



EUZKALDUNAK

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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 and we’ll do our best to feature it in the newsletter!

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BOISEKO GAZTEAK UPDATE

The Boiseko Gazteak Board hopes that all our dancers and their families are staying safe. We will hold off on announcing a start date for the 2020-2021 season until the Basque Center can open and it is safe to hold practice. Additionally, the Winter Show performance is cancelled, and we will hold out hope that the Spring Show can happen in March or later. Thanks to all that completed the registration process. If you have questions, please email boiseko@basquecenter.com.

BASQUE MUSEUM MONTHLY WINE CLUB

Do you love wine and miss Winefest as much as we do? Join the Basque Museum's Winefest Club and you can enjoy a little bit of Winefest all year! For just \$35 (plus tax) each month, you will get one red and one white/rose/bubbly carefully chosen by our wine committee – yep, we have a wine committee – that's how important it is! It is a monthly club, so join any time and cancel any time. Visit basquemuseum.eus/winefestclub for more info and to sign up!


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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.

Basque musicians on this very month, 70 years ago (November 1950).

L to R: Bob Anacabe - tambourine, Ray Echevarria - guitar, Angela Bicandi - accordion, Jo Murelaga - accordion

THE SEARCH FOR A BASQUE CENTER, 1949-1951 continued

1951 Annual Meeting, January 7, Eagles Hall

Completing their 1950 offices and Board terms were: Teles Hormaechea, President; John Bastida, VP; Joe Aldape, Pete Leguineche, Tom Bicandi, Julian Lachiondo and Carmen Solosabal. Julia Uberuaga had previously resigned as Secretary-Treasurer, and Rash Iglesias assumed this position.

As chairman of the Building Committee, John Bastida was asked to report. The various properties were discussed. John questioned the membership about the type, size and structure they would like for the building. Based on a structure of a building on 27th street, John said we could get a cinder block building for about \$25,000. It was determined that a building as large as the Riverside (160 feet) would be impractical for the purposes of the Euzkaldunak; a building about 50 x100 with a basement 50 x 70 would more likely fill our requirements. Al Berro questioned whether that would be large enough to hold fights and other athletic events. John Odiaga and many others said that we weren't in a position to afford that size, that perhaps we could rent space for those types of events, and that we should take care of Euzkaldunak first. The first priority was to have a place where our members could meet for socials, dances, dinners and card games and could gather in the evenings all year long. Questions rose as to how to finance the purchase of the property and the building construction. The answers included using savings, getting bank financing, and asking members for loans and donations. John Bastida also suggested that the Euzkaldunak should act as contractors and sub the rest of it. He also felt that they could get materials at contractors' prices. The committee could put out the specifications and call for bids. With the majority agreeing on a concrete block building about the size of 100 x 50, the membership left it up to the next Board of Directors (to be elected at the end of the meeting) to choose the best site and make the purchase.

1951 Board Election

The 1950 Board of Directors had recommended that the number of members on the Board be increased from seven to nine. This was approved and the 1951 Board was elected: John Bastida, President; Tom Bicandi, VP; members Julian Lachiondo, Carmen Solosabal, Teles Hormaechea, Fermin Aldecoa, Phil

Uberuaga, John Asumendi and John Odiaga. At the first Board of Directors meeting on January 12, 1951, the members chose to buy the Uberuaga lot and appointed Teles Hormaecha and Tom Bicandi to notify Jose and Hermenegilda Uberuaga of the decision. The Board decided that about \$22,500 would be needed to get the first part of the building completed...and they wanted to break ground and put up walls quickly.


The Euzkaldunak board of directors **met 26 times in 1951**. The first 12 meetings were held in the Bastida, Julia Gandiaga, Hormachea, Bicandi, Asumendi, and Odiaga homes. **On July 16, 1951, the directors met for the first time at the “Basque Center”**; they had decided that name was as good as any. They continued to meet at the BC for the rest of their meetings through December 17. At each meeting, they dealt with builders, contracts, bids, plumbing, finances, roof, floors, and legal issues. The Directors prepared to present the building’s progress at the 1952 Annual Meeting.

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

It’s our time again...for a renovated Basque Center.

Stay tuned for next month’s installment of Basque Center history!

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New for 2021: you will be able to **renew your membership online** through the Basque Center website!!
Beginning in

mid-November after you receive your renewal statement there will be a payment portal on the website. You are also welcome to renew by sending a check to the Basque Center. Please contact secretary@basquecenter.com for new memberships. Happy Thanksgiving!

-- Patty Gabica, Euzkaldunak Secretary/Treasurer



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Jaialdi 2021 Announces New Location for Festara

Location update! Festara is moving out of the Morrison Center for Jaialdi 2021 due to a scheduling conflict. We have worked with the wonderful folks at the Morrison Center for many years now and look forward to partnering with them again in the future, but as you know this year has upended even the best-laid plans.

