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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

On Saturday, January 27, 2024, Euzkaldunak will have its General Membership Dinner. The January dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Ikastola.

January Dinner Menu:

- Tossed salad with Oñati dressing
- Alaskan cod Oriotarra
- Baked chicken with onions & wine
- Potatoes in salsa verde
- Bread and butter
- Rice pudding
- Coffee and wine

The January Membership dinner is a FREE dinner for all members who have paid their 2024 dues by January 20, 2024 (no membership renewals will be taken on the night of the dinner, and no non-member guests are allowed.) Membership cards are required for easy admittance, so be sure to bring yours!

6:00 PM: Cocktails

6:30 PM: Dinner served

7:30 PM: General Meeting and Elections

Reservations are not required for the dinner but are recommended. You will not be turned away that night if your 2024 membership is paid in full, but it will help the cooking staff to prepare if you call in ahead of time.

To make your dinner reservation, please call 208-572-0604 or fill in the reservation form at www.basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner with your name and the number in your party. To take advantage of our free babysitting service, please include your children's names and ages with your reservation no later than January 23. The Basque Foundation, Inc., would like to thank the many families and organizations who have

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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 president@basquecenter.com.

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and the fantastic crew for preparing delicious meals!

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**.

Though for this month's dinner reservations are strongly encouraged instead of required, we request that you kindly reserve for our kitchen staff's planning by January 23 at 8 PM. You will be able to make your dinner reservations at this link: www.basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner.

If you are unable to make your reservation online, you can call or text your reservation to 208-572-0604.

DECEMBER SHEEPHERDERS THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Boise United Rugby Club for hosting the December Holiday dinner last month. Many thanks to Juliana Aldape, Robbie Lou & Jude Gary Sr., Christina & Josh Bawden, and Conner Bawden for decorating the tables at Shepherders dinner. The December dinner is always very well-attended and busy, so we very much appreciate the help!

A special thank you to Rick & Sharon Gutierrez of Gutierrez Family Farm for the donation of this year's lamb.

Thanks to the Auctioneer Kurt Weitz and auction spotters Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Tyler Smith, and Martin Bilbao.

Thank you to the Basque Foundation Board & Staff and milesker to Spoonful with Mike Barriatua for providing the dance music!

BASQUE CENTER DECORATIONS

Many thanks to Bryan Day and Albert Totorica for decorating for Christmas in the basement and the exterior of the Basque Center. The same is extended to the Basque Foundation Board & Staff for the interior decorations. Inside and out and top to bottom, our home has a festive look!

2023 GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The general meeting, which serves as the annual membership meeting for all Euzkaldunak members, begins at 7:30 PM on January 27. The agenda will include:

- 2023 Financial Report
- Euzkaldunak Activities Report
- 2023 NABO Report
- Announcement of Euzkaldunak Board

The five Directors completing their term are Isana Bengoetxea, Joseba Criswell, Christina Gamboa, Gina Gridley, and Mike Franzoia. We appreciate all their contributions for the betterment of the Basque Center and the Basque community. Voting this year will be held electronically through Election Buddy.

MORZILLAK FOR SALE

Come by the Basque Center Bar and pick up a package of this year's morzillak! Morzillak are frozen so you don't have to rush home, you can stay for a drink at the Bar. Price is \$10 for a package of 4 morzillak, or \$19 for two packages

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2024 are \$50 per adult until January 31. To renew memberships send a check or drop off cash to the Basque Center Bar. Please contact secretary@basquecenter.com for new memberships. Beginning February 1, dues increase to \$60. No membership dues will be accepted at the January dinner as it is open to members who have paid by January 20, as stipulated above.



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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(c)(3) non-profit company. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Thanks for attending our Winter Show performance on December 3! (One of these days, we'll land on a Sunday in December without rain.) The dancers looked great! Many thanks go out to Txantxangorriak for opening the performance, to Chris Bieter for acting as emcee, and to Rod Wray for providing and setting up the sound equipment. Thanks also to the musicians, teachers, and volunteers that help practices and performances run smoothly. Last but not least, a big thanks to the Euzkaldunak board for making arrangements for us to move the performance inside, setting up the hall, and providing lunch afterwards! We will resume practices January 9 at 7PM in the usual locations.

