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## **District 5**

Hello Fellow Fiddlers

It is that time of year again to be putting an important event on your calendars.... Hoots!!! You have guessed it!!! The event will take place the first weekend in May, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and we would like to have a great turnout for District 5. Lots of great musicians, lots of jamming, lots of laughter, lots of fun new music to hear and learn.

This last month, in January at the monthly meeting in Eagle, we celebrated Buck Lee's (played fiddle) 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The district 5 presented him with a plaque, celebrating his 21 years playing with the IOTF. His family were there to help us all celebrate!!! We also had another birthday to celebrate and this was Al Wilson's 87<sup>th</sup>. Fun times celebrating and lots of yummy cake was eaten!!

Loren Turnipseed passed away on Jan 27, 2018. He played guitar and was a lifetime member in the fiddlers. He will be missed by all. He was a member of the East group.

The West group announced two new members. Rob and his wife Linda Terrell. Rob plays the fiddle and sings and his wife Linda is a great supporter of our plays. We are glad to have them in our group.

Our chairman, Jerry Van Buren, announced that the district five did purchase two new stands. They are easy to pull up or down with one hand and are easier to pack around. We will all appreciate having these, so lets all do our part to take good care of them.

I want to announce the Lowman campout again. This will be taking place on July 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If anyone is interested please call Ron Moore (208 890 0482) for more information or our chairman, Jerry Van Buren. (208 546 8232).

We all know that elections will be taking place again this year, so

hopefully all of you will think about being in one of the positions to help keeping our club going in full force. We all love the fun times, but, we have to help with other duties, as well. Please, everyone think about what you can do to help!!!

Danille Collins has volunteered to bring the chicken for our monthly meeting in March. A big THANKS goes out to you!!!

Our Chairman, Jerry Van Buren gave some excellent tips on using our mics. It is soooo important to know when to move away or get up closer to the mic while we are performing. Sometimes the backup music needs to be played softer. Lets all try to experiment with these ideas to make us all sound better to our audience, after all, they like to hear a GOOD sound. This is all the news I could come up with this month of February, so if I have misspelled a name or missed some information that anyone knows about, please feel free to contact me and I will surely get it in the next newsletter. (208 830 1278)

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

District 8

It's hard to believe, but we finally had what you could call a good snowstorm here in Eastern Idaho this past week. We were beginning to think the tulips would be up early with the warm, dry, windy weather we have had over the past month. Not so, a good storm blew in over the weekend and the old shovels and snow blowers got a work out.

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Our Old Time Fiddle schedule in February was a little light and we had a week vacation during the middle of the month. We were able, however, to visit all of your usual plays during the month and still enjoy a little free time.

Not much else to report this month. We anticipate some of our snowbirds will be thinking about returning home before long and we always look forward to seeing them again. In the meantime we'll keep playing tunes and bring smiles wherever we can.

Have a great March everyone.

Dave Smith

Reporting for District 8