



# EUZKALDUNAK

2020

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### JANUARY

Monthly Member Newsletter

#### **FROM THE KITCHEN**

On Saturday, January 25, Euzkaldunak will hold the January General Membership Dinner and Board Elections. The January dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Ikastola.

#### **January 2020 dinner menu:**

Tossed Salad with Onati Dressing  
Baked Chicken in a Creamy Mushroom Sauce  
Grilled Whitefish with Pimientos  
Basque Rice Paella  
Vegetables  
Desserts  
Homemade Bread and Butter  
Wine and Coffee

The January Membership dinner is a **FREE** dinner for all members **who have paid their 2019 dues by January 14, 2020**. (No membership renewals will be taken on the night of the dinner, and no non-member guests are allowed.) Membership cards are required for easy admittance, so be sure to bring yours!

6:00 PM: Cocktails  
6:30 PM: Dinner served  
7:30 PM: General Meeting and Elections

Reservations are not required for the dinner, but recommended. You will not be turned away that night as long as your 2020 membership is paid in full, but it will help the cooking staff to prepare if you make a reservation. To make your dinner reservation, please call 208-572-0604 or email [dinner@basquecenter.com](mailto:dinner@basquecenter.com) with your name and the number in your party. To take advantage of our free babysitting service, please include your children's names and ages to with your reservation no later than January 23.

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

The Basque Foundation, Inc. would like to thank the many 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](mailto:president@basquecenter.com).

#### **2020 GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS**

The general meeting, which serves as the annual membership meeting for all Euzkaldunak members, begins at 7:30 PM on January 25. The agenda will include:

Jaialdi 2020 information  
Financial report for 2019  
Euzkaldunak activities report  
2019 NABO report  
Election of Euzkaldunak board (5 seats)

The five Directors completing their term are Martin Bilbao, Bryan Day, Ed Orbea, Tyler Smith, and Sarah Urizar-Smith. We appreciate their contributions for the betterment of the Basque Center and the Basque community.

Nominations are officially open for the Euzkaldunak board vacant positions. If you would like to serve our Basque community, work with a great bunch of people, and have a lot of fun, please contact Ed Orbea at [president@basquecenter.com](mailto:president@basquecenter.com) for more information.

## **SHEEPHERDERS THANK YOU**

The annual Shepherders Ball, held every December on the Saturday before Christmas, is one of our best-known Boise Basque traditions. According to Lydia Jausoro: *"After spending months tending sheep during the boarding house era, men came down from the mountains dressed in their 'ball' attire – jeans and casual shirts (usually white) for men and cotton dresses for women."* Lydia recalled that in the early years one enterprising gentleman sold Levi's from the back of his wagon near the entrance to the hall. In 1947, the event was opened to the public and has been extremely well-attended since then.



This year the hall was filled to the brim with people young and old. Participants enjoyed a special dinner cooked by Jesus Alcelay, the dancing of the Oinkari Basque Dancers with this being the debut of their new dancers, a lamb auction to raise funds for Basque charities (where else can you see the same lamb auctioned off multiple times to an enthusiastic group of bidders?) and dance with Amuma Says No. We had the opportunity to meet 3-year-old Thomas Foster and his parents, who are the Basque Charities 2019 Primary Recipient.

The Basque Foundation would like to extend a sincere Eskerrik Askto to all the individuals and organizations that gave from their hearts and helped make the 2019 Shepherders Ball a successful fundraiser:

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## **SHEEPHERDERS THANK YOU'S (CONT'D)**

The Basque Foundation would also like to extend a sincere Eskerrik Askto to all the individuals and organizations that helped organize, set up and execute the 2019 Shepherders Ball.

### ***Dinner hosts: Boise United Rugby Football Club (aka Nemesis Rugby)***

Alex Ackley  
Katy Dock  
Monica Fabby  
Nicky Hill  
Savannah Ingram  
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Miguel Luna  
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## ***Dinner Volunteers***


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Once again we are offering members the opportunity to pre-purchase of meal cards for 2020. This allows you to pre-pay and automatically make your reservations for the six (6) standard monthly dinners (listed below) we have in 2020:

1. Saturday, February 22, 2020
2. Saturday, March 14, 2020
3. Saturday, April 18, 2020
4. Saturday, May 09, 2020
5. Saturday, September 12, 2020
6. Saturday, October 10, 2020

The meal card will be **\$90 for members and \$84 for Seniors**, and are non-refundable and non-transferable. They will be available to purchase when you renew your membership or at the January monthly dinner.

