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### JANUARY

Monthly Member Newsletter

#### **FROM THE KITCHEN**

On [Saturday, January 25, 2025](#), Euzkaldunak will have its General Membership Dinner. The January dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Ikastola.

##### ***January Dinner Menu:***

Tossed salad with Oñati dressing  
White fish Oriotarra  
Solomo with pimientos  
Paella with chorizo and chicken  
Bread & butter  
Dessert  
Coffee and wine

The January Membership dinner is a FREE dinner for all members who have paid their 2025 dues **by January 15, 2025** (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 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 2025 membership is paid in full, but it will help the cooking staff to prepare if you reserve ahead of time. To make your dinner reservation, please fill in the reservation form at [basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner](https://basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner) including your name and the number in your party, or call 208-572-0604. There will be no babysitting service available. A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and the fantastic crew for preparing delicious meals!

#### **MONTHLY DINNER BABYSITTING TO RESUME FEBRUARY 2025**

Babysitting at monthly dinners was put on pause because of several issues that were consistently occurring. To bring the service back, the Euzkaldunak board is introducing a new system in hopes of resolving the prior issues. Families with children ages 1-10 can add their child to the babysitting list when they make their reservation for the monthly dinner. There will be a \$10 fee per child for using this service which will help to cover the cost of food, drink, and child care. If you do not add your child to the list, they will not be allowed to join the fun downstairs as it will lead to unsafe ratios for the babysitter. If your child doesn't need the babysitting service, you are welcome to add them to your normal reservation and have them sit upstairs with you. If you or someone in your family (age 14 or older) is interested in this paid babysitting position during the dinners, please email [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com).

#### **2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2025 are \$50 per adult until January 31. To renew memberships send a check or drop off a check or cash to the Basque Center Bar. Please contact [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com) for new memberships, which are \$60. Those who do not renew memberships by February 1, are considered new members. No membership dues will be accepted at the January dinner as it is only open to members who have paid by January 15.

## **DINNER HOSTS**

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have acted as hosts for a monthly dinner. We are always in need of additional assistance. Please email [vicepresident@basquecenter.com](mailto:vicepresident@basquecenter.com) to get involved!

## **BASQUE CENTER DECORATIONS**

Many thanks to Bryan Day and Albert Totorica for decorating the basement and the exterior of the Basque Center for Christmas. 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!

## **2025 GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS**

The general meeting, which serves as the annual membership meeting for all Euzkaldunak members, begins at 7:30 PM on **January 25**. The agenda will include:

- 2024 Financial Report
- Euzkaldunak Activities Report
- 2024 NABO Report
- Announcement of Euzkaldunak Board
- Announcement of the Euzkaldunak NABO representative

The five Directors completing their term are Jenny Aldape, Mark Bieter, Bernice Madariaga, Joe Meuleman and Ed Orbea. 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, bid on the Shepherders' lamb, and watch the Oinkari Dancers. Price is \$10 for a package of 4 morzillak, or \$18 for two packages.



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## NABO

Next year will be another busy year for the North American Basque Organization and all of its members. The best way to stay current with Basque events taking place throughout the United States and Canada is to periodically browse NABO's website at [nabasque.eus](http://nabasque.eus). You will find all of the events of NABO's forty-three member clubs, and great information on children's events & games, music, Basque government news, pilota, learning Euskara & mus, and so much more. Facebook users can also check out NABO's Facebook page!

## BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2024-2025

Thanks to all that attended our Winter Show performance! The dancers did great, as always! Many thanks to Txantxangorriak for opening the performance, to Ysabel Bilbao 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 and providing food afterwards! As a reminder, we are on a break until **Tuesday, January 7** at 7 PM in the usual locations. Parents, if you are not receiving periodic emails about Boiseko, please send your child's name to [boiseko@basquecenter.com](mailto:boiseko@basquecenter.com).

### **2024-2025 Calendar (tentative):**

- 01/7 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 4)
- 03/9 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
- 07/28 & 29 - Jaialdi 2025 practices at 7PM
- 08/2 - Jaialdi 2025 performance (Expo Idaho)

## **CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY PROJECT**

Several Basque students from the University of Deusto in Donostia are interested in speaking with people from Boise. They would like to hear more about how we integrate our Basque culture into daily life alongside American culture. If you're willing to chat with them, please email [isana.bengoetxea@gmail.com](mailto:isana.bengoetxea@gmail.com) and [josebacriswell@gmail.com](mailto:josebacriswell@gmail.com) to be put in contact.

