



EUZKALDUNAK

2
0
2
4

ABENDUA
DECEMBER
Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The December Shepherders Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, December 21, 2024](#), as part of the 50th annual Shepherders Ball. The dinner will be hosted by the Boise United Rugby Club. We will begin seating downstairs at 6:15 PM. The cost of the meal (age 11 and up) is \$30, which includes \$5 admission to the Oinkari performance and the Shepherders Ball. The dinner price for children 10 years and younger is \$10.

December 2024 dinner menu:

Tossed Salad with Oñati Dressing
Alaskan Cod Oriotarra
Amuma's Beef Stew
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Dessert
Homemade Bread and Butter
Wine and Coffee

As seating is limited, it is important to make your reservation early. Reservations will open at noon on [Sunday, December 1st](#). The basement dining area limits the number of guests to 200 people, and seats will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Wine and other beverages can be purchased in the bar and/or dining room. There will be no babysitting for this dinner.

BASQUE CENTER BAR HOLIDAY HOURS

The Bar will be closed for Christmas from Monday, December 23 through Thursday, December 26, to allow our staff to celebrate with their families. The Basque Foundation Board and Staff wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. May it be filled with new adventures and good fortune.

EUZKALDUNAK 75th ANNIVERSARY

Do you have your Shepherders outfit ready? This year Euzkaldunak has been celebrating its 75th Anniversary by hosting a Nostalgia Tour at each monthly dinner as 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 celebrated a different decade, and December is our last hurrah! Please dress in white shirts and blue jeans or cotton dresses to honor the Shepherders tradition, where our predecessors would encourage plain clothes at the dance so that every person felt welcome to participate. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

SHEEPHERDERS BALL – DECEMBER 21

The 2024 Shepherders Ball celebration and fundraiser will take place on [Saturday, December 21](#). We will have our December Holiday Dinner prior to the dance, and your admission to the dinner will allow you to stay for the dance. We hope everyone stays to enjoy the music, do a little dancing, and watch the Oinkari performance as this is the debut for their new dancers. Oinkari will perform at 8 PM, followed by the lamb auction which raises funds for the charities account. The dance, featuring Triki-Taka-Stomp, will begin after the lamb auction. The cost for the dance is \$5 for those 13 and older. It is free to those 12 and under. Chorizos and pop will be sold if you are still hungry after dinner.

OCTOBER DINNER THANK YOU

Since the Morzilla Dinner is so early in the month we did not have a chance to thank chef Jesus Alcelay and his crew, nor the wonderful team of Aiztan Artean and Oinkari for set up and work at the October Dinner. Eskerrik asko!

Juliana Aldape	Jill Kaltenecker
Cheryl Asin	Joni Krakau
Anne Gonzalez Aspiazu	Celeste Landa
Jeannene Boyd	Carmen Totorica Griggs
Jim Boyd	Jan Larrea
Jordan Cutler	Nick Larrea
Mateo Franzoia	Jaclyn Lasuen
Robbie Lou Gary	Michael Lejardi
Coro Goitiandia	Elise Overgaard
Teresa Grimm	Christina Rhoades
Lisa Guerricabetia	Marianne Schaffeld
Tiana Herrera	Cindy Schaffeld
Amaya Herrera	Rosie Skoro
Marie Hodge	Josephine Totorica
Placida Homaechearria	Jean Uranga
Naiara Garcia Iglesias	Alex Wray
Jake Jaureguy	

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.

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on [December 31](#) of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2025 are \$50 per adult. In November you should have received 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Julie Johnson
Jules Uberuaga

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!



UNIQUE BASQUE
DESIGNS AND
CREATIONS
JEWELRY &
COLLECTIBLES

Maite & Izar ♦ 208.392.2356 ♦ Ahizpak.com

Food 🍷 **Wine** 🍷 **Gifts** 🍷 **Catering** 🍷

THE
BASQUE MARKET
BOISE • IDAHO

608 W. Grove St. Boise, ID 83702
www.thebasquemarket.com 208.433.1208

MORZILLA DINNER THANKS

The Basque Center would like to extend a sincere Eskerrik Asko to all the individuals and organizations that worked and made donations to our 2024 Bingo & Bazaar event. If we missed you, we apologize! We appreciate everyone who worked together! Milesker!

