



EUZKALDUNAK

2026

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OCTOBER

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The October Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, October 17](#) and will be hosted by Aiztan Artean. The doors will open to the dining room at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served buffet-style at 6:30 PM.

October dinner menu

Oñati salad
Pork chops with pimientos
Alaskan cod with lemon butter sauce
Paella
Homemade bread and butter
Dessert
Wine and coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Members and guests (over 10): \$25
Children (10 and under): \$10

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website, basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner/. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call or text your reservation to 208-572-0604. Online dinner reservations for the October dinner will have a pre-pay option which is non-refundable. Reservation cards should be picked up at the table in the dining room near the payment table at the door and confirmed as paid or paid for in person by cash, check, or credit card. The deadline for dinner reservations is [Tuesday, October 13](#), no later than 8 PM. Please note that reservations called into the bar, reservations emailed in, and reservations left after 8 PM on October 13 will not be accepted. Cancellations should be called or texted to 208-572-0604.

OCTOBER DINNER BABYSITTING

Babysitting service is available from 6-8 PM for children ages 1-10 by reservation only. Children may not join the fun downstairs if they are not registered with your dinner reservation. Children must remain in the basement through dinner. Children who do not need babysitting are welcome to sit upstairs with their family.

SEPTEMBER DINNER THANK YOU

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay and the fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal! Eskerrik Askot to the following for hosting and setting up the September monthly dinner, and to Aiztan Artean for providing the table decorations:

Juliana Aldape	Jake Jaureguy
Mark Bieter	Celeste Landa
Joseba Criswell	Ryan Larrondo
Anita Francoia	Jaclyn Lasuen
Teresa Francoia	Michael Lejardi
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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!

MORZILLA MAKING INFORMATION

Each year, Euzkaldunak relies on the help of our volunteer members to prep, cook, and package Morzillak (blood sausage) to serve at the November Dinner and vacuum pack for later sale. We would love your help this year! This event combines community, food, drink, and the feel of the fall harvest. No experience required! The morzilla-making tradition stems from a zero-waste philosophy, where all animal parts are used to create a nourishing dish. The process involves mixing fresh pigs' or sheeps' blood with fillers like rice or leeks and fat, then seasoning with regional spices. The mixture is stuffed into casings, boiled to coagulate the blood, and then fried, baked, or used in stews. This custom is often undertaken during fall festivals, to honor the animals and preserve cultural heritage.

Volunteer Schedule:

November 3, 8:30 AM–4 PM Fiddlers Green Farm (14440 Broken Horn Rd, Boise, ID 83714)

We will start picking, cleaning, and chopping the leeks and onions. The farm is on the corner of Broken Horn and W. Echanove Drive but the entrance faces Echanove Drive. Park inside the gates. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM.

November 4 We will cook the onions and leeks in two shifts, 7 AM–1 PM and 1–6 PM with lunch served at the break, approximately 12:30 PM.

November 5 We will meet at the Basque Center to make the Morzillak in two shifts: 7 AM–12:30 PM and 1–5 PM. A lunch for both shifts will be served at the break, approximately 12:30 PM.

November 6 We will be packaging the newly-made Morzillak at the Basque Center from 9:30 AM–3 PM.

To volunteer, please contact Sean Aucutt at 208-371-3090. Simple texts of times you can volunteer are great! Voicemails work as well. Sean seriously encourages folks who can't work due to advanced age or injury to still come and eat lunch with us on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. It is not just about the work, it is about community, sharing stories, and gathering over a good meal and a glass of wine! Our stories, our presence, and our bad jokes, are all reminders of what brings us together!



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LEGACY AWARD

In 2001, the Euzkaldunak Board introduced the Legacy Award. This award is given to individuals who have exhibited a long-term commitment to the goals of Euzkaldunak. This year's recipients will be announced at the October Dinner.

Past Legacy Award recipients:

2001: John Bastida, Jay Hormaechea, Ramon Ysursa
2002: Dorothy Aldecoa, Domingo Ansotegui, Jimmy Jausoro
2003: Don Dick, Benito Goitiandia, Florencio "Pancho" Aldape
2004: Hank & Gerri Achurra, Albert Erquiaga, Iñaki Eiguren
2005: Julian Lachiondo, Mari Carmen Totorica, Dave & Jeannie Eiguren
2006: Isabel Jausoro, Julian Achabal
2007: Louis Jausoro, Early Kitchen Crew (acknowledged)
2008: Linda Barinaga, Gina Ansotegui Urquidi, Fergie Larrondo
2009: Carmen Solosabal, Rose Arregui Dick, Juan Oleaga
2010: Flora Aldazabal, Bryan Day, Domingo Arrizabalaga
2011: Simon Achabal, Diana Sabala
2012: Rash Iglesias
2013: Ron Sabala
2014: Tony Arrubarrena
2015: Ray Mansisidor
2016: Dan Ansotegui, Mary Lou Murelaga Guerricabeitia
2017: Julian Lete
2018: Miren Rementeria Artiach
2019: Cecil Jayo
2022: Regina Bastida Aldecoa, Julia Uberuaga Coleman
2023: Juliana Jausoro Aldape
2024: Anita Jausoro, Jerry Aldape

