

EUZKALDUNAK 2 AZAROA 2 NOVEMBER

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The November Morzilla dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024, as part of the annual Euzkaldunak Bazaar & Bingo Night. The dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Gazteak & Txantxangorriak.

The Morzilla dinner is open to the public, and no reservations are required. It will be a "first come, first served" meal.

November 2024 dinner menu:

Ensalada Mixta Baked Morzilla Garbanzos with Chorizo and Chicken Shrimp Pil-Pil Amuma's Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Dessert Homemade Bread and Butter

Wine and Coffee

The first seating will begin at 5:15 PM, and the second seating will begin at 6:30 PM. The price for dinner is \$25 for adults (Members & Guests) and \$10 for children 10 and under.

Wine and other beverages can be purchased in the dining room.

Please note: There is no babysitting at the Basque Center during the Morzilla dinner.

HELP MAKE MORZILLA OCT 29-NOV 1

Each year, Euzkaldunak relies on the help of our volunteer members to prep, cook, and package morzillas (blood sausage) to serve at the November Bazaar and Morzilla Dinner and vacuum pack for sale to members. We would love your help this year!

Tuesday. October 29

We will start at Fiddlers Green Farms (14440) Broken Horn Rd, Boise, ID 83714) picking, cleaning, and chopping the leeks and onions. Fiddlers Green Farm is on the corner of Broken Horn and W. Echanove Drive but the entrance faces Echanove Drive. Park inside the gates.

Wednesday, October 30

We will be cooking the onions and leeks from 7 AM to 6 PM at the Basque Center.

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

We will be packaging the newly-made morzillak at the Basque Center from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. To volunteer, please contact Sean Aucutt at 208-371-3090. Eskerrik Asko!

EUZKALDUNAK 75th ANNIVERSARY

Euzkaldunak has been celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year by hosting a Nostalgia Tour. Each monthly dinner is an opportunity to come together, honor those that came before us, enjoy the traditions they created, and look forward to another incredible 75 years. Each monthly dinner celebrates a different decade, and we would love for everyone to celebrate with us by dressing according to that decade! Here is the schedule:

- November: 2010s
- December: Origins-Levi's and cotton dresses!

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

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 to get involved!

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2025 are \$50 per adult. In mid-November you will receive your renewal statement. To renew memberships, send a check or drop off cash or check to the Basque Center Bar. Please contact secretary@basquecenter.com for new memberships. Dues for new members (which include former members who have let their membership lapse) are \$60 per adult.

BLOOD DRIVES AT THE BASQUE CENTER

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Basque Center on December 9. If you're interested, use our sponsor code, BASQUE to sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org





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NABO

Hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of 2024 and next year looks like another busy year for the North American Basque Organization 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 at nabasque.eus. Not only will you find all of the events of NABO's forty-three member clubs, but also great information on learning Euskara & mus, children's events & games, music, Basque government news, pilota information, and so much more. If you are a Facebook user, check out NABO's Facebook page where you can get updated information as well.

OINKARI COSTUME PIECES

Do you have any Oinkari costume pieces lurking in your closet, basement, or garage that you've really been meaning to get to the Basque Center. but haven't gotten around to? Are you embarrassed that you forgot to give back the San Juan skirt or practice castanets that you used at mass and didn't get back to the dance director? Have we got a deal for you! Please coordinate with Jaclyn (208-590-2498 or jaclyn@oinkari.org) to drop off or have someone pick-up, and there will be no questions asked! We would love to see our specialty items, but we're also interested in any "regular" costume pieces that you're not attached to. If you're not saving that gerriko for your nephew or your red skirt for your daughter to dance in, we would be much obliged to have the opportunity to help outfit a new kid!

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.

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit directors with fresh ideas and perspectives. Every year there are five (5) vacant positions up for election as well as an alternate. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The 2025-2027 board of directors election will be held in January 2025 using secure and restricted online voting software (electionbuddy.com), which has been successfully utilized since 2022. This platform ensures that all members can participate in the vote, not just those who attend the January dinner. We are requesting that all nominations be turned in to the Board (secretary@basquecenter.com) no later than Sunday, December 15, 2024.

