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Monthly Member Newsletter

EUZKALDUNAK 2021 GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION RECAP

The Euzkaldunak annual member's meeting was scheduled for January 31, 2021. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors' concern for the health and safety of our membership and the Idaho Governor's Stage Two Order, the Board conducted the 2021 Annual Meeting via direct (postal) mail to the membership.

Martin Bilbao shared that overall, we feel that we are in a relatively good situation considering the circumstances we are all facing. One of the most important decisions we made was to continue paying our key employees throughout the pandemic. We felt this was necessary and are thankful we are in the financial situation to do this. We greatly appreciate the generous donations we have received throughout the year. Further, we have applied for and received federal stimulus money that assisted in our ability to continue paying our staff.

The Basque Center was open for business between January 1, 2020, and March 18, 2020. Up until that point we were pretty much on par with previous years regarding income and expenses. Obviously due to COVID, there were no events in 2020. We were able to have three dinners: January, February, and a November curb-side pick-up dinner. Though the annual income and expense page shows a loss, our accounts summary shows a net gain due to Jaialdi sponsorships and other generous donations.

Though the Basque Center was closed for most of the year, there was some activity in the facility

during the shutdown that we are all proud of. Early on during the pandemic, the Center was used as a cleaning and prepping facility for the distribution of PPE equipment such as face shields. Further, we were able to open the facility to be used by Ada County as an early voting center that lasted several weeks.

This past November, we were able to provide a to-go version of our monthly dinner. Many were disappointed when the tough decision to cancel in December was made. At this point we will not be able to offer a dinner to-go option as our amazing Chef Jesus will be in the Basque Country through the middle of April. We wish him a joyous trip and look forward to his return and hopefully soon to his wonderful dinners.

As 2021 progresses, we will continue to monitor the pandemic but are looking forward to once again seeing you all at our events and get-togethers.

Martin concluded by saying that over the past several months, there have been solicitations for anyone interested in running for the Board. Solicitations were sent out in the October, November and December newsletters as well as email versions being sent on December 7, 14 and 21, 2020. In total, five members were nominated: Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Alicia Knox, Ed Orbea and Ricardo Yanci. As five board members were needed and considering only five members were nominated, the Board accepted these five members as newly elected directors for 2021-2022.

Similarly, to the director nominations, there have been solicitations for anyone interested in running for NABO representative. Solicitations were sent out in the October, November and December newsletter as well as email versions being sent on December 7, 14 and 21. In total, one member was nominated: Argia Beristain. As only one member was needed and considering only one member was nominated, the Board accepts this member as the newly elected NABO representative for 2021/2022. However, upon further review regarding the NABO representative, Argia Beristain was nominated and elected for her two-year term in January of 2020. Her term runs from January 2020 through December 2021, so she did not need to be nominated and elected.

At the February Board of Directors meeting, the board elected the following officers for 2021: Ed Orbea, President; Alicia Knox, Vice President; and Tyler Smith, NABO Representative.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the membership of Euzkaldunak for their understanding and patience during 2020, as the pandemic greatly limited our calendar of events and the use of our facility. I would like to thank the Board of Directors, under the leadership of Martin Bilbao and Tyler Smith, in making the hard decisions and taking actions to keep our community, facility, Euzkaldunak membership and patrons safe as the crisis unfolded.

In these truly unprecedented times, the Basque community that we have built together is more important than ever. I look forward to working with a great board in 2021, ensuring that the traditions of Euzkaldunak continue for many generations. Looking forward, 2021 will continue to present many pandemic related challenges. Several near-term events scheduled for this year have been cancelled; however we, are proactively scheduling event dates so as to be prepared for City/County/State guidance.

-- Ed Orbea , Euzkaldunak President





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A MESSAGE FROM THE OINKARI DANCERS

Thank all of you, again, for supporting us through our croqueta and ornament sales this holiday season. Special thanks to the Basque Market and Etched by Elena, without whom we would not have been able to present such quality products to you.

