

December 2015



Euzkaldunak

FROM THE KITCHEN

The December Holiday Dinner will take place on [Saturday, December 19](#), 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 Shepherders 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:

Basque Meatballs

Paella

Cod in Salsa Verde

Menestra de Verduras (mixed vegetables)

Tossed Onati Salad

Dessert

Bread and Butter

Wine

Coffee

To make your reservation, call the reservation number **(208) 572-0604** or email your reservation to dinner@basquecenter.com.

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 Shepherders 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 19](#).

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.

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 position. 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!

Steve Achabal, who has been a wonderful advocate and NABO representative for Euzkaldunak will end his tenure in January. He is not seeking re-election. If you are interested in running for NABO representative or for the Board of Directors, please contact Martin Bilbao at president@basquecenter.com.

**BASQUE FOUNDATION CHARITIES
SELECTS 2015 PRIMARY RECIPIENT:
MANUEL MADARIAGA**

If you are from the generation of Basque children who have grown up at Boise's Basque Center, you can probably name a few, if not many, of the Basque men who can be found having a glass of wine or a cup of coffee while playing cards. You know the crew, they can be found talking in Basque and sitting at the rounded corner of the center bar.

One of those men is Manuel Madariaga. If that name doesn't ring a bell, you may better know him as Aleman. It isn't because he is German; instead it is because of his blond hair and light-colored eyes.

Manuel suffered a stroke in January. It partially paralyzed the right side of his body that required him to receive 24-hour intensive care. Manuel has come a long way, as he is now able to get around, moving slowly with the assistance of a walker.

When Manuel arrived in America he worked for Woodcreek Sheep Company near Little Camas. He met his wife Marianne, daughter of Carmen and Joe Larrondo of Meridian, at a Basque picnic. Manuel and Marianne have two children, Nicholas and Lisa. After leaving sheepherding, Manuel worked as a butcher for Keim's Meat Packing and retired from Meridian Meat Packing more than 10 years ago.

Manuel and Marianne are devoted members of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa. They are also dedicated to their Basque heritage. Before his stroke, you could see them every month at the dinners, and Manuel was always at a Mus tournament. He won several Mus championships and represented Boise and Homedale Basque clubs at the national tournaments.

Doctor's appointments, treatment and physical therapy are continuous and will be for some time. It is our time to help Manuel, a member of our Basque Family.

Your generous donations at this year's Sheepherders dance will help offset Manuel's medical expenses. Once again it is our time to help

our extended Basque family who immigrated to the United States, and continue to maintain and pass on our beloved culture and traditions. Thank you in advance for being so kind and donating to this great family and this great cause that has helped so many of our members and beyond in years past.

ZORIONAK

Congratulations to John and Gloria Navarro on their 65th wedding anniversary!!!!

Happy birthday to Steve Achabal!

Happy birthday to Fermin Bilbao!

Happy birthday to Ilan Shank!

Happy birthday to Toni Achabal!

Happy anniversary to John and Alex Bieter!

Happy anniversary to Joe and Mary Lasuen!

Happy anniversary to Johnny and Jenny Aldape!

Happy birthday to Jesus Alcelay!

EUZKALDUNAK 8 KING MUS TOURNNEY

The 2016 8 king mus tournament will start on Sunday, January 3 at 5:00 PM. Please sign up in the bar or by emailing Martin Bilbao at president@basquecenter.com.



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MORTZILLAK 2015

A huge thank you goes to Sean Aucutt for organizing the workers and acting as the lead mortzilla maker. Without his expertise and organization, we wouldn't have been able to enjoy another great year of mortzillas.

Special thank you goes to Beni and Tomasa Goitiandia and Simon Achabal. Beni and Simon continue to share their many years of experience and knowledge in order to continue our tradition of making Mortzillak or Oldolkiak.

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

In the mortzilla making process this year, we had great success. There was less waste, less broken sausages, and more consistent sausage size than ever before.

George Totorica and his crew were invaluable on Tuesday in cutting onions and cleaning porros.

Special thank y to Paul's Market (The Zatica Family) and Dale Slacke 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 are the 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 2015, 2,086 mortzillas were made, 370 packages.
In 2014, 1,913 mortzillas were made, 329 packages.
In 2013: 3,130 mortzillas were made.
In 2012: 2,995 mortzillas were made.
In 2011: 2,678 mortzillas were made.

