



# Euzkaldunak



**July 28 – August 2, 2015**

## **Tuesday, July 28**

Basque Block, 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM - Free  
Join us on the Basque Block for food and drink.

Jaialdi Kick-Off Concert - Kepa Junkera  
Live streamed from the Iberdrola Tower in Bilbao  
to Boise's Basque Center. Starts at 7:00 PM - Free

## **Wednesday, July 29**

Basque Block, 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM - Free  
Join us on the Basque Block for food and drink and  
listen to strolling musicians.

## **Thursday, July 30**

SPORTS NIGHT - CenturyLink Arena, 7:00 PM. –  
Tickets: \$15

Weight lifters from the Basque Country will test  
their strength by lifting cylinders weighing 250-400  
pounds and stone balls weighing 350 pounds.  
Woodchoppers will test their skills against each  
other, and traditional farm sports competitors will  
throw hay bales, lift wagons, and see who can carry  
milk cans the farthest.

## **Friday, July 31**

**BASQUE-ING ON THE BLOCK**  
Basque Block, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Free  
Grab some food, get a drink, and enjoy Basque  
music with old and new friends.

## **FESTA'RA**

Morrison Center, 7:00 PM.  
Tickets: \$35  
Festa'ra is a celebration of the traditional music and  
dance of the Basque Country, including performers  
from Euskadi and Boise's famous Oinkari Dancers.  
Get your tickets — this event fills up fast!

## **Saturday, August 1**

**BASQUE-ING AT EXPO IDAHO**  
Expo Idaho (formerly known as the fairgrounds),  
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Ages 10 and older: \$6.50 online and \$7 at the gate;  
Under 10: free

Dozens of dance groups from around the West will  
perform on two indoor stages. Basque vendors will  
be available in the Expo Idaho building with  
Basque novelties, souvenirs, and clothing for sale.  
Food, drink, a sports arena, and displays of  
Sheepwagons will also be on hand.

## **San Inazio Mass**

**St. Mark's, 7960 Northview Street, 7:00 PM**  
The annual San Inazio Mass will be celebrated in  
Basque and English. The Oñati Dancers will  
perform on the Northview street side of the Church  
before and after mass as well as a sacred liturgical  
dance on the altar, with assistance from the Oinkari  
Basque Dancers.

## **Dance**

Expo Idaho (formerly known as the fairgrounds),  
9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. \$11.50 online and \$12 at the  
gate. Join Basque and Basque-American bands in  
this celebration of music and dancing; open to all  
ages.

## **Sunday, August 2**

**BASQUE-ING AT EXPO IDAHO**  
Expo Idaho (formerly known as the fairgrounds),  
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Ages 10 and older: \$6.50  
online and \$7 at the gate; Under 10: free  
Join us for more of the same fun as Saturday's  
events continue.



**COSTUME CHECK**

Please take some time now to check and verify that your dancers have all their costume parts and pieces, and that everything still fits! If you are missing anything, or need some alterations, please contact Cecilia Uranga ([cecuranga@gmail.com](mailto:cecuranga@gmail.com)).

**NEXT PRACTICES: JULY 27 & 28**

The next practices will be July 27 (Monday) & July 28 (Tuesday), both starting at 7:00 PM. 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. (A parents' email will be sent out as Jaialdi week approaches.) 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.

**KEPA JUNKERA CONCERT – JULY 28**

Jaialdi is excited to announce a fabulous kick-off event to start Jaialdi 2015. On Tuesday, July 28, Kepa Junkera will be streaming a live concert, dedicated to Jaialdi, from the Iberdrola Tower in Bilbao with wonderful views of Bilbao.

Kepa Junkera has composed a new song devoted to Jaialdi which he will debut that evening. Please plan on joining us for this special kick-off event to what plans to be a week-long of fun. The concert will be held at the Basque Center and is free to the public. The Kepa Junkera Concert at Basque Center begins at 7:00 PM.

**THE JAIALDI EXPRESS LANES ARE OPEN!**

Did you know that if you purchase your Expo Idaho (formerly known as the Fairgrounds) Jaialdi tickets in advance that you can save time and money?