Friday Night Set Up

Txantxangorriak

Dinner Volunteers

Jenny Aldape
Johnny Aldape
Amanda Bengoechea
Hailey Campbell
Elena Carlson
Heather Carlson
Mattea Carlson
Amaya Donahue
Ben Donahue
Jacq Herring
Steve Herring
Vida Landa
Jon Larrea
Nic Miller
Maria Willacy & family
Amaia Wilsey
Guiliana Zuloeta
Nella Zuloeta
Omar Zuloeta

Upstairs Food Donations & Sellers

Joni Krakau
Joe Meuleman
Judy Murray
Marilyn Sarasqueta
Ricardo Yanci

Oinkari Cake Wheel Workers & Donations

Ander Achabal
Ava Achabal
Josephine Aldape
Lina Aldape

Kylie Amestoy
McKenna Anderson
Nickolas Ansotegui
Ben Bengoetxea
Hayes Bidegaray
Johnny Boyd
Henry Brollier
Alaia Campbell
Alazne Campbell
Jordan Cutler
Dominic Fischer
Mateo Fischer
Kristina Franzoia
Mateo Franzoia
Brenna Garro
Anne Gonzalez Aspiazu
Emma Harrington
Sara Hernandez Bares
Amaya Herrera
Tiana Herrera
Alexandra Hicks
Gwen Hicks
Jake Jaureguy
Jill Kaltenecker
Scott Kaltenecker
Alenna Knox
Joni Krakau
Jaclyn Lasuen
Carter Lauer
Michael Lejardi
Ruth Manthey-Wray
Leah Mendive
Abi Norton
Elise Overgaard
Lillian Papapietro
Sasha Phillips
Mikel Sangroniz
Mia Saxton
Gav Shapiro
Miren Sieber
Blas Totoricaguena
Luken Uranga
Matteo Wilsey
Alex Wray
Josie Wray
Alexandra Zuloeta
Giuliana Zuloeta

Bingo Helpers

Josephine Aldape
McKenna Anderson
Jordan Cutler
Angie Gribble
Sara Harvey
Chris Hill
Jaclyn Lasuen
Carter Lauer
Michael Lejardi
Joe Meuleman
Amaya & Ben Monasterio
Lillian Papapietro
Kate Powell
Vince Taylor
Luken Uranga
Matteo Wilsey
Alexandra Zuloeta

Bingo Donations

Aiztan Artean
Jenny Aldape
Juliana Aldape
Alloway Lighting
Arete Food Group
Barbarian Brewing
Bardenay
Bear Valley Rafting
Big Daddy's BBQ
Boise Philharmonic
Cactus Pete's
Chandler's
Children's Museum
Cinder Wines
Coiled wines
Cottonwood Grill
Davinci's
Diablo and Sons
Edward's Greenhouse
Enrique's
Fantastic Games
Fast Lane Indoor Cart Racing
Fly High Trampoline Park
G. Willikers
Gaston's
Goodwood BBQ
Goody's
Guru Donuts

Human Bean
 Hyde Park Pub
 Idaho Botanical Gardens
 Idaho Candy Company
 Idaho Inflatables
 Jabbers
 Jump Time
 Olivin
 Planet Kid
 Pojos
 Rediscovered Books
 Rejuv Medspa
 Roaring Springs
 Roystone Hot Springs
 Stockmen's Casino
 Talus Rock Retreat
 The Basque Market
 The Commons
 The Flicks
 The Morrison Center
 The Stil
 The Wylder
 Dan and Nikki Totorica
 Warhawk Air Museum
 Watson's
 YMCA

Zoo Boise

Morzilla Making Crew

Tere Achabal
 Jesus Alcelay
 Jerry Aldape
 John Aldape
 Mike Amestoy
 Javier Arrieta
 Fermin Bilbao
 Martin Bilbao
 John Boyd
 Bryan Day
 Christy Echeverria
 Lu Echeverria
 Juan Egana
 Christina Rhoades Eiguren
 Joe Fitzgerald
 Mike Franzoia
 Annie Gavica
 Susan Gavica
 Unai, Dominika, & Lucy Gavica
 Javier Guerricabetia
 Joe M. Guerricabetia
 Jake Jauregui
 Anita Jausoro

