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Monthly Member Newsletter

CURBSIDE PICKUP NOVEMBER DINNER

The Basque Center will hold a Curbside Pickup November "monthly dinner" on [Sunday, November 8 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM](#). This dinner will be hosted by the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors and friends.

Cars will drive through Grove Street, stop in front of the Basque Center, and meals will be taken directly to the cars. Alternatively, it will also be possible to walk in to pick up the meals; a line will be organized in front of the Basque Center where masks and social distancing will be required.

Curbside Pickup November Dinner Menu:

Tossed Salad
Orange Roughy Oriotarra
Baked Chicken with Onions and Wine
Potatoes in Salsa Verde
Homemade Bread & Butter
Dessert

Curbside Pickup Dinner Price

\$15.00 per meal

Online Reservations:

Please make your curbside pickup dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com. Online registration and payment will be available starting in mid-October. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call in your reservation to 208-572-0604. The deadline for dinner reservations is [November 4 at 8:00 PM](#).

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Do you have a Basque recipe, historical tidbit, game or activity that you'd like to share with other Euzkaldunak members so we can keep being Basque while we shelter in place? Send it to newsletter@basquecenter.com for a chance to be featured in the newsletter!

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BOISEKO GAZTEAK UPDATE

Due to the closure of the Basque Center, practices will not start as originally planned. We will begin practices when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please look to our website for any updates:

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.

2020-2021 Calendar (TENTATIVE):

- TBD - Onsite registration at 7PM at the Basque Center (including used costume buying/selling, new costume measuring, and volunteer signup)
- TBD - First practice at 7PM (practice each Tuesday until December 1, no practice on November 24)
- 12/06 - Winter Show (Borah High) & Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas Party (Basque Center)
- 01/12 - Practice resumes at 7PM (practice each Tuesday until March 2)
- 03/08 - Spring Show (Borah High)
- 07/26 - Jaialdi practice at 7PM
- 07/27 - Jaialdi practice at 7PM
- 07/31 - Jaialdi performance (Idaho Expo)

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

Every year during our General Meeting in January, the Euzkaldunak membership elects half of its Board of Directors. This year, there will be five (5) 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 think about running! If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Martin Bilbao at president@basquecenter.com.

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BASQUE CENTER HISTORY CORNER



To promote education and celebrate our history, the Basque Center Renovation Committee writes a monthly “history corner” column that chronicles how the Basque Center came to be, the current state of the facility, and the changes needed to ensure we have a place to gather for generations to come.

February 1951: Jose and Hermenegilda Uberuaga transfer a land title to Euzkaldunak. Receiving the title on behalf of Euzkaldunak are Secretary-Treasurer Rash Iglesias and President John Bastida. The deal was made for the corner lot at Sixth & Grove Streets. The Euzkaldunak Board got bids to begin the construction almost immediately, and broke ground circa March 1951 on a building that would become our Basque Center.

THE SEARCH FOR A BASQUE CENTER, 1949-1951

1949: The first two meetings for the new Basque organization took place at the Western Square Hall on February 6 and February 20. With the help of Boise attorney Pete Leguineche, the founding group established the framework by drafting the by-laws, and selecting seven members for the Board of Directors. Selected were: Joe Aldape, John Bastida, Tom Bicandi, Teles Hormaechea, Pete Leguineche, Luis Madarieta and Marie Teresa Villanueva. Appointed to fill the job of Secretary-Treasurer were Julie Uberuaga and her brother Joe P. Uberuaga, who would make records of the meetings and handle the funds of the new corporation.

The first official meeting of the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors was held at the home of Luis Madarieta on February 24. The Board elected Luis Madarieta as President and Tom Bicandi as Vice President. A motion was made that the dues for membership in the organization was to be \$5 per year per person over the age of 18; the motion passed unanimously. Then, the work began—a focus on building a Basque Center.

“After a great deal of discussion regarding the location and type of the proposed building and the amount of money to be collected and the method of collecting, it was decided that John Bastida head up a committee to investigate locations.” One possibility was buying a building at Gowen Field and moving it into a more desirable location. John and the building committee would also investigate the costs of various lots which members of the organization suggested for consideration. By the next Board of Directors meeting, which was held at the home of John Bastida on March 3, John reported that the building at Gowen Field was unacceptable because the building could not be moved from the property. The next possibility—a lot at the intersection of Grove and Third Street—proved too costly. At the subsequent meetings, the Board discussed the search ... John reported that he was meeting with difficulty on all sides because they (the persons who had lots) “saw us coming.”