BOISEKO COSTUMING

Boiseko Gazteak is in need of people who can sew to meet the demand for costumes for all levels of Boiseko dancers. Whether it's doing the easier pieces such as scarves to the more complicated items like skirts or boys' blusas, we welcome your skills and time! Please contact Heather Totoricaguena, Costume Coordinator: (208)860-9392 or htotoricaguena@gmail.com. All who can sew will be appreciated.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY THANKS

The Children’s Christmas Party was another success!

Thank you to all the volunteers that made it happen!

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A special thanks to:

Jesus Alcelay for making the delicious bean soup and prepping the chorizos.

Brandi Bengoechea and David Breshears at Meadow Gold for the milk donation.

Juli Lete for always being our go-to on what needs to be done and how.

And of course Eskerrik asko to Olentzero for visiting the children!

EUZKALDUNAK MUS & BRISKA

Mark your calendars for Mus and Briska 2024!

Euzkaldunak (8-Kings) Mus Tournament,

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

Euzkaldunak NABO (4-KINGS) Mus Tournament

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

Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament

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

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.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY DINNER FESTIVITY

For our 75th Anniversary kick off, we'll be bringing back an old tradition with our own modern twist—the box social! In the 1950s Euzkaldunak would hold box socials where young ladies would pack up a picnic and men would bid on the box along with a date with the person who made it! This February, we're asking families/groups/kuadrillas/etc. to create a box together filled with goodies of their choosing (ex: movie night supplies, night on the town, beer tasting, wine tasting...the list goes on and on). It can go as far as your heart desires—just nothing that can't be room temperature for a couple of hours and nothing living, please. Bring your box to the monthly dinner where others will buy raffle tickets to try to win the contents. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door. If you're dressed in 1950s garb, you get a free raffle ticket at the door! The box should be enclosed so that people don't know what they will be getting, but feel free to decorate the outside. Contact Gina Urquidi at urquidigina@gmail.com or (208) 860-2120 if you/your group want(s) on the list. Ready, set, go!

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CHARITY DANCE**

The Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity Organization will hold its main fundraiser on Saturday, January 20, at the O'Connor Field House in Caldwell. A traditional Basque dinner for 500 guests will be served followed by performances by Txantxangorriak, Herribatza Dantzariak, and the Oinkari Basque Dancers. There will be a live auction, a lamb auction and a silent auction. Afterwards the floor will open up for dancing. Pre-sold dinner tickets cost \$40 and will get you in the door to enjoy the festivities and the traditional Basque meal. Sodas and chorizos will be available for sale and there will be a no-host bar. Co-Chairing this year's event are Ric Uria (208)249-1119 and Taylor Landa (208)800-8157. You can buy raffle and dinner Tickets online at www.caldwellbasquecharities.square.site The money collected at this event returns to the community to help those in need. Please come out and enjoy this Charity Event! The doors open at 5 PM and the food line starts about 6PM—IKUSI ARTE!

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 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, January 29**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2024 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

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| 1/7–2/4: Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus Tournament (5 Sundays) | 5/4: Basque Museum NABO Mus Tournament |
| 1/27: Annual Membership Dinner & Meeting | 5/18: Mother's Day / Legacy Award Dinner |
| 2/10: NABO 4-King Mus Tournament | 6/15: NABO National Mus Tournament |
| 2/24: February Valentine's / Oinkari Bingo Dinner | 7/26–7/28: San Inazio Festival |
| 3/11–4/7: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament (3 Sundays) | 8/24: Basque Museum Winefest |
| 3/10: Boiseko Spring Show | 9/14: September Dinner |
| 3/16: March Mus Dinner & 8-King Mus Finals | 10/19: October Dinner |
| 3/23: Zea Mays (Bilbao) Performance | 11/2: Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo |
| 4/6: Basque Museum Benefit Dinner | 12/21: Shepherders Ball |
| 4/20: Anniversary Dinner / Dance & Briska Finals | |