Joni Krakau
 Herb Krakau
 Toni Lawson
 Andres Lejardi
 Julian Lete
 Patxi Lostra
 Niko Lostra
 Bernice Madariaga
 Miren Maguregui
 Josu Menaka
 Steve Mendive
 Nic Miller
 Tim Mitchell
 Judy Murray
 Miren Lete Odenrantz
 German Olabarria
 Marianne Shaffeld
 Jeri Shaffner
 Tyler Smith
 Louie Uranga
 Josh Uriarte
 Miren Urresti
 Alex Wray
 Rod Wray
 Lino Zabala

M. Margaret Lezamiz
John T. Schroeder
Schroeder & Lezamiz Law Offices LLP
 208-384-1627, Ext. 3

margaret@schroederlezamiz.com
john@schroederlezamiz.com

*Probate / Estate Planning / Wills /
 Trusts / Family Law / Divorce / Custody
 / Guardianships / Conservatorships /
 Corporations / Limited Liability
 Companies / Partnerships / Business*

se habla espanol



Collections
 Gift Store
 Archives
 Programs & Events

Language Classes
 Archives
 Research
 Exhibits

...and more!

basquemuseum.eus

Preserving, Promoting & Perpetuating Basque
 History and Culture.



Shane O Bengoechea
 Attorney at Law

Bengoechea Law Offices, P.C.

shane@soblawyers.com
 208-424-8332
 208-392-1406

671 E. Riverpark Lane, Suite 120
 Boise, Idaho 83706
www.soblawyers.com



Basque Foundation, Inc.

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

1929
1st Regional Unified
Basque
Christmas Party

1949
Establishment of
Euzkaldunak

1974
1st Euzkaldunak
Shepherders Ball

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

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/shepherders-ball





Basque Language Immersion Preschool

part time & full time schedules open to all children 3-5 years old




boisekoikastola.org
208-343-4234
1955 Broadway Ave.

Call for a tour & to sign your child up!



Brollier Health Insurance & Benefits



Genie R. Brollier
Owner / Agent

(208) 608-0554
1111 S. Orchard St. #170
Boise, Idaho 83705
genie@brollierhealth.com

Medicare
Individual Health Insurance

THIS IS COMMUNITY BANKING

Don S. Evans
VP Branch Manager | 208.321.1484

D.L. Evans
BANK



dlevans.com 

208-884-0142
call/text



SINCE 1999

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. 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!

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

In 1973, NABO was established with the intent of combining the resources of Basque-American organizations to preserve and promote the Basque heritage. A group of representatives met in Reno, Nevada in March of that year with the proposal of forging a federation and creating a network within the larger Basque community of the United States. Euzkaldunak, as a founding member of NABO, has always played an important role. Delegates from each club meet three times a year. The annual convention for the election of officers is held during the summer, hosted by one of the cooperating clubs to coincide with their festival, including our 2025 Jaialdi festival. Euzkaldunak has two representatives to NABO, one that is elected from within our Board of Directors to serve a one year term, with the other elected by the Euzkaldunak membership to serve a two year term.

The opportunity to be the Euzkaldunak delegate to NABO 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 the delegate, or are interested in running, please contact president@basquecenter.com or secretary@basquecenter.com.

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY PROJECT

A group of 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 and josebacriswell@gmail.com to be put in contact.

OINKARI APPAREL

Wait, did you say Oinkari Merch Sale?! Over the years we've had a lot of demand to have Oinkari merchandise available to the public, and we heard you! We will be having limited releases of vintage Oinkari logos each season as we ramp up for Jaialdi, so don't miss your chance to get some fresh gear and represent Oinkaris out there! Go to oinkari.org/apparel to purchase!

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.

EGUBERRIKO AZOKA-DECEMBER 8

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, a sheep wagon 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! There will also be a sing-along with the Biotzetik Basque Choir. Check out the Basque Museum website for a schedule and list of vendors! See you on the Basque Block!




