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Monthly Member Newsletter

EUZKALDUNAK LEGACY AWARD

In 2001, the Euzkaldunak Board introduced the Legacy Award. This award is given to individuals who have exhibited a long-term commitment to the goals of Euzkaldunak.

Nominations for the 2021 Legacy Award are now open. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter with the nominee's name and a description of their accomplishments, and either email it to president@basquecenter.com or give it to any current board member. The board will review the nominations and the recipients will be announced later in the year.

Past Legacy Award recipients:

- 2001: John Bastida, Jay Hormaechea, Ramon Ysursa
- 2002: Dorothy Aldecoa, Domingo Ansotegui, Jimmy Jausoro
- 2003: Don Dick, Benito Goitiandia, Florencio "Pancho" Aldape
- 2004: Hank & Gerri Achurra, Albert Erquiaga, Inaki Eiguren
- 2005: Julian Lachiondo, Mari Carmen Totorica, Dave & Jeannie Eiguren
- 2006: Isabel Jausoro, Julian Achabal
- 2007: Louis Jausoro, Early Kitchen Crew (acknowledged)
- 2008: Linda Barinaga, Gina Ansotegui Urquidi, Fergie Larrondo
- 2009: Carmen Solosabal, Rose Arregui Dick, Juan Oleaga
- 2010: Flora Aldazabal, Bryan Day, Domingo Arrizabalaga
- 2011: Simon Achabal, Diana Sabala
- 2012: Rash Iglesias
- 2013: Ron Sabala

- 2014: Tony Arrubarrena
- 2015: Ray Mansisor
- 2016: Dan Ansotegui, Mary Lou Murelaga Guerricabeitia
- 2017: Julian Lete
- 2018: Miren Rementeria Artiach
- 2019: Cecil Jayo

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.

ESKERRIK ASKO

Did you know that since last fall, over 900 historic pictures have been shared on the Basque Center's Facebook Page? Unfortunately, many of those pictures did not have any historical data in regard to names and/or dates. The Board of Directors wishes to say Eskerrik Asko to Regina Bastida Aldecoa, Mari Carmen Egurrola Totorica, Dolores Totorica, Diana Echeverria, Juliana Aldape, and many others for their gracious and willing assistance in researching and providing the missing information.

FROM THE SECRETARY

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For as long as I can remember, the Basque Center has been blessed with great newsletter editors. Our current editor, Lael Uberuaga, is no exception. On a regular basis she takes the jumbled messes of information we send to her and lays them out in an easy to read, pleasing to the eye newsletter to keep our members informed of all of the happenings at our Euskal Etxea. Lael even works with our advertisers to make sure their ads are clear, colorful, and easy to find. Thanks Lael for all you do! Happy Spring!

-- *Patty Gabica, Euzkaldunak Secretary/Treasurer*



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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.

Euzkaldunak Charter Members

The Basque community incorporated as Euzkaldunak in 1949. The elected officers and board members of the new organization worked hard to bring together a membership from Boise and neighboring towns. Euzkaldunak's main goal was to have their own "gathering place"—a Basque Center.

The annual General Meeting on January 7, 1951, was held at Eagles Hall. *From the minutes: "Mr. Bastida [Vice President] stated that we [Board of Directors] plan on having a plaque with the members' names on it, those of 1951 membership being chartered members."* The issue of membership dues was discussed. It was decided to leave the dues at \$5 per person... *"we will need the money for our building program."* In addition to paying the dues, the charter members would also meet these criteria: they must be Basque or married to a Basque, and they must be 18 years of age or older.

It was at this annual meeting in 1951 that the membership expressed an interest in having their building in Boise's downtown area. The Board was given the authority to proceed with the purchase of the lot, which was completed in February. Euzkaldunak's Basque Center was to be located on the SW corner of the intersection at 6th & Grove Streets. The building was completed before the end of the year, and the 1952 Annual General Meeting on January 12 was held in the new Basque Center. Also ready was the register for signatures for the list of charter members.



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Euzkaldunak Charter Members (cont'd)

The collection of names took place over several weeks. Eventually, 516 people “signed” the charter register. The charter member list and the membership of Euzkaldunak came under the direction of Carmen Solosabal—something she would manage for many years to come.

Some trivia regarding the Charter Member list: the first name on the alphabetic list was Agustin ABADIA, the last was Phyllis “Felisa” Mendiola ZUBIZARRETA; the four most common surnames were ALDAPE, ALDECOA, BICANDI, UBERUAGA—and they represent 54 last names among the 516 charter members; many of the charter members were from neighboring towns—Nampa, Meridian, Homedale, Marsing, Emmett, Mountain Home, Caldwell; there were many single men living in various boarding houses who joined and were charter members.