As we all are, Oinkaris are looking forward to getting back together—especially to dance! We have been holding practice over Zoom which can become monotonous. To break that up, we have also had the chance to offer some history lessons and watch some performances from our past together. In a "normal" year we don't always have time to do so, and so we've found a silver lining. Until we're all back at the Center, we hope you stay well. We miss you!

-- Oinkari Basque Dancers

FROM THE SECRETARY

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2020 Financial Summary for Members

At the end of January, a letter and financial package was sent via postal mail to each member who had paid their 2021 dues by the deadline. This envelope was sent to the address we have in our membership database. If you did not receive this package in the mail and would like a copy mailed to you, please contact me at secretary@basquecenter.com.

-- Patty Gabica, Euzkaldunak Secretary/Treasurer



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BASQUE CENTER HISTORY CORNER

Dances & Dinners, 1950

The Board of Directors in the early days of Euzkaldunak were busy! They met a total of 24 times in 1950 for board meetings, attended monthly Euzkaldunak events, and some went to an additional 8 special meetings for the purpose of uniting the men's organizations, which we talked about in last month's History corner. Although the directors were determined to find a building to be our "Basque Center" or for a property to build one, they also realized the importance of social activities.

The Basque communities of the 1940s and 1950s definitely had more dances than we do today! Since the newly formed Boise organization did not yet have a building, Euzkaldunak hosted and sponsored dances in many communities outside of Boise. Basques in Emmett, Mountain Home, Homedale, Ontario, Gooding, Marsing and in other towns would find a "hall" suitable for a dance, and Euzkaldunak would make it happen. A committee would make the arrangements, like hiring a band and cooking chorizos.

January and February - Board meetings

One of the items of business was appointing the heads of the Entertainment Committee, which will plan all social activities for the year. Joe Aldape and John Bastida were named for this. They tentatively set plans for several dances in the next few months and will appoint two board members to make arrangements for each dance, and Carmen Solosabal and Rose Dick were appointed to be musician liaisons for dances moving forward.

February - Mountain Home Dance

Saturday, February 11 at the Highway 30 Club in Mountain Home. The Club was rented to Euzkaldunak for \$25, bar facilities included. Mike Olsen's three-piece orchestra was booked to play from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. The Board decided to buy 3 cases of liquor, and to buy beer at wholesale prices from The 30 Club. Membership cards were available for purchase at the door.

MOUNTAIN HOME DANCE February 11, 1950	
RECEIPTS:	
Donations at door	\$ 205.33
Kitchen	88.90
Bar	376.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 670.30
EXPENSES:	
Orchestra	\$ 45.00
Domingo Anategui	10.00
Tales Letamendi	5.00
Liquor	120.60
Beer and Mix	60.00
Hall	40.00
Police	20.00
Buns	8.00
Chorizos, milk, coffee, etc.	49.89
Cigarettes	8.96
Posters	4.00
Ice	2.50
Gas for ice	1.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$371.25
	\$ 371.25
	NET PROFIT
	\$ 299.05

TRIPE FEED March 4, 1950	
Eagle Hall	\$ 45.00
Angela Ricandi	5.00
Josephine "urelaga	5.00
Joe Anasabe	5.00
Groceries	98.50
Wine (5 cases)	45.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$203.50
3 1/2 cases wine, 3 1/2 coffee, remaining paper cups, etc., were stored in Julian Iachiondo's basement.	
7 gallons tripe and approximately 6 dozen sandwiches were placed in Aldape's Quick Freeze Plant.	

March - Tripe Feed Dinner & Dance

There were plans for a dance in Homedale on March 4, but the board was still looking at potential properties to buy, and when the opportunity came to hold an event at Boise's Eagle Hall, the board decided to plan a Tripe Feed Dinner & Dance. This would give members a chance to attend an event at Eagle Hall and give feedback on the venue as a potential property for Euzkaldunak to purchase.

April - Board Meeting

The Board members realized that they had been spending so much time on the uniting of the men's organizations and figuring out of their medical insurance issues that they were neglecting the importance of social gatherings! Although a dance in Emmett was to be held the following week on April 15, they still made plans for Music Week activities in May, including a dance on Basque Night.