Rosa Ysursa
Owner
(208) 870-9295
Rmysursa@gmail.com
<http://www.estatesolutionsllc.net/>

Estate Solutions LLC
2313 S Bayou Bar Way | Meridian, Idaho 83642



ETXETXU
Modern Basque Designs by Lori Aguirre
etxetxubasquedesigns.com




JERRY J. GOICOECHEA
Attorney at Law

Goicoechea Law Offices
CHARTERED

St. Mary's Crossing
2537 W. State St.
Boise, Idaho 83702
Fax (208) 336-6404


Boise - (208) 336-6400
Nampa - (208) 466-5400
Twin Falls - (208) 734-1352



Debbie Aguirre-Shank
Senior Loan Officer
Office 208.960.1201 Cell 208.631.3245
Fax 208.914.7190
daguirreshank@guildmortgage.net

5660 East Franklin Road suite 201
Nampa, ID 83634

Company NMLS ID #3274
Individual NMLS ID #1554942





JAIALDI 2025

Many of us have friends and family from other cities, states, and countries that are planning their visit to Boise for Jaialdi, so here's a sneak peek of the festival schedule. Follow Jaialdi 2025 on Facebook and bookmark jaialdi.com for the latest news between now and July 2025.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

BASQUE-ING ON THE BLOCK

Basque Block, 5 p.m.

The party starts with food, drink, and strolling musicians on the Basque Block.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

BASQUE-ING ON THE BLOCK

Basque Block, 5 p.m.

Jaialdi 2025 continues with more food, drink, and strolling musicians on the Basque Block.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

BASQUE-ING ON THE BLOCK

Basque Block, noon

Grab some food, get a drink, and enjoy Basque music with old and new friends.

SPORTS NIGHT

Idaho Central Arena, 7 p.m.

Watch legendary competitors test their skills! Traditional farm sports like weightlifting, wood chopping, hay bale throwing, and wagon lifting will be on full display.

STREET DANCE

Basque Block, 8:30 p.m.

No Basque festival is complete without dancing. Join us after Sports Night as we enjoy Basque & Basque-American bands.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

BASQUE-ING ON THE BLOCK

Basque Block, noon

Enjoy even more Basque Block festivities! We'll keep the party going with more food, drink, and fun.

FESTARA

Idaho Central Arena, 7 p.m.

Festara is a celebration of the traditional music and dance of the Basque Country, including performers from Euskal Herria & Boise's famous Oinkari Basque Dancers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

BASQUE-ING AT EXPO IDAHO

Expo Idaho, 10 a.m.

Enjoy dozens of dance groups from throughout the West as they perform indoors on two stages. Don't forget to stock up on souvenirs—vendors will be on hand with novelties, jewelry, and clothing. Food, drink, a sports arena, and sheep wagons will also be onsite.

DANTZALDI

Idaho Central Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Join Basque and Basque-American bands in this celebration of music and dancing; all ages are welcome!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

BASQUE-ING AT EXPO IDAHO

Expo Idaho, 11 a.m.

Join us for even more fun as Saturday's events continue with dancing, sports, and more.

JAIALDI MASS

Location TBD, 5 p.m.

This is your chance to see the Boise Oñati Dancers perform a sacred liturgical dance on the altar.

STREET DANCE

Basque Block, 8:30 p.m.

We'll say agur to Jaialdi 2025 with a fun-filled evening of music featuring Basque and Basque-American bands.



ONGI ETORRI

Downtown www.mcusports.com **Ski Shop**
 822 W. Jefferson 2314 Bogus Basin Rd.
 208-342-7734 208-336-2300




Mitch Beitia
 Health Insurance Broker
 208-631-4593 fax: 208-906-8659
mitch@mertzinsurancegroup.com
 2058 E Franklin Rd, Meridian ID 83642

MEULEMAN Dedicated to serving and supporting the construction industry
 LAW GROUP PLLC

- Construction law
- Government contracts
- Litigation and alternative dispute resolution

950 West Bannock Street, Suite 490 • Boise, Idaho 83702 • T: 208-472-0066 • F: 208-472-0067
meulemanlaw.com



Jared Sexauer
 D.M.D.

