

April 2015



Euzkaldunak

FROM THE KITCHEN

The April Dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18**. This dinner will be hosted by the Echevarria Family.

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 April dinner menu:

Roasted Pork Chops
Fresh Cod with Red Pimientos
Basque rice paella
Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Dessert
Wine and Coffee
Bread and butter

There will be free babysitting service during the dinner. Please call in your reservation to 1-208-572-0604 or email your reservation to dinner@basquecenter.com. 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.

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and the fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal!

The deadline for dinner reservations is 8:00 PM on **Wednesday, April 15**. **PLEASE NOTE:**

RESERVATIONS CALLED INTO THE BAR WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

RESERVATIONS LEFT AFTER FEBRUARY 18 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

We would like to thank the Boise Fronton Association for their help during the March dinner:

Annie Gavica
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LEGACY AWARD

In 2001, the Euzkaldunak Board introduced the Legacy Award. This award is given to individuals who have exhibited a long-term commitment to the goals of Euzkaldunak.

For 2015, the Board is requesting your input for Legacy Award nominees. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter including the name of the nominee and a description of their accomplishments. Give this letter to any current board member by **April 10** or email to president@basquecenter.com.

The board will review the nominations and the recipients will be announced at the May Dinner.

EUZKALDUNAK 66TH ANNIVERSARY

Euzkaldunak's 66th anniversary will be celebrated **April 18** with the Basque Center dinner. This is the month that we honor our charter members. The 31 remaining members of this elite group are guests of the April dinner. The charter members are invited to come to the Center prior to the dinner for a group picture. Please join us in front of the Center no later than 5:30 PM on **Saturday** evening.

For those bringing a charter member to the anniversary dinner on April 18, there will be a drop off zone available on the north side of the Basque Center (Grove Street). Please have these honored guests at the corner no later than 5:30 PM. Big thanks to Bryan Day for taking these special photos. Thanks to all who help make this happen!

AMUMA SAYS NO TO PLAY AFTER THE DINNER

Please stay after the dinner and dance the night away with Amuma Says No!

MUS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Mus players are winding down after another fun and exciting season. We have already completed Euzkaldunak's annual eight-king tournament and several NABO mus tournaments. All the tournaments have been a huge success and we are excited to send many local teams to the national tournament in May. This year the National Mus Tournament will be held in Homedale. Zorionak to the following champions and the runner-ups. Good luck at Nationals!

Euzkaldunak Eight-King Tournament

Champions - Juan Egana and Manuel Madariaga (Jose Mari Artiach acted as a sub for Manuel)
2nd Place - Tony Larrocea and Joe Zabala (John Lejardi acted as a sub for Joe)

Homedale NABO Tournament

Champions - Ben Goitiandia and Jacinto Mallea
2nd Place - Javier Arrieta and Joe Eguren

Mountain Home NABO Tournament

Champions - Javier Arrieta and Joe Eguren
2nd Place - Juan Egana and Fulgencio Legarreta

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Champions – Martin Bilbao and Tyler Smith
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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Shepherders Ball	December 19

MONTHLY DINNER HOST FAMILIES

The Basque Foundation, Inc. would like to thank those families and organizations who have acted as a host group for a monthly dinner. Due to busy schedules and timing we are always in need of additional assistance. If your family or organization would like to get involved, please email president@basquecenter.com.

AIZTAN ARTEAN - UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS

Aiztan Artean is offering scholarships for local youth to attend the 2015 Udaleku camp in San Francisco, CA. The scholarships are offered as a means to increase local Udaleku participation, while defraying part of the cost of attending.

Students who have received attendance confirmation or who are awaiting attendance confirmation are encouraged to apply. To apply for this scholarship, please email the following:

- family's name;
- family address;
- student name;
- and a brief paragraph from the student explaining his/her reason for attending Udaleku 2015.

Please send this information to Toni Bicandi at tonibicandi@yahoo.com by April 21. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Toni Bicandi.

NURSING HOME TOUR REQUESTS

This spring (usually April) marks the annual Oinkari Nursing Home tour, an event we love! If you have any specific nursing homes with Basque family members that would appreciate a visit, send an email to info@oinkari.org. We will accommodate as many homes as logistically possible during the day.



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BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Congratulations to our wonderful dancers for putting on such an awesome performance! Thanks to the musicians for performing, Chris Bieter for acting as emcee, Rod Wray for the audio (and photos), and to the teachers and helpers of each group who put everything together!

