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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The April Anniversary Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 23. This dinner will be hosted by Boise State Center for Basque Studies.

The doors will open to the dining room at 6:00 PM with dinner being served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Prior to entering the dining room, please pick up your reservation ticket in the bar. You will need it to pay for dinner. You will be able to pay in cash, check, or credit card at the door. No online prepay will be available for this dinner.

April 2022 dinner menu:

Tossed salad with Onati Dressing Amuma's Meatballs in a Rich Brown Sauce Whitefish in a Oriotarra Sauce Rice with Clams and Peas Dessert Homemade Bread and Butter Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Senior Members (65 and older): \$14 Members (11 to 64): \$15 Guests (non-members of any age): \$20 Children (10 and under): \$5

Please make your dinner reservations by using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call in or text your reservation to 208-572-0604.

Free babysitting service will be available during the dinner. With your dinner reservation, please indicate if you will need babysitting, along with the names and ages of the children.

The deadline for dinner reservations is 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19. Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after April 19 will not be accepted

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Basque Foundation, Inc., thanks the many families and organizations who have acted as a host group for a monthly dinner. Due to busy schedules and timing, we are always in need of additional assistance. If your family or organization would like to get involved, please email president@basquecenter.com.

MARCH DINNER THANK-YOUS

Eskerrik Asko to Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, Timoteo Santiago, and help from the Cottonwood Grille team preparing and serving a delicious meal!

Eskerrik Asko to the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors, Family & Friends for hosting the March Mus dinner. Special thanks to:

Alenna Knox Alicia Knox Christina Gamboa Cindy Schaffeld Ed Orbea Elise Overgaard Ian Knox Jeremy Knox

John Gamboa Johnny Boyd Joseba Criswell Mike Franzoia Patty Dennis Peggy Orbea Susan Gamboa Tyler Smith

BABYSITTERS WANTED

Euzkaldunak is looking for a few babysitters to provide babysitting at monthly dinners. We would like to have multiple sitters and rotate their involvement based on schedules and demand. If your child is interested, please email vicepresident@basquecenter.com with a brief description of their experience and availability.

AMUMA SAYS NO TO PLAY ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE

Fresh off their tremendous concert at Treefort, we are very lucky to have the music of **Amuma Says**No, from 8–11 PM following the April dinner.

Amuma Says No is among the best-known bands playing Basque music in America today. The band brings together the best of traditional trikitixa -- a duo of accordion and tambourine -- with a modern rhythm section and songs sung in the Basque language, Euskara. ASN presents a timeless traditional repertory with a touch of twenty-first century rock, pop and jazz. As it innovates on tradition, ASN creates the new sound they believe represents the aesthetic of their community of American Basques in the Western United States.

EUZKALDUNAK, EST. 1949

In 1949, 500 charter members founded Euzkaldunak. Built as a social club and gathering place, the Basque Center has played an important role in the history of the Basques here. The Basque Center helps maintain the Basque heritage by supporting Basque dancing, events, and gatherings. This has been enabled by the Basque community all across the Treasure Valley coming together for different annual events such as Basque card tournaments, the San Inazio festival, the November Morzilla dinner, and the Sheepherder's Ball Dinner and Dance to raise money to help individuals and families in need. The Basque Center fosters the preservation of Basque traditions, a space for those who long for the heritage that makes the Basque culture so distinct. Whether going there daily or weekly, simply being at the Basque Center has become a ritual integral to daily lives. In 2022, the Basque Center celebrates its 73rd year in our community, and we look forward to the next 73 years.



The Museum Gift Store (and online gift store) is a perfect place to find gifts for any occasion - gifts from near & far!







<u>EUZKALDUNAK 73rd ANNIVERSARY -</u> <u>CHARTER MEMBERS</u>

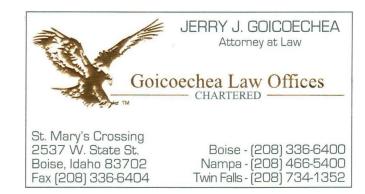
Since April is our club's anniversary month, we would once again like to recognize our remaining Charter Members of the Boise Basque Center and invite them to the dinner as honored guests as we celebrate 73 years as an organization on Saturday, April 23, 2022. They are: Regina Bastida Aldecoa (Boise), Joanne Aldrich (Boise), Rosita Alegria Artis (Boise), Lydia Goiri Black (Boise), Julia Uberuaga Coleman (Eugene, OR) and John Lasuen (Mountain Home).