## **BERMEOTARRA SEEKS HOST FAMILY**

Seventeen-year-old Enaitz from Bermeo is seeking a Boise area host family (or families) for the 2025-2026 school year. He has always had an interest in studying abroad, and most especially in Idaho. He states that his great uncle lived and worked in and around Boise as a shepherd, arriving in 1910. Having heard his many stories, Enaitz is interested in having an American experience himself. He says that he has decent English skills, but he would love to improve them. He stays active by surfing and hiking, and he loves meeting new people and spending time outdoors. Most of all, however, he is enthusiastic about music and he sings and plays guitar in a local band. He would like to become a music producer in the United States and share his passion for music. He believes that living abroad would help him grow as a person and connect to his own family story. He is excited to share his culture and language, and meet new people. His family is willing to offer monthly compensation to his hosts. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nekane Arrubarrena at (208)891-8504 or [nekane2014@hotmail.com](mailto:nekane2014@hotmail.com).

## **FORMER IKASTOLA TEACHER SEEKS JAIALDI LODGING**

Irati Maritxalar, an Ikastola teacher from 2018-2019, is seeking information on a potential lodging situation during Jaialdi next summer. She is interested in staying one to two weeks. If you have information or questions for her, please reach Irati at [iratimair@gmail.com](mailto:iratimair@gmail.com).



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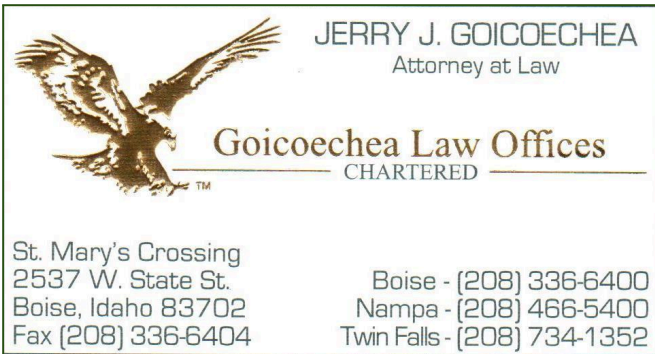
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**TOLOSARRA SEEKS JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Urko Esquiroz Azaldegui (20) from Tolosa, Gipuzkoa has a strong interest in spending the summer of 2025 in Boise to immerse himself in the local Basque community, participate in cultural activities, and improve his English. He would like to volunteer at events like Jaialdi, but needs to secure a job in order to obtain a temporary work visa. Urko is open to various types of work, and has experience in different sectors like farming, mechanical maintenance, engineering design, including customer service and sales. If you are able to help him find job opportunities, please contact him via email ([urkoesaz@gmail.com](mailto:urkoesaz@gmail.com)) or WhatsApp (+34 644742584). His LinkedIn URL is included for more details about his background: [bit.ly/uealinkedin24](https://bit.ly/uealinkedin24)

**FRONTON ASSOCIATION WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS FOR SPRING 2025 PALA SEASON**

Spring Pala leagues will start the week of [February 10, 2025](#), and we are always accepting new men and women players! The women's league is especially seeking new or returning pilotaris to grow our leagues. No prior experience is necessary, and you do not have to be Basque to join Boise Fronton Association (BFA). BFA membership is \$50 for new members for the first year and \$100/year after. League games are once per week (Mondays are Men's A, Wednesdays are Women's League, Thursdays are Men's B). The Spring 2025 season runs February through May. Members enjoy access to the Fronton to practice in between league games. If you are even just a little bit pala-curious, we invite you to contact [boisefronton@gmail.com](mailto:boisefronton@gmail.com) by January 15 for additional information and how to sign up.



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*Supporting Annual Flower Baskets & Flags* – The annual implementation of the hanging flower baskets and outdoor flags has allowed our members, as well as visitors, to the Basque Block to enjoy a variety of beautiful, unique and colorful additions. Look at almost every travel journal that showcases the Basque Block and you will see a Spring or Summer photo of the Basque Center with its colorful flags and flowers. Your donation helps the Foundation maintain these attractive displays.