May - Board Meeting

A year before, in 1949, the Basque organization premiered at Boise Music Week and produced the epic performances of "Song of the Basque." This year, Euzkaldunak would again participate by sponsoring a food concession for the Music Week Street Festival and a dance on the final night. It was decided to buy 1,000 chorizos for these events. The board noted that event advertising sometimes fell by the wayside in promoting Euzkaldunak events, so the board decided to run ads in the Statesman and the Deseret News.

<u>MUSIC WEEK ACTIVITIES</u>	
APR 1964	
PAID	
1964, Modfitt & Towns (Cresco Paper)	\$ 27.57
Our Record (Storage)	2.50
S. T. Fuller & Co. (Wall paper & paint)	5.12
John Floral Company	0.72
	<u>\$ 35.91</u>
MAY 1964	
<u>STREET FESTIVAL</u>	
EXPENSES:	\$ 242.10
Short Bus	\$ 94.70
Gas	13.20
Bus	15.22
Insur, etc.	11.50
Coffee	3.00
Brook (Mrs. Arantegui)	1.25
	<u>\$ 138.87</u>
	<u>103.23</u>
	<u>\$ 139.01</u>
MAY 1964	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Donations	\$ 41.20
Screen	47.72
	<u>139.54</u>
Bill	\$ 85.00
Tune	7.20
Concession	3.44
Catering	14.52
Loan	2.05
	<u>102.19</u>
	<u>72.28</u>
	<u>\$ 174.47</u>
NET	
Net From Street Festival	\$ 105.97
Net From Loans	68.51
	<u>174.48</u>
Less Plant Expenses	46.24
	<u>\$ 128.24</u>
GRAND TOTAL	

L.A.'s PUBLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY	
September 30, 1936	
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RECEIPTS:	\$ 375.18
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EXPENSES:	
Liquor (sold by Societies)	\$ 32.50
Light's sold	22.00
Coke (Coke Co.)	4.75
Cleaning (T. Davis)	32.38
Supply Salary	1.82
Clean Laundry	36.25
Mr. Daniels	1.00
Amelia Daniels	1.00
Shoe	7.45
Top Top, Lord, Coffin,	
Sugar, etc., etc.	5.88
Post Cards	5.75
	<hr/> \$ 137.06
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CAT PROCEEDS	\$ 238.12
Stagnant Bonds (donated)	
for sale	<hr/> \$ 2.00
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Total donations to 1936's	\$ 521.25

September - Elk's Polio Benefit Dance

The board planned the Polio Dance September 23, to be held at the Elk's Lodge. John Bastida and Julian Lachiondo are to make arrangements and appoint committees. (The dance ended up being moved to September 30, and the location was moved to the American Legion Hall and then to Eagle Hall.)

December - Christmas Dinner-Dance and Sheepherder's Ball

Euzkaldunak saved the best for last to close out 1950! On December 25, the organization held its annual Christmas Dinner-Dance, available only to members. Additionally, the club started a new tradition of dances on December 27 by holding the Shepherder's Ball. The Ball had previously been sponsored by an individual, and Euzkaldunak re-made it into an official club-sponsored event.

Euzkaldunak had more events than just dances... also sponsored were a couple of bowling teams, a softball team, a Basque picnic with games (which resembled our annual San Inazio picnics) card-playing nights, tripe feeds and film nights. If you have any historical information about the Basque bowling or softball teams, please let us know. It would be fun to shed some light on that part of our history and our founders.

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

So far, the History Corner has focused solely on the history of the Basque Center and Euzkaldunak. But if we want to keep making Basque Center history, we have to take care of our Basque Center building. Next month's column will include some "state of the facility" information about our beloved Basque Center: what's been done, what needs fixed, and what the future could hold for 601 Grove.

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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.

Goian Bego - Francisca Hormaechea Lejardi.

Francisca was a charter member of Euzkaldunak, and we appreciate her and her family's involvement in our Basque Center and community.



