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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NMEE Members and Friends,

2010 promises to be a wonderful year, we have the calendar's word on it. Although 2009 was a seemingly quiet year, we continued to have a list of activities that turned out to be quite extensive. This year we are back on track and full of activity.

The Tapas, our flagship activity, is scheduled for Saturday June 19 at the Elks Lodge; be sure to put it on your calendar and let your friends know. But, tickets are limited, so get yours quick.

As we continue building NMEE, we will focus on education and increasing our visibility. If you have any ideas, I'd love to hear them. We already have some wonderful ideas, but the possibilities are endless. Let us work together to create and continue to build on what we have already put together along with many opportunities to learn more about Basque culture that will present themselves throughout the year.

There is a long list of activities, which I won't mention here, including a trip to Boise, Idaho for the Jaialdi in July, but we will keep you informed as we go. I do hope to see you at the potlucks and each of the other events - remember, everyone is always welcome to the board meetings, and of course the Tapas Fundraiser.

I would like to thank Mat and Charo for hosting our holiday potluck; Christmas was all the brighter because of their generosity! And also to all others who hosted in 2009. There will be more opportunities to host - let us know when you are available and we will have a potluck so you won't have to drive that afternoon.

I look forward to 2010 and beyond. My biggest hope is to see each of you at as many of the events as possible; without you the club is but a name on the wall. You are who made this a club for me to be a part of, let's grow together.

Roger Martínez y Mondragón
2010 NMEE President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Potluck in Santa Fe
Sunday, February 28
5-8pm
See page 2 for more

Cooking Class
Saturday, March 13
Details to come soon!
Contact: Lisa 505.670.9474
or Karen 505.470.7210

Board Meeting
Friday, March 19
For more info, contact Lisa
at lisa@buber.net or
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Potluck in Albuquerque
Saturday, May 1
More information to come

Tapas Fundraiser
Saturday, June 19
Save the Date!

Jaialdi in Boise, ID
July 29 - Aug 1
See page 4 for more

Picnic
Saturday, August 21
More information to come

Additional event information
on www.buber.net/NMEE

ZORIONAK NMEE

It has been a long process, but New Mexico Euskal Etxea is finally being recognized as an official club by the Basque Government! NMEE is being recognized with four other clubs worldwide: Tokyo, Berlin, Pau, and a new one in Buenos Aires. While the process isn't 100% complete, as the Tokyo club is still working on finalizing documents, NMEE's part is done and we are just waiting for official word. Thanks to all who helped with this process!



Now that we are officially recognized, we will join the North American Basque Organization (NABO, <http://nabasque.org/>). NABO is an umbrella group for all of the clubs in the United States and Canada that works to promote the Basque culture in ways that the individual clubs can't. For example, they sponsor a summer camp at which children can learn Basque song, music, language, and dance. They also hold the national Mus tournament (don't know what Mus is? Ask Lou at our next gathering!) which sends the national champions to the world championships. These are just a few examples of how being part of NABO will enhance our ability to promote the Basque culture and people.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You will receive a membership application in the mail in a couple of weeks. Please complete the necessary information and send in your dues as soon as possible!

Benefits of Membership

- Advance purchase of tickets to our popular Tapas & Wine Fundraiser.
- Member discounts to many club events.
- One free advertisement in the newsletter.
- The knowledge that you are helping to educate many New Mexicans about their Basque heritage!

If you choose not to be a 2010 member, but still wish to receive information from NMEE, note that you must still respond by "opting in" to the mailing list. There will be more information on the membership application.



FEBRUARY POTLUCK

Sunday, February 28, 2010
5 - 8 pm

Bring a favorite dish or
try your hand at a new Basque recipe!

At the home of Paul and Sherry Morrison
4313 Lone Raven Lane
Santa Fe
505-474-3254



BUBER-TIK

By Blas Pedro Uberuaga

The Boise Basque Museum has been working on a project that highlights the Basques' contributions to the United States. Entitled "Hidden in Plain Sight: the Basques" (<http://www.basqueexhibit.com/>), the exhibit will be featured at the Ellis Island National Monument Museum in New York from February to May. It will return to Boise for Jaialdi and become a feature exhibit at the Basque Museum. From the website: the exhibit "explores the language, customs, traditions and values of the Basque people as well as the allure that America held for them. Hidden in Plain Sight will recount the compelling historical journey of the Basque men, women and children who immigrated in the early 20th Century from the Basque regions of France and Spain to the United States."