Yes! Buy your tickets now online at <http://www.jaialdi.com/tickets/> to get your August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> tickets so that you can wave at all the people standing in line as you enter! You can buy your Saturday night Expo Idaho Dance tickets online as well! **Save time, save money!**

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SATURDAY, AUG. 1:	10:00 AM – 1:00AM
SUNDAY, AUG. 2:	5:00 PM – 1:00 AM
MONDAY, AUG. 3:	CLOSED

## THANK YOU AIZTAN ARTEAN

We would like to thank the ladies of Aiztan Artean for hosting the May dinner.

Volunteers during the evening included:

Juliana Aldape  
Iciar Aldazabal  
Teresa Aramburu  
Kathy & Frank Arana  
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Joni Krakau  
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Gloria & Terry Miller  
Petra Spolar  
Dolores Totorica  
Jean Uranga  
Gina Urquidi

Thank you to the Oinkaris for setting up the tables and chairs. Thank you to the Board members who co-hosted and worked the buffet tables.

Thank you to chef Jesus Alcelay and kitchen manager Miren Urresti Laughrin.

Thank you to Jamie O'Mahony and her team of child care assistants.

We were fortunate to be joined at the dinner by Fr. Antton, who led us in grace.

The winner of the September dinner is Juan Egana.

## NEWS FROM AIZTAN ARTEAN

**Udaleku 2015 Scholarships**—Aiztan Artean is very pleased to announce this year's recipients of our Udaleku Scholarships. Those students are Parker Arana Anderson, Josu Colburn Arrubarrena, Ryan Brooks, Hailey Jensen, and her sister Madyson Jensen.

Aiztan encourages local youth to participate in Udaleku to learn about their culture, music, dance, games, and language. This is also a great opportunity for Basque children to meet Basques from many different states. The goal of our group is that these kids will return to participate and become active, involved members of our Boise Basque Community.


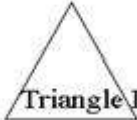


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**2015-16 Officers**—Congratulations to Aiztan's newly elected officers:

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Treasurer: Josephine Totorica Rebich  
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Asin  
Historian: Julie Aldape  
Sunshine Girl: Mary Foruria Hill

## BALEEN AND GOMA CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following who won their respective leagues:

**Baleen B Champions**  
Delfina Krakau and Jenn Uruchurtu  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Carrie Magnusun and Shannon Twenter

**Baleen A Champions**  
Lael Uberuaga and Geneva Ayarra  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Anne Marie Mansisor and Kerry Davis

**Goma B Champion**  
Christian Schaffeld  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: PJ Mansisor and Keegan Dougherty

**Goma A Champions**  
John Krakau and Johnny Boyd  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jeremy Malone and Andrew Miller

## BASQUE WINE AND DINNER EVENT

Three Chefs and a Sommelier from Bizkaia, Basque Country with years of culinary and wine pairing experience will descend upon Boise for two events to share their expertise and showcase the Basque Culinary Arts.

A Basque Style Wine Education/Tasting will be offered on July 27, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the CWI Culinary Arts Institute on the campus of Boise State University. The event will include three red wines and three white wines. Seating is limited and no tickets may be purchased at the door. Prepaid tickets will only be accepted. For more information about this event or for ticket information, please contact Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 or <http://basquewinetasting.brownpapertickets.com>.

A six course dinner with six wine pairings will be offered on August 1, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM at the Boise Arid Club. Seating is limited and no tickets may be purchased at the door. Prepaid tickets will only be accepted. For more information about this event, including menu and ticket sales, contact Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 or <http://anightwithbasquechefs.brownpapertickets.com>.

All proceeds will benefit the Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Studies. Please direct any questions to: [royce\\_josu@hotmail.com](mailto:royce_josu@hotmail.com) or 208-996-4453



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**2015 LEGACY AWARD WINNER –**  
**RAY MANSISIDOR**

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.

During the May Dinner, the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors announced Ray Mansisidor as this year's award recipient.

The following is his nomination letter.

