



Euzkaldunak

FROM THE KITCHEN

The December Holiday Dinner will take place on Saturday, December 16, and will be hosted by Nemesis Rugby Team.

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.

Here is the December monthly dinner menu:

Tossed Salad
Solomo with pimientos
Alaskan Cod salsa verde with clams
Menestra de verduras
Potatoes with cheese au gratin
Desert
Bread and butter
Coffee and wine

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.

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.

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

MEAL CARD FOR MONTHLY DINNERS

Are you tired of remembering to make a dinner reservation for the monthly dinners? If so, we have a solution for you. Starting in 2018, we will be offering a meal card purchase for 6 of the monthly dinners. With the purchase of a meal card, you have automatically made your reservation for the monthly dinners listed below:

1. February - Saturday 2/17
2. March - Saturday 3/24
3. April - Saturday 4/21
4. May - Saturday 5/19
5. September - Saturday 9/15
6. October - Saturday 10/13

Member price: \$90

Senior Member price: \$84

The meal cards are non-refundable and non-transferable. They will be available to purchase when you renew your membership or at the January monthly dinner.

HOLIDAY BAR HOURS

Sunday, December 24: open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Monday, December 25: CLOSED

Sunday, December 31: open 2:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Monday, January 1: CLOSED

MORZILLA DINNER & BAZAAR THANK YOU'S

Eskerrik Asko to our many volunteers who gave their time, food donations, and prize donations!

Special thanks to our dinner hosts, Boiseko Gazteak and Txantxangorriak:

Josephine Aldape
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Special thanks to Greg Hahn and Julie Sarasqueta Hahn for calling the Bingo games and for their fun energy!

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SHEEPHERDERS BALL DECEMBER 16

The 2017 Shepherders Ball celebration and fundraiser for the charities account of the Basque Foundation, Inc., will take place on [Saturday, December 16](#).

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. Oinkari 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 MASS DECEMBER 16

Once again this Christmas season we'll have a mass celebrated in Basque before the Shepherders' Ball on [Saturday, December 16](#) at St. John's Cathedral. It's a great opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas. It will consist of two parts actually, with the following:

3 PM: "The Basque Reason for the Season" Christmas presentation by Aita Antton in the basement Parish Hall of St. John's Cathedral.

4 PM: Basque mass (with English subtitles on Powerpoint) in the SJC Chapel.

Etorzaitez– all are invited!

BIOTZETIK CHRISTMAS IN THE CAPITOL

Join the Biotzetik Basque Choir on [Wednesday, December 6](#) at the Idaho State Capitol building. Biotzetik will present a program of Basque Christmas music beginning at 6:00 PM on the 2nd floor Rotunda. The program will conclude with an audience sing-along of traditional carols in Basque and English.



New Item: Eguzkilorre

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BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Boiseko Gazteak practice is underway! All the latest information can be found at our page on the Basque Center website:

<https://www.basquecenter.com/community/boiseko-gazteak/>

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.

Sunday, December 3 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.

2017-2018 Boiseko Calendar:

- 11/28 - Practice
- 12/03 - Winter Show/Christmas Party
- 01/09 - Practice resumes at 7PM (practice each Tuesday until March 6)
- 03/11 - Spring Show
- 07/24 - San Inazio practice at 7PM
- 07/28 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas party will be held at the Basque Center on **Sunday, December 3, 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 28, or in the dance hall at the beginning of the party on Sunday, December 3. To volunteer for this event, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.



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BASQUE FOUNDATION CHARITIES SELECTS 2017 PRIMARY RECIPIENT



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Kristen and Nikko Worthington reside with their family in Meridian, ID. In January of this year Kristen was feeling fatigued and out of balance, but brushed it off since she attributed it to being a busy mother, getting through the holidays, and just having an active and demanding life. Soon after, she found a lump in her breast. This led to a disheartening diagnosis of an aggressive form of breast cancer. It was a diagnosis that blindsided both Kristen, her husband Rick and their four children.

On Valentine's Day 2017, just two days after her 43rd birthday, Kristen underwent surgery to remove the primary tumor. Her recovery since the surgery has been difficult, and with complications. She had to undergo a second surgery for a hematoma, then blood clots developed in her lungs, and of course an intense regimen of chemotherapy. Her current treatment plan is that she will need to continue with chemotherapy treatments through most of 2018. She will then have a medication regimen to follow for five years upon the completion of her chemotherapy.

As Kristen and her family were processing and managing the realization of her cancer, an unimaginable event occurred. In May of this year Nikko started to tell his parents about his problems with back pain, nausea, and a lack of desire to eat. The pain, nausea and weight loss became so great an MRI was employed. The MRI found two broken vertebrae in Nikko's lower back, but also picked up a succession of tumors.