For all charter members able to join us that evening, please come to the front of the Basque Center no later than 5:45 PM for a group picture. For your dinner reservation, please follow the regular dinner reservation instructions and in addition, please identify yourself as a charter member. Call Juliana Aldape at 208-850-8687 if you have questions. For those bringing a charter member to the anniversary dinner and group picture, there will be a drop-off zone available on the north side of the Basque Center (Grove Street).

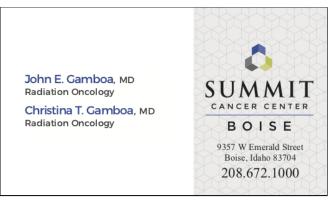
Eskerrik Asko to Bryan Day for capturing the photos of the charter members and to Juliana Aldape for organizing this special annual tradition to recognize those who came before us.

OINKARI LAMBPAGE FUN RUN IS MAY 21

Lambpage is back! Join us Saturday, May 21st for our fun-run 5K followed by a picnic in the park, games and a warm lunch. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids (10 and under) and includes a t-shirt, race bib and lunch. Register now at bonfire.com/lambpage. We can't wait to see you there!









UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS FROM AIZTAN ARTEAN

The ladies of Aiztan Artean are again offering partial scholarships to local Basque children who are interested in attending Udaleku Basque Camp this summer in Bakersfield, California, June 17-25. If you have been accepted to Udaleku this year and are interested in receiving a scholarship, please send a letter of request. The letter should contain your Basque relationship, how you have participated in Basque activities and what you hope to achieve at the camp. Please send your letter to:

Toni Bicandi 7792 W Paloma Boise, ID 83704

Letters must be received no later than Tuesday, April 19; be sure to include your contact information. Thank you for your interest in continued improvement of our culture in Boise.

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Euzkaldunak, Attn: Udaleku Scholarship 601 W Grove St Boise, ID 83702

Letters must be received by April 15 for consideration. Thank you for your interest in continued improvement of our culture in Boise.

BOISEKO SPRING SHOW THANK-YOUS

Thanks to everyone who came out and watched our Basque Block performance on Sunday, March 13! The kids were great! We really appreciate the support from our families and friends.

We couldn't have done it without all the massive help we received during the spring season and on the day of the performance. Thanks to Rod Wray for supplying and setting up the sound equipment, to Chris Bieter for being emcee, and to Txantxangorriak for their opening set. Thanks to all the teachers and musicians that worked hard these couple of months - it paid off in the end! We also appreciate the Oinkaris and the parent volunteers that helped to bring out chairs, distribute the goodies, and collect the canned donations for the food bank. Lastly, we want to thank the Euzkaldunak board for helping us close the street and providing the treats!

As a reminder, we are off until summer. We will plan to have one practice on July 26 leading up to San Inazio. Enjoy the spring!





EUZKALDUNAK 8-KING MUS TOURNAMENT



On Saturday March 19 in the Basque Center card room, the 10 finalists (5 teams) competed for the honor of being the 2022 Mus Txapeldunak.

- Tony Larrocea & Juan Egaña
- Josu Menaka & Jose Manuel Arriaga
- Lino Zabala & Mike Franzoia
- Steve Achabal & Edu Sarria
- Sean Aucutt & John Krakau

At the end of the tournament, the team of Steve Achabal and Edu Sarria were Bigarrentak, with Tony Larrocea & Juan Egaña crowned Txapeldunak.