Mortzilla Making Volunteers

Ben Goitiandia
Marilyn Sarasqueta
Phil Sarasqueta
Jerry Aldape
Enrique Goitiandia
Josu Menaka
Juanita Miyamura Churruca
Martin Sarasqueta
Martin Bilbao
Dani Ostolasa-Mendiola
John Boyd
Phil Legarreta
Jose Luis Arrieta
Jesus Alcelay
Joni Krakau
Herb Krakau
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Brian Day
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Carmen Lete
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Fermin Bilbao
Simon Achabal
Teresa Franzoia
Lino Zabala
Joe Guerricabeitia
Javier Arrieta
Jillian Boyd
Miren Laughrin
Vicky Fitzgerald

Mortzilla Making Volunteers Continued

Sean Aucutt
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 Richard Gavica
 Johnny Aldape
 Keegan Dougherty
 Izaskun Kortazar
 Hannah Johnson
 Toni Lawson
 Tom Aucutt
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 Dave Hardesty
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 Begona Zabala
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 Patxi Lostra
 Johnny Boyd
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 Teresa Larrocea
 German Olabarria
 Miren Maguregui
 Jose Mari Maguregui

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 Kylee Payne
 Brooks Payne

Money Tree

Emily Skoro
 Heath Gamboa
 Sara Gamboa

Ticket Sales

Nagore Goitiandia
 Tracy Anchustegui

Mortzilla Dinner Volunteers**Friday set-up:**

Gina Ansotegui Urquidi
 Olaia Urquidi
 Mimi Godoy
 Monte Godoy
 Ana Lete-Powell
 Nikki Totorica
 Christina Totorica
 Anne Marie Mansisidor
 Toni Sabarots
 John Etulain
 Jean Mikel, Patxi, & Maitexa Etulain

Saturday dinner:

Xanti Alcelay
 Nella Zuloeta
 Alexandra Zuloeta
 Trina Lemmon Baker
 Erick Baker
 Little Erick Baker
 Nicole Pierce
 Mimi Godoy
 Monte Godoy
 Tucker Anderson
 Andrea Anderson
 Johnny Aldape
 Jenny Aldape
 Argia Beristain
 Keegan Dougherty
 Nikki DiDonato
 Mike DiDonato
 John Etulain
 Toni Sabarots
 Melissa Wolfe
 Henry Brollier
 Emmett Bolles
 Solenne Detassigny

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. A special thanks the Julie and Greg Hahn for calling Bingo this year! Thank you to the Oinkari Basque Dancer for being our Bingo Card Runners!

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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!



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December 6 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 the Boise Rescue Mission.

First practice of 2016: **Tuesday, January 12!**

SHEEPHERDERS BALL - WELCOME OINKARI NEW KIDS!

The Oinkari Basque Dancers would like to invite everyone to the Oinkari performance at the annual Shepherder'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 8:00 PM, after the dinner.

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive final date has been set for the calendar year 2015. It will be held at the Basque Center on **Thursday, December 3, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. We are currently signing up donors for the **December 3** 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.

The sponsor code is: basque

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.

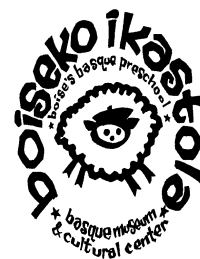


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12/24/2015 - Christmas Eve OPEN 2 - 6 PM.

12/25/2015 - Christmas Day CLOSED

01/01/2016 - New Year's Day CLOSED

Due to the Bar Floor being refinished, the Bar will be closed from Monday, January 4 through Friday, January 8.