Open Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm
 Accepting New Patients
 208-587-2625

455 N 3rd E Mountain Home | mountainhomedentalid.com

SHEEPHERDERS BALL PRIMARY RECIPIENT

Each year the Euzkaldunak board considers candidates to be the primary recipient of funds raised during our annual charity fundraiser, the Shepherders Ball. For 2024 the board has chosen James Wright. James is the son of Jason and Julia Wright and is part of the Zabala, Markuerkiaga, and Urribaren families. He was born a little over 6 months ago with a condition called craniosynostosis. This condition happens when the skull joins together before the brain has fully formed, creating this cranial deformity. James wears a helmet to try to help naturally form his cranium. He will need surgery to help with this.



BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2024-2025

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)
- 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 Idaho)

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!

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.

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) or WhatsApp (+34 644742584). His LinkedIn URL is included for more details about his background: bit.ly/uealinkedin24

THANK YOU ADVERTISERS!

Many thanks to our 2024 advertisers for their ongoing support. We invite members to show their patronage to these supportive businesses. We are now accepting ad placements for 2025. Renewal letters are in the mail for your convenience. For information about new or continuing advertising in the newsletter, please contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

Todd Deike
CEO & President

"We fix what ails
your house!"

Residential Doctor Handyman Service LLC



(208) 994-2482
deiket747@gmail.com

PO Box 5381
Boise, ID 83705

Licensed, insured and bonded



DANIELA YSURSA
208.631.7367
Real Estate Advisor
DanielaYsursaRE@gmail.com

Need Real Estate advice?
Should you wait to Buy or Sell?
I can guide you so that YOU can make
the decision based on what's best for YOU.

I would love to share the reviews from prior
Basque clients. Text or Call me.

Creating value in real estate through service and integrity



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

BASQUE STUDIES

BasqueStudies.BoiseState.edu

EUZKALDUNAK 8-ERREGE MUS TXAPELKERIA

THE BASQUE CENTER, BOISE ID



Sunday Jan 5 @3:30pm
Sunday Jan 12 @3:30pm
Sunday Jan 19 @3:30pm
Sunday Jan 26 @3:30pm
Sunday Feb 2 @3:30pm

Finals - Saturday Mar 15 @2:00pm

Mus / Feast of St Joseph Dinner – Saturday Mar 15 @ 6:00pm

You must be a Euzkaldunak Member to participate

EUZKALDUNAK MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A donation in someone's name to the Basque Foundation (501 c3 non-profit organization) 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 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, or mail a check to:

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

FRONTON ASSOCIATION PILOTA NEWS

Recap from Boise Pala Invitational Nov 1-2

Thank you all who attended the 2024 Boise Pala Invitational last month! Two men's teams from San Francisco competed against three men's teams from Boise. The players who competed in the round robin tournament included David Alfaro (CA), Matthew Etchepare (CA), Jake Jaureguay, Michael Lejardi, Ryan Boyd, Scott Kaltenecker, Ben Monasterio and Patrick Bidegaray with John Falxa (CA) and Christophe Alfaro (CA) taking home the title of Txapeldunak. Additionally, within the tournament an exhibition game was hard fought between local women's league players: Janet Murakami, Aubrey Kirtley, Terra Kolb and Anne-Marie Mansisidor-DeCouto. Thank you all for taking part!

BFA Fall Pala Finals–December 21

Since September, 42 pala players have been playing league and tournament games on a weekly basis in the fronton. Each fall the season ends with men's and women's league finals being played the day of Shepherders Ball. This season's pala tournament finals will be played on **Saturday, December 21** in the Anduiza Fronton:

- 1 PM: Women's Pala
- 2 PM: Men's B League Pala
- 3 PM: Men's A League Pala

Join us at the fronton to cheer on the teams and enjoy the games before the December Dinner & Shepherders Ball!

FRONTON ASSOCIATION, CONTINUED

Welcoming new players for Spring 2025 pala season

Spring Pala leagues will start in February 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 league. No prior experience is necessary, and you do not have to be Basque to join BFA. BFA membership is \$50 for new members for the first year and \$100/year after. 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 by January 15 for additional information and how to sign up.

MORCILLA – TRIPOTA – ODOLKIA – MORTZILA – BLOOD SAUSAGE – OH MY!

