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Monthly Member Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Though COVID-19 has been in international news since January, it has only spread to Idaho in the last few weeks. The Euzkaldunak board and Basque Foundation has had to make decisions and take action to keep our community safe as this crisis unfolds.

As you may know, the Basque Center facility (hall, kitchen, card room, basement, and bar) is fully closed until further notice. **The April and May monthly dinners are also cancelled**, not only to comply with City of Boise and State of Idaho shelter-in-place orders, but to protect Euzkaldunak members and patrons from the community spread of COVID-19.

In addition, the Jaialdi committee has also made the difficult decision to postpone Jaialdi until summer 2021. You can read the full notice on the last page of this newsletter.

The Euzkaldunak board has been closely monitoring local, state, and national health guidelines and regulations as the COVID-19 situation develops, and we will continue to act with our members' and the larger community's safety in mind.

In these truly unprecedented times, the Basque community we have built together is more important than ever. Though we're not able to gather in person, we can still be there for each other via phone, email, video chat, and social media. Please take care of each other, and we'll see you at 601 Grove as soon as this is over.

– Martin Bilbao, Euzkaldunak President

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S NOTE

In a time of immense uncertainty, fear, and change, I think it's important to keep doing everything we can to stay connected to each other, be it Zoom video chats, dropping off extra toilet paper at your neighbor's house, or even reading a comforting familiar community newsletter, let's keep doing what we can to maintain a sense of normalcy. I'll still be sending out member newsletters each month as usual, and since many in-person Basque events have been cancelled or will likely be cancelled, I would love to share your Basque content! Do you have a Basque recipe or piece of Treasure Valley Basque history to share with members? Send any submissions to newsletter@basquecenter.com and we'll include it in the next newsletter.

Ondo Segi!

– Lael Uberuaga, Euzkaldunak Newsletter Editor

FEBRUARY DINNER THANK-YOU

A note that was accidentally left out of last month's newsletter: while the regular monthly dinner chef Jesus Alcey was in the Basque Country in February, the membership enjoyed a meal cooked by our stand-in chef, Timoteo Santiago. Eskerrik asko Timoteo and crew!

2020 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

~~4/18 – April Anniversary Dinner - CANCELED~~

~~5/09 – May Mother's Day Dinner - CANCELED~~

~~7/28 – 8/02 – Jaialdi 2020 – POSTPONED~~

9/12 - September Dinner

10/10 - October Dinner

11/07 - Morzilla Dinner, Bazaar & Bingo

12/19 - December Dinner & Shepherders Ball

**EUZKALDUNAK 71st ANNIVERSARY -
CHARTER MEMBERS**

Since April is our club's anniversary month, we would once again like to recognize our Charter Members of the Boise Basque Center for their integral contributions in helping to found our club in 1949. The eight remaining charter members are:

***Regina Bastida Aldecoa
Joanne Aldrich
Rosita Alegria Artis
Lydia Goiri Black
Julia Uberuaga Coleman
John Lasuen
Francisca Hormaechea Lejardi
Priscilla Saizar Waller***

Usually, we invite charter members to our April dinner as honored guests. However, since the 2020 April dinner has been canceled due to coronavirus concerns, we won't be able to honor them in person in April. Please keep these founding members in your thoughts, and if you know one, say Eskerrik Askoi! The Basque Center wouldn't be where it is today without these individuals who helped start it all.

AIZTAN ARTEAN UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS

The ladies of Aiztan Artean are again offering partial scholarships to Udaleku this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah.

If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, and have not applied with another organization, please send a letter of request. The letter should contain your Basque relationship, how you have participated in Basque activities previously, what you hope to achieve at camp, and how your going to camp might improve our Basque community. Please send your letter **by April 30, 2020** to:

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BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Thanks for your support at the Boiseko Gazteak Spring Show! Everyone agrees that the dancers put on a wonderful performance! Thanks to all the musicians and teachers for working with the kids at practice and during the performance. Thanks also to Txantxangorriak for their music, Chris Bieter for emceeing, Rod Wray for providing the sound equipment and taking the group photo, and Jenn Boyd for securing the Borah High gymnasium.


Good luck to Abi Norton - she is a Boiseko teacher who is graduating high school this year!

As a friendly reminder, Boiseko Gazteak is on a break until summer.



8-KING MUS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Thanks to all those that played in the Euzkaldunak 8 King mus tournament. We had great participation from the membership this year, with around 26 teams competing. Zorionak to John Krakau and Sean Aucutt, 8-King txapelidunak! Krakau and Aucutt beat Juan Egana and Tony Larrocea in the championship.


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LEGACY AWARD

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.

Nominations for the 2020 Legacy Award are now open. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter with the nominee's name and a description of their accomplishments, and either email it to president@basquecenter.com or give it to any current board member. The board will review the nominations and the recipients will be announced at an upcoming dinner.

