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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, April 15](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by The 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. Please pick up your reservation card at the table in the dining room near the payment table. 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 2023 dinner menu:

Tossed salad with Onati Dressing
Hand-carved Flank steak with green pepper-corn sauce
Haddock Fish Oriotarra
Patatas and chorizo koxkera
Homemade Bread and Butter
Desserts
Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Guests (all ages 11+): \$25.00
Members (all ages 11+): \$20.00
Children (10 and under): \$10.00

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com, or call in your reservation to 208-572-0604. There will be free babysitting service during the dinner, so 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 April 12. Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after April 12 will not be accepted.

The Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank 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 vicepresident@basquecenter.com.

MONTHLY DINNER BABYSITTING

As many know, Euzkaldunak provides free babysitting for monthly dinner attendees, and we hire a number of sitters in advance based on those signed up. This is why we request that if your child is coming with you to the Basque Center on monthly dinner night, your child is **either** a paid dinner guest and they stay upstairs for the entire dinner **or** is scheduled for babysitting downstairs and they stay downstairs for the entire dinner. When children go back and forth, it isn't fair to the babysitters who are in charge of a specified number of children. For example, at the March dinner there were 6 children signed up for babysitting, and more than twice that many showed up the night of, which put an unfair stress on our babysitter. Please be sure to include your babysitting headcount with your dinner reservation to ensure we hire enough sitters to make a fun night for all!

MARCH DINNER THANK-YOUS

Eskerrik Askto Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, Timoteo Santiago, and help from the Cottonwood Grille team preparing and serving a delicious meal! Eskerrik Askto the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors, Family & Friends for hosting the March Mus/Feast of St Joseph dinner. Special thanks to:

Bernice Madariaga	Joe Meuleman
Chris Woodworth	Johnny Aldape
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Dan Woodworth	Mark Bieter
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Jenny Aldape	Teresa Franzoia


Finally, Mil Esker to Alenna Knox for babysitting the children.

EUZKALDUNAK 74th ANNIVERSARY - CHARTER MEMBERS

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 74 years as an organization on Saturday, April 15, 2023. They are: Regina Bastida Aldecoa (Boise), Joanne Aldrich (Boise), Rosita Alegria Artis (Boise), Lydia Goiri Black (Boise) 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 Askto Bryan Day for being willing to capture the photos of the charter members and to Juliana Aldape for organizing this special annual tradition to recognize those who came before us.



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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 2023 Legacy Award will close on April 14, 2023. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter with the nominee's name and a description of their contributions to Euzkaldunak, 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 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
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2019: Cecil Jayo
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BOISEKO GAZTEAK SPRING SHOW THANK YOUS

Thanks to everyone who came out and watched our Basque Block Spring Show performance! 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 Mark Bieter for being emcee, and to Txantxangorriak for their opening set. Thanks to all the teachers and musicians that worked hard these past couple of months - it paid off at 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 18 leading up to San Inazio. Enjoy the spring!

EUZKALDUNAK UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS

Euzkaldunak is again offering partial scholarships to local Basque children who are interested in attending Udaleku this summer here in Boise. If you 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 previously, what you hope to achieve at camp, and how your going to camp might improve our local Basque community. Please send your letter to:

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

Letters must be received by April 30 for consideration. Thank you for your interest in continued improvement of our culture in Boise.

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AIZTAN ARTEAN UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Basque Women's Club of Aiztan Artean is again offering partial scholarships to students who plan to attend 2023 Udaleku in Boise this summer. If you have been accepted to Udaleku and are interested in receiving a partial scholarship, please send us (the Ladies of Aiztan Artean) a letter of request. Please tell us about yourself and your family (Basque relationship) and why you are interested in attending Udaleku this year—in about 150-200 words. Remember to add your contact information and the contact information for at least one of your parents. You can mail your application letter to **Dolores Totorica, 4312 Edgemont, Boise, Idaho, 83706**, or send it as an email to dolorestotorica@gmail.com. In either case, your letter should reach Dolores by **Monday, April 17**, in order for your application to be considered. Congratulations on being accepted for Udaleku Boise 2023!

