

November 2016



Euzkaldunak

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Mortzilla Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 5. This dinner is open to the public. No reservations are required. It will be a "first come, first served" meal. The menu will include:

Morzillas
Alaskan cod with lemon and butter sauce
Basque style meat balls
Garbanzos and chorizos
Tossed salad
Bread and Butter
Pumpkin Pie with cream
Wine and Coffee

The first seating will begin at 5:15 PM, and the second seating will begin at 6:30 PM. The price for the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Wine and other beverages can be purchased in the dining room.

The Mortzilla Dinner is part of the Annual Bazaar/Bingo Night. The November dinner will be hosted by the families and friends of Boiseko Gazteak and Txantxangorriak. **Please note: There is no babysitting at the Basque Center during the Mortzilla dinner.**

THANK YOU TO AIZTAN ARTEAN FOR HOSTING LAST MONTH'S DINNER. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE NAMES OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

BASQUE FOUNDATION – BASQUE CHARITIES

Donations to deserving people are made throughout the year, but as December approaches, the Basque Foundation (formerly Basque Charities) selects a person or family to receive a sizeable contribution from the charities account. Typically, the recipient is someone (Basque or non-Basque) who has fallen ill and needs help financially.

The annual Shepherders Ball & Lamb Auction is where much of the money is raised to bolster the charities account. If you know of someone who should be considered as the primary recipient of funds raised at the 2016 Shepherders Ball, please contact Tyler Smith at president@basquecenter.com.

EUZKALDUNAK HALLOWEEN

A great big mila esker to everyone (young and young at heart) who participated in the first ever Euzkaldunak Halloween Party!!

About thirty participants from ten years down to six months decorated their own cookies, trick or treated, and walked the "costume catwalk." There was a LOT of fun had by all!

Special thanks goes to Mary Lasuen

“OMENALDIA” MEMORIAL MASS


Omenaldia Memorial Mass, October 30, 2:30 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Since 1996, Basques in the area have been gathering together to celebrate the lives of those that have passed away. We will continue this beautiful tradition October 30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 2:30 PM. If you have anyone that you would like to add to the list of memorials, please contact Annie at the Basque Museum 343-2671.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

All Basque Center memberships expire on December 31, 2016. Renewals of \$50 per adult will be accepted beginning November 15, 2016. Watch for your reminder in the mail! Remember that memberships make great Christmas gifts.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mortzillak Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo	November 5
Shepherders Ball	December 17



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MORTZILLA DINNER/BINGO – NOVEMBER

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Volunteers: Can you help? Volunteers are needed to help with bingo, mortzillas, chorizo & pop sales, etc. To volunteer, please contact a board member.

Chorizos & Pop: For those of you who are still hungry after the mortzilla dinner, chorizos and pop will be for sale during the Bazaar.


Food Booth: There is no better time to purchase specialty food items prepared by the many excellent Basque cooks than at the Euzkaldunak Bazaar. Your donations make this a popular feature! Each member is asked to donate one item of food. Any item you bring will be welcome! Please bring your items to the Food Booth table (upstairs) by 5:30 PM.

50/50 Raffle: This year we will be holding a 50/50 raffle. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will close the raffle at 8:45 and at 9:00 PM will announce the winner. You will need to be present to win half of the pot. The more tickets sold, the larger the pot to win, so be sure to purchase your tickets upstairs during the evening!

Cake Wheel: It is easy to win a great cake at the Oinkari Cake Wheel! Please consider donating a cake to the Cake Wheel table.

To help with this event go to this link: <http://signup.com/go/AKjVVU> or contact a board member.

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MORTZILLA MAKERS NEEDED!

We need your help to make the 3000+ mortzillas for the annual Mortzilla Dinner on Saturday, November 5.

Efforts begin Tuesday, November 1, at 9:00AM for leek and onion chopping. This year we will change the location for preparation of leeks and onions to **14440 Broken Horn Rd, Boise, ID 83714.**

Map: http://www.basquecenter.com/2016_mortzilla_map.jpg

Easiest Route: Take Dry Creek road from Highway 55. Follow Dry Creek road until you reach Broken Horn Rd. Turn Left drive until you reach Echanove Dr., turn right and take an immediate left into farm entrance. Feel free to bring a knife and dress warm. We will be serving lunch to all volunteers.

Wednesday, November 2, we will be cooking the onions and leeks from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. On Thursday, November 3, at the Basque Center, we will make the mortzillas in two shifts: 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A lunch for both shifts will be served at the break.

If you can't help out on either of those days, consider Friday, November 4, from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM, when we will be packaging the mortzillas. Making mortzillas is probably the most unique of our volunteer efforts, and it's also a lot of fun. If you would like to help out or have any additional questions, please contact Sean Aucutt at 371-3090.