2022 MUS TOURNAMENTS

- April 23: Mountain Home Mus Tournament
- April 24: Basque Museum Mus Tournament
- April 30: Santa Rosa (Paradise) Mus Tournament

SAVE THE DATE - SAN INAZIO 2022

The Euzkaldunak San Inazio Festival returns this year from Friday July 29, thru Sunday July 31, with a special surprise on Monday evening August 1. We will be coming together with our larger Basque family to Dance, Sing, Eat, Drink and show off skills at sokatira, txinga eramatea, irrintzi, zaku lasterketa and arrautza botatzea.





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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 2022 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 recipient will be announced at the May Dinner.

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 Mansisidor

2016: Dan Ansotegui, Mary Lou Murelaga Guerricabeitia

2017: Julian Lete

2018: Miren Rementeria Artiach

2019: Cecil Jayo



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BSU BASQUE STUDIES SPRING UPDATES

Every spring the Basque Studies department at Boise State invites a professor to teach graduate students with the aim of highlighting the study of and research into Basque language and culture. This year Dr. Xabier Irujo, professor at University of Nevada, Reno, director of the Center for Basque Studies and professor of genocide studies, was selected for the Eloise Garmendia Bieter chair to work and collaborate with the History Department at Boise State.



Dr. Irujo gave a presentation on February 22 in Dr. Lisa Brady's graduate class History 501: The Study of History, where the students read and analyzed several of Dr. Irujo's publications. They also talked about Dr. Irujo's experience publishing and editing scholarly work as well as insight into his own research and writing process.

Besides working with our graduate students, Dr. Irujo gave two lectures on campus in February. In "Confronting Trauma: Writing about Gernika," Dr. Irujo examined the historical, emotional, and literary effects of the 1937 bombing of Gernika and its impact on the people that lived that traumatic experience as well as in the contemporary Basque Country. He also delivered the lecture "Wor(I)d Building: Writing Historical Fiction" at the Interactive Learning Center.

The Basque Museum & Cultural Center, with the support and collaboration of the Eloise Garmendia Bieter Chair, organized Dr. Irujo's presentation "An Idahoan Named Egurtxiki" on March 3 at the Basque Center. Dr. Irujo talked about the clandestine interviews William Smallwood "Egurtxiki" conducted among survivors of the bombing of Gernika in the spring of 1972.



Dr. Irujo was also a guest on the Boiseko Taupada radio show, which is hosted by professors Nere Lete and Ziortza Gandarias Beldarrain every Friday from 1:30-2:30 PM. Boiseko Taupada played among others the songs "Ilunpeko ezkila" and "Hilerriko su kulunka" composed by Dr. Irujo and

his son to commemorate the 700 year anniversary of the War of Beotibar in 1321.





History Corner: Txantxangorriak

History Corner is a featured column in the Euzkaldunak newsletter that is written by members of the Basque Center Renovation Committee. Our seven-decade old building is aging and needs our enthusiasm and support to carry our traditions forward for the next seven decades and beyond. The goals of the History Corner are: 1) highlight the many beloved traditions we can carry out thanks to having access to a Basque Center, and 2) educate members about our rich Boise Basque history.







Dancing has always been part of the culture of the Basque community and of our Basque Center. Dance lessons were available for children as young as three years old. The focus of activities for nearly all Basque Clubs in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada was sponsoring a dance, sometimes in conjunction with a summer picnic. With the advent of the Oinkaris in Boise in 1961, there was a new avenue for a larger group of teenagers and young adults to have extensive participation in dance, performances and travel.

Few opportunities existed in the '50s and '60s outside of dance to experience Basque culture. Occasionally there would be a Basque language class or a choir organized for a particular event. The Basque Music Camps, which developed into our current Udaleku, offered the first Basque multi-course experiences. The camps provided learning of sports, games (including card games), music with "Basque instruments," songs, language and dance.

New opportunities for children, teens, and adults to learn to play Basque music emerged following Jaialdi 2000. A group of mixed-age musicians called Txorimaloak Soinu Taldea from the Basque Country had been invited to perform. Performers ranged from 3 to 24 years of age, mixing many cultural elements that reflected a slightly modern style. Jaialdi audiences enjoyed sounds from piano accordions, trikitixak (button accordions), panderoak (tambourines), goilarak (spoons), kriskitinak (castanets)—and from the oldest Basque instruments, the txalaparta and the adarra (horn).