OINKARI ALUMNI NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 2016 DINNER

The Basque Center February Dinner & Bingo night on [February 22](#) will be hosted by current Oinkari dancers and Oinkari Alumni together. The kids will do the heavy lifting, but there is also a need for alumni volunteers. Plus, we want to hang out with you! Oinkari alumni from the 70's were the VOH (volunteers-of-honor) for the 2014 dinner last year, so for 2016, we are calling on alumni from 1980's, although everyone is welcome to help, regardless of decade. We need help with the usual monthly dinner things - place settings, pouring coffee, usher, MC, etc. **If you are able to help us out, please email Elise Overgaard at elise@oinkari.org or call 208-550-2914 to sign up. See you there!**

OINKARI-GRAM, DEC. 17: GET A JOTA DELIVERED TO YOUR DOORSTEP

This holiday season, Oinkari Basque Dancers want to bring the Basque holiday spirit to doorsteps around the valley and put a smile on your friends' and families' faces. Much like a singing telegram, an Oinkari-gram will bring a group of 2-4 Oinkari dancers to a house of your choice on the evening of [Thursday, December 17](#) to perform a Basque dance, read a special note aloud, and wish the recipient a happy holiday season from you, the sender. All proceeds from the Oinkari-Gram deliveries will go toward our fundraising goals for our 2016 summer educational trip to the Basque Country. To send an Oinkari-gram to a friend or family member, **visit the info page at <http://www.oinkari.org/2015/11/holiday-oinkari-gram-2015.html> or email info@oinkari.org for more information.** Happy Holidays from Oinkari!

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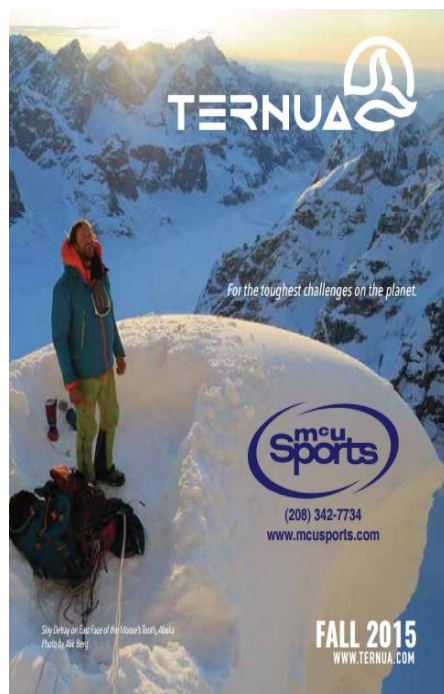
MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

All Basque Center memberships expire on December 31, 2015. Membership dues are now being accepted for 2016. Renewals are \$50 per adult. New memberships are \$60. Reminders were mailed on November 17. Dues can be mailed to the Basque Center at 601 Grove Street, Boise, ID 83702. Dues can also be dropped off at the Basque Center. Remember that memberships make great Christmas gifts.

Online payment is not currently accepted for membership dues.

BIOTZETIK CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Biotzetik will make its annual caroling rounds on **Sunday, December 12**. As we can't get to everyone, we invite all interested to join us in the Bar Room at Garden Plaza of Valley View, 1130 N Allumbaugh. We will give a short "concert" beginning at 12:45 PM. For questions or additional information, e-mail the choir at basquechoir@gmail.com.



UPCOMING ISSUES TO VOTE ON

During the annual members' meeting on **Saturday, January 30, 2016**, you will be asked to vote on replacing the roof at the Basque Center. At its November meeting, the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors voted unanimously to add the roof replacement cost approval to the annual meeting agenda. The Board discussed an aging roof that is beginning to leak and needs to be replaced sooner than later. If you have any questions, please feel free to email: president@basquecenter.com.

At the 2015 annual meeting, a motion was made on the floor to offer a senior citizen discount of \$10 on membership dues. The motion was tabled pending a review of the bylaws. At the 2016 meeting you will be asked to vote on this motion.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Membership Dinner	January 30
Valentine's/Bingo Dinner	February 20
Mus Dinner	March 19
Anniversary Dinner	April 16
Mother's Day Dinner	May 14
San Inazio	July 29 to July 31
September Dinner	September 17
October Dinner	October 15
Mortzillak Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo	November 5
Shepherders Ball	December 17



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UDALEKU 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Basque Foundation is offering scholarships to Udaleku 2016. Maximum scholarship amount is \$250. Interested parties need to submit a letter to the Basque Center Board of Directors explaining why the individual wants to participate and attend Udaleku 2016. Letters must be submitted by **February 1, 2016**. They can be dropped off or mailed to the Basque Center at 601 Grove, Boise, ID 83702. They may also be submitted electronically to info@basquecenter.com.



