



# EUZKALDUNAK

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**AZAROA**

NOVEMBER

Monthly Member Newsletter

## **FROM THE KITCHEN**

The November Morzilla dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023, as part of the annual Euzkaldunak Bazaar & Bingo Night. The dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Gazteak & Txantxangorriak.

The Morzilla dinner is open to the public, and no reservations are required. It will be a "first come, first served" meal.

### **November 2023 dinner menu:**

Ensalada Mixta  
Garbanzos with Chorizo and Chicken  
Baked Morzilla  
Shrimp Pil-Pil  
Amuma's Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce  
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 dinner is \$25 for adults (Members & Guests) 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.

## **HELP MAKE MORZILLA, OCT 31 TO NOV 3**

Each year, Euzkaldunak relies on the help of our volunteer members to prep, cook, and package morzillas to serve at the November Morzilla Dinner and freeze for sale to members. We would love your help this year!

### **Tuesday, October 31**

We will start at Fiddler's Green Farm at 8:30 AM picking, cleaning, and chopping the leeks and onions. Fiddler's Green Farm is on the corner of Broken Horn and W. Echanove Drive but the entrance faces Echanove Drive. Park inside the gates. Address is: 14440 Broken Horn Rd, Boise, ID 83714

### **Wednesday, November 1**

We will be cooking the onions and leeks from 7 AM to 6 PM at the Basque Center.

### **Thursday, November 2**

We will meet at the Basque Center to make the morzillak in two shifts: 7 AM to 12:30 PM and 1 until 5 PM. A lunch for both shifts will be served at the break - at approximately 12:30 PM.

### **Friday, November 3**

We will be packaging the newly-made morzillak at the Basque Center from 9:30 AM to 3 PM.

To volunteer, please contact Sean Aucutt at 208-371-3090. Eskerrik Askoi!

## **MORZILLA DINNER CAKE WHEEL & COOKED FOOD TABLE**

Maintaining traditions like the Morzilla Dinner means calling on members to help sustain those traditions. Choose where your talents point you, and bring a donation our way.

At the 2023 Morzilla Dinner on Saturday, November 4, we have a cake wheel in need of all your sweet treats such as cakes, cookies, or pies for the kids to play and 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.

Stock up on all the goodies that will be available. You will be happy you did when the day comes to indulge.

## **NOVEMBER BINGO PRIZES**

If you are interested in donating a bingo prize for the Morzilla Dinner and Bingo on Saturday, November 4, please contact Isana Bengoetxea 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!

## **MORZILLA DINNER & BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We appreciate those who are able to volunteer to make our events a success!

If you are interested in volunteering for Morzilla Dinner and Bingo Night, please review available shifts by scanning this QR code or go to [bit.ly/morzilla23](https://bit.ly/morzilla23)



## **THANKSGIVING HOURS**

The Basque Center will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23. On Thanksgiving Eve (11/22), however, the Basque Center will be open starting at 3 PM for you to “bring down a pintxo” to share with your friends and give thanks for the many blessings of the past year.

## **OCTOBER DINNER THANK YOU**

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Timoteo Santiago, Miren Urresti, and the fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal!

Eskerrik Asko to the Aiztan Artean crew of volunteers for hosting the October monthly dinner. A special thanks to:

Linda Achurra	Teresa Amillategui Grimm
Jenny Aldape	Jake Jauregui
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## **OINKARI SAGAROTEGI DINNER**

The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on Saturday, November 18 as we transform the Basque Center into a traditional Basque Sagardotegi. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten and includes a traditional Sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcelay, a silent auction, night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets are available at [oinkari.org/sagardotegi](https://oinkari.org/sagardotegi). For more information or help, please contact the Fundraising Chair, Brenna Garro, at [brenna@oinkari.org](mailto:brenna@oinkari.org).



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## EGUBERRIKO AZOKA – BASQUE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join the Basque Museum & the rest of the Basque community Sunday, December 3, in conjunction with the Boiseko Gazteak and Txantxangorriak Winter Show, as we celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas market—*Eguberriko Azoka*. The market will be open 11 AM to 4 PM, so come by and pick out some Christmas gifts, get some delicious snacks, and enjoy this unique Basque custom! If you are interested in having a booth at the market, please contact Annie at the Basque Museum ([annieg@basquemuseum.eus](mailto:annieg@basquemuseum.eus) or 208-343-2671) for more information. We would love to see you all on the Basque Block for this new Boise Basque tradition!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The annual Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas party will be held at the Basque Center on Sunday, December 3 following the Boiseko Gazteak Winter Show. Come sing Christmas carols, have goodies, and see Olentzero!

Different from several years past, we will continue the tradition of Olentzero handing out candy canes (do not bring a gift for your child as you may remember from the past). The Basque Center will also provide chorizos and drinks for all of the children.

To volunteer for this event, contact Gina Gridley at [ginagridley@gmail.com](mailto:ginagridley@gmail.com)

## EUZKALDUNAK MUS TOURNAMENT 2024

Please mark down Sunday, January 7, 2024 on your calendar! It is the date scheduled for Euzkaldunak's 8-Kings Mus Tournament. More details to follow in the upcoming newsletters.