Txantxangorriak did a great job opening the show, and we also appreciate Vince & Tammy Vergara for collecting the admission canned food! (Boiseko Gazteak was able to donate 302 pounds of canned food to the Boise Rescue Mission.) Finally a big “Eskerrik asko” to all of you who attended and cheered on our group!

As a reminder, Boiseko Gazteak is on a break until July.

PERFORMANCE SET LIST

If you're curious to see the list of dances from the Spring Show, or if you'd like to know the names of the teachers and musicians that help out during practices and performances, follow this link to see the set

list: http://www.basquecenter.com/Boiseko_Gazteak_Spring_Show_2015.pdf

NEXT PRACTICES: JULY 27 & 28

The next practices will be **July 27 (Monday) & July 28 (Tuesday)**, both starting at 7PM. Because of Jaialdi preparations, we may need to be a little flexible about practice locations, so some groups may be combined, or we may meet at a nearby park. Remember, both practices are mandatory for your dancer to be able to participate in our Jaialdi performance (**Saturday, August 1**, at Expo Idaho (Fairgrounds)).

VOLUNTEERING AT JAIALDI

Our group benefits so much from Euzkaldunak, so it is our pleasure to help them and the Jaialdi Committee with their magnificent event. We are asking all parents to commit to one Jaialdi-specific volunteering event as part of your two volunteer commitments. Please sign up at our VolunteerSpot page: <http://vols.pt/CcHHrs>. You'll then be contacted with specific information on shift availability and times.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive dates have been set for the calendar year 2015. They will be held at the Basque Center from 1:30 to 6:00 PM on **June 8, August 17 (both Mondays), and December 2 (Wednesday)**. We are currently signing up donors for the **June 8** drive. If you have never donated blood or are interested in donating again, you can schedule your appointment by calling Anita at 375-955 or schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code is: basque.



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BASQUE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 11** for the Basque Museum's Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction, benefitting the Basque Museum and Boiseko Ikastola. Dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay. For more information or to reserve your seats, please contact the Basque Museum at **343-2671**.

BASQUE MUSEUM MUS TOURNAMENT

The Basque Museum & Cultural Center will be holding its NABO Mus Tournament on **Saturday, April 25**, at Leku Ona. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. Cost to play is \$45 per person and includes your membership, NABO Mus dues, a light breakfast and lunch. If you are already a member of the Basque Museum, cost to play is \$20. For more information, contact Annie at the Basque Museum – **577-2250**.



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THANK YOU, OINKARIS – PRESENT AND PAST

Thank you for the recent surprise gathering organized by the Dancers to bring together so many of our friends and family members to the Botanical Gardens, to share our times with the group.

Nothing could equal our wonderful memories of travel, fund raising events, chorizo sales, dance-a-thons, and much, much more with the Oinkaris, but especially our pride in being associated with such an amazing group of young people. From their organizing and budgeting trips, chartering airplanes and traveling around the world many times, to watching these generations go on in life to meet their personal goals, and to continue their support of the Basque Center is something we are so proud of – and why we will always be there for them.

Our appreciation to everyone for the personal cards, letters, photos and gifts; and, “Thanks” to the many people organizing this special event.

Lucky Us!
Hank and Gerri Achurra



Chris Ansotegui

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KORRIKA / BASQUE FUN WALK APRIL 25**APRIL 25TH AT 10AM at the Basque Center**

Adults \$5
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Boise's Korrika is a two-mile social walk to raise awareness and promote Euskera. This year's theme is Eusk-AHAL-dun = euskaldun, "you can speak Basque and Basquelize yourself." We believe you CAN too! All the proceeds will go to help the future Basque language instructors. Please **dress in white, red and/or green.**

There will be food at the finish line.

Bring your friends

There will be water bottles available for purchase.

HISTORY OF KORRIKA:

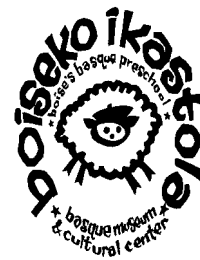
Korrika is the Basque name of a countrywide race in the Basque Country. Its objectives are to enhance awareness of Basque language and to raise funds to carry out Basque literacy programs for adults. Since the first Korrika took place in 1980, the race has become one of the major events in favor of Basque language. Korrika 2015 will celebrate its 19th edition, which will begin on March 19 and will last 10 days non-stop. The run will start in Urepele and end in Bilbao. As in previous editions, hundreds of thousands of people of all ages and fitness levels will be taking part.

