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Well here we are in a brand new year 2018. Happy New Year everyone. Let's fill 2018 full of great music and fun as Old Time Fiddlers and make it a great year for friends and family everywhere.

As for our group here in Eastern Idaho, we had a rather lean December schedule, which allowed a little more time at home with family. Monty and Teresa spent some time on a cruise (lucky them, right), and a number of the gang has headed south for the winter. Nonetheless, we did enjoy the Christmas season that included a couple extra plays along with our regular monthly stops.

Thanks to everyone who showed up for our year end social on the 30th. We had a great meal together, played music and made plans for the New Year including a service project we would like to get started.

We are in the process of designing a web page where folks can make monetary contributions that we would use to purchase and distribute clothing and other goods to those in need in the community. Winter time is a very difficult time for many less fortunate folks who may be hungry or cold and we want to set up a year round way to

participate in helping those in need in some small way. Details on the web site and how we can all help are forthcoming. Our efforts will not be to distract from the many good agencies and groups doing these sort of things but to add our effort to helping as best we can to meet important community needs.

It's on to 2018, and another new year with lots of anticipation for much success and happiness for all; and, I have made a resolutions for the new year that I know I will be able to keep: "No more dieting." I'm going to make that one happen for sure.

Thanks for a great 2017 everyone and Happy 2018.

Reporting from District 8

Dave Smith

District 5 (DECEMBER
& JANUARY)

Hello Fiddlers:

I hope this newsletter
finds everyone in good
health and back

Playing your fiddles
and learning new songs
for the year 2018.

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The Christmas party was held again at the Golden Corral in Boise, Idaho. The West group of District 5 presented the Christmas program, which was lead out by our chairman, Jerry Van Buren and his wife Judy Van Buren. The program consisted of group singing carols and playing a game called Name That Tune. We had three winners of the game and prizes were awarded to the winners. Toni Thornton presented us with a solo called Blue Christmas. It was wonderful to see her perform with us again. I believe everyone enjoyed the evening of good food and conversation and entertainment!!!! Our attendance was down a little bit this year, due to a busy time of year and etc. Our group looked very stunning all dressed in Red.

District 5's last meeting was held on January 4th, 2018. The Van Buren's made a special meal consisting of Beef Roast, with all the trimmings, including gravy. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and a good HARTY THANKYOU goes out to the Van Burens for doing an excellent job and volunteering their services for this occasion. There were 30 present for the meeting and not many visitors. Our district 5 discussed getting new music stands for the performers' that could be adjusted using one hand. A motion was made for this and passed. Also, another item discussed was being courteous to one another while playing and also by letting the sound people do their job sitting the equipment up before the plays by staying away until it is finished to set up your own stands and instruments. We all to do be courteous and work together to make it easier for everyone to get set up before a performance, or even a meeting or a jam...

It was great to see Dottie Jullian playing the piano again. Welcome back and we are happy to see your smile at the piano and tickling those keys!!!!

Betty Gull has a new member joining their group. Her name is Dena Grenicko (Wendell Hall's daughter). She plays the guitar and sings with her dad. We are happy to have you join the OTOF.

Betty Gulls group would like to remind any of the group that the practice for the IOTF, is still being held at the Maple Grove Grange Hall in Boise at 1 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call Betty at this phone number. 208 887-2113.

I didn't have any other news to report from the night group led by Bonnie Longstreth. The places to play and times haven't changed.

The West group has had two new members this year, their names are Rob Terrell and Jim Wilmot. Rob plays fiddle and sings, and Jim plays the stand-up bass. We are happy to have you both join the IOTF.

Jack Moon presented us with some tips for bowing for the fiddlers. I hope we all took a listen and try to do some of the following things to have better sound. Be sure to use your rosin before playing, angle your bow a bit, and add a little pressure to the strings. These things should help if you are having a scratching sound with your fiddle. Also, if the above things don't help you might have to have your bow restrung. Thanks Jack for those tips.

I guess this sums up the letter for January. I hope I didn't leave anything or anyone out. If any of you have things you would like to have put in the letter each month, please feel free to call me. Linda Lyle 208 830 1278.

Perhaps this 2018 we could learn a new song and memorize it and present it to our group. It's a thought!!!!!!

Hope all of you are staying well and are sticking with your New Year's resolutions!!!!

Below are a few tips for simple matters for living.

Don't argue, just get organized

Be kind to unkind people too.

Let someone cut ahead of you in line.

Be humble

Be on time, don't make excuses and waste other peoples time.

Listen more, talk less

Stop blaming others

Love one another

Your reporter

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