## **BOISEKO GAZTEAK**

Thanks to all the friends and family that showed up to our wonderful performance! The kids did a great job (of course)! Thanks to Txantxangorriak for starting off the show, to Jenn Boyd and Rod Wray and for arranging the venue and providing sound, and to Chris Bieter for handling the emcee duties. Also, a big thanks goes out to our musicians, teachers, and volunteers for their hard work throughout the season. Finally, thanks to our canned food drive volunteer crew for collecting and delivering the food, and the volunteers that helped out at the Children's Christmas Party afterwards.

As a reminder, Boiseko Gazteak is on a break. We will resume practice on **Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 PM** in the usual locations. Please note that the Basque Center bar will be closed that evening for floor refinishing.

### ***2020 Boiseko Calendar:***

- 01/07 - Practice resumes at 7:00 PM (practice each Tuesday until March 3)  
03/08 - Spring Show (Borah High)  
07/27 - Jaialdi practice at 7:00 PM  
07/28 - Jaialdi practice at 7:00 PM  
08/01 - Jaialdi performance (Idaho Expo)

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## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### **THANK-YOUS**

Thanks to the many volunteers who made the Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas Party a huge success!

Amaia Biain  
Angela Paz  
Argia Beristain  
Camille Levi  
Carly Opheim  
Chris Bieter  
Christi Phillips  
Ed Orbea  
Gina Landa  
Heath Gamboa  
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Teula Biain

### **BOISE PILOTA ESKOLA – YOUTH PILOTA SCHOOL**

Handball (esku pilota) classes for kids ages 9-13 will start on January 13, 2020. Classes are free of charge: only motivation, a desire to learn and an ability to attend on a weekly basis are needed from participants.

**When:** Mondays from 4:25-5:25 pm

**Spring session:** January 13 - March 16

**Where:** Anduiza Fronton

**Coach:** Todor Azurtza

**If interested please contact:**

[pilota.eskola.boise@gmail.com](mailto:pilota.eskola.boise@gmail.com) or 208-600-3780

### **HOST FAMILY NEEDED: JULY 2020**

Maitena is a 20 year old college student from Bermeo/Mundaka, and she is looking for a host family for 2 weeks during Jaialdi. For more information, please contact Rosa Mari Arrubarrena at [rmarruba@gmail.com](mailto:rmarruba@gmail.com), or [click this link](#) to view a flyer with more details.



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Calling ALL dantzariak! It's time to get into shape for Jaialdi, and what better way than spending a Sunday at the Basque Center, just like old times? Meet the Oinkaris in the hall at **2:00 PM on Sunday, January 5** for some dancing and a lot of fun! Call your old Elko hotel roommates, your cousins, and your New Kid class, and come show us what you've got!

## 2020 MUS TOURNAMENTS

### **2020 8-King Euzkaldunak Tournament**

1/12/20 5:00 PM  
1/19/20 5:00 PM  
1/26/20 5:00 PM  
2/9/20 5:00 PM  
2/23/20 5:00 PM

### **2020 NABO Qualifier Tournaments**

2/1/20 Boise  
2/16/20 Homedale  
3/8/20 Mountain Home  
3/21/20 Oinkari Alumni Mus Tournament  
3/28/20 Gooding  
4/25/20 Basque Museum  
5/2/20 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)

## EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERSHIPS

All memberships expired on December 31, 2019, including all memberships new this fall for parents of children joining Boiseko Gazteak. To renew your dues, please remit \$50 per adult member no later than **January 18, 2020**. 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](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com) with any questions.



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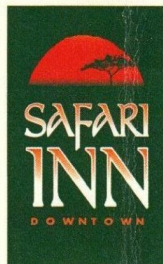


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## RECAP OF DATES & DEADLINES

1/5/20: Oinkari Alumni Day  
1/7/20: Boiseko Practice Resumes  
1/13/20: Youth Pilota School starts  
1/18/20: Membership Renewal Deadline  
1/25/20: January Membership Dinner & Elections  
2/1/20: Jaialdi Vendor Application Deadline  
2/15/20: Deadline for Submitting Jaialdi Ad  
2/22/20: February Monthly Dinner & Oinkari Bingo

To view all Basque Center events in calendar format, please visit [basquecenter.com/events](https://basquecenter.com/events).

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We have so much news to share about Jaialdi this month...

