014

Euzkaldunak

FROM THE KITCHEN

The December Holiday Dinner will take place on Saturday, December 20, and will be hosted by members of the Jaialdi Board.

We will begin seating everyone downstairs at 6:30 PM. The cost of the meal is \$20, which includes admission to the Oinkari performance and the Sheepherders Ball. The dinner price for children 10 years and younger is \$10.

There will be NO babysitting for this dinner due to the fact that the dinner will be in the basement. The basement dining area limits the number of guests for the dinner to 200 people.

Here is the December Monthly dinner menu: Tossed salad Pork chops with pimiento Alaskan cod with clam sauce (salsa verde) Paella with chorizo and chicken Steamed vegetables with butter Profiteroles with chocolate Bread and butter Wine Coffee

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As seating is limited, it is important to get your reservation in early. Seats will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

SHEEPHERDERS BALL

The holidays are quickly approaching, and that means that Sheepherders Ball is almost here! This year's celebration and fundraiser for the charities account of the Basque Foundation, Inc., will take place on Saturday, December 20.

We will have our December Holiday Dinner prior to the dance, and your admission to the dinner will allow you to stay for the dance.

We hope everyone stays to enjoy the music, do a little dancing, and watch the Oinkari Basque Dancers, as this is the debut for their new dancers. The Oinkaris will perform at 8:00 PM, followed by the lamb auction which raises funds for the Basque charities account. The dance, featuring Amuma Says No, will begin after the lamb auction.

The cost for the dance is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free. Chorizos and pop will be sold if you are still hungry after dinner.

BASQUE FOUNDATION CHARITIES SELECTS 2014 PRIMARY RECIPIENT: JARED ELLIS

Jared Ellis is a 17-year-old young man who was diagnosed with metastatic germ cell tumors earlier this year. Approximately three percent of childhood cancers are malignant germ cell tumors. Ninety percent of germ cell tumors are gonadal, which means they begin in the reproductive cells of the testes or ovaries. The rest are termed extragonadal which is what Jared has. His primary tumor was located in his right kidney and has spread to other organs in his body.

Jared is currently in Pediatric Intensive Care after complications from a major surgery which was scheduled as part of his overall treatment plan. Unfortunately, the surgery and subsequent complications have put Jared behind on once again starting his chemotherapy and recent scans have shown progression of his cancer. The plan is for him to have a tandem (double) bone marrow transplant at St. Luke's as soon as they can resolve other life-threatening medical issues he is battling. Hospital staff is hopeful to move forward with that plan as quickly as possible.

Jared lives with and is cared for by his sister, who has temporary guardianship, and brother-in-law; Azalea and Nick Thomas. Azalea and Nick struggle financially to provide for the three of them. Azalea has had to reduce her work schedule in order to assist in providing care to Jared. Nick currently is taking classes at BSU as well as acts as Jared's primary caregiver. Nick's sister and mother are also very involved in helping with Jared's care.

Jared is a student at Borah High School where he was active in athletics until his cancer diagnosis. St. Luke's school team is working hard to keep him on grade level.

Funds raised at this year's Sheepherders dance will help to offset Jared's medical expenses. Thanks in advance for helping this young man and his family!

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

Every year during our General Meeting in January, the general membership elects half of Euzkaldunak's Board of Directors. This year, there will be five (5) vacant positions. If you would like to serve our Basque community, work with a great bunch of people, and have a lot of fun, please think about running! If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Martin Bilbao at president@basquecenter.com.

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MORTZILLAK 2014

Thank you to all of the volunteers for making this year's mortzilla making process fun and successful. A special thank you goes to Bene & Tomasa Goitiandia, Jesus Alcelay, and Flora Aldazabal.

As always, they put in many hours preparing for the event to ensure things ran smoothly. Several people worked two or more days on the project. Thanks for your extra efforts.

George Totorica and his crew were invaluable on Tuesday in digging and cleaning porros. Thanks in large part to their efforts we were done by 4:00 PM that evening.

Special thank you to Paul's Market (the Zaticas) and Dale Slack for donating the use of a vacuum seal machine to vacuum pack the mortzillas. Everyone agrees this process preserves the mortzillas much better than our old method.