Past Legacy Award recipients:

- 2001: John Bastida, Jay Hormaechea, Ramon Ysursa
- 2002: Dorothy Aldecoa, Domingo Ansotegui, Jimmy Jausoro
- 2003: Don Dick, Benito Goitiandia, Florencio "Pancho" Aldape
- 2004: Hank & Gerri Achurra, Albert Erquiaga, Inaki Eiguren
- 2005: Julian Lachiondo, Mari Carmen Totorica, Dave & Jeannie Eiguren
- 2006: Isabel Jausoro, Julian Achabal
- 2007: Louis Jausoro, Early Kitchen Crew (acknowledged)
- 2008: Linda Barinaga, Gina Ansotegui Urquidi, Fergie Larrondo
- 2009: Carmen Solosabal, Rose Arregui Dick, Juan Oleaga
- 2010: Flora Aldazabal, Bryan Day, Domingo Arrizabalaga
- 2011: Simon Achabal, Diana Sabala
- 2012: Rash Iglesias
- 2013: Ron Sabala
- 2014: Tony Arrubarrena
- 2015: Ray Mansidor
- 2016: Dan Ansotegui, Mary Lou Murelaga Guerricabeitia
- 2017: Julian Lete
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- 2019: Cecil Jayo

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BASQUE DANCING FOR DUMMIES

The Basque Museum and Oinkari Basque Dancers are teaming up to present "Basque Dancing for Dummies"! This two-session Basque Dance workshop during the month of May is the perfect opportunity to come learn your jota and social dances before the summer festivities get underway!

If you have ever found yourself at a wedding, festival, or Basque party with your feet tapping and itching to join in, but didn't know where to begin, this is the perfect opportunity for you to learn the basics and get comfortable trying your hand (or feet) at some popular and easy Basque dances. No experience necessary, no strings attached, just come and have a good time!

- May 8, 6:00 PM at the Basque Center – we will be learning the Jota & Porrusalda
- May 29, 6:00 PM at the Basque Center – we will be learning Call & Street dances

Tickets are \$20 for one session, \$35 for both sessions, or \$25 at the door. You can order your tickets at basquemuseum.eus/shop/basque-dance-for-dummies/

BASQUE COUNTRY EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES and HOST FAMILY REQUESTS

A brief description is below, but for a full listing of exchange opportunities and who to contact if you're interested, visit bit.ly/boisehostfam.

Female, 20 from Bermeo/Mundaka:

Maitena San Juan will be visiting Boise this summer and is looking for a host family, with the opportunity for a cultural exchange afterward to Bermeo/Mundaka.

As additional host family requests come in, we will be listing them at bit.ly/boisehostfam.

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GOIAN BEGO ~ REST IN PEACE

The Euzkaldunak board would like to add a list to our newsletter whereby we print the names of our members and charter members who have recently passed. We will need some help in gathering information and would appreciate you—our membership—sending us the name of whoever has passed away from our Euzkaldunak community.

To our departed loved ones, “Goian Bego”:

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Jaialdi Postponed until July 2021

Lagunak, it is with heavy hearts that we announce the postponement of Jaialdi 2020 due to coronavirus concerns. The festival will instead take place from July 27–August 1, 2021. This was a difficult decision, but a necessary one. Coronavirus cases are increasing both in Idaho and the United States at large, and we are acting out of an abundance of love and concern for our friends and family around the world.

We're sure many of you have questions about tickets. Please take a moment to read the updates below.

- We are finalizing the way refunds will work. We'll share information about how to purchase 2021 tickets as soon as we can.
- Please contact your hotel to reschedule your room dates.
- Existing vendor agreements will be honored. Our vendor coordinator will be in touch with vendors to answer questions and issue refunds if requested.
- Program book memorials and ads will be included in the 2021 version. We will follow up with every person or business who has reserved space in the program book and will issue refunds if requested.

- We are regularly updating Jaialdi.com and will continue to post new information both there and on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
- Jaialdi 2021 will not affect the timing of the next Jaialdi. That festival is still scheduled to take place during the last week of July in 2025.

We're all going through a tough time right now, but that will make Jaialdi 2021 extra special! Please stay strong, stay safe, and we'll dance and celebrate soon. Eskerrik asko!

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Happy birthday to Julia Achabal!

Happy birthday to Dan Aizpitarte!

Happy birthday to Miren Urresti Laughrin!

Happy birthday to Alicia Lachiondo!

Happy birthday to Saioa Sarria!

Happy birthday to Heather Sarria!

Happy birthday to Jacob Salutregui!

Happy anniversary to Heather and Edu Sarria!

RECAP OF DATES & DEADLINES

Note that most in-person events previously listed in the newsletter for the next few weeks have been postponed or canceled. We will announce new dates for events as soon as information becomes available. The remaining dates we know of (as of April 1) are:

- 5/8, 5/29: Basque Dancing for Dummies
- 6/13: Ontario Mus Tournament

To view all Basque Center events in calendar format, please visit basquecenter.com/events.



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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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