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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The December Shepherders dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023, as part of the 94th annual Shepherders Ball. The dinner will be hosted by the Boise United Rugby Club. We will begin seating downstairs at 6:15 PM. The cost of the meal (age 11 and up) is \$30, which includes \$5 admission to the Oinkari performance and the Shepherders Ball. The dinner price for children 10 years and younger is \$10.

December dinner menu:

Ensaladilla Rusa
Alaskan Cod Oriotarra
Pork Chops with Pimientos
Amuma's Paella
Desserts
Bread & Butter
Wine & Coffee

As seating is limited, it is important to make your reservation early. Seats will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be NO babysitting for this dinner because it will be served in the basement. The basement dining area limits the number of guests for the dinner to 200 people.

DINNER RESERVATION PROCESS

The Board wants to alert you to a change in the dinner reservation process. Going forward we will no longer be able to accept dinner reservations **AFTER** the cutoff date/time, which is **8 PM on the Tuesday before the dinner**. For this month's dinner, this means December 12 at 8 PM is the last time we will accept a reservation. You will be

able to make your dinner reservations by using the reservation link at www.basquecenter.com. If you are unable to make your reservation online, you can call or text your reservation to 208-572-0604.

SHEEPHERDERS BALL – DECEMBER 16

The 2023 Shepherders Ball celebration and fundraiser will take place on Saturday, December 16. We will have our December Holiday Dinner prior to the dance, and your admission to the dinner will allow you to stay for the dance. We hope everyone stays to enjoy the music, do a little dancing, and watch the Oinkari Basque Dancers as this is the debut for their new dancers. Oinkari will perform at 8 PM, followed by the lamb auction which raises funds for the charities account. The dance, featuring Michael Barriatua and Spoonful, will begin after the lamb auction. The cost for the dance is \$5 for those 13 and older. It is free to those 12 and under. Chorizos and pop will be sold if you are still hungry after dinner.

SHEEPHERDERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering at Shepherders or are a Boiseko parent that needs to fulfill your volunteer hours requirement for the year, we need volunteers to help make the December dinner and Shepherders Ball a success! Please visit basquecenter.com/volunteer to sign up. We couldn't make our best member traditions happen without volunteers!

SHEEPHERDERS BALL AND LAMB AUCTION CHARITY RECIPIENTS

The Shepherders Ball and Lamb Auction is the primary source of funding for the Basque Foundation's charity account. The first Shepherders Ball was held in 1929 after John Archabal convinced two Basque men's organizations to combine their annual Christmas dances into one unified event for Basques. In 1974, the Shepherders Ball was first opened to the public. Basil and Dorothy Bicandi Aldecoa donated a lamb for the event's first auction to raise money for charity. The Shepherders Ball and Lamb Auction has provided funds for the Basque Foundation to help families in need ever since. Most of the funds raised are reserved for a designated beneficiary (or designated beneficiaries) each year. The remaining funds are shared amongst others in need. Our designated recipients for the 2023 auction are Susan Mendiola Jaca and Jill Goodson.

Susan Jaca was an Oinkari dancer and donated her time teaching young dancers as well. She has been a volunteer at numerous Euzkaldunak events over the years. Susan was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in July 2020, and was later declared "cancer free" after treatment. Susan recently received the unfortunate news that the cancer has returned, and she will be enduring another round of treatment. This will impact Susan and her loved ones, including her children Josune, Matea, Maialen, and Elias.

Jill Goodson was a Shepherders recipient in 2020, after she was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. She is married to Phil Goodson, a former bartender at the Basque Center and part of the extensive Echevarria family. They have two children, Lola (14) and Henry (12). After battling through an initial round of immunotherapy treatment, Jill was informed in July that the cancer had returned. Jill recently had surgery to discover the extent of the cancer and it was discovered that the cancer had spread to her brain and spine. She is currently receiving chemotherapy and immunotherapy, with radiation therapy likely to begin in December.

The treatments to fight these battles will take a physical, emotional, and financial toll on Susan and Jill as well as their families. With your help

and support, we can make the 2023 auction as successful as possible to help Susan, Jill, and their families through this difficult year.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made via the following methods:

1. Credit card donations may be made online at basquecenter.com/shepherders-ball
2. Drop off a donation in the Basque Center Bar
3. Send a check to:

*Basque Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Shepherders Ball
601 W Grove St
Boise, ID 83702*

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at the Basque Center on Monday, December 11, from 1–6 PM. If you're interested in donating you can sign up on the Blood Donor app or visit www.redcrossblood.org. The passcode is: basque. If you have any questions please send a message to 208-859-3450.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2024 are \$50 per adult. To renew memberships send a check or drop off cash to the Basque Center Bar. Please contact secretary@basquecenter.com for new memberships.

BASQUE CENTER BAR HOLIDAY HOURS

The Bar will close for Christmas from 6 PM on Sunday, December 24, through Wednesday, December 27, to allow our staff to celebrate with their families. The Basque Foundation Board and Staff wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. May it be filled with new adventures and good fortunes.

MORZILLA DINNER & BAZAAR THANK YOU

The Basque Center would like to extend a sincere Eskerrik Askot (Thank You) to all the individuals and organizations that worked and made donations to our 2023 Bingo & Bazaar event. We had a very successful turn out with all tables filled. Attendees had a great time with friends, family, and new acquaintances. A special Eskerrik Askot to Michael Lejardi for calling bingo!

