

EUZKALDUNAK 2 URRIA 2 OCTOB

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The October Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 15. The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by Aiztan Artean.

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.

October 2022 dinner menu

Ensalada Mixta with Oñate dressing Baked St. Louis-style Pork Ribs Alaska Cod Oriotarra Amuma's Basque Rice **Chocolate Brownies** Homemade Bread and Butter Wine and Coffee

October Dinner Prices

(this is NEW pricing per the notice in the July and September newsletters)

- Guests (non-members of any age over 10):
- Members and Senior Members (65 and older): \$20.00
- Children (10 and under): \$10.00

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.

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, October 11. Reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after October 11 will not be accepted.

SEPTEMBER DINNER THANK-YOUS

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Timoteo Santiago and the fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal! Eskerrik Asko to Artzai Ona and their great group for hosting the September monthly dinner:

Juanita Abadia Lalli Cheryl Asin Larry Asin Geneva Ayarra Todor Azurtza Jeannene Boyd RosaMary Izaquirre Jake Jaureguy Jan Larrea Josephine Lecona Miller Mary Lou Murelaga Guerricabeitia Patty Miller Theresa Rhoades Eiguren Willerup Christina Rhoades Ricardo Yanci John Ysursa Ellie Ysursa

WORLD MUS CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the past 42 years (with the exception of the COVID pandemic years) there has been a World Mus Championship, and this year, Euzkaldunak is hosting! The week-long tournament will kick off with the arrival of 9 teams, delegates representing 7 countries, and tournament guests (totaling about 75 people) on Saturday, October 8, at the Boise Airport. The players and their country's delegates will travel throughout the valley. They will play Mus games in Homedale, Gooding, and in Boise at BSU's Stueckle Sky Center, Bogus Basin and the Basque Center. The culmination of the tournament will be at the October 15 monthly member dinner, where the players will be introduced and the tournament winners will be announced.

N.A.B.O. FALL UPDATE

After Covid canceled the annual tradition for two years, Udaleku 2022 was held in Bakersfield, California, this past June. Out of 87 participants from throughout the United States who gathered to learn more about their Basque Culture, 21 of them represented Idaho proudly.

To stay up to date with NABO's 43+ member clubs and their Basque events taking place throughout the United States and Canada, you can visit N.A.B.O.'s website at www.nabasque.eus. In addition to events, there is great information about learning Euskara, Mus, children's events and games, music, Basque government news, pilota information, and so much more. If you are a Facebook user, check out NABO's Facebook page where you can get updated information as well.

UDALEKU 2023: BOISE, IDAHO

For the first time since 2012, Udaleku will be hosted by Euzkaldunak and the Boise community in July 2023. If you're interested in helping organize, being a "host family" or donating food/time, email udaleku@basquecenter.com. Otherwise, more information will be shared via this newsletter as it becomes available.

2022 CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Kids' Halloween Party continues to be a hit each year and after its absence due to the pandemic, it is returning in 2022! All members and their children (under 10) are invited to come and celebrate Halloween in the Basque Center basement on Sunday, October 30, from 3:00-5:00 PM. "Cost of admission" will be candy or a homemade treat of your choice to share. Kids will "trick or treat" at each family's table placed around the room. To get into the spirit, families are encouraged to decorate their table. There will be a costume show for the kids (and maybe even adults), cookie decorating, and lots of fun! RSVPs are important for this event so organizers can plan ahead. Please RSVP to Ed Orbea at president@basquecenter.com. Eskerrik Asko!





BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Boiseko Gazteak practice is underway! Parents: If you are not receiving periodic emails with information about Boiseko, please email boiseko@basquecenter.com with your email address and child's name.

2022-2023 Boiseko Calendar (TENTATIVE):

- 9/27 First practice at 7PM (each Tuesday until Nov. 29, no practice on Nov. 22)
- 11/05 Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)
- 12/04 Winter Show & Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas Party (Basque Center)
- 1/10 Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 7)
- o 3/12 Spring Show
- 7/25 San Inazio practice at 7PM
- 7/29 San Inazio performance at 11AM (Basque Block)

OINKARI SAGARDOTEGI NOVEMBER 19

After a two year hiatus, the Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on Saturday, November 19 as we transform the Basque Center into a traditional Basque Sagardotegi. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 per table and include a traditional sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcelay, a silent auction, night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets go on sale Saturday, October 15 and can only be purchased through the Oinkari website (oinkari.org/sagardotegi). For more information or to help, please contact Amaya Herrera, Oinkari Fundraising Chair, at amayaherrera@oinkari.org.









EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit directors with fresh ideas and perspectives. Every year there are five (5) vacant positions up for election as well as an alternate. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The elections for the board of directors will take place at the annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

The Basque Center is one of the most significant presences in maintaining Basque culture and identity in all of Idaho. For more than 70 years generations of Basques have preserved their language, history, sports, dance, and music. This institution has also greatly benefited from a cadre of dreamers and doers (Gloria Totoricaguena, Boise Basques: Dreamers & Doers) who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of "Basqueness."

The opportunity to be a director is open to all members, which includes the non-Basque spouses of those with Basque ancestry. If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of being on the Board of Directors or are interested in running, please contact Ed Orbea at president@basquecenter.com or Alicia Knox at vicepresident@basquecenter.com.

MORZILLA DINNER CAKE WHEEL

Bringing back traditions like the morzilla dinner means calling on members to help bring that tradition back to life. Choose where your talents point you, and bring a donation our way. At the 2022 Morzilla Dinner on Saturday, November 5, we have a cake wheel in need of all your sweet treats such as cakes, cookies, or pies for the kids to play to win. Or if jams, jellies, breads or rolls are your area of expertise, we have a baked goods and home-prepared foods table that will sell these items. Fun fact, this year we will have take-home croquetas for sale at the baked goods table along with the breads and morzillas! Perfect for when you're craving croquetas, but would rather stay home for the night. Stock up on all the goodies. You will be happy you did when the day comes to indulge.









History Corner: Morzillas

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.

In early November of each year, a unique smell covers part of downtown Boise. For most non-Basques the smell is confusing, and for many—unpleasant, but for those in the Basque community it is a reminder that Fall is here and that the event of the Morzilla Dinner and Bazaar is very near.

As with many of the traditions of our Euzkaldunak, the Basque Girls Club and general membership were instrumental in starting the Morzilla Dinner. A celebration of the autumn harvest, members would donate their own time, leeks, onions and other items needed to make these blood sausages.



The purpose of Euzkaldunak's first dinners were so local Basques could get together, enjoy culture and in many cases, to raise funds to pay for the construction costs of the Basque Center building. Homemade crafts with incredible examples of embroidery, knitting, and delicious foods were donated by members and sold at the event, ensuring that the dinner and bazaar were profitable every year. In later years, local businesses would donate valuable items and services to be sold or raffled to support Boise's Basque community.



Over the years, many changes occurred regarding the Morzilla Dinner and Bazaar. Things like the addition of BINGO, the addition of the children's carnival, the withdrawal of the children's carnival, and of course the many faces of those who donated their time have changed, but one thing has remained consistent during this time—the morzillas.

In the 1970's Benny and Tomasa Goitiandia volunteered their garden, time and other resources to grow the leeks, which they continued to do until 2017. For nearly 40 years, countless Euzkaldunak members contributed their time to plant, harvest and process the leeks, along with donated onions, at the Goitiandia's farm.

A similar process continues in 2022. The leeks are now grown at Fiddlers Green Farm, Gem Meat Packing continues to provide the blood, and the onions have been donated by Ray Larrondo for approximately three decades.

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Roughly 40 volunteers come out the week before the dinner to offer their time and many times their clothes (it is very hard to get the smell out of them). The week is always full of activity, laughter, and making new memories.

On the Monday before the November dinner, the leeks are picked. Tuesday, the leeks and onions are cleaned, prepped, and processed with large grinders and then taken to the Basque Center. Wednesday is a full day where all of the cooking is completed with the leeks and onions while adding rice, blood, oregano, black pepper and salt, until just the right consistency and taste the cooks demand is achieved. Thursday the sausage mix is put into casings and hung to dry. Friday the sausages finish drying and are either prepared for dinner on Saturday or packaged and sold, to raise funds for Euzkaldunak.

During the 1980's through the 1990's, two to three thousand morzillas were made annually. Over the last decade roughly fifteen hundred morzillas are made each year, utilizing approximately

eight hundred pounds of leeks and eight hundred pounds of onions to make these tasty delicacies.

Come and enjoy the hard work of volunteers and the valuable tradition of the November Morzilla Dinner & Bazaar this year on Saturday, November 5. Eat great food, win wonderful bingo prizes and most importantly enjoy family, friends, traditions and our incredible culture. See you then.