THE SEARCH FOR A BASQUE CENTER, (cont'd)

It seemed when lots became available the prices were hiked up "until it is positively outlandish." In future months, the building committee explored two barrack buildings which could be relocated, property at White City Park, and the American Legion Hall which might be for sale for \$119,000.00.

1950-51

The search for property continued. Several barracks buildings at Gowen Field became available for sale. Euzkaldunak bought the six buildings (five were 20 x 50 feet, one was 20 x 40 feet) for \$500. The problems would be the costs of relocating the buildings and of finding an appropriate spot for them. Possibilities were: Boise Water Corporations lot at White City Park (\$17,500 to \$20,000); Dick Cornell's lot near Airway Park (4 ½ acres for \$9,000); lots on Highway 20 (two acres for \$7,000); Day Real Estate (2 lots for \$32,500); Reller & Company (50-foot lot for \$15,000); Hermengilda Uberuaga's lot at Sixth & Grove (\$8,000); Henry Alegria's lot at Fifth & Gove (\$6,000). Problems of relocating the barracks buildings became insurmountable. Euzkaldunak held an auction on March 19, 1950. Purchasers were Vicente Lizaso, Tom Erquiaga, Ramon Bastida, and Teles Hormaecha. Euzkaldunak even realized a profit from the auction.

By the time of the General Membership Meeting at Eagles Hall on January 7, 1951, Euzkaldunak members expressed an interest in being in Boise's downtown area. The lots that were available for sale were discussed. The membership wanted to purchase one of the lots and gave the Board the authority to purchase whichever they considered most suitable. At the Board Meeting on January 12, the building committee chose the Uberuaga lot. Then it happened fast. The deal was sealed in February 1951. **The Euzkaldunak's Basque Center would be located on the SW corner of 6th & Grove.**

-- compiled by Juliana Aldape on behalf of the Basque Center Renovation Committee

**It's our time again...for a renovated
Basque Center.**

Next month in "History Corner" – building the
Basque Center facility!

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2020 OMENALDIA MEMORIAL MASS

This year, the annual Omenaldia mass will be held entirely online at [Sunday, November 1 at 9:30 AM](#). The recording of the mass will be viewable afterwards as well. You will be able to view Omenaldia from the Basque Museum's Facebook Page as well as from a link on the Basque Museum's website, right on the front page at basquemuseum.eus. Omenaldia is an annual event that gives members of the community an opportunity to remember those that have passed away in the last year. If you have someone you would like to remember at Omenaldia, please email Annie Gavica at annieg@basquemuseum.eus or call 208-577-2250.

BASQUE MUSEUM ONLINE AUCTION

We would like to thank all the Basque Museum's friends and members for their patience this past year as we have had to navigate this pandemic, rescheduling so many of our events and cancelling some altogether. We will be holding an online auction from October 15-25. You will soon be able to preview some of the great items and register to bid by going to basquemuseum.eus.

CEMETERY TOUR WITH PATTY MILLER

On [Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 PM](#), take a tour with Patty through Morris Hill Cemetery's Basque Section & beyond. Hear stories about Basque immigrants, their families and friends, work, life and death. Tickets will be required to participate. Check the Basque Museum website for more information and to sign up. A perfect way to participate in Halloween in a socially distant way! Visit basquemuseum.eus for ticket information.

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OINKARI MEMORIALS

The Oinkari Basque Dancers greatly appreciate the recent donations made in memory of beloved members of the Basque community. Memorial gifts to Oinkari help fund costumes, equipment, travel expenses, and Basque cultural education for current and future generations of Oinkari dancers.

In memory of Toni Achabal:

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GOIAN BEGO

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":

Luanne Epeldi

NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS

Ongi Etorri to new member Rachel Dowd!

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Happy birthday to Michelle Andrews!
Happy birthday to Ben Donahue!
Happy birthday to Annie Gavica!
Happy birthday to Markel Grodi!
Happy birthday to Gina Landa!
Happy birthday to Jaclyn Lasuen!
Happy birthday to Jer O'Mahony
Happy Birthday to Ed Orbea!
Happy birthday to Damiana Shank!
Happy birthday to Sarah Urizar-Smith!
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like to include in the **November 2020 newsletter**, please submit your written information by **October 19** to: Euzkaldunak Newsletter, 601 Grove St, Boise, ID 83702, or email it to 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.

2020 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

(all tentative and pending reopening of Basque Center facility)

11/08/20 - Curbside Pickup November Dinner

12/19/20 - December Dinner & Shepherders Ball
(tentative and pending reopening of Basque Center facility)