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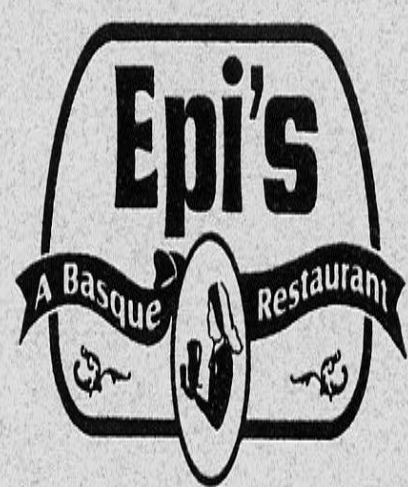
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Every year during our General Meeting in January, the general membership elects half of Euzkaldunak's Board of Directors. This year, there will be five (5) vacant position. If you would like to serve our Basque community, work with a great bunch of people, and have a lot of fun, please think about running!

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Tyler Smith at president@basquecenter.com.



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NEW BOISE BASQUE FLAG

The current initiative is to explore the viability of creating a new Boise Basque flag that would 1) serve as a unifying symbol for Boise-area Basques, 2) connect us to the region of Bizkaia from where many of our Basque dances originated, 3) relate to the long history of the Basque Country and 4) also serve as a banner that our non-Basque family and friends can also rally around.

A common ritual in some Basque Country towns during festival time is to bring out the town's flag for a procession and presentation. Most of these flags date back to medieval times. In particular, a half-dozen towns around Durango in Bizkaia annually perform the Dantzari Dantza with their flags, and these are the dances that were transplanted here that include the Zortziko (kicking dance with eight guys), Txankarrekua (where the solo dancer is lifted up by two other dancers), etc. The idea is to potentially design our own distinctive Boise flag that would serve to connect us with this dance tradition, and the centuries of history behind them in the Basque Country.

An initial idea was to see about potentially incorporating blue and/or green since these are the colors of the Idaho flag and Boise as the City of Trees. This would of course not replace the Ikurrina or Basque flag, but only supplement it. We believe we have some very creative people in our club and beyond, and we were hoping to get some good ideas to develop some proposals. If you have an idea for a design--or know someone who might--please send that to president@basquecenter.com
Eskerrik asko--thanks!

BOISEKO GAZTEAK

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 boiseko@basquecenter.com with your email address and child's name.

December 4 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.

2016-2017 Calendar:

09/27 - First practice at 7PM (practice each Tuesday until November 29, no practice on November 22)

12/04 - Winter Show/Christmas Party

01/10 - Practice resumes at 7PM (practice each Tuesday until March 7)

03/12 - Spring Show

07/25 - San Inazio practice at 7PM

07/29 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The final date for the Red Cross blood drives for 2016 is now available. The drive will be held at the Basque Center from 2 to 6 pm on **Thursday, December 1**. We are currently signing up donors for this drive. If you are interested in donating, you can sign up by calling Anita at 375-9655 or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code is: basque.

EUZKALDUNAK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Basque Center on Sunday, December 4, 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, November 29, or in the dance hall at the beginning of the party on Sunday, December 4. To volunteer for this event contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.



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Happy birthday to Tere Achabal!

Happy birthday to Christy Echevarria!

Happy anniversary Josune and Jose Luis Arrieta!

Happy anniversary Jon and Maria Arrieta!


Zorionak to Amaya Aguirre and Matt Landa on their recent nuptials!

Happy belated birthday to Damiana Shank!

Happy birthday to Jaclyn Lasuen!

Happy birthday to Annie Gavica!

Congratulations to Maite Iribarren-Gorrindo and Mark Van Gulik on their recent engagement.



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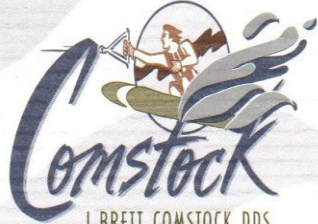
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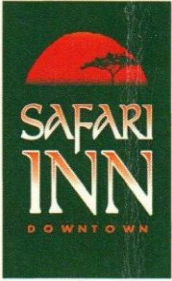
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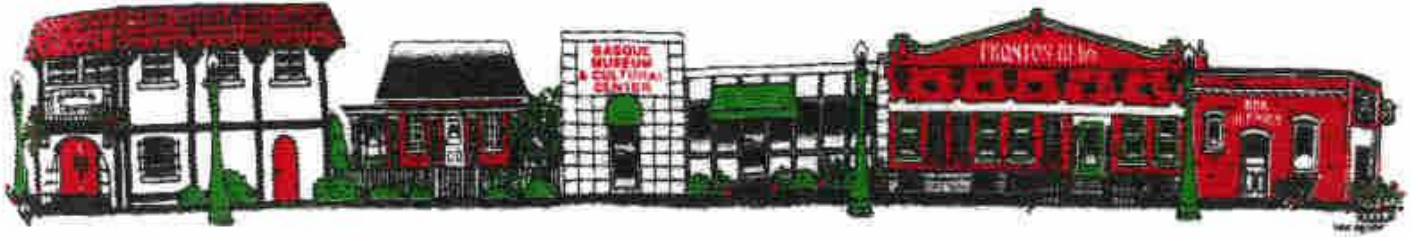
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