The Legacy Award exists to recognize members whose contributions have promoted and preserved the Basque Center. To explain Ray's contributions to the Basque Center requires a step back before the Basque Center existed. Born in 1924, Ray lived and went to school in Boise until, in 1938, his family moved to Homedale where they lived in a wood-sided tent for a year while his father built their house on the sheep ranch. It was in the sheep camps where he learned to play the harmonica and button accordion, mostly by ear and practice. With few radios at the time, Ray was perpetually asked to play music for get-togethers and Basque community events. So, as it was then and still is today, you won't find Ray too far from his accordion and willing to give us all joy with his music and fun.

Ray and his accordion perpetually promote the Basque Culture and the Basque Center directly. From the sheep camps, to the army and even logging and smoke jumping in McCall, Ray and his accordion were/are telling the story of the Basques. He drove from sheep camp to sheep camp gathering up seasoned Basque herders or the newbies in order to bring them to the Euzkaldunak dances and events. He encouraged them to join as members and to get involved in the activities. Ray met his wife at a Basque Dance and has four children, all of whom were Oinkaris, and are members of Euzkaldunak. For nearly seven decades, he has made every effort to attend Basque Center events throughout the year and encourage not only his own family but others as well to volunteer and be a part of the family that is the Basque Center and Euzkaldunak. His dedication is obvious

remembering that he continually has made and still is travelling that long trip from Homedale to the Basque Center and having his accordion at the ready should there be a hint of need for music.

As for dedication, well I'm not sure about you, but riding an old army Harley Davison motorcycle with Tony Galdos on the back from Homedale to Boise just to learn the Jota from Juanita Hormaechea out on 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the late 50's might qualify. Keep in mind that roads in Homedale at that time were little more than glorified goat trails. In 1960, he joined up with this little known group calling themselves the Oinkari Dancers. Ray both danced and played accordion alongside Jimmy Jausoro and he credits Jimmy for teaching him more about playing Basque music on the accordion. For seven years Ray drove from Homedale to Boise at least once a week, often straight off the tractor to his car, to dance practice, performances, and events, and still travels to Boise whenever the opportunity arises. Numerous stories exist of him falling asleep in his spaghetti (his favorite 3 am meal after dances) only to drive back to the farm to irrigate his crops and tend to his cattle at 5:30 am.

During the annual Euzkaldunak San Ignacio festivities, Ray voluntarily brings his accordion and entertains both on the Basque Block sidewalk and at the Municipal Park picnic. He has done this for us for decades.

For more than sixty years, Ray has volunteered at Euzkaldunak events, shared his music after Euzkaldunak dinners, for dances, for dancing groups and for Basque singers. When accordionist Kepa Junkera visited Boise a few years ago, Ray was first to volunteer his hospitality and to help with all of Kepa's activities at Euzkaldunak and at the final Euzkaldunak performance. He has done the same with visiting Basque accordionists from Euskal Herria, Nevada, California, Oregon and New York.



**2015 LEGACY AWARD WINNER –  
RAY MANSISIDOR CONTINUED**

Present day, Ray can still be found every First Thursday playing with other musicians at the Basque Museum. You'd be hard pressed to go too long without talking to or meeting someone that doesn't have a Ray Mansisidor story. Most will revolve around his accordion and the numerous places he's been. Many more will involve personal stories of his dedication and friendship within the Basque community, the Euzkaldunak events and the Basque traditions. Then there will be stories that are more appropriate after a few drinks in the Basque Center bar.

So as far as singular great deeds to the Basque center, Ray Mansisidor never built a giant wall or even a small bridge. But, if you are looking for someone that provided some of the mortar to fill the spaces between the stone in the building of what the Basque Center stands for. Then you could say Ray Mansisidor has been making the long trips from Homedale just to volunteer and be helpful. He will talk to anyone and everyone as a promoter of not just the Basque Center but the Basque culture as a whole. You need only hint at the desire for music and out will come his accordion.

Eskerrik Asko Ray! Zorionak!

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**BSU BASQUE STUDIES EVENTS**

Boise State University's Basque Studies department is pleased to announce the upcoming events.

**July 18 (Sat):** Basque Soccer Friendly featuring the Basque Country's Athletic Bilbao playing Mexico's Tijuana Xolos club at Albertsons Stadium at Boise State University. Come to the match and help support Basque Studies. Tickets and more information at [www.basquesoccerfriendly.com](http://www.basquesoccerfriendly.com)

**July 29-30 (Wed-Thur):** "Joan-Etorri" Basque Studies symposium with over two dozen presenters on various aspects of the Basque connection between the Diaspora and the Homeland. During the day on the campus of Boise State University (new Micron Business & Economic Bldg 4001), this event is free and open to the public. See <http://basquestudies.boisestate.edu> for more information.

