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Monthly Member Newsletter

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!

EUZKALDUNAK PHOTOS WANTED

Do you have photos from past Euzkaldunak events? We are interested in any pictures that capture our rich history. They can include photos from local events like Jaialdi, San Inazio, Shepherders Ball, monthly dinners, etc., or anything that involves our member activities like Boiseko Gazteak, Txantxangorriak, Aiztan Artean or Oinkari Dancers. Historical photos of the Basque Center facility are always appreciated as well. Your submissions will be digitally scanned and placed on the website. If you have photos to share, please contact Ed Orbea at photos@basquecenter.com.

EUSKARABENTURA EXPEDITION

EuskarAbentura is a walking expedition to explore the Basque geography and learn about our culture and history. To apply, you must be 16-17 years old and speak Euskara. For more information and to apply by the March 12 deadline, visit euskarabentura.eus.

BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Last year on March 8, Boiseko Gazteak put on our Spring program at Borah. If it had been scheduled a week later, COVID-19 would have prevented the performance and the gathering of people in the audience. With the postponement of Jaialdi, our year has been canceled. At this point, we are hopeful to start our practices in the fall. Information will be provided towards the end of the summer. We appreciate the support and involvement given to our groups of dancers--parents and families, teachers, musicians, board members, seamstresses and volunteers. Many thanks also to the Basque Museum, the Fronton, and the Basque Center for the use of their facilities.

The year 2020 was sad for us in that we lost Aitxitxe Dave Lachiondo who bravely and loyally played accordion for our group for so many years. Many thanks to Patti Lachiondo who was a volunteer and to their two daughters--Alicia and Diana--who have been dance teachers. We also lost Toni Achabal, another loyal supporter. Toni and Simon also gave us their daughters as teachers. Eskerrik asko Lisa, Julie and Tere. Boiseko Gazteak received memorial donations for both Dave Lachiondo and Toni Achabal. Thank you to John & Juliana Aldape and to Joe and Mary Guerricabeitia for their gifts. We use donations such as these to help fund our costumes and equipment.

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.

Traditions pt 1: Men's Societies

Long before Euzkaldunak had incorporated in 1949, several organizations of Basque men had formed. Most active were Socorros Mutuos, the Anduiza Society and the American Basque Fraternity.

Socorros Mutuos may have been founded as early as 1928. The goals of the group were not only to hold social gatherings, but also help negotiate medical and hospitalization for members and their families. The Anduiza Society was formed primarily for the financial self-protection of the hotel or boarding house owner, who was often stuck with a medical or hospital bill from one of his boarders. The American Basque Fraternity came later (as early as 1932) and first was organized as a social club. This group also was able to add medical and insurance benefits for members and an option for dependents. Many men belonged to more than one of the organizations. Annual membership rates for each ranged from \$30 to \$38.

In February 1950, John Bastida (as Euzkaldunak vice-president) and several Board members sent invitations to directors of Socorro Mutuos and the American Basque Fraternity to discuss the possibility of coming together under Euzkaldunak.

(At this time, we don't know what happened with the Anduiza Society. Maybe because that group's purpose varied a bit from the others, their organization as such was not involved to unite with the other groups. However, many of the Anduiza directors were also members of either Socorro Mutuos and/or the American Basque Fraternity. If anybody knows about the Anduiza Society, let us know!)

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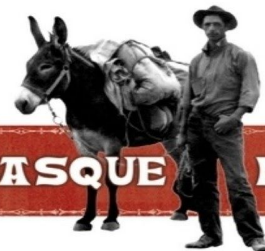


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John Bastida explained at the February 12 meeting that the groups had been called together as a result of Euzkaldunak's efforts to sell membership cards. Many questioned the reason or necessity for three societies. John Bastida explained that Euzkaldunak was strictly social and "would gain only your moral support and good will; we are not after financial aid." He further explained that, similar to the Knights of Columbus, they could have a social organization with an insurance policy, completely separate.

The groups held meetings in 1950 on February 12, 26; March 12, 19, 22, 26, 31. It was very complicated! The insurance issues were explored thoroughly. Socorros Mutuos had long used the services of Dr. Fred Pittenger, along with doctors Smith and Parkinson in his office. Dr. Koelsch had provided excellent service with reasonable rates (\$6/year) to members of the American Basque Fraternity since 1933!

Uniting the memberships would up the total to about 400 men, 150 of whom had wives and children. The people at these meetings (all men except Carmen Solosabal) had to explore rates from other insurance companies and check on various services, as well as what would be excluded. What about the costs of services for women? How much to add to dependents? Do we have a "fixed-fee" schedule?

A committee of John Bastida, John Aldape, John Luque and Phil Uberuaga met with a representative of Aetna Insurance Group who flew to Boise from Salt Lake City. For the same protection that most were receiving now, the premiums would more than double. What would be included? Present medical and hospitalization services would need to be maintained. Justo Murelaga had done the research on medication costs; his opinion was that it would raise the costs too much, and it was ruled out.

