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Monthly Member Newsletter

## FROM THE KITCHEN

The November Morzilla dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022, as part of the annual Euzkaldunak Bazaar & Bingo Night. The dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Gazteak and Txantxangorriak. The Morzilla dinner is open to the public, and no reservations are required. It will be a “first come, first served” meal.

### **November 2022 dinner menu**

Ensalada Mixta  
Garbanzos with Chorizo  
Baked Morzilla  
Alaskan Cod Romana  
Baked Chicken with Onions and White Wine  
Dessert  
Homemade Bread and Butter  
Wine and Coffee

The first seating will begin at 5:15 PM, and the second seating will begin at 6:30 PM. **The price for the November dinner is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under.** Wine and other beverages can be purchased in the dining room.

Please note: There is no babysitting at the Basque Center during the Morzilla dinner.



*Do you remember the early days of the “Morzilla Jana” and Bazaar? Pictured: Three ladies preparing items (note the sock monkey and the yarn octopus) for sale for the Bazaar. L to R: Dorothy Inchausti Ansotegui, Lydia Sillonis Jausoro, Julia Uberuaga.*

## **History Corner: Morzilla Dinner & Bazaar**

*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.*

Even before the newly formed Euzkaldunak had its own building, the members held events in the Fall that were the beginnings of the annual Bazaar and Morzilla Dinner. A “Box Social” took place November 12, 1949; it was put on by the Basque Girls’ Club (aka the Knitting Club). We would love to know how this worked and what happened. There was music! A record of the expenses indicates that \$10 each was paid to musicians Domingo Ansotegui, Jimmy Jausoro and Joe Anacabe. The net profit was \$372.69 for the event. A “Farmer’s Dance” followed on December 10, which earned Euzkaldunak an additional \$495. In 1950 a “Tripe Feed” was suggested by Tom Bicandi and planned for mid-November for members, particularly for shepherders. Teles Hormaechea pointed out that “members from Marsing and Homedale would be too busy with their crops at that time and would be unable to attend.” So the Tripe Feed was moved to December 3 at the Eagles Hall. In addition to the “tripa calos” prepared by Julia Gandiaga, the menu included baked ham, salad, pickles, bread & wine. By the fall of 1951, we had our own building. Other than dances that were held every two weeks as a source of revenue, there was an occasional dinner—such as the “Turkey Dinner” held in November. The “Morzilla Jana” dinners continued for many years until finally paired with the “Carnival/Bazaar.” At the annual Euzkaldunak meeting in January 1959, “Mrs. Zenon Isaguire [Hazel Archabal] was announced as chairman of the Bazaar for the coming year.” This was the start of the annual Bazaar & Dinner.

The Basque Girls’ Club was important to the success of the Bazaar. In addition to doing much of the cooking and kitchen work for the morzilla dinner, their members worked for months preparing homemade items to sell—quilts, toys, socks, baby clothes, aprons, hot pads, Christmas ornaments. Other homemade items, as well as candy and baked goods, were contributed by membership. In the mid-70s, Aiztan Artean (the “new” ladies’ club) began supplementing—and later managing—the booth for homemade items. The Aiztan girls also spent months prior to the Bazaar working on various crafts to sell.

At first the carnival aspect involved an actual “Cake Walk.” Homemade cakes were donated to this event; tickets were probably 25 cents. The Cake Walk is the favorite memory for members of all ages: participants would walk around the circle with numbered boxes to music, and then stop on a number when the music stopped. Gradually, and mainly to save floor space, the Cake Walk became the “Cake Wheel.” The spinning wheel determined the winning number and cake. For a couple of years, there was even a fortune teller—a big hit! Euzkaldunak really got into the carnival scene when they hired a company to operate several games and activities, such as a ring toss, race car track and a duck pond where participants scooped up a numbered duck that corresponded to a prize. For some games, a few of our members remember getting goldfish as a prize; another remembers baby chicks! Members recall the Money Tree, a small tree with 100 one-dollar bills pinned to it. This was won by a raffle, the winning ticket drawn near the end of the evening. In the early years, members bought raffle tickets while attending the Bazaar. Later,

raffle tickets arrived with the newsletter several weeks prior to the Bazaar, and members could fill out and mail them back to the Center with a check or bring payment the night of the event. The Money Tree was a Bazaar tradition that probably lasted for 30 years.

Our unique Morzilla Dinner which is paired with the Bazaar has evolved from a family-style sit-down affair, which at one time was available only to members and a limited number of guests. As was outlined in last month's newsletter, the preparation of the morzillak is a major project. A week's work of making the sausages culminates on Friday with the packaging—but saving plenty of them for Saturday's dinner. The Morzilla Dinner is an event that is now open to the public and offers a buffet dinner with two serving times—always a packed house in the basement. The fact that the freshly made morzillak (blood sausages) are being served does not keep away guests. In addition to morzillak, there are other meats and fish options and a variety of chef-prepared dishes. For many years, the dinner has been hosted by Boiseko Gazteak. Thus, parents and families of children in the four dance groups are volunteers for this event. For many of them, this is a totally new (and fragrant!) experience.