After watching the enthusiasm and interest created by Txorimaloak's performances, Gina Ansotegui Urquidi and

Ana Mendiola had a vision to create a similar group in Boise. Txantxangorriak, affectionately called "Txan-txan," began in 2001 and continues to this day. The pictures shown in this article were taken at the March 13, 2022 Spring performances of Txan-txan and Boiseko Gazteak in the Basque Block.

Boise's Txan-txan group focuses on trikitixa and pandero players, though the group has also experimented with singing, txalaparta, and spoons as additional instrumentation. With musicians as young as 8 and as old as seniors (not as in high school but those who often get discounts on their

coffee), the eclectic group demonstrates a vital part of Basque culture with their music. Txantxangorriak is a reality that continues to flourish only because of the dedication of its instructors. Dan Ansotegui has taught triki since the beginning in 2001. Pandero instruction began with Ryan Schaffner, and the torch has passed to Spencer Martin, then Sean Aucutt, and now Alaina Gavica over the years. The time devoted by the teachers has made it possible for Txan-txan to celebrate over 20 years of Basque music. Txan-txan performances are uplifting and happy events; and the group has performed in cultural festivals in Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming and Washington.

Like the many Basque groups in Boise that depend on our facility, Txan-txan musicians learn, practice, teach and often perform in our Basque Center. Supporting groups like Txantxan is one of the many reasons to update and modernize our Basque Center—for ourselves and those generations to follow. If any of our readers have an interest in joining or learning more about Txantxangorriak, please contact Olaia Urquidi Beals at 208 871-4668 or at urquidibeals90@gmail.com. Basques and non-Basques are welcome in Txan-txan. (Minimum age is normally 8 years for pandero and 10 years for triki.) Olaia would love to talk with you!

History corner is a community supported project, and we need YOUR help telling the history of our Basque Center and the community organizations that call it home. We're working on a story about the **Boise San Inazio Festival** over the years, and we'd love your favorite memories, first-hand accounts, and pictures. What was the first San Inazio you attended? What do you remember about San Inazio in your younger years?



APRIL ZORIONAK

Julia Achabal, Linda Achurra, Miren Arozamena, Lori Barnowski, Randy Berriochoa, Teula Biain, Alberto Bilbao, Sandra K Bishop, Josh Boyd, Jeremy Boyd, Catherine Brollier, Heather Campbell, John Cantrell, Jean Cottier, Tom Dickey, Keegan Dougherty, Tony Eiguren, Monique Flesher, Ziortza Gandarias Beldarrain, Margarita Garatea, Angela Echevarria Gray, Angie Gribble, Camille Henry, Michael Hormaechea, Richard Hormaechea, Chea Jenné, Leandra Kelleher, Alicia Lachiondo, Cecelia Larson,

Michele Lauer, Miren Urresti Laughrin, Mary Louise Mansisidor, Nerea Mendiola-Wilsey, Benita Miller, Ben Monasterio, German Olabarria, Alli Olson, Laura Pape, Flipp Phillips, Nekane Arrieta- Resnick, Genny Schaffner, Ryan Schaffner, Cristina Ascuena Serpa, Pamela Sprute, Nikki Totorica, Mike Urquidi, Miren Vicandi, Marta Vazquez Watson, Delores Zborowski



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Lael Uberuaga, Newsletter Editor

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Our newsletter is composed of submissions from our Basque Center membership, and we want to hear from you! Send your news to newsletter@basquecenter.com by Tuesday, April 12 to appear in the next newsletter. We have an exciting summer ahead and we want to make sure our members know about what's in store. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2022 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

(all events tentative and pending COVID-19 and national and local health regulations)

3/20–4/10: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament *(3 Sundays)*

4/23: Anniversary Dinner

5/14: Mother's Day Dinner

6/18-6/19: NABO Mus Finals

7/29-31 San Inazio Festival

9/17: September Dinner

10/9-10/15: International Mus Tournament

10/15: October Dinner

11/5: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo

12/17: Sheepherders Ball