FROM THE EDITORS


Dear NMEE Members,

We are excited to be working together on the 2010 newsletter, and we hope you will get involved. Would you like to write an article or quarterly column? Would you like to host a potluck or arrange logistics for a lecture, slide show, language lesson, movie night, mus game... Please contact us with your ideas!

Also, we would like to post your accomplishments and special events in the newsletter for the Basque community to see. Have you written a book, completed school, or traveled to the Basque Country? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the great news (and pictures) along!

Kind regards,

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BASQUES IN HISTORY

By Samuel S. Ulibarri



By 1567 the Spaniards in Peru were growing restless as more and more waves of newcomers from Iberia were moving in. Many of these were captivated by the Incan stories of a great "South Land" further west over the ocean. Eager for praise and not wanting to pass up an excellent opportunity for the Spanish monarchy, the Viceroy of Peru was not immune to this restlessness, nor to the curiosity raised by the Incan stories.

After consulting with his advisors, cartographers and peers, the Viceroy gave in to the curiosity and appointed his nephew, Álavaro de Mendaña, as the captain of two ships and charged him with the exploration of the southwestern ocean. He was also to locate the great South Land, which the cartographers had named La Tierra de Australia in honor of Spain's king being made Archduke of Austria. Despite his lack of experience, Álavaro was very enthusiastic and the expedition set sail in November of 1567.

January of 1569 found the expedition returned to Peru and unsuccessful at locating the South Land. They had however established contact with the islands and inhabitants of what are now called the Solomon Islands. Álavaro de Mendaña was again at the helm of his ship in 1595 and was charged with not only locating the South Land but establishing a settlement there as well. Unfortunately, the Basque mariner died of malaria while on this, his second voyage, and his expedition was again a failure. Years after his death, Álavaro's wife, Isabel Barreto, was honored by the monarchy for her husband's discovery of the Solomon Islands.

*For any questions, please contact
Samuel at basqueflavor@hotmail.com*

NABO EVENTS

Feb-May: Ellis Island Exhibit

Feb. 20: Utah Basque Club Dinner Dance

Mar. 13: San Francisco Basque Club 50th Anniversary–Bertso Jaialdia

April 4: Aberri Eguna in New York City

June 12-13: Winnemucca Basque festival w/ NABO Mus Finals

NABO Udaleku: June 21-July 2 in Reno, NV (NABO's oldest endeavor and one of our most profound & productive, a two week summer camp allowing Basque kids from all over to learn more about being Basque. "Udaleku" means summer camp.)

July 2-4: Elko, NV festival

July 28 - Aug 1 in Boise, ID: NABO Convention + Jaialdi 2010 + NABO Pilota Championship

See more at:

http://nabasque.org/Pages/nabo_news.htm



JAIALDI

July 28 - August 1, 2010
Boise, Idaho

Jaialdi (meaning "big festival") was first celebrated in 1987 as a one-time event to celebrate the old and new, local and international aspects of Basque culture. Held at the historic former Idaho State Penitentiary (now a state park), Jaialdi '87 attracted 30,000 enthusiastic visitors. The festivities included a parade, symposium, Mass, street dance, sports exhibitions, cultural performances, souvenir booths, and food and drink.

In 1990, the governor of Idaho requested that the Basque community hold another Jaialdi as part of the state's 100th anniversary celebrations. The 1990 Jaialdi took the same format, but with a few minor changes and improvements. The 1990 festival was so successful that the current every-five-years format was established. Jaialdi is always held during the last weekend of July, which coincides with the Boise Basque community's celebration saint, San Inazio de Loyola.

The goal of Jaialdi is to celebrate Basque culture through dance, song, music, education, food and more. Jaialdi is an easy word to remember and say: It describes a week of gathering and taking part in a memorable time.

See www.jaialdi.com for more information.