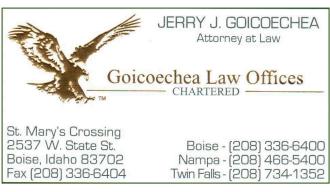
The Basque Center is one of the most significant presences in maintaining Basque culture and identity in all of Idaho. For more than 70 years generations of Basques have preserved their language, history, sports, dance, and music. This institution has also greatly benefited from a cadre of dreamers and doers (Gloria Totoricaguena, 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.

OINKARI SAGARDOTEGI-NOVEMBER 16

It is that time of year... the Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on Saturday, November 16, as we transform the Basque Center into a traditional Basque 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 now and can only be purchased through the Oinkari website, oinkari.org/sagardotegi. For more information or help, please contact the Fundraising Chair, Brenna Garro, at brenna@oinkari.org.











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Accommodates groups of all sizes A preferred caterer for Basque Center rentals

208-345-6665

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OÑATIARRA SEEKS PEN PAL

Sara, a twelve year old from Oñati, is seeking an American pen pal in Boise to practice English, teach some Euskara, and make friends. She would like to communicate via the internet. Here's her message:

Kaixo!

Sara Arenaza naiz. Euskal Herriko Oñati herrian bizi naiz eta 12 urte ditut.

Boisen bizi den nire adineko jendea ezagutu nahiko nuke. Ni euskara irakasteko prest nago eta ingelesa ikasi nahiko nuke, internet bidez harremanduz.

Interesa izanez gero, idatzi.

Sara

If your child is interested in making friends with Sara via email, please send a message to newsletter@basquecenter.com.

BASQUE FOUNDATION DECEMBER LAMB AUCTION RECIPIENT NOMINATIONS

Donations to deserving people are made throughout the year but as December approaches. the Basque Foundation (formerly known as Basque Charities) selects a person or family to receive a sizable contribution from the charities account. Typically, the recipient is someone (Basque or non-Basque) who has fallen ill and needs help financially. The annual Sheepherders Ball & Lamb Auction on December 21 is where much of the money is raised to bolster the charities account. If you know of someone who should be considered as the primary recipient of funds raised at the 2024 Sheepherders Ball. please contact the President of the Board at president@basquecenter.com or the Secretary to the Board at secretary@basquecenter.com.

NOVEMBER BINGO PRIZES

If you are interested in donating a bingo prize for the Morzilla Dinner and Bingo on Saturday, November 2, please contact Isana Bengoetxea at basquecenter.com. We hope to have a fun-filled night of bingo with prizes for all ages to win and enjoy!

EUZKALDUNAK MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A donation in someone's name to the Basque Foundation (501 c3 non-profit company) is a unique way to honor an extraordinary person who has touched your life. Your memorial gift, no matter how modest, will help the Basque Foundation maintain and improve its facilities, support our activities, and help those in need. The Foundation hopes that you will consider donating on a regular basis to advance our continuing activities and outreach efforts. Your memorial gift is used in a variety of ways at the discretion of the board:

Supporting Annual Flower Baskets & Flags – The annual implementation of the hanging flower baskets and outdoor flags have 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 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 Sheepherders 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, or mail a check to:

> Basque Foundation, Inc. 601 W Grove St Boise, ID 83702

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The annual
Euzkaldunak Children's
Christmas party will be
held at the Basque
Center on Sunday,
December 8 following
the Boiseko Gazteak
Winter Show. Come
sing Christmas carols,
have goodies, and see

Olentzero!