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit new directors with fresh ideas and perspectives. Every year there are five (5) vacant positions up for election. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The 2027-2029 election will be held in January 2026 during the January membership dinner. We are requesting that all nominations be turned into the Board no later than **Sunday, December 13**. For more than 70 years generations of Basques have preserved their language, history, sports, dance, and music at the Basque Center. This institution has also greatly benefited from a cadre of dreamers and doers (Totoricagüena, Gloria. Boise Basques: Dreamers & Doers) who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of "Basqueness." The opportunity to be a director 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 being on the Board of Directors or are interested in running, please contact president@basquecenter.com or secretary@basquecenter.com.

NABO

Hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of 2026 and next year looks like another busy year for NABO and all of their 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, nabasque.eus. Not only will you find all of the events of NABO's member clubs, but also great information and ideas for children's events and games, Basque government news, pilota information, learning Euskera, Mus, or music, and so much more. If you are a Facebook user, check out NABO's Facebook page where you can get updated information, as well.

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

Please consider donating blood to save lives at the Basque Center! Donors are welcome **October 12** and **December 7** (both Mondays) in the Hall from 1–6 PM. Visit redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor app and the sponsor code *Basque*.





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HAUNTED CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Dare to step into the Shadows? Join us on **October 22** at 6 PM at the Cyrus Jacobs-Uberuaga Boardinghouse for a spine-tingling candlelight tour through its darkest corners. Every creaky floorboard and whispered legend awaits. This event is free and open to all who dare. Just show up and be ready for a fright.

PATXARANGA SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Calling all former, current, and future band nerds! Have you seen and heard the goofy music of the only txaranga in the USA and thought “man, that looks like a blast”? Well now’s your chance to be a part of it! Patxaranga is looking for more members to help bring the atmosphere, silliness, and a whole bunch of sound all year long. If you’re interested in playing a “dope” brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument contact Alex Wray at alex.wray61@gmail.com. No experience or instrument necessary, we will help you get up and running. Come join Patxaranga and bring a joyful sound to the streets of Boise and beyond!

BOISE FRONTON NEWS

Fall Pala Leagues Have Begun

With Men’s A (7 teams), Men’s B (11 teams), Women’s A (4 teams), and Women’s B (3 teams) leagues all playing weekly games, the fronton is busy this fall! The fall tournament finals for all leagues will be held **Saturday, December 19**. This is the same day as the Sheepherder’s Ball by design, so you can head down to the block early to watch pala finals, have a drink at the bar, and then attend the December dinner and the Ball. Sounds like a perfect December day to us! More information to come in the November and December newsletters.

If you’re curious about joining the Boise Fronton Association, either in a future seasonal league or just as a member to book pickup games, contact boisefronton@gmail.com. New players are always welcome!

POZIK TO BE BACK IN BOISE!

Kaixo, Boise! Our Ikastola staff is happy to be back in Boise and starting another exciting year. Most importantly, we want to say a huge ESKERRIK ASKO to our Basque community for welcoming us so warmly. We feel so supported and lucky.

Learning, Playing and Growing in Euskara
We have been working on new projects connecting Euskal Herria and Boise via culture, family, nature, animals, and our community. The children have been experiencing these lessons with art, literacy, sensory & dramatic play, and hands-on activities. We are also very lucky to have Chris Bieter and Nere Lete joining us for Basque music and puppet shows. We love bringing members of our community into the classroom, and we are more than happy and open to anyone who would like to contribute something special to our little ones' learning process. Our community has so much to teach them!

Reimagining Our Ikastola

We have also started working on plans to gradually renovate and transform our space. Our goal is to create warm, functional, and child-centered environments that encourage development. There is a lot ahead of us, and we are excited about what our Ikastola can become. Want to Support Us?

We have created an Amazon Wishlist with materials and resources we would love to add to the Ikastola. You can also find the link through our social media. a.co/0qjnOxSK
You can also support us and get some cool Boiseko Ikastola merchandise through our Ikastola Store: ikastola.printful.me
And most importantly, come visit us! Our doors are always open.
Laster arte!

OMENALDIA MASS NOVEMBER 1

Please join us at Risen Christ Catholic Church (11511 W Lake Hazel Rd., Boise) on **November 1** at 2 PM for this annual memorial mass as we remember loved ones lost in the past year. Please bring a dish to share for the reception to follow. If you would like to remember someone during mass, please call 208-577-2250 or email annieg@basquemuseum.eus.