- Tickets to Sports Night, Festara, and Expo Idaho events will go on sale this month! Please check the Schedule and Tickets section of Jaialdi.com for details. Important note: Tickets will be sold through the venues, not through the Jaialdi website itself, but we'll provide direct links to the venues on the site.
- Thanks to everyone who has placed a program book memorial or ad so far! We are continuing to accept both, so don't forget to secure your spot. You can place one by visiting the Jaialdi.com website.
- Vendors, you still have time to turn in your applications — but hurry! The application deadline is February 1, 2020.
- Watch our Facebook page for information about limited-edition winter merchandise — coming soon!

## ZORIONAK

Happy birthday to Alaia Alcelay!  
 Happy birthday to Jill Aldape!  
 Happy 98th birthday to Regina Bastida Aldecoa!  
 Happy birthday to Johnny & Jimmy Aldape!  
 Happy birthday to Campbell Andrews!  
 Happy birthday to Teresa Mendazona Aramburu!  
 Happy birthday to Sean Aucutt!  
 Happy birthday to Kim Bearden!  
 Happy birthday to Magnus Bell!  
 Happy 89th birthday to Lydia Black!  
 Happy birthday to Jillian Boyd!  
 Happy birthday to Jimmy Boyd!  
 Happy birthday to Amaia Arrieta Donahue!  
 Happy birthday to Anita Jausoro!  
 Happy birthday to Yasone Krakau!  
 Happy birthday to PJ Mansisor!  
 Happy birthday to Spencer Martin!  
 Happy birthday to Celia McLean!  
 Happy birthday to Anne Boyd Miller!  
 Happy birthday to Amaya Sarria!  
 Happy birthday to Sofi Sarria!  
 Happy birthday to Tyler Smith!  
 Happy birthday to Damiana Uberuaga!  
 Happy anniversary to Nick Smith and Sarah Urizar-Smith!

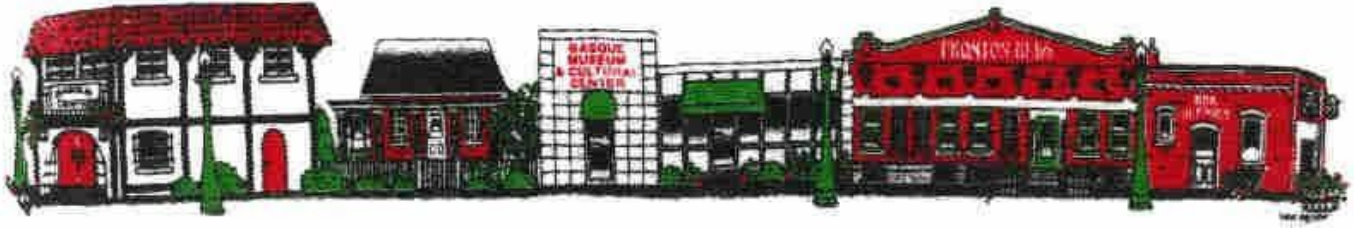
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To paraphrase a statement made by Don Dick (1974 Basque Foundation President) I believe that no outgoing President of Euzkaldunak has finished his first year with better, happier memories than me. It has been an honor to serve my fellow members and a pleasure to work with such a competent Board of Directors. The members of Euzkaldunak should be proud of their Board and expect many exciting things to happen this year. I want to thank the members of the board for electing me their president for 2019.

To Martin Bilbao, Patrick Bidegaray, Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Bryan Day, Alicia Knox, Tyler Smith, Sarah Urizar-Smith, Ricardo Yanci, Patty Gabica-Haas, Albert Totorica, Julian Lete, Sean Aucutt, Lael Uberuaga, Argia Beristain, Annie Gavica, Tony & Tara Eiguren and Jesus Alcelay: ESKERRIK ASKO.

—Ed Orbea





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If you have information that you would like to include in the **February 2020** Newsletter, please submit your written information by **Monday, January 27** to: Euzkaldunak Newsletter, 601 Grove St, Boise, ID 83702, or email it to [newsletter@basquecenter.com](mailto:newsletter@basquecenter.com). If you email it, the chance of a typographical error is less. For mailing address changes, e-mail Patty Gabica at [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com).

## **2020 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS**

01/25/20 - Member Dinner & Elections  
 02/22/20 - February Dinner & Oinkari Bingo  
 03/14/20 - March Mus Dinner  
 04/18/20 - April Anniversary Dinner  
 05/09/20 - May Mother's Day Dinner

07/28-08/02 - Jaialdi 2020  
 09/12/20 - September Dinner  
 10/10/20 - October Dinner  
 11/07/20 - November Morzilla Dinner, Bazaar & Bingo  
 12/19/20 - December Dinner & Shepherders Ball