Among the 516 original charter members, six are still with us today. As they registered their names (in 1951 through the beginning of 1952), they are: REGINA BASTIDA ALDECOA, JOANNE ALDRICH, ROSITA ALEGRIA ARTIS, LYDIA GOIRI (married J Black), JOHN LASUEN, and JULIA UBERUAGA (married K Coleman). We appreciate our charter members!

Our oldest charter member is Regina, who was 99 on Three Kings Day (January 6, 2021). Julia Uberuaga will be 99 on June 12, 2021. Julie lived in the boarding house next door; she and her brother Joe served in several capacities in the early days of the organization as recorders and keepers of minutes. Julia was also a volunteer who accepted membership payments and passed out membership cards at various events and dances. Regina and Julia have been members and donors to the Basque Center for 70 years—the entire duration of the Euzkaldunak charter.

Recently it came to our attention that one of our charter members has died, and very few people were aware of her passing. Sadly, we say “Goian Bego” to PRISCILLA SAIZAR (married S Waller)—February 9, 1926 – December 15, 2019. Priscilla lived with her family in the Basque neighborhood on 5th Street. Priscilla’s family preceded her in death, and she had limited visitation at the care unit where she lived for the last five years of her life. We have fond memories of Priscilla, one of the “red-skirted girls” who danced the jota in the “Song of the Basque” in 1949.

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Euzkaldunak member birthdays:

Julia Achabal, Linda Achurra, Janice Aizpitarte, Maria Amuchastegui, Miren Arozamena, Domingo Asumendi, Lori Barnowski, Lita Bengoechea, Randy Berriochoa, Teula "Ta" Biain, Alberto Bilbao, John T Bishop, Sandra K Bishop, Josh Boyd, Jeremy Boyd, Catherine Brollier, Heather Campbell, John Cantrell, Antone J Chacartegui, Belinda Cortabitarte, Dianne Davis, Tom Dickey, Keegan Dougherty, Alicia Dredge, Luise Echevarria, Tony Eiguren, Tony Elordi, Ziortza Gandarias, Margarita Garatea, Angela Echevarria Gray, Lisa Achurra Guerry, Mark Guerry, Patrick Harrington, Camille Henry, Richard Hormaechea, Mike Hormaechea, Chea Jenné, Leandra Parker Kelleher, Michael Koontz, Alicia Lachiondo, Cecelia Larson, Michele Lauer, Margaret Legarreta, Miguel Legarreta, Mary Louise Mansisidor, Carlos J Mendiola, Nerea Mendiola-Wilsey, Benita Asumendi Miller, Andrew Miller, Diana Monasterio, Ben Monasterio, German Olabarria, Richard M Olson, Alli Olson, Linda Payne, Flip Phillips, Larry Rebich, Nekane Arrieta-Resnick, Ryan Schaffner, Genny Schaffner, Cristina Ascuena Serpa, Pamela Sprute, Jenny Stewart, Nikki Totorica, Katie Urquidi, Mike Urquidi, Juan Uscola, Miren Vicandi, Marta Vazquez Watson, Alison Wolfe, Dan Yribar, Lino Zabala, Delores Zborowski, Luis Zubizarreta

If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up on this list, please email secretary@basquecenter.com so it can be added to our database.



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2021 N.A.B.O MUS UPDATE

During the Winter 2021 NABO meeting, it was decided to hold the National Mus Tournament differently this year. With all states, counties, and cities in different spots with COVID-19, NABO thought it best to not try and host a 40+ team tournament. For 2021 only, each club will host their own tournament and send their winners to a regional tournament whose winners will compete in a 4 team National Tournament.

There will be four regions broken based on geographical locations. Region 1 - Southern California, Region 2 - Northern California, Region 3 - Nevada, and Region 4 - Idaho.

The logistics of local/regional tournaments still need to be worked out, but we are looking at hosting a 2021 NABO 4 King tournament this year. For more information, contact Tyler Smith at tylerjnsmith@gmail.com.

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.

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Benedicto "Benito" Goitiandia
Priscilla Saizar Waller
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If you have information that you would like to include in the **May 2021 newsletter**, please send your submission to newsletter@basquecenter.com by **Monday, April 17**. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

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
10/24/21 - Children's Halloween Party	01/29/22 - Annual Membership Meeting

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