BASQUE CENTER RENOVATION

The Basque Center Renovation Committee has been hard at work continuing to explore the feasibility and funding sources for a renovation of the Basque Center facility. While most of our updates lately have been in the form of "History Corner" articles in this newsletter, we are still working hard behind the scenes. Some things Euzkaldunak members can expect to hear about in the coming months with regard to Basque Center renovation are:

- Conversations exploring community support and feasibility
- Town hall meetings and open forums
- Ongoing updates in the monthly newsletter

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DEEP DIVE: EUZKALDUNAK MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A donation in someone's name to the Basque Foundation (501 c3 non-profit company) is a unique way to honor an extraordinary person who has touched your life. Your memorial gift, no matter how modest, will help the Basque Foundation maintain and improve its facilities and support our activities. A donation to our charity account, no matter how modest, will help those in need. The Foundation hopes that you will consider donating on a regular basis to advance our continuing activities and outreach efforts. Your memorial gift is used in a variety of ways at the discretion of the board:

Supporting Annual Flower Baskets & Flags –

The annual implementation of the hanging flower baskets and outdoor flags have allowed our members as well as visitors to the Basque Block to enjoy a variety of beautiful, unique and colorful additions. Nearly every travel journal that showcases the Basque Block displays a photo of the Basque Center with its colorful flags and flowers. Your donation helps the Foundation maintain these attractive displays.

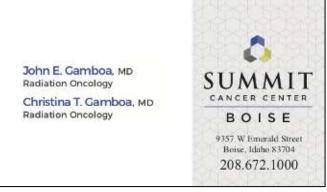
Supporting the Physical Facility - Established in 1949 and built in 1951 as a social club and gathering place, the Basque Center has played an important role in the history of the Basques in Boise. The Basque Center helps maintain Basque heritage by supporting Basque dancing, events and gatherings. The Basque community all across the Treasure Valley comes together for different annual events such as Basque card tournaments, the San Inazio festival, and the Morzilla dinner featuring Basque blood sausage. Your donation helps the Foundation maintain the interior and exterior of this historic building.

Supporting Future Programs – The Basque Foundation's main mission is to foster, promulgate and spread the Basque culture and heritage to its members, its members' children, grandchildren and beyond, the public, friends and supporters of the Basque community in the State of Idaho or elsewhere through the offering of educational programs and activities focusing on but not limited to, Basque studies, music, dancing, cuisine, and

recreational activities. In order to do this, the Board and staff members work to provide more programming and events to the public. Your contributions help fund such activities.

Your charity donation is used at the discretion of the board in: *Supporting Basque Charities* - The Basque Foundation also has the mission to provide economic assistance to any person falling ill or maimed within the State of Idaho or elsewhere. The Sheepherder's Ball Dinner and Dance raise money to help individuals and families in need throughout the year. Your contributions provide assistance to help those in need. You can donate online at www.basquecenter.com/donate, or mail a check to: Basque Foundation, Inc., 601 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702







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OMENALDIA 2022

The Annual Omenaldia Memorial Mass, celebrating the lives of loved ones lost in the last year, will be celebrated Saturday, October 29, at 1:30pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If there is someone you would like to remember who has passed away in the last year, please call Annie at the Basque Museum at 208-577-2250 or email annieg@basquemuseum.eus before October 25 to have the name added to the list.

MAJOR CHANGE THIS YEAR – rather than a potluck reception, we will have dessert and drinks generously provided by the members of the Biotzetik Choir, Artzai Ona and Basque Museum Board. All are welcome after mass to enjoy some sweets and continue to celebrate loved ones lost.

GOIAN BEGO

Each month, we list the names of recently passed members of Euzkaldunak and the local Basque community. Please send us the names of these recently deceased folks so we can honor them in print.

Goian Bego:

Albert Erquiaga, co-founder of Oinkari Basque Dancers and N.A.B.O. Jerry Lawson Steve Larrondo Tom (Jausoro) Wickham Serafina Lejarcegui Totoricaguena

NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS

Romaine Leichtfuss Marc Schaffner Benjamin Moore Ryan Martin Nicolas Asla Naiara Arozamena Haritz Maillo Elorza

OCTOBER ZORIONAK

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Editor's note: If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up in the list above, please email secretary@basquecenter.com so your birthday can be added to our member database.

Apart from the member birthday list, we still gladly accept one-time announcements like births, anniversaries, graduation, or other special recognition of members in the Zorionak section. For special announcements such as these, email newsletter@basquecenter.com.











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To contact the entire board (10 directors), send an email to board@basquecenter.com.

BASQUE CENTER RENTAL

To inquire about renting the Basque Center for a function or meeting, please contact Albert Totorica, Basque Center Rental Manager, at rentals@basquecenter.com, visit www.basquecenter.com/rentals, or call 208-331-5097. Euzkaldunak members receive discounted rental rates.



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 Monday, October 17, to appear in the next newsletter. 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)

10/9–10/15: International Mus Tournament

11/5: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo

10/15: October Dinner **12/17:** Sheepherders Ball