The history and orthography of one of the “more interesting” Basque food traditions

By: Annie Gavica

Each year, for about three or four days, downtown Boise carries a distinct aroma. The strong scent of leek and onion has been known to reach as far as the airport on occasion. It's the smell of tradition, community, and Basque blood sausage. Blood sausage isn't unique to the Basques by any stretch of the imagination, but it's often celebrated as one of Spain's “great contributions to both ancient and modern gastronomy,” as Jeffrey Weiss notes in *Charcutería*. Whether its origins are Spanish or Basque may remain a mystery, but the dish comes from the agrarian traditions of *hiltzea/matanza* (the killing of a pig), where no single part of the animal was wasted. No. Single. Part. In this case, blood is mixed with onions, filler (usually rice), seasonings, and stuffed into the intestines from the sacrificed pig, then flash-boiled and hung to cure. Weiss goes on to explain that “blood sausages are almost always made in one of two ways: either (1) with rice and/or other starchy binding agents, or (2) with a ton of onions as a loose binder. From there, the flavorings really depend on the region you're in, as more variations on this bloody theme exist than anyone could ever hope to compile.” Now, the BIG question – what's the correct spelling for what we're making,

smelling, and tasting each year? Well, the answer is as straightforward as the recipe itself. There are several correct options. I asked a local Basque chef, and his response added two more variations to the mix, so I asked a PhD and language instructor at Boise State who offered yet another variant. *Morcilla* is the Spanish word for these savory, though not-so-appealing, bites. *Mortzila* is the Basque spelling of the Spanish word and is what the Boise Basque community most commonly uses. But if we want to get technical and use the Basque word (or words) for blood sausage, we can use *Tripota*, which you'll hear in some Basque-American communities in California and Nevada, as well as in *Iparralde* (the northern side of the Basque Country). We can also use *Odolki*, heard in other Basque-American communities and in *Hegoalde* (the southern side of the Basque Country). As we gather in coming years to continue this tradition in the Basque Community, we can be sure to share the proper word for the not-so-appetizing, but oh-so delicious black sausage taking up space on your plate: *Mortzila*. Or *Morcilla*. Or *Odolki*. Or *Tripota*. Or... Clear as mud (or should I say blood?).

THE BASQUES, THE SHEEP, AND THE DOGS WHO MADE HISTORY: A PASSION PROJECT BORN OF PERSONAL HISTORY

This short film presentation, hosted at the Basque Museum and Cultural Center on [December 12](#) at 7 PM, illustrates how Basques helped settle the American West, the sheep the herders tended to, and the dogs with a Basque connection. An Idaho man, Jay Sisler of Emmett, then made the Australian Shepherd dogs famous with his rodeo acts. Andrea Scott is proud of being raised by a Basque woman in Shoshone, Idaho. Scott is an Idaho native, and former news reporter and public relations specialist. She now concentrates on special projects to help inform and educate those who are interested in a wide range of topics. Currently she is working on a book that takes place in the American West. This presentation is free and open to all. There will be light refreshments following the presentation.

DONATIONS

Jordan & Kristin Chester

During the month of December

LEKU ONA

Will be serving a very special Menu
SAGARDOTEGI MENU

Mortzilla and Chorizo



Codfish Omelette

Txuleton (Rib-eye)

Roasted Peppers

Crispy Fries

Cheese Membrillo

Walnuts and Hazelnuts

**Served with Gaston's Country Bread
and plenty of Basque Cider**

MEMORIALS

Mary Lou Guerricabeitia

Dave & Jeannie Eiguren
Dave & Liz Hardesty
Diana Sabala
Diana Echeverria
Julian Lete
Louie & Jean Uranga

Sam Alacano

Jack & Belinda Cortabitarte
Diana Sabala

Josephine Barinaga

Phil & Linda Aldape
Dave & Jeannie Eiguren

John Stinson-Wilge

Julian Lete

Shirley Zinn

Dave & Jeannie Eiguren

Toni Berria

Gerri Achurra
Diana Echeverria
Charlene VanOstrand
Julian Lete
Dave & Jeannie Eiguren

