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Monthly Member Newsletter

JANUARY MEMBERS MEETING VIA MAIL

This year has been an unprecedented year due to the pandemic and, as such, requires us to change and adapt to how we conduct our annual January member and general business meeting. The business meeting held at the end of January each year is each member's opportunity to vote for five board members, to elect a NABO representative in the odd years, and to review the previous year's financial report.

Due to the pandemic, the Board has decided to conduct these activities via postal mail. Specific details are still being worked out; however, the necessary ballots and financial reports will be sent to each member in January 2021.

We recognize this is not the optimal situation. However, the Board is doing its best to proceed with our standard business activities during these trying times while keeping our members, employees and the community safe.

TENTATIVE: JANUARY TO-GO DINNER

The Board of Directors is hopeful to offer a curbside to-go dinner once again in the month of January. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation especially coming out of the Holiday season. If numbers begin to trend downward and the Board is comfortable with a curbside to-go dinner for the month of January, we will communicate via our email blasts and social media outlets. Should we move forward, **the dinner option would most likely be the last weekend of the month.**

Typically the January dinner is the members-only dinner which is free and part of the general business meeting. In 2021, all general business will be done via mail. If we are able to move forward with a January dinner to-go option, this would be a dinner that members and guests would pay for.

Our focus continues to be on ensuring that we are keeping our members, employees, volunteers and community safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Be on the lookout for any updates!

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.



Above photos are from the Basque Center Facebook page and were taken at assorted member dinners in the early 1980's.

BASQUE FOLKLORE: "THE DEVIL'S AGE"

*from Wentworth Webster's 1879 collection,
Basque Legends.*

There was a gentleman and lady who were very poor. This man used to sit sadly at a cross-roads. There came to him a gentleman, who asked: "Why are you so sad?"

"Because I have not wherewith to live."

He said to him, "I will give you as much money as you like, if at such a time you tell the age of the devil."

Our man goes off happy. He leads a merry life with his wife, for they wanted for nothing. They lived at a great rate. But time went on, and *the* time was approaching. This man recollected that he had not busied himself at all about the devil's age. He became pensive. His wife asked him what was the matter with him then? Why is he not happy? That they wanted for nothing; why is he so sad? He tells her how it is that he got rich, and what compact he had made with a gentleman. His wife said to him:

"If you have nothing but that, it is nothing at all. Get into a barrel of honey, and when you come out of it get into another barrel of feathers, and dressed like that go to the cross-roads and wait for the devil there. You will put yourself on all fours, and walk backwards and forwards, and go between his legs, and walk all round him."

The man does as his wife had told him. The devil comes, and draws back (when he sees him); and our man goes up quite close to the devil. The devil being frightened said to him:

"I am so many years old, and I have never seen any animal like that, and such a frightful one."

Our man had heard enough. He went off home at full speed and told his wife that they would want for nothing, that he had done as she had told him, just as if she had been a witch, and that he was no longer afraid of the devil. They lived rich and happily, and if they lived well, they died well too.

--Franchun Beltzarri



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FROM THE SECRETARY



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Reminder: 2020 memberships expired on December 31. If you've not yet paid your 2021 dues, please submit them by January 15, 2021. Only those who have paid their 2021 dues will receive the financial report and voting ballots.

To renew by mail, send a check or money order to the Basque Center at 601 W. Grove St, Boise, ID 83702. To renew online, visit basquecenter.com/membership-renewal, fill out the form, and submit your payment via credit or debit card.

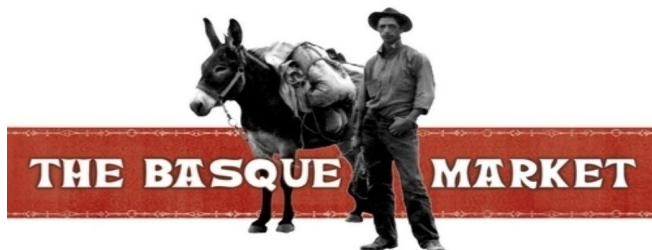
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Urte berri on! Happy New Year!

-- Patty Gabica, Euzkaldunak Secretary/Treasurer

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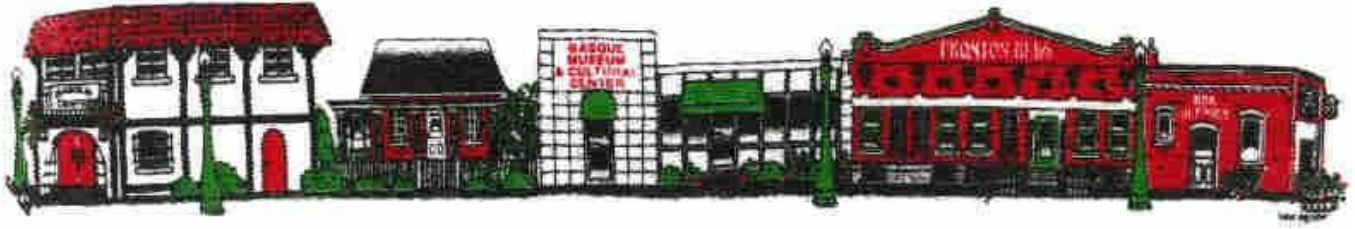


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