A hollow baton is carried during the race and exchanges hands at each change of kilometer. Inside there is a message which will not be made public until the Korrika ends, when a well-known Basque personality will read it out loud.

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JAIALDI 2015

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have all heard the saying, “it takes a village,” and Jaialdi is no exception. Jaialdi is looking for individuals, families, groups of co-workers, and corporations to volunteer for the weeklong event. Please visit www.jaialdi.com and sign up.

Jaialdi wear (including t-shirts, sweatshirts and beanies) are available at the Basque Museum and also on the website.

Tickets for all events are now available for sale and the links to purchase tickets are on the website.

www.jaialdi.com

KARRO KAMPOS

The Jaialdi 2015 celebration at Expo Idaho will again feature Karro Kampos. The goal is to have 50 sheepwagons on exhibition. The word is getting out with a good first response. Your Karro Kampos is welcome and requested.

Please contact Dave or Jeannie at [\(208\) 447-9372](tel:2084479372) or djeiguren@gmail.com. It will be a fun time and provide more stories of the generations...

MANUEL J. ALDECOA (1917-1943)

Manuel J. Aldecoa (1917-1943), a WWII P-38 fighter pilot, was killed on Thanksgiving Day in Lille, France in mutual combat with a highly decorated German Ace who had already downed 56 Allied planes. Neither pilot survived.

Second Lieutenant Aldecoa was part of 55th group, 343rd Fighter Squadron. Aldecoa flew a P-38 Lockheed Lightning in the first group to fly '38s from his base in England. He had flown escort protection for heavy bombers in the Wilhelmshaven, Munster and Bremen raids. A war department letter informed his family "*he continued firing until he had downed the enemy aircraft, and then his own ship went out of control. His comrades saw him bail out and saw his parachute open.*" Manuel was initially reported as MIA but months later, the Army wrote that "*he died in an attempt to parachute to safety.*" Aldecoa will posthumously receive seven awards presented at the WarHawk Museum on [April 8](#) by Senator Mike Crapo: **Purple Heart, Air Medal, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Honorable Service Lapel Button.**

Manuel was the son of Euzkaldunak charter members J.D. and Maria Pagoaga Aldecoa and the brother of generous Euzkaldunak benefactors Basil and Dorothy Aldecoa. He is survived by sisters Benedicta Wilson and Delphine Aldecoa, both of whom served as air traffic controllers during WWII. Sister Maurina Bowles worked in England during the war for the OSS, the precursor of the CIA. ** (Please email dolorestorica@gmail.com for up-to-date changes/details regarding awards ceremony attendance.)

NEW MEMBERS

Jeff Bate
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Happy birthday to Dan Aizpitarte!

Happy birthday to Amy Hormaechea!

Happy birthday to Alicia Norton!

Happy birthday to Andoni Artiach!

Happy birthday to Saioa Sarria!

Happy birthday to Heather Sarria!

Happy anniversary to Heather and Edu Sarria!



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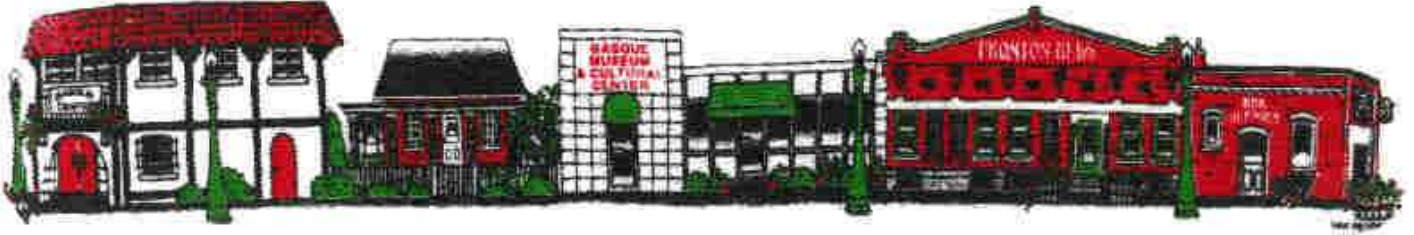
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