We will continue the tradition of Olentzero handing out candy canes (do not bring a gift for your child as you may remember from the past). The Basque Center will also provide chorizos and drinks for all of the children. To volunteer for this event, contact Jenny Aldape at jennyaldape@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING HOURS

The Basque Center will be closed on Thanksgiving—Thursday, November 28. On Thanksgiving Eve (11/27), however, the Basque Center will be open starting at 3 PM for you to bring down a pintxo to share with your friends and give thanks for the many blessings of the past year.

FRONTON ASSOCIATION PALA

Fall Pala League play continues! If you are interested in playing in the Spring Season please email boisefronton@gmail.com. A Boise Pala Invitational will be played Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd with players from California and Idaho. As the event grows nearer additional event details will be shared.

BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2024-2025

Idaho)

Boiseko Gazteak practice is underway! Parents, if you are not receiving periodic emails about Boiseko, please send your child's name to boiseko@basquecenter.com.

2024-2025 Calendar (tentative):

09/24 - First practice at 7PM (Tuesdays until Dec. 3, no practice on 11/5 & 11/26)
11/2 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center)
12/8 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
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

TXANTXANGORRIAK & BOISEKO GAZTEAK WINTER SHOW - ON THE BASQUE BLOCK!

Mark your calendars for the Winter Show on Sunday, December 8. Once again this year, 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. Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends. Please bring a can of food for our seasonal contribution to a local food bank. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

EUZKALDUNAK MUS TOURNAMENT 2025

Please mark Sunday, January 5, 2025 on your calendar! It is the date scheduled for Euzkaldunak's 8-Kings Mus Tournament. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.













MARK YOUR CALENDAR-EGUBERRIKO AZOKA

The Basque Museum's annual Basque Christmas Market will be held in conjunction with Boiseko Gazteak and Txantxangorriak's Winter Show on Sunday, December 8 on the Basque Block - rain, snow or shine! There will be vendors, food, drink, Olentzero, sheep wagons and more. Shop local Basque artisans for some Christmas gifts, taste traditional Basque foods, watch the musicians and dancers perform, and get your picture taken with Olentzero! More information to come! If you are interested in being a vendor at the Azoka, contact Annie at annieg@basquemuseum.eus.

GOODING DINNER OUTING

Mark your calendars! On November 8, the Gooding Basque Club will be hosting their First Friday Dinner. We'd like to start a carpool from neighboring clubs to help support their event. We have already heard from folks interested in Homedale and Mountain Home, and we would love to add stops along the way! Please RSVP with your interest to Isana Bengoetxea at isana.bengoetxea@gmail.com.

The menu is set to include soup, salad, green beans, rice, lamb chops, a second meat option, and homemade bread and desserts.

Prices are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for children under 12.

We hope to see you there!

MORZILLA DINNER CAKE WHEEL & COOKED FOOD TABLE

Maintaining traditions like the Morzilla Dinner means calling on members to help sustain those traditions. Choose where your talents point you, and bring a donation our way.

At the 2024 Morzilla Dinner on Saturday, November 2, we have a cake wheel in need of all your sweet treats such as cakes, cookies, or pies for the kids to play and win. Or if jams, jellies, breads, or rolls are your area of expertise, we have a baked goods and home-prepared foods table that will sell these items. Stock up on all the goodies that will be available. You will be happy you did when the day comes to indulge.

SAVE THE DATE-SHEEPHERDERS BALL DECEMBER 21, 2024



<u>1929</u> Ist Regional Unified Basque Christmas Party

> 1949 Establishment of Euzkaldunak

<u>1974</u> Ist Euzkaldunak Sheepherders Ball

2024
50th Annual
Sheepherders Ball
and 75th Anniversary
of Euzkaldunak



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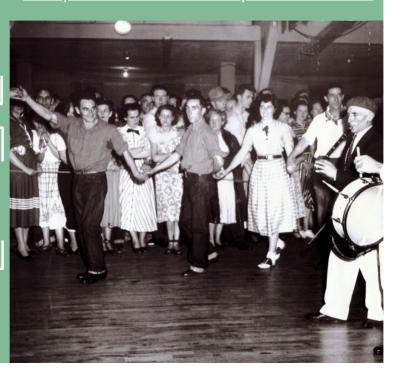
SHEEPHERDERS BALL