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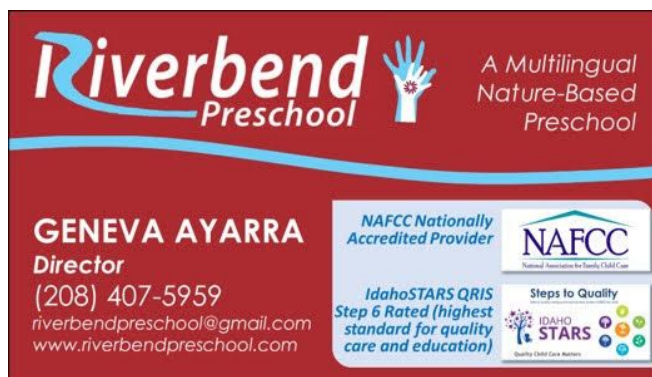
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When an Euzkaldunak member passes, it is a tradition of the Basque Center to have a memorial mass said for that person. We lost 9 beloved members in 2020, and due to the pandemic, the timing for their memorial masses has been delayed. If fellow Euzkaldunak members would like to attend mass for our departed members, their names and memorial mass dates and times are listed below. Masses will be said at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2612 W State Street, Boise.

Masses already held (February):

Toni Achabal
Carmen Bidaburu
Dave Lachiondo

Upcoming masses for departed members:

Ray Mansisidor March 2 @ 8:30 a.m.
Paul Axness: March 4 @ 8:30 a.m.
Nick Echevarria: March 5 @ 8:30 a.m.
Manuel Madariaga: March 6 @ 5 p.m.
John & Gloria Navarro: March 7 @ 10:45 a.m.

More information: Even though the state has moved to Stage 3, Boise City is still in stage 2 of pandemic precautions, which includes a mask mandate. While churches have been somewhat exempted from some restrictions, St. Mary's strongly encourages masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing. The current capacity of St. Mary's is 75 people.



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Euzkaldunak member birthdays:

Lori Aguirre, Dan Aizpitarte, Jenny Aldape, Jerry F Aldape, Josu Amuchastegui, Beni Amuchastegui, Javier Arrieta, Miren Artiach, Andoni Artiach, Maryann Artis, Trina Arana- Barrett, John T Beitia, Rusty Bengoa, Martin P Bilbao, Mila Bilbao, Liz Bilbao, Kim Blackburn, Teresa Boam, Rachel Bolles, Johnny S Boyd, Hailey Campbell, Robert Campbell, Jess Careaga, Mary Castle, Suzanne Chacartegui, Christine Dambach, Patty J Dennis, Tara Dominick, Pamela Duncan, Irene Eaton, Megan Echevarria LaCrone, Jewel Fouts, Joe Goitiandia, Joe Goodson, Gina Marie Gridley, Jose Mari Guerricabeitia, Linda Barriatua Guiles, Joey Haas, Elena Harrington, Sarah Higer, Chris Hill, Alejandro Homaechegarria, Ryan "Patxi" Kerns, Kristina Knox, Seth LaCrone, Nick Larrea, Angel Larson, Tom Larson, Mary Jo Asumendi Larzelier, Gloria A Lejardi, Kelly Mai, Jeremy Malone, Joe Matanzas, Nekane McGarvie, Sean Goitia O'Connor, Louis B Olaso, Helen M Olson, Kathy Olson, Emily Pape, Joe Plaza, Marilyn Sarasqueta, Rachel Schaffner, Richard K Sieber, Debbie Navarro Smith, Ann Swindell, Michael Thompson, Ted Totorica, Sarah Knoble- Totorica, Mari Carmen Totorica, Brenda Totorica, Carmen Totorica Bassick, Chris Uberuaga, Louis Uranga, Maite Uranga, Ric Uria, Amaia Vicandi-Bow, Michael Watson, Julia Wolfe, Kodi Woods, Rod Wray, Josie Wray, Amy Wray, Teresa Yragui, Joe Zubizarreta

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2021 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

(all dates below are pending city, county, and state COVID-19 restrictions)

07/30 - 08/01 - San Inazio	11/06/20 - November Morzilla Dinner, Bazaar & Bingo
09/18/21 - September Dinner	12/05/21 - Children's Christmas Party
10/16/20 - October Dinner	12/18/21 - December Dinner & Shepherders Ball
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