Thank you to Jesus Alcelay for cooking for the workers all week, not to mention serving a great dinner on Saturday night!

Thank you to Rosa Marie Guerricabeitia and Coro Goitiandia for selling the cooked food items.

Listed below are volunteers who helped make mortzillas this year. If you helped out and your name is not listed, we sincerely apologize!

For those of you who couldn't help this year, we hope to see you next year and for those of you who have never helped, you don't know what you are missing.

We encourage you to volunteer in this unique experience while helping Euzkaldunak with one of our fundraising efforts.

FUN FACTS

In 2014: 1,913 mortzillas were made. In 2013: 3,130 mortzillas were made. In 2012: 2,995 mortzillas were made. In 2011: 2,678 mortzillas were made.

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329 packages of four were created.

The Mortzilla Dinner this year was a great success and we appreciate everyone's efforts in keeping the tradition going. A huge thank you to Sean Aucutt for organizing the workers and the schedule for the week before the dinner to make the mortzillas. Without his expertise and organization, we wouldn't have been able to enjoy mortzillas!

Mortzilla Making Volunteers

Ben Goitiandia Lu Echeverria Marilyn Sarasqueta Phil Sarasqueta Jerry Aldape Enrique Goitiandia Jose Luis Arrieta Flora Aldazabal Jesus Alcelav Joni Krakau Herb Krakau Dan Hormaechea Marie Day Brian Day Toni Berria Helen Berria Anita Jausoro Carmen Lete Annie Gavica Luisa Bilbao Fran Robinson **Tracy Basterrechea** Fermin Bilbao Simon Achabal Teresa Franzoia Matt Uranga Lino Zabala Joe Guerricabeitia Javier Arrieta Jillian Boyd Miren Laughrin Karmelle Laughrin

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Mortzilla Making Volunteers Continued

Vicky Fitzgerald Challis Fitzgerald Sean Aucutt **Tyler Smith** Susan Gavica **Richard Gavica** Johnny Aldape Keegan Dougherty Izaskun Kortazar Hannah Johnson Toni Lawson Tom Aucutt Mary Kay Aucutt Kristiana Franzoia Maite Iribarren Gorrindo Andi Goyhenetche-Krueger Alex Hormechevarria Julian Lete George Totorica **Employees of George Totorica** Louis Uranga Liz Hardesty Dave Hardesty Julianna Aldape Luke Murgoitio Begona Zabala Jose Manuel Arriaga Nere Lete Petra Arana Ron Spolar

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Cake Wheel

Oinkari Basque Dancers Juliana Aldape

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MORTZILLAK DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Eskerrik asko to the following friends and families for setting up and hosting the Mortzilla dinner:

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THANK YOU MORTZILLA DINNER VOLUNTEERS CONTINUES!

The Euzkaldunak Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who donated to make our Bingo night a huge success. Your contributions have helped raise funds to help the Basque Center continue to thrive. A special thanks the Julie and Greg Hahn for calling Bingo this year!

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MORTZILLA DINNER THANKS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that helped out and brought cakes to the Mortzilla Dinner last month. Every Oinkari was in charge of bringing a cake for the Cake Wheel, and we also had generous donations of cakes from other Euzkaldunak members. The new Oinkari dancers (New Kids) did a fantastic job of running the Cake Wheel, selling Bingo tickets, and running prizes out to the winners. We would also like to thank the older Oinkaris that helped sell Bingo cards and checked Bingos as well. They didn't plan to volunteer but were kind enough to help out. Thanks for your help in making the dinner and night a huge success! Eskerrik asko!



SHEEPHERDERS BALL - WELCOME OINKARI NEW KIDS!

The Oinkari Basque Dancers would like to invite everyone to the Oinkari performance at the annual Sheepherder's Ball. This fall's New Kids (listed below) will be making their big debut, so please come and cheer them on! We will be performing at the usual time of approximately 8PM, after the dinner.