Meanwhile, in the Main Hall, we now hold a food booth for chorizos, hot dogs and soft drinks, a Cake Wheel operated by the Oinkari Basque Dancers with cakes donated by Oinkari parents and families, and a member favorite, BINGO! Prizes are donated by various local businesses, clubs and members. BINGO, like so many other games, has evolved, with electronics now part of the system. It's a fun game that everyone can play, but still you need to pay attention and use the current card color.

The Bazaar booths that offered homemade crafts, specialty items and prepared foods and baked goods have come down to one booth. But where else can you buy fresh porruak (leeks) and morzillak that were packaged just a day ago? In addition, members donate foods and baked goods prepared in their own homes. There are always surprises: soup & garbanzos, membrillo (quince "jam") with walnuts, bags of home-grown peppers or other garden items, jars of homemade jellies or pickles or pears and anything baked or fried.

**Let's rejuvenate Food Booth 2022!** Prepare whatever is your specialty—or find a recipe for something your amuma made. It does not have to be Basque or extraordinary. Cookies are always favorite items. (Bring your items in containers that you do not expect to be returned.) If it doesn't work out for you to donate an item that will be sold at the Food Booth, please be a customer.

**Visit the Food Booth after the morzilla dinner on November 5 and take home something special!**

## OCTOBER DINNER THANK-YOUS

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Timoteo Santiago and the fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal! Eskerrik Asko to the Aiztan crew of volunteers hosting the October monthly dinner and the International Mus Dance. A special thanks to:

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## 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.

## HELP MAKE MORZILLAK, NOV 1-4

The week before Morzilla Dinner, we will be making morzillas! [Read the volunteer schedule here](#) and contact Sean Aucutt at 208-371-3090 if you'd like to help out.

## MORZILLA DINNER & BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering for Morzilla Dinner and Bingo Night, please [click here to review available shifts and times](#). We appreciate those who are able to volunteer to make our events a success.

## NOVEMBER BINGO PRIZES

If you are interested in donating a bingo prize for the Morzilla Dinner and Bingo on Saturday, November 5, please contact Alicia Knox at [basquecenterdonations@basquecenter.com](mailto:basquecenterdonations@basquecenter.com). We hope to have a fun filled night of bingo with prizes for all ages to win and enjoy!



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## WORLD MUS CHAMPIONSHIPS RECAP

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For the past 42 years (with the exception of the COVID Pandemic years), there has been a World Mus Championship. The 2023 World Championship will be held in Santiago, Chile, and the 2023 Txapeldun is Mexico.



## EUZKALDUNAK MUS TOURNAMENT 2023

Save the date: Sunday, January 8, 2023, is the Euzkaldunak's 8-King Mus Tournament. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

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## **BOISEKO GAZTEAK**

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

### ***Txantxangorriak & Boiseko Gazteak Winter Show - on the Basque Block!***

Mark your calendars for the Winter Show on [Sunday, December 4](#). Once again this year, we're going to hold the performance outside on the Basque Block! Dancers & Musicians should arrive in costume at 12:15 PM. Txantxangorriak will start the performance off at 12:30 PM, with the dancers following at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends. Please bring a can of food for our seasonal contribution to a local food bank. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

### ***Boiseko 2022-2023 Calendar:***

- 11/01 - 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 (Basque Block) & Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas Party (Basque Center)
- 1/10 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 7)
- 3/12 - Spring Show (Basque Block)
- 7/18 - San Inazio practice at 7PM
- 7/20-28 - Udaleku 2023
- 7/29 - San Inazio performance at 11AM (Basque Block)

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 4**



The annual Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas party will be held at the Basque Center on Sunday, [December 4](#), following the Boiseko Gazteak Winter Show. Come sing Christmas carols, have goodies, and see Olentzero! Parents, please bring a new, wrapped gift for your child with his/her name and age clearly marked on the package (i.e.; Jon Doe, age 10). Gifts can be dropped off in the card room of the Basque Center during Boiseko practice on Tuesday, November 29, or in the dance hall at the beginning of the party on Sunday, December 4. To volunteer for this event, contact Gina Gridley at [GinaGridley@gmail.com](mailto:GinaGridley@gmail.com).



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## **ARNAS BERRI BERTSO SCHOOL**

At the August NABO Convention, delegates approved the implementation of the *Bertsolaritzari Arnasa Berritu Amerikan* (“renew bertsolaritza’s breath in America”) initiative to preserve and develop our Basque oral tradition in North America.