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PHOTO - A friend of the Project & his granddaughter with typical regional costumes of Isaba-Roncal.

Our friends of the Pro Isaba & New Mexico – Isaba project sent the program for the “First Meeting of the Isaba Emigrant,” to be held in July:

July 10 - Mass, identification of and visit to the houses of the emigrants, food, popular events in the pelota court, opening of the permanent exhibit in the museum about the Izaba Diaspora and meeting on the state of the project

July 11 - Delivery of the project dossier to the City Council, handing over of the Izaban certificates of Honor, Institutional Meal and choir concerts, and chamber orchestra concerts.

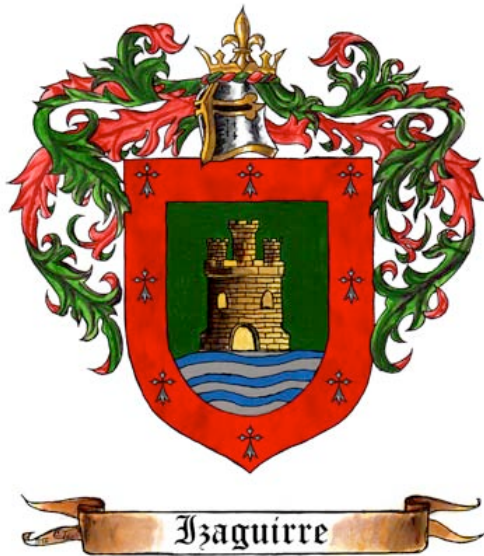
July 12 - Tour through the valleys of Roncal and the border with France (Hermitage, Roman bridge, dolmens, etc.), picnic and closing.

These dates are ideally suited for beginning with San Fermin (Pamplona), 6th July, arriving in Isaba on the 9th, and on the 13th going to the Tribute of the Three Cows (ceremonial peace between Navarre and France in the sixteenth-century).

This plan also nicely accommodates attending the “Jaialdi International Basque Festival” in Boise (Idaho) on July 29.

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Surname:

Izaguirre originates from the Basque (Euskera) word *agir* which means “open, exposed, evident or clear” and also “the high ground,” and the suffix word *aize* which means “wind.” Hence Aiz(E)guir and its variant spellings refer to “a high-ground place exposed to the wind.”

The earliest lineage of this surname begins at Umietia, located in the Province of Guipuzcoa, where the family is recorded among the founders of Guipuzcoa as Eizaguirre.

Heraldic Symbolism:

The green shield symbolized hope, joy and loyalty in love. The gold tower indicated the bearer was granted this charge after holding or capturing a fortress by force or stratagem; it also symbolized great wealth and solidity. The blue and silver waves represented the nature of the sea, the extension of one’s dominion, and obedience to the sovereign. The red border was a symbol of honor granted by the king of Spain as a sign of his acknowledgment and favor to those strongest of warriors who returned victorious from battle but were *ensangretado* (blood-spattered) with the blood of their enemy. It was also used to differentiate between family members who bore the same arms, (i.e. a son may have been granted a *border* to add to his father’s arms). The eight silver ermines symbolized dignity, purity, integrity, obedience in faith, and the quality of being worthy of esteem and respect.

GASTRONOMY

Lisa Van De Graaff

The holidays are always a culinary treat, but this year my mother-in-law’s creativity and talent gave my taste buds a new reason to celebrate when I tasted her homemade membrillo. She grows the quince herself, which undoubtedly enhances the flavor, but we novices can do what we can with her recipe...

Would you like to taste membrillo? Join us at the February Potluck, and I will bring some!

Membrillo
by Monica Uberuaga

2 parts quince, cored and diced

1 part sugar

1 part water

Spices to taste (cardamom, allspice, cinnamon, & nutmeg are good choices)

Cook in saucepan over moderate heat until quince is soft and red.

Run quince mixture through a colander, and then put in a glass bowl. Microwave on high for 20 minutes, stopping to stir at 5-minute intervals.

Place in container or mold and let it set until jelled. May be frozen.

Serve with cheese. (Manchego is traditional, but any firm cheese will do.)

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the hours are short."**

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