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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The February Valentines Dinner/Oinkari Bingo is scheduled for [Saturday, February 21](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by the Oinkari 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. Members & guests price is \$25 and children (age 10 and under) are \$10. If you did not prepay online, you will be able to pay in cash, check, or credit card at the door.

February Dinner Menu:

Tossed salad
Chicken in mushroom sauce
Alaskan cod romana
Garlic mashed potatoes
Homemade bread & butter
Dessert
Coffee & Wine

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner and fill out the reservation form including your name and the names of all those in your party. Only if you are unable to make your reservation online, please call or text in your reservation to 208-572-0604.

The deadline for dinner reservations is 8 PM on [February 17](#). Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after February 17 will not be accepted.



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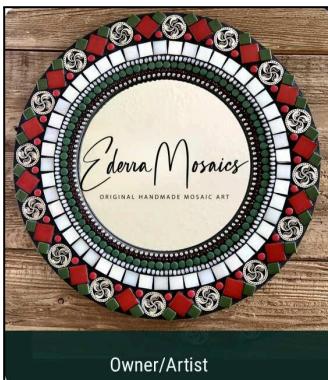
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MONTHLY DINNER BABYSITTING UPDATE

There will be childcare available during the February dinner from 6-8 PM. We have allotted one sitter per 10 kids. For the February dinner there is one sitter available so, accordingly, there will be 10 reservations available. Make babysitting reservations when you make your normal dinner reservation. This service will be free of charge. Childcare is first come, first served. You will receive communication if your babysitting reservation is accepted, or if you did not make the first ten spots. If there's significantly more interest than the 10 available reservations, this will be taken into account for the March dinner.

PARENTS: children with a babysitting reservation will be expected to follow rules and instruction from the babysitter, including the expectation to remain in the basement. Children that leave the designated babysitting area will not be allowed to rejoin that evening, and families of children that do not follow the rules risk being unable to participate in the service in the future. This will be the policy out of fairness to the sitter and to minimize the Center's liability exposure. The childcare process and implementation is a work in progress so thank you, in advance, for your patience and understanding as we find what works best for the most members. Please call or text questions to Amaia Donahue at 208-724-7533 as we continue to refine this process.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Reservations for monthly dinners open at noon on the first day of the month in which the dinner falls. They close at 8 PM on the Tuesday prior to the Saturday dinner. It is preferred that you make your reservations through the Basque Center website. If you are unable to do so, please text or call your reservation to the phone number in the newsletter. Reservations need to include your name and phone number, and the names of all those in your dinner party. Thank you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Basque Foundation Inc. wants to thank the Board members whose term expired in January. The efforts of Isana Bengoetxea, Travis Wright, Joseba Criswell, Ricardo Yanci, and Mike Franzoia have ensured that our traditions will continue for many generations. At the annual membership meeting on January 24, the Basque Foundation announced the 5 new board members for 2026 & 2027. In alphabetical order, they are: Joseba Criswell, Mike Franzoia, Ryan Larrondo, Ed Orbea, Ricardo Yanci, with Mark van Gulik as alternate. Those board members join Mark Bieter, Jessica Bilbao, Amaia Donahue, Bo Norton, & Rosa Totoricagüena. For 2026, the officers are President Mike Franzoia & Vice President Ricardo Yanci. The board of directors appreciates the continued confidence from the membership in their abilities to lead the community, to grow our culture. We look forward to a great 2026!

DINNER HOSTS

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have hosted a monthly dinner, and we always need additional assistance. To get involved, please email [vicepresident@basquecenter.com!](mailto:vicepresident@basquecenter.com)

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VALENTINE'S ART AND WINE NIGHT

This Valentine's look no further for a fun date night or evening with friends! Come on down to the museum on **February 12** at 6 PM for a unique art project using pressed flowers. Special guest artist Lindsay Rae will guide you through the process of creating beautiful Basque symbols with an array of dried flowers. Register early and lock in your spot! Member discount available-contact abbyg@basquemuseum.eus.

BIOTZETIK BASQUE CHOIR'S KANTARI AFARIA - A NIGHT OF BASQUE FOOD AND SONG!

Biotzetik Basque Choir is celebrating their 40th Anniversary! To cheer on this milestone, they are once again hosting their annual fundraising dinner. They invite you, your friends, and family to join them for a delicious meal, silent and live auction items, entertainment, and a fun sing-along! Join in the fun on **Saturday, March 7**, 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. Individual tickets are \$65, and a table of 10 guests is \$600. The choir appreciates your support! If you have any questions, please contact Biotzetik at info@boisebasquechoir.com.

TXOKO ONAREN 25. URTEBETEZEKO AFARIA - TXOKO ONA'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

We are excited to announce the Txoko Ona 25th Anniversary celebration scheduled for **Saturday, March 21**. All are welcome, and we hope to have many of the Charter Members in attendance so we can thank them for their foresight and their desire to maintain a strong Basque presence in Homedale, Marsing, and surrounding communities. Please mark your calendar and keep an eye out for more information to follow!

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

Please consider donating blood to save lives at the Basque Center! Donors are welcome on February 2, April 6, June 8, August 10, October 12, and December 7 (all Mondays) in the Hall from 1-6PM. Visit redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor app and the sponsor code *Basque*.