OINKARI NEW KIDS 2014-15

Leire Altube (exchange student) Adriana Berriochoa Andoni Bieter Kristiane Bizkarra Mackay Fitzgerald Joey Haas Sadie Heartman Gunnar Kuehl Jasmine Mendiguren Andoni Odencrantz Laura Pape Antoinette Sabarots Gav Shapiro **Trystan South** Frances Tullis Markel Walter

CHORIZO BOOTH THANK-YOU

Oinkaris are always very grateful for the dozens of volunteers each summer that help us with our chorizo booth fundraising, but we wanted to take a moment to call out some VIP's - Hank & Gerri Achurra. Each year they and their family put in many hours to make sure our booth runs smoothly and help train the younger generations of chorizo (and croqueta, lamb, and solomo) slingers. We are so appreciative - Eskerrik Asko!

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Please make Checks payable to: Basque Foundation Inc. Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2015



Boiseko Gazteak practice is underway! All the latest information can be found at our page on the Basque Center website: http://www.basquecenter.com/content.asp?id=5

Boiseko Parents: If you are not receiving periodic emails with information about Boiseko, please email <u>boiseko@basquecenter.com</u> with your email address and child's name.

December 7 is the Boiseko Winter Show at Borah High School. Dancers & Musicians should arrive at 12:15 PM. Txantxangorriak will start the party off at 12:30 PM, with the dancers following at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends! Please bring a can of food for our seasonal contribution to a local food bank.

The last practice before the Boiseko Winter Show is Tuesday, December 2. Please make sure your dancers are able to attend!

<u>OINKARI BASQUE DANCERS – INTERVIEW WITH FIVE OF THE ORIGINAL SEVEN DANCERS</u>

Join the Basque Museum & Cultural Center, Boise State Basque Studies and the Oinkari Basque Dancers for a once-in-a-lifetime event – Oinkari Basque Dancers: the history, mystery and destiny of Idaho's great treasure! We will be interviewing five of the original seven members that ventured to the Basque Country in 1960 to start what is now going into its 55th year! Dr. John Bieter will emcee the event, and everyone is welcome to come participate in interviewing these five Oinkaris. The event will be held at Boise State BoDo at 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 11.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

All Basque Center memberships expire on December 31, 2014. Renewals of \$50 per adult are now being accepted. Watch for your reminder in the mail! Remember that memberships make great Christmas gifts.





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UDALEKU 2015

Udaleku 2015 will be in San Francisco. Euzkaldunak will provide up to four scholarships for Euzkaldunak kids to attend Udaleku in San Francisco. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$250.00. To apply for the scholarship, submit a short letter to the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors detailing why you would like to attend Udaleku. You can mail/drop off application letters to the Basque Center or e-mail them to secretary@basquecenter.com. The deadline is February 1, 2015.

EUZKALDUNAK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Basque Center on Sunday, December 7, at 2:15 PM, following the Boiseko Gazteak Winter Show. Come sing Christmas carols, have goodies, and see Olentzero! Parents please bring a new, wrapped gift for your child with his/her name and age clearly marked on the package (i.e.; Jon Doe, age 10). Gifts can be dropped off in the card room of the Basque Center during Boiseko practice on Tuesday, December 2, or in the dance hall at the beginning of the party on Sunday, December 7.

Volunteering – We need lots of help to make the Christmas Party a success, so we have created a VolunteerSpot sign-up page for all the various shifts. Please click on the following link to sign up: <u>http://vols.pt/WuqHzT</u>. You may also contact Patty Gabica at <u>secretary@basquecenter.com</u>.

EUZKALDUNAK MUS TOURNAMENT

The Euzkaldunak NABO mus tournament was held on Saturday, November 22. Zorionak John Krakau and Sean Aucutt! They will represent Euzkaldunak at the National tournament in Homedale next year.

BASQUE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE & SALE

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 4 for the Basque Museum's Annual Holiday Open House & Sale. There will be snacks and spirits for everyone beginning at 5:30 PM and discounts storewide (10%, 20% for members). New products and great gift ideas for everyone! There will also be music, free admission, and guided tours of the Cyrus Jacobs/Uberuaga House. See you all there!

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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

JAIALDI 2015

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

Tickets for the events at Expo Idaho will be available for online purchase beginning in December. The link for sales is on the website. Tickets for both Festara and Sports Night will be available for sale in January.

Please check out the new merchandise available just in time for the holidays.

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.

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



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N.A.B.O.

