



GURE CLUB'EKO BERRIAK



March 2008

Next Basque Club Meeting

Date: Friday, March 28, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm

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

Topics: Report on the Dinner Dance and the upcoming plans for the Living Traditions Festival. We will also get an update on the dancers and mus.

Bring your favorite snack and plan to attend!



Upcoming Events

March 28	Basque Club Meeting
April 1	April Fools Day
April 15	Tax Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Take your Daughter or Son to Work Day
April 25	Arbor Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 11	Mother's Day
May 17	Armed Forces Day
May 26	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day

NABO President Visits CA

Long time club member, Mary Gaztambide, who is president of NABO, was in San Francisco on February 15 and 16. She attended a reception held at the Basque Cultural Center honoring Basque President Juan Jose Ibarretxe.

President Ibarretxe was in California because he was invited to speak at Stanford University. The speech drew some protests but the protesters did not interrupt the presentation.

Mary also visited John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor of California in Sacramento.

Cooking Class

The Basque Club of Utah Cooking class will be March 29th. The class will be hosted by Ariella Barrutia and the Netelbeeks. For more information on this class, please contact Larry Osoro.

Odolki Dinner

The seventh annual Odolki Jatea (Blood Sausage Dinner) was held March 8th. It was a great time and the food was fantastic.

Many thanks to Pantxo and Nancy Aguerre, who hosted the sausage making event at their home. We would also like to thank everyone who helped prepare the sausages. It was a lot of work and everyone truly appreciates your efforts.

Many thanks also to Pantxo Aguerre, Jean Flesher, Scott Berriochoa, Javier Guerricabeitia and Larry Osoro, who actually cooked the sausages.

View photos at the club's website, www.utah-basque.com

Utah'ko Triskalariak Update

The Utah'ko Triskalariak dancers performed at the dinner dance. They looked wonderful and their performance was the highlight of the dinner dance.

Cirbie Lee, our dance leader, would like anyone interested in dancing to contact her for practice information.

If you have questions about the dancers, contact Cirbie at basquetrack@yahoo.com.

Little Dancers

Monique Flesher and Lisa Carricaburu are looking for all young people in our club to join the little dancers. They would like as many small children to participate as possible. Please call Monique Flesher for more details, 801-680-6697. The little dancers will begin practice soon.

Many thanks to Monique Flesher, Lisa Carricaburu and all of the parents who helped their children do so well at dancing.



Club has New Website

Our club webmaster, Larry Osoro, recently announced that the Basque Club of Utah has a new website. The URL for the site is

www.utah-basque.com

Larry has updated the site to make it easier to use. It also has more content.

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

Thank You

Udaleku Dates Announced

Udaleku, the Basque culture camp, will be held in Buffalo, WY on June 15 through June 27. This program is for children ages 10 through 15.



Udaleku participants will have the opportunity to learn Pelota, Pala, Basque Dancing, Txistu, Mus, Euskera and Basque Singing. Instructors will be coming from around the United States, and possibly, Euskadi.

Participants must arrange their own transportation to and from Buffalo, WY.

In less than two weeks participants will learn about all aspects of Basque culture. It is also a great way to form lasting friendships throughout our Basque community in the United States.

More information and the enrollment application is available at the NABO website, www.nabasque.org.



Gaztealdi

The annual Gaztealdi Workshop will be held in Boise, Idaho on July 22-25. Gaztealdi (Basque for "time of youth") aims to complement NABO's current "Udaleku" program. Gaztealdi is for youth ages 16 through 20.

Gaztealdi is about "teaching" rather than just "learning about Basques" because the ambitious objective is to facilitate the creation of more people who would be willing and able to then go out and teach others more about the Basques.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Mary Gaztambide.

NEWS!!

Get Well to:

- **Cathy Urquidi**, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Special Thanks to:

- **Jo Michelle Cendagorta** , for designing the scarves for the dinner dance.
- **Raphael and Christine Larrinaga**, owners of Logo Jazz, for creating and printing the design for the scarves used at the dinner dance.

Congratulations to:

- **Joe and Elvira Totorica**, who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.
- **Jean Flesher**, for winning second place in the Gardnerville Mus Tournament. His partner was Maurice Negueloua from San Francisco, CA.
- **Sean and Michelle Archibeque**, who are expecting a baby boy.