IKASTOLA 25th ANNIVERSARY

August 14, 2023 will be Boiseko Ikastola's 25th anniversary! We are looking for any students from the last 25 years of the Ikastola. Did you have a child that attended Boiseko Ikastola at Saint Paul's on the BSU campus? Do you have any photos or a success story of your child's education? Does your child still speak Basque? We are eager to hear from you!! Please send your contact information and story to: Sarah Artis, 1955 Broadway Ave, Boise, Idaho, or email ikastola@basquemuseum.eus. Join us for the 25th anniversary celebration on August 14th at the Payette Brewery. Family and friends are invited. More information to follow.



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BASQUE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Basque Open Golf Committee and the Basque Foundation cordially invite you to the 2023 Basque Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 29 at Warm Springs Golf Course. Check-in is at 7:00 AM with an 8:00 AM shotgun start. This is a 4-person scramble, and at least one person per team must be Basque or married to a Basque. The deadline to register is July 8, 2023. For more information, visit basqueopen.com.

BASQUE CENTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY: LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



In 2024, the Basque Center celebrates its 75th year in our community. If you are interested to helping sculpt how we commemorate this special event, please contact Bernice Madariaga or Isana Bengoetxea via email at 75th@BasqueCenter.com



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EUZKALDUNAK. 8-KINGS MUS TOURNAMENT

The Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus tournament was completed on Saturday, March 15, at the Basque Center. Twenty teams participated and over the course of the tournament they were narrowed down to 5 teams.

Edu Sarria / Steve Achabal
Tony Larrocea / Juan Egana
Nick Bicandi / Xanti Alcelay
Sergio Gabicagogeascoa / Jose Mari Eguren
Sean Aucutt / John Krakau



L to R: Sergio Gabicagogeascoa and Jose Mari Eguren, Ed Orbea (Lehendakari), Nick Bicandi and Xanti Alcelay

At the end of the tournament, the team of Nick Bicandi and Xanti Alcelay were Bigarrentak, with Sergio Gabicagogeascoa and Jose Mari Eguren crowned Txapeldunak.

2023 N.A.B.O. MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Full calendar: nabasque.eus/online_calendar.html

- 4/22/23 Basque Museum
- 4/29/23 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)

OINKARI MUS TOURNAMENT IS MAY 13

The Oinkari Basque Dancers will be hosting their annual mus tournament on Saturday, May 13 at the Basque Center. The tournament is open to current members and all Oinkari alumni. The fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Registration begins at 7:30 AM with games starting at 8:00. Remember, this is a N.A.B.O. qualifying tournament! For more information, email alex@oinkari.org. See you there!

OINKARI LAMPAGE FUN RUN IS MAY 6

Lampage is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6 and join us for our fun-run 5K followed by food, games, and more. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids (10 and under), and includes a t-shirt, race bib, and an after-race chorizo. Visit oinkari.org/lampage to reserve your spot in the race. We can't wait to see you there!

BLOOD DRIVES AT THE BASQUE CENTER

The American Red Cross will be holding blood donation drives at the Basque Center on June 12 and August 7, 2023, from 1:00–6:00 PM. If you're interested, you can sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code BASQUE.

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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, promote 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 in financial distress due to illness or other hardships 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 anytime at www.basquecenter.com/donate, or mail a check to: **Basque Foundation, Inc., 601 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702**



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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.

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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 **Monday, April 24**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2023 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/15: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament
4/15: April Anniversary Dinner
5/20: May Mother's Day Dinner
7/20–7/28 Udaleku
7/28–7/30 San Inazio Festival
9/16: September Dinner

10/14: October Dinner
10/29: Children's Halloween Party
10/31–11/3: Morzilla Prep & Cooking
11/4: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo
12/3: Children's Christmas Party
12/16: Shepherders Ball