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BIOTZETIK IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS!

The choir is kicking off its fall season with an open invitation to all you singers out there! It's a great way to learn folk songs and a few Basque words. Please don't feel you need to be a professional or even read music. Everyone is welcome! We promote our Basque culture through music to a broad community and Basque families when events, weddings and funerals come along. Our outreach includes collaborations with other musical groups in the Boise area to promote greater awareness of our culture. If you want our Basque music tradition to continue in Boise, please join us! We are a mix of Basque and non-Basque singers who enjoy sharing our wonderful Basque tunes with many audiences. It's a minimal time commitment – Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM. We have some travel planned for 2027 so now is the time to join! See our website, boisebasquechoir.com for more info and contact info@boisebasquechoir.com for questions. Added bonus! We are hosting a Halloween Singalong night at the Basque Center Bar, Friday, Oct 30, starting at 6:30 PM. We'll provide song lyrics and translations for you to join in. All are welcome!

OINKARI SAGARDETEGI–NOVEMBER 21

Mark your calendars! The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on [Saturday, November 21](#), as we transform the Basque Center into our own Sagardotegi! Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten and include a traditional Sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcelay, a silent auction, a night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets are on sale starting [October 12](#) and can only be purchased through the Oinkari website, oinkari.org/sagardotegi. For more information or help, please contact the Fundraising Chair, Alexandra Hicks, at alexandra@oinkari.org

BOISEKO GAZTEAK UPDATE

Fall is in full-swing, and our dancers and musicians have already started preparing for the Winter Show with Txantxangorriak on [Sunday, December 6](#) at 1 PM on the block! Mark your calendar to come as early as 11 AM that day, as special artisans will be selling goods from the Basque Museum Market "Eguberriko Azoka" until 3 in the afternoon—or until supplies last. In the meantime, practices remain every Tuesday at 7 PM except for November 3 (vote on election day!) and November 24 (happy Thanksgiving!) If you have any questions or comments for Boiseko Gazteak, please reach out at boiseko@basquecenter.com.

Eskerrik asko!

Jill Aldape, Isana Bengoetxea - Co-Chairs

Ruth Manthey-Wray - Costuming

Teresa Franzoia, Alaina Gavica - Music

2026-2027 Calendar

9/29 - First practice at 7PM (and practices are every Tuesday except the weeks of the election and Thanksgiving)

11/7 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)

12/6 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)

12/19 - Shepherders Ball (Basque Center)

1/12 - Practice resumes at 7PM

3/7 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)

7/27 - Practice at 7PM

7/31 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

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OCTOBER ZORIONAK

Euzkaldunak member birthdays:

Kyle Acarregui, Miguel Aizpitarte, Frederick Allington, Luis Amorebieta, Anita Anacabe Franzoia, Michelle Landa Andrews, Antonio Aramburu, Santos Areitio, Josune Arrieta, Ana Bidaburu Asla, Christina Gary Bawden, Sabino Beascochea, Betty Bermensolo, Jesse Bermensolo, Colleen Bermensolo Kranz, Josu Bieter, John Bilbao, Claire Bissell, Antoinette Coble, Pat Crane, Mary Curtis, Jordan Madarieta Cutler, Ed DeCouto, Robert Dennis, Ben Donahue, Jacob Echevarria, Matt Echevarria, Diana Echeverria, Andrea Epeldi-Vietri, Angelo Gamboa, Annie Gavica, Tobby Goicoechea, Alenze Goicoechea, Coro Goitiandia, Brynn Gribble, Joe Guerricabeitia, Rosa Marie Guerricabeitia, Clay Haylett, Steve Herring, Jim Hovda, Jacob Jauregui, Isabella Kite-Powell, Gina Landa, Matthew Landa, Susi Larrocea, Jaclyn Lasuen, Toni Lawson, Scott Lliteras, Joe Mansisidor, Jessica McCurry, Ana Mendiola, Marty Mendiola, Leah Mendive, Libby Moss, Rose Marie Murgotio, Dave Navarro, Jerry O'Mahony, Andoni Odencrantz, Ed Orbea, Peggy Orbea, Michele Otazua, Angela Paz, Lisa Berriochoa Robbins, Jim Sexauer, Damiana Shank, Margarita Shore, Casey Sieber, Kim Smith, DJ Swindell, Matt Taylor, Kirsten Teegarden, AnneMarie Totorica, Christopher Totorica, Ron Totorica, Jeff M Uberuaga, Martin Uruburu, Thomas Walker, Miren Yows, Phil Yribar, Rita Zabala, Kepa 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.

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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, October 12**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2026 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

10/17: October Dinner

10/25: Children's Halloween Party

11/7: Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo

12/19: Shepherders Ball