Annual auction to support community members in need

Date: December 21, 2024
Place: The Basque Center
601 W. Grove St.
Boise, ID 83702

For 2024 let's return to "the good old days" and the men wear blue jeans with white shirts and the women wear cotton dresses or pants – as they had in the 1930's to 1950's

Online donations may be made at: basquecenter.com/sheepherders-ball



GOIAN BEGO MARY LOU MURELAGA GUERRICABEITIA -- JUNE 1, 1944 - AUGUST 27, 2024

Sadly, we said goodbye to one of the stars of Boise's Basque Center. Honored as a Legacy Award winner, Mary Lou was important to our organization. She has been a member of Oinkari Basque Dancers, Aiztan Artean, Biotzetik Choir, the Basque Museum and Cultural Center, and Artzai Ona. She was a talented musician, and she shared her music (accordion, spoons, etc.) on numerous occasions at endless events. She also wore hats as a singer, dancer, donor, teacher, sponsor, calligrapher, benefactor--and of course, ama, tia, amuma. Mary Lou will always be remembered for her good will tours, most of the time accompanied by Aita Antton Egiguren, whereby they traveled to homes and hospitals visiting those who were in need of visits, prayers and their personal touch and conversation. The two of them were unstoppable--their "territory" extended from all of southern Idaho to Oregon and Nevada. In addition to numerous relatives from the Aldape, Murelaga and Guerricabeitia families (Boise and Basque Country), Mary Lou will be missed by those whose lives she touched. She is survived by son Joe, daughter Angie, son-in-law Eric Luke, granddaughter Abigail, and daughter Lisa. Agur, Mary Lou.

NOVEMBER ZORIONAK

Tere Achabal, Phil Aldape, Teresa Amillategui Grimm, Aitor Amuchastegui, Mark Arana, Delphina Arnold, Lavonne Arregui, Jess Asla, Nicolas Asla, Alberto Bereziartua, Alicia Berggren, Tom Bermensolo, Izar Bicandi, Nicholas Bicandi, Andoni Bieter, Dave Bieter, Dan Bilbao, Autumn Black, Amaya Blum, Jeannene Boyd, Mary Lou Brown, Joe Clayton, Elena Cook, Marie Day, Chloe Dennis, Christy Echevarria, Tammy Echeverria, Curtis Eck, Andy Eiguren, Martin Elexpuru, Vicky Urresti Fitzgerald, Jean Flesher, Johnny Ford, Christina Gamboa, Kyle Gandiaga, Brenna Garro, Susan Gavica, Jacqueline Giuliacci, Sabino Goitiandia, Celia Harrington, David Hensley, Julia Hill, Stuart Hill, Jr, Alicia Homaechevarria Tracy, Javier Idoeta, Katie Impomeni, Annemarie Jayo, Julie Johnson, Jeannie Aguirre Kiel, Jeff Lliteras, Cecilia Lodzinski, Meghan Mallea, Thomas JC Mendiguren, Josefina Mendiola, Amaya Monasterio, Diane M Norquist, Joanne Odiaga, Teresa Yrazabal Paige, Gene Perry, Kate Powell, James Sangroniz, Julie Sarasqueta, Phil Sarasqueta, Mark Schaffeld, Gary Schaffner, Katia Monasterio Schrier, Adelia Simplot, Carmen Spencer, Aleja Stacey, Blake Stevenson, Blanche Swindell, George Totorica, Steve Uruburu, Randy Warfel, John Welsh, Michelle Dodds White, John Wilson, Ricardo Yanci, Daniela Ysursa, Jenny Ysursa, Josu Zubizarreta

If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up on this list, please email secretary@basquecenter.com so it can be added to our database.





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

BASQUE CENTER RENTAL

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, November 18, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2024 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

11/2: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo **12/21:** Sheepherders Ball