Condolences to:

- **Susan Archibeque**, on the passing of her aunt.



Notice: If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college, and would like this news to be included in the May newsletter, please send the graduation information to Genifer Graff at ggraff@us.ibm.com. Thank you.

Shooting from the Lip Book

Would you like a copy of the book “Shooting from the Lip: Bertsolariak Ipar Amerikan Improvised Basque-Verse Singing?” If so, please contact Mary Gaztambide.

The club is providing this book for free to all members.

Pocket Songbooks for Sale

Our club also has Basque Pocket Songbooks for sale. The books are available for \$1 each. They contain the most popular Basque songs that are usually sung at Basque functions. The club used the books at the Odolki dinner and everyone was singing. It was a lot of fun! Contact Mary Gaztambide if you would like to purchase a songbook.



Volunteers Needed!

The annual Salt Lake Living Traditions Festival will take place on May 16-18. The festival attracts over 35,000 visitors who enjoy two stages of continuous music and dance, craft demos and sales.

The Basque Club of Utah will be selling Basque food, to raise money for our club activities, over the three day period. Many volunteers will be needed to make this a success. Please make sure to mark your calendars so that you remember to volunteer to work in the booth.

The event chair has not been determined, but will be shortly. Please answer an enthusiastic “YES” when you are called to participate in the Living Traditions Festival.

In addition to the booth, our dancers, Utah’ko Triskalariak, will be performing on Sunday, May 18.

Utah Ballet Group Arrives in Eibar to Study Basque Dancing

A group of ballet students from the University of Utah is currently in Eibar, Gipuzkoa to learn Basque dancing. The group is called the Character Dance Ensemble. It is a group of dedicated ballet majors from the Department of Ballet, who are also completing a specialized emphasis in the art of character dance. Character dance is stylized folk or ethnic dance for the ballet stage. Managing this group is Professor Richard Wacko.

The trip was organized with the aid of the group, Kezka Dantza Taldea and the website www.dantzan.com. This website is a main reference point for communication and information of the world of Basque dance and culture.

The 17 dance students arrived in Eibar on March 14 (Spring Break for the University of Utah.) This ensemble travels to diverse countries learning the folk dances of each country or region. Looking for Basque dancing, they connected with the group Kezka Dantza Taldea of Eibar and to dancer Oier Araolaza, a member of Kezka.

“The first thing that we want to ask them is why have they chosen to learn Basque dancing and why they wanted to come here, when in Utah there are groups of Basque dancers, like Utah Triskalariak,” affirms Oier Araolaza. “They know nothing of Basque dancing, but just like they have done in Beijing, London, Vancouver and St. Petersburg, this group’s training will permit them to assimilate and learn more about Basque dancing.”

During the ten day trip that the students are in Euskadi, they will receive a crash course on Basque dancing at the arts center. The training will be centered on the dances of Zuberoa and Gipuzkoa.

The classes will be the duty of the professors of the association, Ikerfolk: Iñaki Arregi, Jexux Larrea, Fernando Aristizabal, Jokin Otamendi and Garikoitz Otamendi. In addition, anthropologist and folklore expert J. A. Urbeltz will also deliver a class.

The course will be completed with some breaks to see exhibitions of live dancing. The group will travel to Arrokiaga, Aloze and Atharratze, in Zuberoa, to see the Maskarada. Later, the groups Kezka of Eibar and Haritz of Elgoibar will perform an exhibition of dances of Gipuzkoa and Bizkaia.

Notice: If anyone left a blue sweatjacket at the Odolki dinner, please contact Catherine Barajas.

Dinner Dance a Success!

Our 25th annual dinner dance was held on February 9. That’s right! Twenty-five years!

We had a great turnout and the food was awesome. The club would like to thank everyone who assisted with this huge effort. We could not have had such a successful dinner without the servers, cooks, bar tenders and everyone else who really made this event special.

The executive committee would like to extend a special thanks to Jo-Michelle Cendagorta who designed the special scarves worn around everyone’s neck. We would also like to thank Logo Jazz (owned by club members Raphael and Christine Larrinaga) who created and printed the design. Many thanks!

We will find out how much money was raised at the club meeting on March 28. Again, thanks to everyone who assisted with this fundraiser.

Dinner Dance 2008



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