Further testing and evaluation took place. It was determined that Nikko's kidneys were at the verge of acute failure and more cancer was found throughout his bone marrow, compromising his vertebrae, skull, pelvis, legs, and other bones throughout his body. Doctors came back with a horrific diagnosis that Nikko was in Stage 4 Rhabdomyosarcoma, also known as RMS. A very rare type of cancer where only 350 new cases are diagnosed each year within the United States. RMS is a cancer usually only found in children.

Nikko is currently an 8th grader at Heritage Middle School. He is receiving his care through both St. Luke's Children's Hospital as well as Seattle Children's Hospital.

On Friday, June 30th, Nikko and Kristen shared a common experience that most of us hope and pray we never to have to go through: they both received chemotherapy on the same day, at the same place, and at the same time. A totally unplanned, completely unimaginable moment just a few months before. Kristen and Nikko will continue to share this experience for at least the next year.

Along with the enormity of the situation of not just one member of this family experiencing cancer, but two, anyone can imagine not just the physical and emotional consequences for all, but also the financial stresses that now pressure the family.

For more information about the Worthington family, visit the KTVB Seven's Hero article at:
<http://www.ktvb.com/news/local/outreach/sevens-hero/meridian-mother-and-son-fight-cancer-together/491310742>

EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

It's time to renew your Euzkaldunak membership! All memberships expire on **December 31, 2017**, including those purchased at the start of the fall dance session. Reminders have been sent. To renew your dues please remit \$50 per adult member no later than **January 15, 2018**. If you'd like to pay someone's membership as a gift, please contact the secretary for details. New memberships are \$60 per person. Those 18 and over need their own memberships. Children under 18 are under the membership of their parent(s). Dues should be mailed to or dropped off at the Basque Center at 601 Grove St, Boise, ID 83702. Contact Patty Gabica, Secretary at secretary@basquecenter.com if you have questions!

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. This year, all five incumbents plan on running for re-election. 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.

NABO DELEGATE FOR EUZKALDUNAK

Every two years, during our General Meeting in January, the general membership elects a new NABO Delegate to represent Euzkaldunak at the three yearly meetings. If you are interested in running for the NABO Delegate position, please contact Tyler Smith at president@basquecenter.com.



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UPCOMING MUS TOURNAMENTS

- **Basque Center 8 King Mus Tournament** starts 1/7/18 at 5:00 PM.
- **Basque Center NABO 4 King Mus Tournament:** 1/13/18. Registration 9:00 AM, play begins at 10:00 am.
- **Homedale NABO Tournament:** 02/18/18
- **Basque Museum NABO Tournament:** 02/24/18
- **Mountain Home:** 3/4/18
- **Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV):** 4/14/18

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Happy birthday to Fermin Bilbao!

Happy birthday to Ilan Shank!

Happy birthday to Toni Achabal!

Happy birthday to Jesus Alcelay!

Happy Anniversary John and Gloria Navarro!

Happy anniversary to John and Alex Bieter!

Happy anniversary to Joe and Mary Lasuen!

Happy anniversary to Johnny and Jenny Aldape!

Happy first anniversary to Douglas and Alaina Gavica!

RECAP OF DATES & DEADLINES FROM NEWSLETTER

- 11/29: drop off gifts for Children's Xmas Party
- 12/3: Boiseko Winter Show
- 12/3: Children's Christmas Party
- 12/6: Biotzetik Christmas at the Capitol
- 12/16: Basque Mass at St. John's Cathedral
- 12/16: Shepherders Ball Dinner & Dance
- 12/31: Euzkaldunak memberships expire
- 1/15/18: Due date to renew Euzkaldunak membership
- 1/27/18: Annual Member Dinner & Elections

You can also find an online calendar of Euzkaldunak events on the Basque Center website, at <https://www.basquecenter.com/events>



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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like to include in the **December** 2017 Newsletter, please submit your written information by Friday, **December 15** to: Euzkaldunak Newsletter, 601 Grove St, Boise, ID 83702, or e-mail it to newsletter@basquecenter.com. If you email it, the chance of a typographical error is less. For name and address changes, e-mail Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2017-18 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

12/3/17: Children's Christmas Party
12/16/17: Shepherders Dinner and Dance
 1/27/18: Annual Member Dinner & Elections
 2/17/18: February Dinner
 3/24/18: Mus Dinner
 4/21/18: Anniversary Dinner

5/19/18: Mother's Day Dinner
 9/15/18: September Dinner
 10/13/18: October Dinner
 11/3/18: Morzilla Dinner & Bazaar
 12/22/18: Shepherders Ball 2018