

Zazpiak Bat

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President's Message

JOE ROSEVEAR

I hope this message finds all of our members well as we move into the spring season.

During the last two months, we have been very busy with club activities. Our monthly board meetings have been very well attended, and I truly appreciate the time and effort every board member contributes, as well as the great ideas and spirited discussion.

In January, many members joined us at the annual Installation Dinner at the Santa Fe, and the "torch was passed" to the new board. I personally enjoyed visiting with many people and appreciated the well wishes as my term as president begins.

In February, many of our club members attended the NABO Convention and 30th Anniversary Celebration of the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center. The event was wonderful, and we were treated to performances, music, dancing, handball tournaments, and terrific meals. The Cultural Center is a beautiful place and does a remarkable

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March 3, 2012, Mus Tournament, Santa Fe Restaurant, Reno, Nevada. Top, left to right: Mus champions, Ignacio Sarratea, Anastasio Sarratea, Joe Rosevear (president). Bottom, left to right: semi-finalists, Luis Ciganda, Domingo Mezquiriz, Joe Rosevear. Photos by Joxe Mallea-Olaetxe (director).

job of helping to preserve and celebrate our heritage.

On March 3, approximately 40 players participated in the annual Mus Tournament at the Santa Fe Restaurant in Reno, Nevada. We implemented some changes, and as always, I welcome feedback so we can continue to improve and enlarge the tournament. Thank you to the several volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event went smoothly and congratulations to our winners.

The dancers continue to practice each week and the group is really growing and improving under the direction of Mary Lou and Jennifer. The group plans to dance at several events this year, including other club festivals and picnics—another positive for the Reno club.

We are now planning the Spring Potluck. To avoid large fee increases charged for the Sparks Recreation building, this event will be held at the California Building located in Idlewild Park. Please see more information in this newsletter, and we hope to see you there.

Basque News

— KNPR reported in February 2012 that the Nevada Historical Society in Reno is displaying Aspen Tree Art by Basque Shepherders. This exhibit runs until April 7, 2012.

— In the March 2012, volume 90 issue of *American Society for Human Genetics*, it was reported that eleven Basque and non-Basque researchers collaborated on the findings on why the Basques are “The Indians of Europe.” This confirms the map of Europe that Joxe Mallea-Olaetxe published in his book *The Basques of Reno and the Northeastern Sierra* (2009). Mallea-Olaetxe has been saying for twenty years now that the Basques are the Indians of Europe. Scientists have found that people from the Frano-Cantabrian region, (Euskal Herria is at the center of it) colonized western and central Europe from 8,000 to 4,000 YBP, that is, before the Indo-Europeans arrived [leaving] behind their Basque DNA.

British scientists already published that the Basques colonized Ireland and the British Islands around 12,000-13,000 YBP, and that is why male Scots and [male] Basques share the same DNA. However, female Scots and female

Basques do not share the same DNA.

— Euskalkultura.com reported that on March 3, 2012, representatives of the governments of Euskadi, Nafarroa, and Akitania/Aquitaine met in Brussels to make a presentation in the European Parliament in favor of the Basque language and of the programs and activities being carried out for its advancement. It was a joint mission for the first time ever before the European Union. Euskadi representative, Lourdes Auzmendi, called it “a huge step forward (that) demonstrates the ever closer working relationship” between the three governments.

— Soccer has always been big in Europe, but in Euskadi it has a different resonance because this year the Basque teams are doing very well. Osasuna of Nafarroa beat Barcelona—perhaps the best team in the world—3-1, and Athletic Bilbao eliminated the premier English team Manchester United by beating it in Manchester (2-3) and in Bilbo (2-1) for a combined score of 5-3. This would not be an unheard-of performance if it was not by the fact that Manchester United players are recruited from all over the world, all the best they can afford, while Bilbao recruits only Basques. Athletic Bilbao is the only team with an all-home-grown talent. Other Basque teams like Osasuna and Real Sociedad of Gipuzkoa have Basques and non-Basque players.



Installation Dinner. Left to right: Jesus Goni (bertsolari), Amaya Brana, Juan Brana (US champion aizkolari). Photo by Joxe Mallea-Olaetxe (director).

