

EUZKALDUNAK 2 OTSAILA PEBRUARY Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The February Valentine's Dinner/Oinkari Bingo is scheduled for **Saturday**, **February 24**. The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by the Oinkari Alumni and Dancers. The doors will open to the dining room at 6 PM with dinner being served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Prior to entering the dining room, please pick up your reservation ticket in the bar as 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.

February Dinner Menu:

Tossed salad with Oñati dressing
Shrimp Pil-Pil
Pork Chops with Pimentos
Clams & Rice
Dessert
Homemade Bread and Butter
Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices:

Members & Guests: \$25 Children (10 and under): \$10

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please text 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.

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 **February 20** at **8 PM** is the last time we will accept a reservation. 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.

DINNER HOSTS

The January Member Dinner and setup was hosted by Ikastola Parents & Staff:

Sarah Artis Dave & Jenn Iriondo

Cassie & Tyler Bolan Jon Larrea
Amy & Pedro Cortabitarte Jeff Pickett
Alaina & Douglas Gavica Sara Pinter
Annie Gavica Ander Zubillaga

Rialin & Andrew Hedrick

Eskerrik Asko to Lillian Papapietro for graciously volunteering to babysit the children at the Member's Dinner.

**** We are looking for Dinner Hosts for the March and September monthly dinners **** Email president@basquecenter.com.

DINNER BABYSITTING CONCERN

A free babysitting service is offered during the dinner but babysitting reservations must be requested at the time of your dinner reservation along with the names and ages of the children. Children will not be allowed to move between the hall and the basement. If they are signed up for babysitting, they need to stay in the basement once they've been checked in. If they are not signed up for babysitting, they need to remain with you in the hall. The concern is having additional children show up unexpectedly—overwhelming our babysitters—or not allowing us to coordinate enough babysitters in the first place.

At the January dinner there were 6 children signed up for babysitting but 17 arrived, moving between floors throughout the evening. For everyone's safety this will not be allowed. The babysitter's shift ends when dinner is done and cleaned up. Please be respectful to some of our youngest volunteers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Basque Foundation Inc. wants to thank the Board members whose term expired in January. The efforts of Isana Bengoetxea, Gina (Anchustegui) Gridley, Joseba Criswell, Christina Gamboa and Mike Franzoia, have ensured that our traditions will continue for many generations. At the annual membership dinner and meeting held Saturday, January 27, 2024, the members in attendance elected Ricardo Yanci, Jon Larrea, Isana Bengoetxea, Joseba Criswell and Mike Franzoia to serve on the Board of Directors of the Basque Foundation Inc. for the next two years. The Board of Directors appreciates the continued confidence from the membership at large in their abilities to lead the community and to grow our culture and we look forward to a great 2024.

















EUZKALDUNAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is our pleasure to announce the Euzkaldunak 2024 Board of Directors (in alphabetical order):
Jenny Aldape
Isana Bengoetxea
Mark Bieter
Joseba Criswell
Mike Franzoia
Jon Larrea
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Ricardo Yanci

For 2024 the Euzkaldunak officers are:

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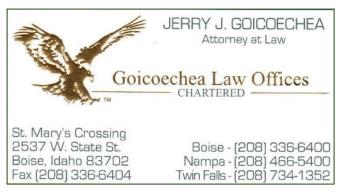
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BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross blood drive at the Basque center will be **Monday, February 19,** 1-6 PM. Anyone interested in donating can download the Blood Donor app and sign up. The Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage and the nation faces the lowest number of donors in 20 years. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org for more information. Any questions, please text 208-859-3450.

OINKARI KEGS FOR A KAUSE

Let's raise a glass and raise some money! The Oinkari Basque Dancers will be featured at Payette Brewing Company on **March 25**, 6-10 PM. During this timeframe, Payette Brewing will donate 50% of proceeds from draft beer sales directly to the Oinkaris, and all you have to do is drink beer! We'll see you there!

BIOTZETIK CHOIR KANTARI AFARIA

A night of Basque food and song!
After a three-year hiatus, the Biotzetik Basque
Choir is hosting their annual fundraising dinner.
They invite you, your friends, and family to join in
for a delicious meal, silent and live auction items,
entertainment, and a fun sing-along!
See you on **Saturday, March 2** from 6-9 PM at
the Basque Center. Tickets are available to
purchase online via our website,
boisebasquechoir.com. Follow the links to see the
menu and event details. Ticket prices: Individual -

\$60, Table of 10 guests - \$550; please support the

Country!