Iparreko Ibarra, the Basque Club of Northern Californian Valley, hosted this year's NABO Fall meeting on October 11. The meeting fell in conjunction with Kantari Eguna, which was a great success with Basques congregating throughout California and Nevada for the celebration. Many items were discussed and voted on during the course of the meeting. Several of these topics are presented below.

NABO continues to benefit from the HABE grant, awarded though the Basque government to promote the use and education of Euskera. Currently there are 13 teachers in 9 clubs teaching many adult students. Also discussed was the International Day of the Basque Language, annually celebrated on December 3. Its origins go back to when the 7th Congress of Eusko Ikaskuntza - Society for Basque Studies declared the following agreement: "a day of the Basque language will be celebrated worldwide once a year on December 3." December 3 is St. Francis Xavier day, a missionary from Navarre born in the 16th century. According to the legend, his last words before dying on December 3, 1552 were in Euskera.

If anyone is interested in watching and learning about what is going on in the Basque Country, a fantastic website you should definitely check out is <u>www.eitb.com</u>. You can find Basque news, programs and sports. The website can be utilized in a variety of languages and is very user-friendly. The international Mus tournament took place in Cancun, Mexico from October 19 – 25, 2014. The United States was represented by Tony and Darren Uranga from Homedale's Txoko Ona club. This team represented the United States very well, taking 4^{th} place overall.

Homedale will be hosting the 2015 national tournament with dates yet to be determined. Boise Euzkaldunak will be represented in Homedale by Sean Aucutt and John Krakau who won the Euzkaldunak tournament held on November 22.

Udaleku 2015 will be held in San Francisco. Dates will be held from June 21 – July 3. The theme will be Iparralde, particularly focusing on the region of

Xiberoa. More information will be available after the next NABO meeting which will take place in February next year.

NABO calendars are fantastic stocking stuffers and presents for Christmas. They are available at the Basque Museum.

Also voted on was the establishment of a Cultural Financial Aid fund. This was idea was brought to NABO by our own Mary Kay Aucutt with the idea of assisting clubs by providing quick turnaround, low-cost financial assistance to NABO-affiliated organizations to hold and/or promote Basque culture-related activities. The idea is for these clubs to pay back the amount they borrowed so it acts as a revolving loan fund assisting other clubs throughout future years. Many smaller NABO clubs reacted positively and were excited about this new benefit.

Lastly, NABO's website continues to be a great way to keep up on information from upcoming activities, and information. To check out this site go to www.nabasque.org.

For questions or concerns regarding NABO, please contact Steve Achabal at 208-859-7619, or Annie Gavica at 208-830-9284.



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Happy birthday to Jackson Kite-Powell!

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Happy birthday to McKenna Anderson!

Happy birthday to Josune Arrieta!

Happy birthday to Ilan Shank!

Happy birthday to Tere Achabal!

Happy birthday to Ron Lemmon!

Happy birthday to Toni Achabal!

Happy belated 1st birthday Aven Arrieta Resnick!

Happy anniversary to Johnny and Jenny Aldape!

Happy anniversary to John and Alex Bieter!

Happy anniversary to Joe and Mary Lasuen!

Happy anniversary to John and Maria Arrieta!

Happy birthday to Fermin Bilbao!

Happy birthday to Jesus Alcelay!

ZORIONAK CONTINUED

Congratulations to Regina Bastida Aldecoa for her selection for this year's Veteran's Honor Flight. (Honor Flight of Idaho's mission is to transport Idaho World War II veterans to Washington D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.)

Regina served in the army as a nurse anesthetist at several bases in California during the war. She and late husband Fermin (also a veteran) were Euzkaldunak Charter Members.

Congratulations to Dr. Alicia Lachiondo! She recently passed certification exams for the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. Alicia is a Board Certified Pediatrician who is accepting new patients (birth to eighteen years of age). Dr. Alicia works with Dr. Mark Uranga at Treasure Valley Pediatrics.

Zorionak to Jeff and Katie Lliteras on the arrival of their son Andrew William Lliteras! He was born November 1 and weighed in at 10 pounds! Congratulations Lliteras family!

Welcome – Ongi Etorri to Father Antton Egiguren Iraola! Fr. Antton was born in Bidegoian in the Basque Country and is now in Boise to minister to families in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. We'll have more information on Fr. Antton's arrival in the upcoming newsletter!



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