However, we do have a silver lining! **We are moving Festara to the Egyptian Theatre**, a historic 1920s gem in Downtown Boise that is just steps away from the Basque Block. We're excited to welcome Idahoans and out-of-towners alike to this intimate venue that has hosted so many fantastic events over the years.

Here's what Festara ticket holders need to know:

- The Morrison Center will automatically refund your ticket to the debit or credit card you used to make the purchase. Refunds for tickets purchased via Ticketmaster may take up to 30 days for the refund to be processed.
- We will issue Festara tickets for the Egyptian Theatre venue in early 2021. We'll post the ticket link on Jaialdi.com when we have a firm on-sale date.

We'll be sure to share more information as we get closer to the on-sale date. Please follow us on Facebook (@jaialdi2021), Instagram (@jaialdi_boise), and Twitter (@jaialdi2021). Thanks for your patience as we work toward bringing you a great Jaialdi 2021!

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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:

Jan Gaythwaite
Liz & Dave Hardesty
Diana & Ron Sabala

NOVEMBER ZORIONAK

Euzkaldunak member birthdays:

Adelia Simplot, Aitor Amuchastegui, Alberto Bereziartua, Aleja Stacey, Alicia Berggren, Alicia Homaechearria, Amaya Monasterio, Andy Eiguren, Blanche Bastida Swindell, Brenna Garro, Brett Luque, Carmen Spencer, Cecilia Lodzinski, Celia Harrington, Christy Echevarria, Curtis Eck, Dan Bilbao, Daniela Ysursa, Dave Bieter, David Hensley, Delphina Arnold, Diane M Norquist, Elena Cook, Enrique Goitiandia, Gary Schaffner, Gene Perry, George Totorica, Izar Iribarren Bicandi, James Sangroniz, Javier Idoeta, Javier Urquidi, Jeannene Boyd, Jeannie Aguirre Kiel, Jeff Llitas, Jenny Ysursa, Jess Asla, Joe Clayton, John Welsh, John Wilson, Johnny Ford, Josefina Mendiola, Joseph Ignacio Larrea, Josu Zubizarreta, Juan Hormaechea, Juanita Thompson, Kate Powell, Kyle Gandiaga, LaVonne Arregui, Linda Barinaga, Marie Day, Mark Arana, Mark Schaffeld, Martin Elexpuru, Mary Lou Brown, Meghan Mallea, Micaela Johnson, Michelle Dodds White, Nicholas Bicandi, Paul Mallory, Phil Aldape, Phil Sarasqueta, Randy W Warfel, Ricardo Yanci, Rosita Koontz, Sabino Goitiandia, Serafina Totorica, Steve Uruburu, Stuart Hill, Jr, Susan Gavica, Susan Jensen, Tere Achabal, Teresa Amillategui Grimm, Teresa Yrazabal Paige, Thomas JC Mendiguren, Tom Bermensolo, Tony Mendive, Tony Villanueva, Wanita Miyamura

 **Editor's note:** upon request from a member, we're experimenting with listing all member birthdays each month, sourced directly from the Euzkaldunak membership list. Like this format? Hate it? [Let us know!](#)


Happy anniversary to Jon and Maria Arrieta!

Happy anniversary to Amaya Aguirre Landa and Matt Landa!

Happy Anniversary to Bryan & Marie Day!

Happy anniversary to Chris Hill and Kate Powell!

A well-deserved zorionak to one of our own, Xanti Alcelay. Xanti was recently honored with his second national Edward R. Murrow award for innovation, his fifth total, for the great work he does at KTVB. Xanti's production work is being recognized as "cutting-edge, immersive Technology is part of KTVB's ongoing commitment to innovation, bringing the viewer closer to stories than ever before." Xanti's creative brainstorming and passion for pushing the limits makes him one of the top leaders in 360 storytelling in the country. This most recent award winning virtual reality piece pushed into new territory with 3D technology and 360 audio. Great job, and zorionak Xanti!



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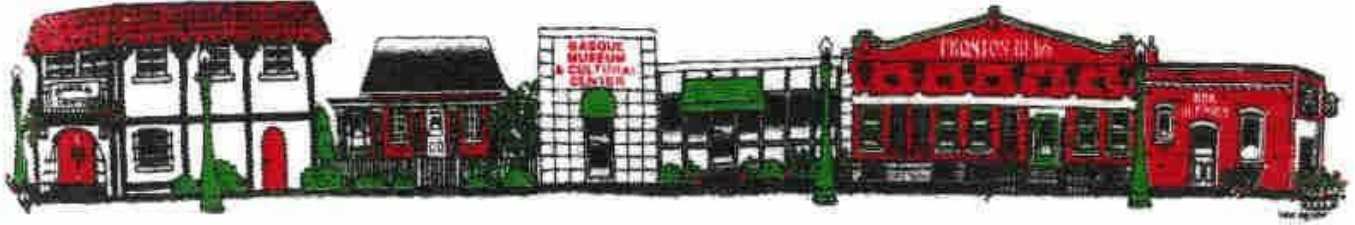
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like to include in the **December 2020 newsletter**, please submit your written information by **November 16** 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.

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.