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Additional doctors were asked to provide service—Dr. Everett Jones, Dr. Ralph Jones, Dr. Shaw, Dr. David, Dr. Mack, Dr. Forney, and Dr. Thomas.

By April 16, the groups united (perhaps miraculously)—all came to an agreement. Euzkaldunak Board of Directors would manage the overall organization but it was not absorbing the insurance. Trustees would be elected for the medical insurance. Socorro Mutuos and the American Basque Fraternity would dissolve their organizations and come under the umbrella of Euzkaldunak, Inc.

(We do not know—after all this hard work—for how long there were options for medical insurance for Euzkaldunak members. Again, if anybody knows, let us know!)

These were the “teams” whose members negotiated the union of the clubs:

EUZKALDUNAK: John Bastida, Teles Hormachea, Tom Bicandi, Luis Madarieta, Carmen Solosabal, Joe Aldape, Robert Dick, Pete Leguineche


SOCORROS MUTUOS: Stack Yribar, Justo Murelaga, Hilario Arguinchona, John Garachana, Jose “Berritxu” Garate, Anastasio Jayo, Joe Anacabe, Phil Uberuaga, John Aldape, Hilario Urresti, Juan “Tacolo” Chacartegui, Al Berro

AMERICAN BASQUE FRATERNITY: Benito Ysursa, Ramon Ysursa, John Luque, Joe Uberuaga, Jose Solosabal, Joe Abarrate, Felix Alegria, Frank Gamboa, Fermin Aldecoa

Do you recognize any of these names? These members were dedicated to establishing an organization for all.

It’s our time again... for a renovated Basque Center. Next month: Euzkaldunak-sponsored Dances & Dinners in Boise and in nearby communities—how they did it in 1950!

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FROM THE SECRETARY



NEW MEMBERS

A new member is one who did not have a membership in the previous year, OR who neglected to pay their dues by the due date. New members pay a \$10 new member fee when they join the Basque Center.

For instance, if you join in April and pay the \$60 new membership dues, your membership expires on December 31 of that same year. Membership renewals are due by mid-January of each new year. If you do not remit dues until March, you are again considered a new member and dues owing are \$60 instead of the \$50 renewal rate. The mid-January renewal deadline applies for every calendar year if you want to avoid the new member fee.

All that is to say...if you haven't paid your 2021 dues yet, please do that now!! Mail to 601 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702 or pay online at www.basquecenter.com. Happy Valentine's Day!
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We made this move to ensure the health of our local supporters and allow the safe travel of our friends and relatives from the Basque Country and beyond.

Tickets for Jaialdi 2022 will go on sale in early 2022. Most Jaialdi 2021 tickets have been refunded, so there's no need to do anything but wait for the 2022 on-sale date, which we will publicize. (If you have Expo Idaho tickets, keep them — they will be valid for entry in 2022.) If you moved your hotel dates, please contact your hotel directly to make new arrangements.

Vendors and program book advertisers, please check your inbox next week for information on how to reschedule. We're happy to answer any questions you might have.

We know that when we meet again we will have so much more to celebrate than during a typical Jaialdi year. We are so grateful for your ongoing support and can't wait to welcome you to Boise in 2022. Until then, stay safe!

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From the Basque Museum: Badakizu zer - Did you know? Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, though credited with being the first to circumnavigate the globe, died part way through the journey. Juan Sebastian Elcano, a Basque officer on the expedition, was eventually appointed captain of the carrack (merchant ship), and finished the route back to Spain. You can learn more about the expedition in a new interactive through Google Arts & Culture. Visit <http://bit.ly/elkano-map> to scroll through the interactive map showing their journey!

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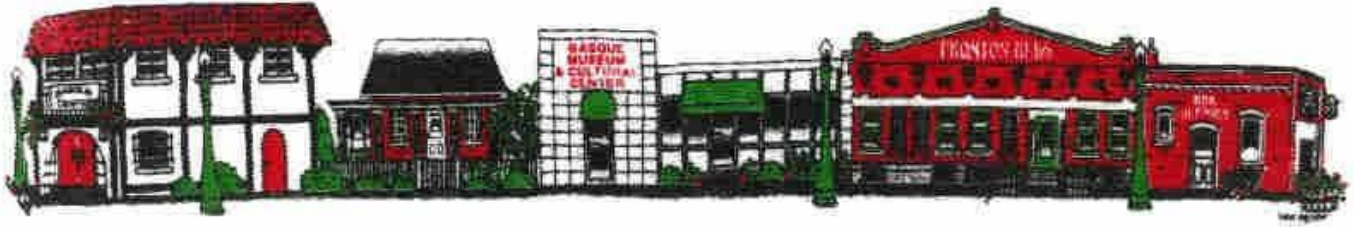
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