



GURE CLUB'EKO BERRIAK



January 2009

Club Website: www.utah-basque.com

Next Basque Club Meeting

Date: Friday, January 30, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Mary & Jean's home
449 Shamrock Drive
Murray, Utah



Topics: Report on the Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve Party. We will also be reviewing the plans for the dinner dance and have a report from the dancers.

Bring your favorite snack and plan to attend!

Elections Next Meeting!

It is hard to believe that 2 years has gone by since our last election. At our meeting in January, we will be electing new officers for our club. The position will be held for 2 years.

If you interested in volunteering for a position, please contact Marc Gaztambide at 801 264-9057.

Last Newsletter?

Did you remember to renew your membership at the Christmas Party? If not, your membership may be expired. This is the last newsletter you will receive from the club unless you renew your membership. To renew, please send your dues to:

Catherine Barajas
2323 Green Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84106.

The dues are \$20 for family and \$10 for everyone 21 and over (even if he or she is the living at home). Don't miss out on all of the club news and events. Renew your membership today!

Please Notify Monique Flesher

Monique Flesher has asked that she please be notified when something happens to any club member that needs acknowledgement of any kind. She would like to be notified of good and sad happenings.

Recently, she has not been notified about several happenings so the club was late in sending acknowledgements.

Please contact Monique via email at moniqueflesher@hotmail.com or phone (435) 654-6683.



Upcoming Events

January 30	Club Meeting
February 1	Super Bowl Sunday
February 1	National Freedom Day
February 2	Ground Hog Day
February 3	National Carrot Cake Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	President's Day
February 24	Fat Tuesday
March 8	Day Light Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter

Changed Your Address?

If you know of a member who has a new address, or if you know someone who might be interested in joining the club, please inform Catherine or Genifer.

We want to send a sample newsletter to anyone who is interested in our club. Contact information is below.

Catherine Barajas
cbarajas5@msn.com

Genifer Graff
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Mary Gaztambide Travels to Argentina

NABO President and Basque Club of Utah member Mary Gaztambide recently traveled to Argentina to meet with FEVA. FEVA is NABO's counterpart federation in Argentina. A picture of the group is below.



These two groups came together for the first time to initiate an effort to "build bridges" between the two federations. The hope is that they will be able to share resources to fulfill a common mission of promoting Basque heritage.

You may read more about the trip at the NABO website,

<http://www.nabasque.org/Pages/feva-collaboration.htm>

Odolki Jatea to be held in March

Our club's Odolki Jatea (blood sausage dinner) will be held in March. Watch your mail for a flyer with the information on the time and location. If anyone wants to help make the sausage, volunteers should contact Pantxo Aguerre.

Making the sausage is a lot of work and we need plenty of people to help. There is a great payoff at the end of the work as the sausages are delicious. Please contact Pantxo Aguerre if you want to help. See you at the dinner in March.

Club Hosts Euskara Instructors

NABO sponsored and Mary Gaztambide hosted a workshop for Euskara Instructors at her home on January 17. The instructors came from all over the US to learn about how to teach Euskara to their club members. There were 12 instructors including one from Euskadi, who was in charge of the program and taught the other instructors.

As part of the event, our club held a potluck dinner. The dinner was a lot of fun. The Euskara instructors thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to all who participated and made them feel welcome. The club would also like to thank Catherine Barajas for organizing the pot luck dinner. Thanks Catherine!

Thought and Prayers

Ellen Urquidi has asked club members to remember her mother-in-law, Cathy Urquidi, in their thoughts and prayers. Cathy is suffering from the devastating effects of a recurring cancer. She is such a remarkable lady, who has contributed so much of her life to the people of our local Basque community and to the Basque Club of Utah.

The support of cherished friends means so much and is truly appreciated at this difficult time.

NEWS!!

Congratulations to:

- **Lisa and Clark Fenton**, on the birth of their son, Cylus. He was born on December 10 and weighed 6 lbs. and 11 oz.

Special Thanks to:

- **Stephanie Argoita**, for chairing the Christmas Party.
- **Catherine Barajas**, for chairing the pot luck dinner for the Euskara Instructors.
- **Catherine Barajas**, for chairing the New Year's Eve Party.

Christmas Party was a Success!

Our club at their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6. The weather was cold but dry and attendance was great.

After the meal, the children began to hear the pitter patter of tiny reindeer feet on the roof as Santa made his annual appearance. He and Mrs. Claus were great and the children loved them.

This party is also the time when the club has its membership drive. Mil Esker (many thanks) to everyone who renewed or joined the club for 2009. If you need to renew your membership, please see page 1.

The party was chaired by Stephanie Argoitia. Even though Stephanie was not feeling well, she did a fantastic job with this party. Thanks to Stephanie and everyone else who helped. It was great time.

See pictures on page 4.

Club Hosts New Year's Eve Party

The Basque Club of Utah held it's annual New Year's Eve at the Lion's Club hall in Midvale. It was a lot of fun. We did not have as many people as usual but those who attended had a lot of fun.

The club would like to send a big thank you to Jean and Monique Flesher, Larry Osoro and Javier Guericabeitia for cooking an excellent meal. Thanks to Catherine Barajas for sending the flyer and chairing the event.

Letter to Catholic Basques

Many of you may know Aita Martxel Tillous from his work among the Basque-Catholic community here in the United States. As most of you might know, he will no longer be able attend NABO events because he is suffering from a terminal illness.

He has written a letter to his friends, updating them on his condition. You can see his letter at http://www.nabasque.org/Astero/tillous_letter.htm



Don't Forget our Website

Do you want the latest information about our club? Then you should visit our club website. The URL for the site is www.utah-basque.com.

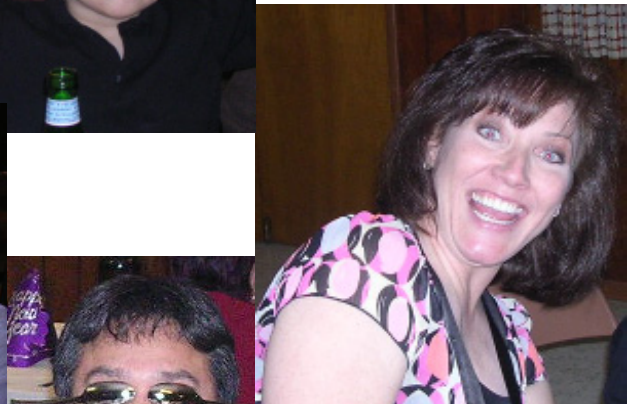
The site is managed by our club webmaster, Larry Osoro. Larry frequently updates the site so you should check the site often for news, events and club activities.

The officers of the Basque Club of Utah would like to personally thank Larry for his efforts on this website. Thanks, Larry.

Christmas Party 2008



New Year's Eve Party 2008



**DINNER DANCE DATE CHANGED TO APRIL 18, 2009!
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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Address Correction Requested