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MUS TXAPELDUNAK

MUS CHAMPIONS

The 4 King Mus Tournament was held on Feb. 19th. Thank you to Teresa Larrocea for taking charge of the meals and to all those who helped with the food preparation and serving.

Congratulations to the 1st place team of Tony Larrocea and Juan Egana and to the 2nd place team of John Krakau and Sean Aucutt. They will represent Txoko Ona at the National Mus Tournament in Gardnerville, NV on June 17th.

GEROKO EKITALDIAK

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES SUMMER BRISCA

June 11th; July 23rd; Aug. 27th

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Come learn to play Brisca! Ladies 14 years and older are welcome. This is a free event for Txoko Ona members. A Brisca Tournament is being organized for all members in the Fall. The date will be announced in the next newsletter and on Facebook. Stay tuned!

Basque Festival Dance Clinic

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

6:30PM 8:00PM

Basque festival season is here! Learn the most popular festival dances and feel confident dancing with friends and family all summer long. Adults, kids 5 and older, Basques, Basque-at-heart, all are welcome.

SAN JUAN EGUNA FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 24, 2023

2:00PM: Mus Tournament

5:00PM: Gates Open

6:00PM: Herribatza Dantzariak
and Txantxangorriak

7:30PM: Games

Live music to follow games by:

Rochelle and The James Gang

Sunset: Bonfire and
San Juan Zortziko

Please consider volunteering for a shift. Children accompanied, by a parent, are welcome to work in the food sales booth. Go to: txokoona.org; select *Learn More* and scroll down to *Volunteer*

What is San Juan Eguna?

Basques became Christianized around the 8th century by most estimates. In an earlier time, the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, must have seemed magical and it spawned a wide assortment of rituals throughout Europe. In the case of the Basques, we are not certain what those pre-Christian rituals were, but what has survived is their rough form with a new Christian context. Thus, what we now know as San Juan Eguna, the day of St. John the Baptist, seems likely to have been adaptations of earlier rituals marking a day when it seemed as if the sun stood still in the sky.

The arrival of San Juan Eguna is marked by parties, festivals,

neighborhood rituals and of course bonfires. There are many places in the Basque Country that celebrate this holiday in big ways or it can be as simple as a group of neighbors joining together to build a bonfire. In Tolosa, an ash tree is cut down and placed in the town square and each house is also decorated with branches. In addition, herbs are gathered on the morning of San Juan and kept throughout the year. Legend has it that the ashes cure skin diseases and that one should jump the fire a minimum of three times to have a good year.

There are many variations on the theme of the summer solstice though now the meanings have been trans-formed. Not too many today make this a day to pick mid-summer plants for their perceived miraculous healing powers, nor lighting bonfires to fend off evil spirits. For some it still marks a special day on their religious calendar. For others, the rituals of San Juan Eguna still serve as a way of bringing the community together.

*Online sources: www.hiru.com;
wikipedia.org; diarivasco.com*

OINKARI BASQUE DANCERS

We will miss the Oinkari Basque Dancers at our festival this year because they will be travelling to the Basque Country. On June 24th they will actually be in the town of Tolosa celebrating San Juan Eguna with the local dancers and people of that beautiful town. We look forward to their stories and advice on how to add to our own celebration next year. Safe travels.

OMENALDIAK MEMORIALS

Thank you to the following for sending memorials in honor of their family and friends:

In memory of Albert Erquiaga
Inez & Inez Heldt

In memory of LaVila Johnstone
Inez & Inez Heldt

In memory of Phylis Sayers
Inez & Inez Heldt

In memory of Dolores Birmingham
Tony & Teresa Larrocea

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Tony & Teresa Larrocea
Inaki & Celeste Lete
John & Gloria Lejardi

In memory of Fred Kelly
Doug & Mary Jo Larzelier

In memory of Bill Kouns
Dan & LeAnda Uranga

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2023

EGUTEGIA / CALENDAR

06/24/23 San Juan Eguna
07/04/23 Demolition Derby
Chorizo Booth
08/09/23 Owyhee County Fair
08/12/23 Chorizo Booth
11/11/23 Fall Dinner
12/03/23 Christmas Party

2024

EGUTEGIA / CALENDAR

01/28/24 Annual Meeting
02/18/24 Mus Tournament
06/22/24 San Juan Eguna
07/04/24 Demolition Derby
Chorizo Booth
08/07/24 Owyhee County Fair
08/10/24 Chorizo Booth
11/09/24 Fall Dinner
12/08/24 Christmas Party