As part of the proposed initiatives, the Arnas Berri Bertso School has opened its doors. Classes are held at the Basque Center on Tuesdays at 6:00pm (Mountain Time) but students can also participate online. For instance, there are currently 3 students enrolled: 1 from New York and 2 from San Francisco. Students need to have a good knowledge of Euskara in order to be able to play with the language (this will not be a Euskara class). If interested, you can contact the school via email: [arnasberri@gmail.com](mailto:arnasberri@gmail.com)

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## **OINKARI SAGARDETEGI - NOVEMBER 19**

The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Secure your seat and join us on Saturday, November 19, as we transform the Basque Center into a traditional Basque Sagardotegi. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten and include a traditional sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcey, a silent auction, night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets can only be purchased through the Oinkari website ([oinkari.org/sagardotegi](http://oinkari.org/sagardotegi)). For more information or help, please contact the Fundraising Chair, Amaya Herrera, at [amayaherrera@oinkari.org](mailto:amayaherrera@oinkari.org).



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

### ***Goian Bego:***

Josephine Murelaga Dickinson





## **IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS**

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you may be interested in using your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to support The Basque Foundation and its mission. By using the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) rules, a gift of up to \$100,000 can be given directly to a qualified charity from an IRA account without being taxable to the IRA owner. As opposed to a normal charitable gift, a QCD may have the following benefits:

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- The QCD is a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits like other charitable donations

As we progress towards year end, please consider contacting your IRA custodian and your tax advisor to see if this approach may fit within your financial plan.

## **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](mailto:president@basquecenter.com) or Alicia Knox at [vicepresident@basquecenter.com](mailto:vicepresident@basquecenter.com).

## **NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS**

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## **BIOTZETIK ROTUNDA CONCERT**

Biotzetik Basque Choir presents the return of its Christmas Concert in the Capitol Rotunda! Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public. Come celebrate the season with traditional Basque songs and sing along Christmas carol favorites!

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## **NABO PILOTA FESTIVAL**

On November 19, a day-long NABO Pilota Festival will be held in the Anduiza Fronton. Starting at 10:00 AM and until 4:00 PM, competitive Pala games will be played by players from Boise and California.

Even though Pala is at the center of this Pilota Festival, the last game of the day will be an Esku Pilota (handball game) with players who represent the US in the world championship.

### Games schedule

9:00am - B league - semi final 1  
10:00am - B league - semi final 2  
11:00am - A league - semi final 1  
12:00pm - A league - semi final 2  
1:00pm - B league - final  
2:00pm - A league - final  
3:00pm - Co-ed pala  
4:00pm - Esku pilota doubles - Boise vs San Francisco

Note that this schedule might be adjusted depending on the number of players that will end up coming to Boise which might require that we start on Friday afternoon/evening. Come and bring all your friends to this Pilota Festival.

## **BASQUE FOUNDATION DECEMBER LAMB AUCTION RECIPIENT NOMINATIONS**

Donations to deserving people are made throughout the year, but as December approaches, the Basque Foundation (formerly known as Basque Charities) selects a person or family to receive a sizeable contribution from the charities account. Typically, the recipient is someone (Basque or non-Basque) who has fallen ill and needs help financially.

The annual Shepherders Ball & Lamb Auction on December 17 is where much of the money is raised to bolster the charities account. If you know of someone who should be considered as the primary recipient of funds raised at the 2023 Shepherders Ball, please contact Ed Orbea at [president@basquecenter.com](mailto:president@basquecenter.com).

## **2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2023 will be \$50 per adult. Beginning in mid-November after you receive your renewal statement, there will be a payment portal on the [basquecenter.com](http://basquecenter.com) website. You are also welcome to renew by sending a check to the Basque Center. Please contact [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com) for new memberships.

## **UDALEKU 2023: BOISE, IDAHO**

It's official - Boise will host Udaleku next summer! Udaleku is NABO's Basque Culture Summer Camp for kids aged 10-15 years old. The camp's success will depend on Boise families hosting Basque kids from out of town, so please consider opening your home to other campers! More to come, but general info about Udaleku can be found at [nabasque.eus/udaleku.html](http://nabasque.eus/udaleku.html).



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*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](mailto:newsletter@basquecenter.com).*

## **THANKSGIVING EVE & FACILITY HOURS**

On Thanksgiving Eve (Nov 23) starting at 2:00 PM, the Basque Center will be open for you to "bring down a pinxto" to share with your friends and give thanks for the many blessings of the past year. The Basque Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 24).

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## **2022 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS**

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

<b>11/5:</b>	Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo	<b>12/4:</b>	Children's Christmas Party
<b>12/4:</b>	Boiseko Gazteak/Txantxangorriak	<b>12/17:</b>	Shepherders Ball
	Winter Show		