Dinner Volunteers

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Jenny Aldape
Johnny Aldape
Andrea Amestoy
Kylie Amestoy
Mike Amestoy
Naiara Arozamena
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Xabi Beals
Ysabel Bilbao
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Joe Meuleman
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Gloria Totoricaguena
Lael Uberuaga
Josh Williams
Joe Zubizarreta

Bingo Setup

Ava Achabal
Ben Bengoetxea
Andoni Bieter

Dominic Fischer
Jill Kaltenecker
Elise Overgaard

Oinkari Cake Wheel Workers & Donations

Ander Achabal
Ava Achabal
Josephine Aldape
Lina Aldape
McKenna Anderson
Erick Baker
Mia Barrera
Andoni Bieter
Josu Bieter
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Luken Uranga
Matteo Wilsey
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Alexandra Zuloeta

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—And a special thank you to
Jesus Alcelay for cooking
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all week!

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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.

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 1:00 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!

2023-2024 Calendar:

11/28 - Practice at 7PM
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)

EGUBERRIKO AZOKA - BASQUE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us on the Basque Block on Sunday, December 3, from 11AM–4PM, for our second annual Eguberriko Azoka or Basque Christmas Market. There will be food and drink and vendors from near and far. This event is a collaboration between the Basque Museum and Euzkaldunak in conjunction with Txantxangorriak and Boiseko Gazteak's Winter Performance. The Azoka will take place before, during, and after the performances. There will be a Christmas photo booth starting at 2:30 PM where kids will have a chance to get photographed with Olentzero on a sheep wagon. For more information, please contact Annie at annie@basquemuseum.eus or call 208-343-2671.

GENERAL EUZKALDUNAK DONATIONS

Donations to the Basque Center can be made all year at basquecenter.com/donate/. You can donate in memory or honor of someone, earmark your donation for the Basque Center facility, or just make a general donation. It's that simple! Basque Foundation, Inc. is a 501 c3 non-profit company. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

PALA LEAGUE TOURNAMENT FINALS

Since September, 44 pala players have been playing league and tournament games on a weekly basis. Each fall the season ends with finals being played the day of Shepherders Ball. This season's pala tournament finals will be played on December 16 in the Anduiza Fronton:

- 1 PM: Women's Pala
- 2 PM: B League Pala
- 3 PM: A League Pala

Come to the fronton, cheer on the teams and enjoy the games!

Spring leagues will start in February 2024—contact boisefronton@gmail.com if you would like to play.



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EUZKALDUNAK 75th ANNIVERSARY

Can you believe 2024 is Euzkaldunak's 75th Anniversary? To celebrate such a huge milestone we have planned a 2024 Nostalgia Tour. Each monthly dinner will be an opportunity to come together, honor those that came before us, enjoy the traditions they created, and look forward to another incredible 75 years. Stay tuned for more details about each dinner as they get closer, but for now, start planning your Nostalgia Tour outfits! Each monthly dinner will celebrate a different decade and we would love for everyone to celebrate with us by dressing according to that decade—there will be perks at each dinner if you do! Here is the schedule:

- January: Come as you are (there's a lot of business to get down to, so we'll push kickoff to...)
- February: 1950's
- March: 1960's
- April: 1970's
- May: 1980's
- September: 1990's
- October: 2000's
- November: 2010's
- December: 2020's and The Future

EUZKALDUNAK MUS & BRISKA

Mark your calendars for Mus and Briska 2024!

Euzkaldunak (8-Kings) Mus Tournament,

- Sunday 1/7 @3:30 PM in the main hall
- Sunday 1/14 @3:30 PM in the main hall
- Sunday 1/21 @3:30 PM in the main hall
- Sunday 1/28 @3:30 PM in the main hall
- Sunday 2/4 @3:30 PM in the main hall
- Saturday 3/16 @2 PM in the cardroom

Euzkaldunak NABO (4-KINGS) Mus Tournament

- Saturday 2/12, registration @8:30 AM in the bar

Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament

- Sunday 3/10 @ 4:30 PM in the main hall
- Sunday 3/17 @ 4:30 PM in the main hall
- Sunday 4/7 @ 4:30 PM in the main hall
- Finals – Saturday 4/13 @ 2 PM in the cardroom

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit people with fresh ideas and perspectives. 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 who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of "Basqueness."

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. Every other year, the membership also elects the Basque Foundation, Inc., NABO Rep for a two-year term. The elections for the board of directors and NABO rep will take place (like was done in January 2023) via an on-line process and the results will be announced at the annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2024. If there are only enough candidates to fill the vacant terms, those candidates will be automatically selected for the vacant positions and there will not be a need for a formal election. The opportunity to be a director or NABO rep 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 these positions or are interested in running, please contact Mike Franzoia at president@basquecenter.com or Bernice Madariaga at vicepresident@basquecenter.com. Names must be submitted to the Basque Foundation, Inc., by January 5, 2024.

MORZILLAK FOR SALE

Come by the Basque Center Bar and pick up a package of this year's morzillak just in time for the holidays—or any other day! Morzillak are frozen so you don't have to rush home, you can stay for a drink at the Bar.

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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.

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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 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 these special announcements, 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

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Jaclyn Lasuen,
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, December 18**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2023 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

12/3: Boiseko Winter Show / Eguberriko
Azoka / Children's Christmas Party

12/16: Sheepherder's Ball