Dorothy Carson

Julian Lete

Kenneth Mutch

Regina Aldecoa

Paul Schaffeld

Dave & Jeannie Eiguren

Penny Ysursa

Louie & Jean Uranga
Dave & Jeannie Eiguren

GOIAN BEGO

Josephine Mendazona
Barinaga
Toni Berria
Henry "Hank" Urza
Penny Ysursa

DECEMBER ZORIONAK


Steven Achabal, Gerri Achurra, Christina Adams, Jesus Alcelay, Christy Aldape, Daniel Aldecoa, Lou Aldecoa, Jr, Daniel Andrews, Pablo Aramburu, Ramon Arana, Darla Arana-Young, Theresa Araquistain, Karen Arguinchona, Matias Aseguinolaza, Mike Barriatua, Tracy Basterrechea, Conner Bawden, Amanda Bengoechea, Larry Benson, Eneko Bereziartua, Argia Beristain, Helen Berria, Joe Bianchini, Madalen Bieter, Angelee Bilbao, Carmen Bilbao, Fermin Bilbao, Megan Borkowski, Janice Boyd, JP Brady, Rebecca Brollier, Francie Brown, Lisa Byrd, Heather Carlson, Sharon Chacartegui, Jack Cortabitarte, Renee Coyle, McKenzie Crisp, Yvette Davis, Vic deBoer, Shane Dennis, Joseba DeSubijana, Holly Dominick-de Tassigny, Antton Eiguren, Itxaso Eiguren, Miren Eiguren, Martin Espil, Sharon Florence, Eusebio Gabiola, Susan Gamboa, Jude Gary, III, Richard Gavica, John H Goitia, Cheryl Goitiandia, Jackie Goodson, Adriana Groff, Jose Luis Guerricabeitia, James Haddock, Nikela Harris, Eric Jones, David Knox, Herb Krakau, Pat Landa, Vida Landa, Antonio Larrocea, Larry Lasuen, Esteban Lejardi, Steve Lejardi, Manu Lete, Michelle Lewis, Margaret Lezamiz, Julianne Lostra, Amanda Lundgren, Marie Luper, Bernice Madariaga, Mike Mansisor, Raquel Marino, Mike Marticorena, Susan Garro Meuleman, Bruce Miller, Tim Mitchell, Richard Murgoitio, Joan Noe, Bryan Powell, Dennis Schaffner, Jon Schodde, Chickie Schroeder, Dominic Shelden, Halle Smith, Doug Sumpter, Lisa Terry, Greg Thompson, Rosa Toticaguena, Tom Toticaguena, Donna Walker, Eric Welsh, Staci Welsh, Stan Welsh, Melissa Wolfe, Amaya Zabala, Begone Zabala, Stan Zatica

*Our Family
Serving Your Family*

CLOVERDALE
Funeral Home | Cemetery | Cremation

Gibson Chapel & Cloverdale Event Center
Serving Generations of Treasure Valley Catholics

Dave Salove
Managing Partner

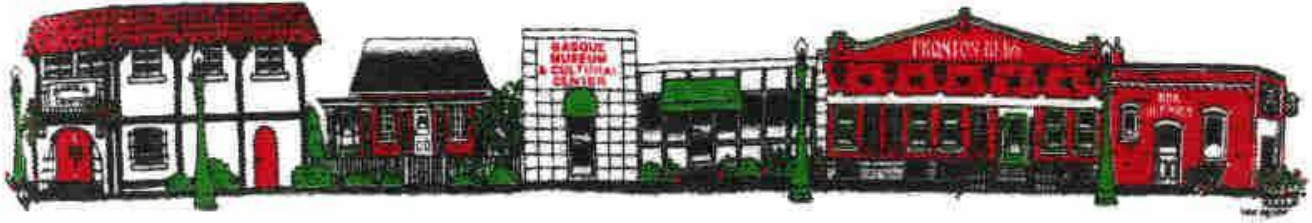




Tim T. Gibson
Consultant

(208)375-2212

www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com wecare@cloverdalefuneralhome.com



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Franzoia, President
Ed Orbea, Vice President
Jenny Aldape, Director
Isana Bengoetxea, Director
Mark Bieter, Director
Joseba Criswell, Director
Bernice Madariaga, Director
Joe Meuleman, Director
Travis Wright, Director
Ricardo Yanci, Director

BASQUE CENTER STAFF

Patty Gabica, Secretary and Treasurer
Julian Lete, Operations Manager
Albert Totorica, Rental Manager
Jesus Alcelay, Chef
Bartenders: Sean Aucutt, Tom Sipes,
Noah Storey

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.

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, December 9**, 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: Shepherders Ball