2026 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

2/7 - Boise
2/15 - Homedale
3/7 - Mountain Home
3/8 - Elko
3/16 - Gardnerville
3/28 - Gooding
4/25 - Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)
5/2 - Basque Museum
5/16 - Oinkari (must be Oinkari or alumni)
TBA Ontario
6/20 - NABO Mus Finals (San Francisco, CA)

BOISE EUZKALDUNAK NABO MUS TOURNAMENT

The Euzkaldunak NABO Mus Qualifier will be held on [Saturday, February 7](#), in the Basque Center Hall. Registration is at 8:30 AM & games start at 9:30 AM. Breakfast will be available, followed by lunch. Entry fee is \$40/per person and must be a member of Boise Euzkaldunak.

BOISE FRONTON NEWS

Spring League Seasons are kicking off! Spring Pala leagues begin the week of [February 9](#). We are happy to announce that we have 8 Men's A, 11 Men's B and 7 Women's teams this season! League games are once per week (Mondays are Men's A, Wednesdays are Women's League, Thursdays are Men's B) running through May. The season includes a multi-week Spring Tournament, with league tournament finals scheduled for [Saturday, May 16](#). We also have kicked out a pick-up league for our new to pilota members. If you are even just a little bit pala-curious, we invite you to contact boisefronton@gmail.com for additional information about signing up now for the pick-up league, for future pala seasons, or to become more engaged and just play pilota!

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TXANTXANGORRIAK & BOISEKO GAZTEAK **SPRING SHOW - MARCH 8**

Mark your calendars for the Spring Show on **Sunday, March 8**. Weather permitting, 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. Remember, we spring our clocks forward one hour that Sunday morning. Be sure to tell your family and friends! Please bring a can of food for our contribution to a local food bank. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

2026 Calendar:

- 1/20 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 3)
- 3/8 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
- 7/28 - Practice at 7PM
- 8/1 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

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2026 Euzkaldunak NABO (4-Kings) Mus Tournament

Saturday Feb 7 @ 8:30am

*Cost: \$40.00 (inc lunch) per entrant
Sign Up Forms at Basque Center Bar*

(601 W Grove St, Boise ID 83702)



EUZKALDUNAK BRiSKA TXAPELKETA

THE BASQUE CENTER, BOISE ID

Sunday, March 8 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 15 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 22 @ 4:30 PM

Finals - Saturday, April 18 @ 2:00 PM



**YOU MUST BE A EUZKALDUNAK MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE
NO COST TO PARTICIPATE
SIGN UP FORMS AT THE BASQUE CENTER BAR**

FEBRUARY ZORIONAK

Euzkaldunak member birthdays:

Leandra Aburusa, Lydia Aguirre, Juliana Aldape, Linda Aldape, Icár Aldazabal-Totorica, Krystle Aramburu, Darla Aramburu, Frank Arana, Jose Arriaga, Carol Arrizabalaga, Kimberly Bearden, Chad Bermensolo, Chris Bermensolo, Alex Blue-Day, John Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Micaela Brittsan, Henry Brollier, Mary Christianson, Jack Coble, Reme Echevarria, Mark Echeverria, Sherrie Aldape Ewing, Helen Faulkner, Blaze Gamboa, Gavin Gamboa, Jerri Gavica, Bryanne Gribble, Dennis Gribble, Angie Guerricabeitia, Debbie Harrington, Kathleen Harrington, Amber Hedjazi, Amaya Herrera, Tiana Herrera, Heather Hicks, Ramona Higer, Milagros Izaguirre, Leni Soloaga James, David Jayo, Andria Jenné, Harry Karnes, Andrea Krueger, Patti Lachiondo, Amaya Aguirre Landa, Josu Landaluce, Kyle Larson, Elias Lete, Suzanne Lierz, Niko Lostra, Molly Mai, Linda Mainvil-Fischer, Regina Mendiola, Joe Meuleman, Frank Muguiria, Lloyd Noe, Wil Overgaard, Pete Rude, Mikel Sangroniz, Marc Schaffner, Richard T Scott, Alyssa Sherwood, Suzanne Swindell, Elena Tipton, Jules Uberuaga, Fred Uranga, Gina Urquidi, M Pilar Vicandi, Anna Welsh, Josh Williams, Daniel Wiltbank, John Wood, Shawn Wood, Elva Zaizar, Joey Zubizarreta, Trisha Zubizarreta

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. Apart from the member birthday list, we still gladly accept one-time announcements like births, anniversaries, graduation, or other special recognition of members. For these special announcements, email newsletter@basquecenter.com.

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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, February 16**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2026 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

1/4–2/1: Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus Tournament
2/7: Euzkaldunak 4-King Mus (NABO Qualifying)
2/21: February Valentine's/Oinkari Bingo Dinner
3/8–4/12: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament
3/14: March Mus Dinner & 8-King Mus Finals
4/18: Anniversary Dinner/Dance & Briska Finals
5/16: Mother's Day Dinner

7/31–8/2: San Inazio
8/1: Basque Open Golf Tournament
9/19: September Welcome Back Dinner
10/17: October Dinner
10/25: Children's Halloween Party
11/7: Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo
12/19: Sheepherders Ball