2012 Calendar of Events

April

April 22 (Sun.): Aberri Eguna New York City
Basque Club; Miami Basque Club
April 28 (Sat.): NABO Mus Finals (Chino)

May

May 5 (Sat.): Fresno festival
May 19 (Sat.): Los Banos festival
May 20 (Sun.): Reno Membership Potluck
at the California Bldg., Idlewild Park
May 26-27: Bakersfield festival

June

June 2 (Sat.): Ventura County festival
June 3 (Sun.): San Francisco Basque
Club festival
June 9-10: Winnemucca festival
June 24 (Sun.): Txoko Ona (Homedale); Utah
Basque Club festival

July

TBA: Beti Gazte (Youth) Picnic
July 6-8 (Sun.): Elko festival, and NABO Pilota
Championship and Convention
July 8 (Sun.): So. Cal Basque Club (Chino)
festival
July 15 (Sun.): Gooding festival
July 15-17: Udaleku (Boise)
July 21: Reno festival at Wingfield Park
July 21-22: Buffalo (Wyo.) festival
July 27-29: Boise festival

August

Aug. 11 (Sat.): Gardnerville festival + Kantari
Eguna; Mountain Home festival; Seattle Euskal
Etxea picnic
Aug. 18 (Sat.): Colorado Euskal Etxea; Battle
Mountain festival
Aug. 19 (Sun.): Rock Springs festival;
Aug. 26 (Sun.): San Francisco BCC annual Euskal
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September

Sept. 1-2 (Sun.): Chino festival
Sept. 9 (Sun.): Marin-Sonoma festival
Sept. 15 (Sat.): Montreal club festival

October

Oct. 6 (Sat.) NABO Meeting at Mountain Home
Oct. 7 (Sun.): Las Vegas
Oct. 13 (Sat.): Rocklin festival and Kantari
Eguna
Oct. 14 (Sun.): Santa Rosa fall festival

November

Nov. 3 (Sat.): Basque Educational Organization
Nov. 10 (Sat.): Reno Membership San Martin
Dinner
TBA: Cenarrusa Foundation dinner event

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— Matthew Cox (E-mail: liberty.bound@yahoo.com) has an 1800s style sheep wagon for sale. It was restored by a friend his father's about 5 years ago. Matthew reports that the wagon has been under a covered structure in northwestern Montana for those 5 years and is now located just outside of Salt Lake City, Utah. The restoration includes a new box, frame, hardtop, cabinets, and wood stove. The running gear needs some work and the tongue is opposite what it should be. If anyone has an interest in what he feels is a very nice wagon, all things considered, please contact him.

— In March 2012, *Euskal Kazeta* reported that new plaques are being manufactured for the Basque Shepherder Monument located at San Rafael Park in Reno, Nevada. These plaques were stolen back in January 2011. No arrests have been made.

Editorial Note

In this newsletter, please find the scholarship application that is due May 7, 2012.



Installation dinner. Left to right: Sara Vélez Mallea, Kate Camino (outgoing president), and Margo Wilson (NABO Rep., Treasurer, Membership Chair). Photo by Joxe Mallea-Olaetxe (director).

Board of Directors

The board meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the Santa Fe Restaurant, Reno, Nevada.

However, the April meeting will be held on the first Tuesday, April 3. Please note that the board is exploring a public location for future meetings. All are welcome.

President: Joe Rosevear (2012–2013)

Vice President: Javier Narvarte (2012–2013)

Secretary: Lauri Narvarte (2012–2013)

Treasurer: Margurite Wilson (2012)

NABO Rep: Paul Etxeberri (2012)

NABO Rep: Margurite Wilson (2012–2013)

Board Members:

Christine Aramini (2012)

Joxe Mallea-Olaetxe (2012)

Jennifer Etcheberry (2012-13)

Lorenzo Trimble (2012-13)

Paul Iñaki Etxeberri (2012)

Paul Woodin (2012–13)

Tori King (2012)

Jack Yturiaga (2012)

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Membership: Margurite Wilson

NABO Calendar/Cookbook Sales: MaryLou Urrutia

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Membership Notices

May 20, 2012, Potluck, California Building in Idlewild Park, SW Reno, near Riverside and Booth Streets. The membership potluck relies on your contributions. If you don't know what dish to bring, we suggest the following: if your last name begins with the letters: A–D, desserts; E–I, vegetable dishes; J–R, bean or other side dishes; and S–Z, pasta or rice dishes. If you have a favorite dish, bring that. There is a \$10-meal fee for guests of members, but no fee for members of a family with a family membership.

Membership. Dues are \$20/individual and \$30/family, and membership renewal was due in January. Make your check payable to Zazpiak Bat Reno Basque club, fill out and use the envelope mailed to you with the January newsletter, or mail your check to the attention of Membership at the club's P.O. Box address. You must be a current member to receive the secretary's and treasurer's reports and to attend membership meetings. Your newsletter address label indicates your membership status.