NABO UPDATE

This year's Fall meeting was held in Denver and graciously hosted by the Colorado Basque Club in conjunction with their Fall dinner and dance. The meeting was well attended by many delegates as well as a representative from the Smithsonian. Many issues were discussed and voted on, with the main topics described below.

The first segment of the meeting was a discussion regarding the Smithsonian's annual Folklife Festival that takes place on the National Mall in Washington DC. This festival usually spotlights two countries, focusing on many fascinating aspects of their country and culture. This festival has been noted as being one of the top tourist events in the United States and brings an estimated 600,000 to 1,000,000 million people to the National Mall each year. The 2015 festival highlighted China and Kenya.

Approximately 4 years ago, Mark Bieter and Argia Beristain Dougherty had the wonderful idea of contacting the Smithsonian to propose that Euzkadi be showcased in their colossal festival. After years of discussion with Smithsonian representatives, Basque and Bizcayan government officials, and countless others, the Smithsonian chose Euzkadi as their main country for the 2016 festival.

NABO will serve in an advisory and communicative role between the Smithsonian and Basque groups and organizations here in the United States and Canada. The Smithsonian will work with these groups as well as those from the Basque country, who arrive in Washington DC to perform as well as educate the thousands that will attend the festival.

For those interested in attending the event the dates of the 2016 festival are June 29 – July 4, and July 7 – July 10. More information can be found on the Smithsonian Folklife website <http://www.folklife.si.edu/>. It will truly be an amazing event and an incredible opportunity for multitudes to learn about our ancestral home and rich culture.

The meeting progressed with reports from the different committee heads. The California Historical Society and NABO are continuing to work together along with the Basque government on the exhibit "Basques in California." Once completed, the exhibit will travel throughout the state discussing the significant role Basques' played throughout California's extraordinary history.

Udaleku 2016 will be hosted by the Utah Basque Club and held in Salt Lake City from July 10 – 22. The theme will be Gipuzkoa. The cost for the two week camp is \$375.00 per child. Euzkaldunak is offering scholarships to assist with the cost of the camp. There is also financial assistance available through NABO's Aita Tillous fund for those families with a financial need. NABO wants to make sure no interested child will be excluded from attending camp because of a lack of financial resources. Online registration will open March 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM (Mountain Standard Time). Registration fills up extremely fast, with all spots being filled within 30 minutes during the last three years.

The 2015 International Mus festival took place in Mar de Plata, Argentina with the team from Spain edging out Euzkadi's team for the championship. The United States tournament will be held on June 11, 2016 in Lincoln, CA.

There is exciting news in the area of Euskara with 10 NABO clubs currently teaching classes to their members, and the possibility of three more clubs starting classes after the start of the new year.

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NABO REPORT CONTINUED

It was reported that Jaialdi helped boost the HABE program with over 125 people creating BOGA accounts, and possibly another 100 individuals that asked to be contacted for more information.

Mintzalagun is a format where people learning Euskara all over the world are able to practice with partners via Skype. To sign up or visit go to <http://www.minizalaguna.eus/>.

For those who would like to be able to spell check their Basque Xuxen5 is a program that can be downloaded for free, and works with Microsoft office. More information can be found at their website <http://xuxen.eus/eu/xuxen5>.

The 2016 NABO calendar is currently available at the Basque Museum which always makes a great Christmas present for those you love.

Don't forget a great way of keeping up on NABO events and information is visit the NABO website www.nabasque.com and of course ASTERO is NABO's free Basque news & information service that you can receive via email. There are currently over 1400 subscribers so if you are interested in receiving this great news source, go to the NABO website, click on the News tab and you can subscribe for free.

For any NABO related questions, please contact Steve Achabal at 859-7619 or Joe Lasuen at 599-2329.



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EUZKALDUNAK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Basque Center on **Sunday, December 6**, 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 1, or in the dance hall at 11:30 AM on Sunday, December 6. If you drop off a gift on Sunday morning December 6, please enter through the dance hall doors. To volunteer for this event, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.



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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 **December 31** to: Euzkaldunak Newsletter, 601 Grove St, Boise, ID 83702, or e-mail it to newsletter@basquecenter.com. If you e-mail it, the chance of a typographical error is less. For name and address changes, e-mail Patty Gabica Haas at secretary@basquecenter.com.



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