*Supporting the Physical Facility* - Built in 1949 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 the Basque heritage by supporting Basque dancing, events, and gatherings. The Basque community 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, promulgate, and spread the Basque culture and heritage to its members, our children & grandchildren, 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



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## Coming Soon: Volunteer at Jaialdi

Did you know Jaialdi is staffed entirely by volunteers like you? Jaialdi 2025 volunteer signups will go live in just a few weeks, and we'd love for you to be part of the magic. Expect to see volunteer shifts for food and beverage booths, setup, teardown, and more. All volunteer shifts will be posted on [www.jaialdi.com](http://www.jaialdi.com) when the shift schedules go live.

## Coming Soon: Ticket Sales Open

Tickets to Sports Night, Festara, Dantzaldi, and Expo Idaho events will go on sale this month! Please check the [Schedule & Tickets](#) section of the website for details. Tickets will be sold directly through the participating venues (e.g. Idaho Central Arena, Expo Idaho, etc.), but we'll post purchase links on the website.

*Don't forget to follow Jaialdi on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#) for the latest updates!*

contributions help fund such activities.

*Supporting Basque Charities* - The Basque Foundation also has the mission to provide economic assistance to any person falling ill or maimed within the State of Idaho or elsewhere. The Shepherders Ball Dinner and Dance raise money to help individuals and families in need throughout the year. Your contributions provide assistance to those in need. You can donate online at [basquecenter.com/donate](https://basquecenter.com/donate), or mail a check to:

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## ZORIONAK

Alberto & Juanita Bilbao celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 28th. Zorionak, bikote!

## GOIAN BEGO

William "Bill" Clayton (Urrusuno)



# **EUZKALDUNAK 8- ERREGE MUS TXAPELKETA**

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**Sunday, January 12 - 3:30 PM**  
**Sunday, January 19, 3:30 PM**  
**Sunday, January 26 - 3:30 PM**  
**Sunday, February 2 - 3:30 PM**

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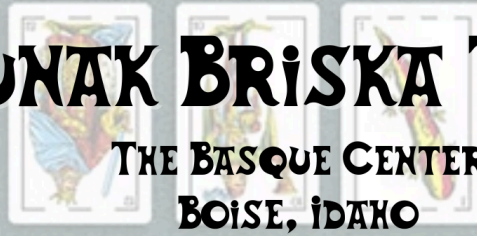


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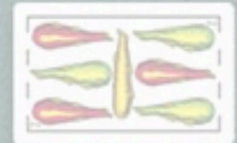
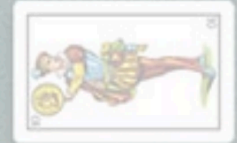
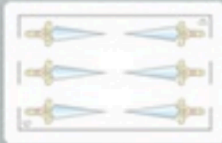
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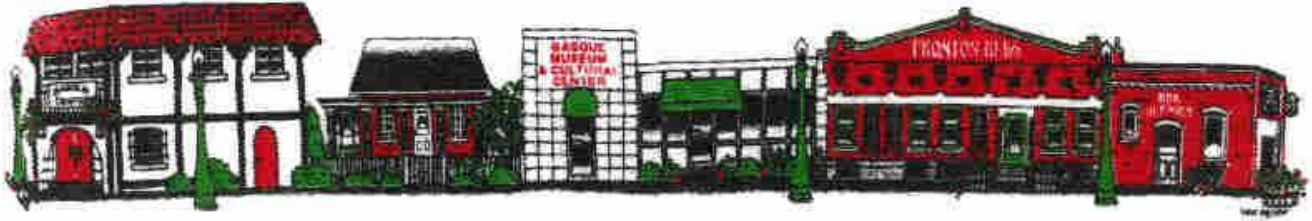
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## JANUARY ZORIONAK

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Jaclyn Lasuen,  
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## 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](mailto:newsletter@basquecenter.com) by **Monday, January 27**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com).

## 2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

**1/5–2/2:** Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus Tournament  
**1/25:** Annual Membership Dinner & Meeting  
**2/22:** February Valentine's/Oinkari Bingo Dinner  
**3/9–4/6:** Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament  
**3/15:** March Mus Dinner & 8-King Mus Finals  
**4/19:** Anniversary Dinner/Dance & Briska Finals  
**5/17:** Mother's Day/Legacy Award Dinner

**7/19:** Basque Open Golf Tournament  
**7/29–8/2:** Jaialdi  
**9/20:** September Welcome Back Dinner  
**10/18:** October Dinner  
**11/8:** Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo  
**12/20:** Shepherders Ball