**July 29 (Wed):** "MEET THE BASQUES" Community Engagement – This event is free and open to the public.  
Location: Boise's historic Egyptian Theater  
Sponsor: Idaho Humanities Council & Boise State Basque Studies  
5:00 PM: Screening of the film "Song of the Basques" by Emily Lobsenz with sagardoa (Basque cider) samples  
7:00 PM: "Meet the Basques" program with presentations & videos providing an overview of Europe's "mystery people" that have found a new home in Idaho.

**July 31 (Fri):** Artzai Ona Basque Catholic Community  
In addition to the regular St. Ignatius mass at 7:00 PM Saturday (which will be at St. Mark's), we will have a special event for interest folks on Friday from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Boise State's BoDo Bldg [301 S. Capitol Blvd—one block from Basque Block]. This event will include a lecture by Argitxu Camou about the history of Basque American chaplains and a discussion of Basque Catholic spirituality by Fr. "Aita" Antton Egiguren. This event is free and open to the public.

## BASQUE MUSEUM ANNUAL WINEFEST

SAVE THE DATE! **Friday, August 14** is the Basque Museum's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Winefest & Auction on the Basque Block. Join us for great food, wines, and entertainment by the Oinkari Basque Dancers. See you **August 14!**

## 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 **August 17 (Monday)**, and **December 2 (Wednesday)**. We are currently signing up donors for the **August 17** drive. If you have never donated blood or are interested in donating again, you can schedule your appointment by calling Anita at 375-9655 or schedule online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

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## **EUZKALDUNAK CHARTER MEMBERS**

When the Basque Center was established in April of 1949, 516 names were written on the charter list. Among the 31 remaining charter members, eight (8) joined us for the Anniversary Celebration in April.



Front L-R: Miren Eiguren Zubizarreta, Harriet Ocamica Urquidi, John Navarro, Dorothy Inchausti Ansotegui  
Back L-R: Regina Bastida Aldecoa, Francesca Hormaechea Lejardi, Gloria Achurra Navarro, Maggie Arana



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If you are interested in booking the Oinkaris for a performance or special event, you can submit an online performance request or give us a call. Go to [www.oinkari.org](http://www.oinkari.org) and click on the "Performance Request" tab to fill out a request form, or call 208-557-1960 to leave a voicemail on the performance request line. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, fees from Oinkari performances go to directly to operating costs, education, and repertoire development of the group.

The Oinkari Basque Dancers sincerely appreciate memorial donations which help fund travel, equipment and costumes.

In memory of Frances Uberuaga  
Juliana & John Aldape  
Melissa Dodworth

## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Jaialdi</b>	<b>July 28 to August 2</b>
<b>September Dinner</b>	<b>September 19</b>
<b>October Dinner</b>	<b>October 17</b>
<b>Mortzillak Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo</b>	<b>November 7</b>
<b>Sheepherders Ball</b>	<b>December 19</b>

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## ZORIONAK

Happy 2nd<sup>l</sup> birthday to Alois Inaki and Jaione Martina Krakau!

Happy 51st anniversary to Richard and DeeAnn Urresti!

Happy 71<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rich Urresti!

Happy belated birthday to Ricardo Salutregui!

Happy graduation to Chance Salutregui!

Happy birthday to Ysabel Bilbao!

Happy birthday to John Uranga!

Happy birthday to Luken Uranga!

Happy birthday to Alexa Erskine!

## ZORIONAK

Congratulations to Miren Aizpitarte on her June graduation from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Zorionak Miren!

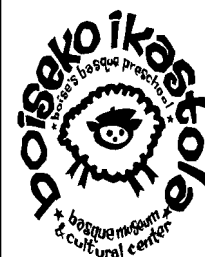
Zorionak to Casey Bermensolo and Erica Swenda who were married May 23, 2015 in Jamaica.

Zorionak to Jace and Aspyn Salutregui on their recent nuptials.



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