## **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, persons, 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 16 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 the Board of Directors at [board@basquecenter.com](mailto:board@basquecenter.com).

## **BASQUE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTERIM UPDATE**

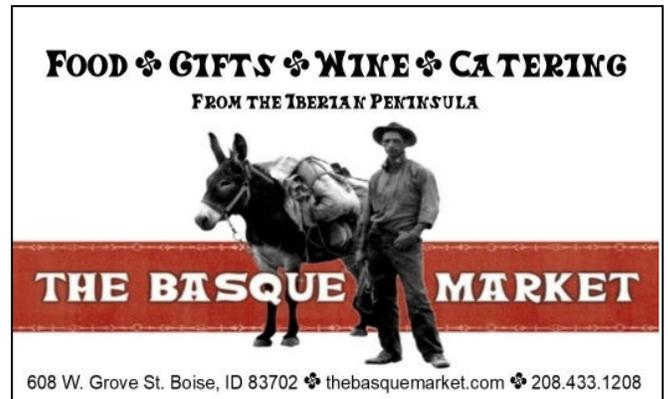
Ed Orbea has stepped down from the position of President of the Basque Foundation, Inc. Mike Franzoia has moved from Vice President to President, until annual elections occur in January. The Board selected Bernice Madariaga to be Vice President until elections. Ed continues to be an active and vital board member for the Basque Foundation, Inc.

## **BASQUE CENTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Plans for our "Euzkaldunak 75th Anniversary" celebrations are underway. We will be highlighting and sharing photos from 1949-present at various events. If you have any photos that you would like the committee to consider to have displayed, please email the photos with a description and the year to [75th@basquecenter.com](mailto:75th@basquecenter.com)

## **2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2024 are \$50 per adult. In mid-November you will receive your renewal statement. To renew memberships send a check or drop off cash to the Basque Center Bar. Please contact [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com) for new memberships.



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The Directors of Basque Foundation, Inc. are eager to recruit more 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 via electronic ballot prior to the annual meeting on Saturday, January, 27, 2024. 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 Toticaguena, 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 Mike Franzoia at [president@basquecenter.com](mailto:president@basquecenter.com)

## OINKARI MEMORIALS

Oinkaris appreciate these gifts as they help fund our costumes, equipment and travel. Donations, including for memorials, are graciously accepted online at [oinkari.org/donationsgrants](https://oinkari.org/donationsgrants), or via mail at: *Oinkari Basque Dancers, PO Box 1011, Boise, ID 83701*. Eskerrik Askto the following who made donations **in memory of Tom Aucutt:**

Diane Broom

Catherine & James Chertudi

Patty & Robert Dennis and Alicia & Jeremy Knox

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Connie Amorebieta Smith

Louis & Jean Uranga

Jason Weber and Jill Aldape & Alaia

Amy & Rod Wray

## **BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2023-2024**

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 3. 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 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!

### ***2023-2024 Calendar:***

11/04 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)  
11/07 - Practice at 7PM (each Tuesday until Nov. 28, no practice on Nov. 21)  
12/03 - Winter Show & Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas Party (Basque Block & Basque Center)  
01/09 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 5)  
03/10 - Spring Show (Basque Block)  
07/23 - San Inazio practice at 7PM  
07/27 - San Inazio performance at 11AM (Basque Block)

### **NEW MEMBERS**

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*Secretary'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 send an email to [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com) so your birthday can be added to our member database. Currently the birthdays are listed in two separate databases. We are working hard to combine the two lists. If you receive the newsletter via email, your birthday is probably on the main list. If you receive it by postal mail, your birthday may or may not yet be converted over to the main list. We apologize for the inconvenience.*

*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)*

## **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 the recently deceased so we can honor them in print.*

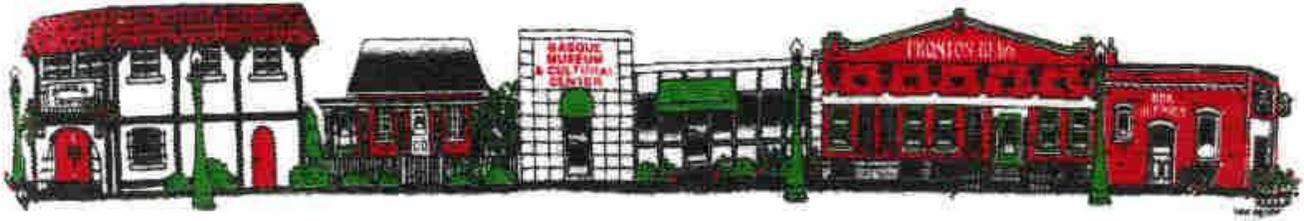
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Jaclyn Lasuen,  
Newsletter Editor

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### **2023 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS**

**11/4:** Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo  
**12/3:** Boiseko Winter Show/Eguberriko  
Azoka/Children's Christmas Party

**12/16:** Shepherd's Ball