If you have any questions, please contact info@boisebasquechoir.com.

choir for their upcoming trip to the Basque



OINKARI LAMBPAGE 5K FUN RUN

Are you ready to run, walk, or leisurely stroll? Don't count sheep, count miles! Please join the Oinkari Basque Dancers for their annual Lambpage 5K on **April 13** on the Boise Greenbelt—and bring your friends! Food and games will follow the race. This is a Basque themed 5K for everyone! All proceeds go to the Oinkari Basque Dancers. Please visit oinkari.org/lambpage for more information.

BOISEKO GAZTEAK

We are 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!

Boiseko 2023-2024 Calendar:

01/09-03/05 - Practice at 7PM

03/10 - Spring Show (Basque Block)

07/23 - San Inazio practice at 7PM

07/27 - San Inazio performance at 11AM (Basque Block)

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.







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:

February: 1950'sMarch: 1960'sApril: 1970'sMay: 1980's

September: 1990'sOctober: 2000'sNovember: 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! Contact Gina Urquidi at urquidigina@gmail.com or (208) 860-2120 if you/your group want(s) on the box social raffle list.

We would especially like to see the families of our Founders-and maybe those Founders, themselves-at this dinner. Anyone with photos is kindly requested to send digital copies to Bernice Madariaga (bernitxu@yahoo.com) so we can display them all! You will be listed as the photo's owner.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

SAN INAZIO GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hit the links with your lagunak! Check out basqueopen.com for more information on our fast-growing golf tournament during San Inazio weekend! See you on the green!



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 4/20 @ 2 PM in the cardroom

2024 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

2/10 Boise

2/18 Homedale

3/9 Mtn. Home

3/10 Elko

3/16 Gardnerville

3/23 Gooding

4/27 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)

5/4 Basque Museum

5/18 Oinkariak (must be/have been an Oinkari)

6/15 NABO Mus Finals (Gardnerville, NV)

The Euzkaldunak NABO Qualifier will be held on **Saturday, February 10**.

Registration-8:30 AM

Games start-9:30 AM

Breakfast food will be available and lunch will be served. Entry fee is \$25 per person (must be a member of the Basque Foundation Inc.)

NEKANE STRONG

On the evening of January 13 Nekane Davis (Ysursa) fell off of her roof impacting her head and causing a severe skull fracture resulting in traumatic brain injury. She was immediately sent to St. Alphonsus and had severe bleeding and swelling in her brain. She is currently intubated and in a comatose state. It has been determined that she will need reconstructive surgery on her face due to many sinus fractures leading to cerebral fluid leakage. They will also be removing any remaining blood clots.

Our hearts feel completely shattered by this. Anyone that knows Nekane knows what a sweet, tender soul she has. She has blessed everybody in her life with nothing but love and kindness. We know that Nekane is so strong and will continue to fight. We humbly ask for help from our community to assist her and her family during this difficult time. While her future is unknown, the financial burden that medical emergencies bring can become incredibly stressful and we are hoping to alleviate some of that for her and her family. All donations will go towards Nekane's medical bills. future rehabilitation, and costs associated with her care as she will be in the hospital for a very long time. Whether it is a donation, sharing this campaign, or your prayers, your help is deeply appreciated. Donate here: bit.ly/nekane24

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Alex Bishop and Casey Lange are engaged to be

married!

FEBRUARY ZORIONAK

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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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N.A.B.O. DELEGATES

Argia Beristain (Euzkaldunak delegate) Mark Bieter (board delegate)

To contact the entire board (10 directors), send an email to board@basquecenter.com.

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To inquire about renting the Basque Center for a function or meeting, please contact Albert Totorica, Basque Center Rental Manager, at rentals@basquecenter.com, visit www.basquecenter.com/rentals, or call 208-331-5097. Euzkaldunak members receive discounted rental rates.



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, February 19, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2024 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

1/7-2/4: Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus Tournament (5 Sundays)

2/10: NABO 4-King Mus Tournament

2/24: February Valentine's/Oinkari Bingo Dinner

3/11-4/7: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament (3 Sundays)

3/10: Boiseko Spring Show

3/16: March Mus Dinner & 8-King Mus Finals

3/23: Zea Mays (from Bilbao) Performance

4/6: Basque Museum Benefit Dinner

4/20: Anniversary Dinner/Dance & Briska Finals

5/4: Basque Museum NABO Mus Tournament

5/18: Mother's Day/Legacy Award Dinner

6/15: NABO National Mus Tournament

7/26-7/28: San Inazio Festival

8/24: Basque Museum Winefest

9/14: September Dinner

10/19: October Dinner

11/2: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo

12/21: Sheepherders Ball