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October District 6 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Well it has definitely been a raining cold autumn so far. Luckily that has not dampened our spirits for playing music. We have been playing at all our nursing homes and having a great time of it. I think it is great how we get to know the residents in these homes. They are friends that we see on a regular basis and get to know their likes and dislikes. One of the likes we get to know is a favorite tune or type of music they enjoy most. It is a wonderful feeling for me that I know what will bring a smile to a certain person. I also sing special songs for certain residence and that makes them feel special. Sometimes we are the only ones who show them that they are special, and they just can't wait 'til we come again. It is sad when we notice a resident is not in the audience, sometimes we find out that they are too ill to come out or that they have passed on. Whatever we find out we feel bad, and later I will say a prayer for them. They become a part of lives and we can't help but be affected by them, good and bad.

We continue to have our monthly jams at Idaho Pizza. We had a lovely young lady join us last time, Mary has been teaching her to play the fiddle. She is doing really well but, unfortunately she was on her way to college out of state so, we won't be seeing her a regular basis. It is great to see the younger generation so interested in these old tunes and carrying on the traditional music.

Shoshone put on a Cowboy Poetry Gathering for a weekend and had an open mike time. Gary, Mary, and Margie went up to put some time in and entertain the audience. Mary went back on Sunday alone

and found a backup guitar player in the crowd, she said he didn't know all her songs but did a pretty good job anyway. Good for you Mary so brave to go on your own. I wish I had'nt been out of town this, sounded like this was a great time. Maybe they will make an annual event out of this. Hope all is well with everyone. Keep a smile on your face and your heart will be smiling too.  
District 6 Reporter Chris Leazer

Howdy From District 8 October 4th, 2013

Whoa! The weather has turned. I'm thinking about heading south. Coats, hats and gloves are coming out. That doesn't mean our plays have cooled down any. We played at Fairwinds Senior Center last month. It was not on their regular scheduled play date, but a great audience showed up and they were ready to have some fun- and we did! Guitar picker Darryl Lopez joined us by adding breaks on "Whiskey before Breakfast" and "Red Wing".

All that went up to Island Park for the Fiddler's Jam had a ball. The Harris' were excellent hosts; the food was great (and abundant), the weather held (mostly) and the ATV side trips to the top of Sawtelle Peak and Big Springs. A mother moose and her calf came out to greet us. Take home hits were Darryl's rendition of Charlie Pride's "I'm So Afraid Of Losing You Again" and "Wilson's Clog".

While we were playing at Val Crow's 55th high school reunion, I saw this gal I remembered from school. I slipped up behind her and put my hands on her shoulders. She turned around, took one look at me and squalled like a panther. It wasn't who I thought so I said, "Sorry, but you look like Helen Brown". She caught her breath and replied, "You ought to see me in my blue dress." This month schedule has a great big hole in it because our leader and our guitar player are off to Rome. Teresa's day job is as a coordinator for the local foreign exchange program. One of the benefits of the job is to get to travel to foreign places. So, bon voyage to Teresa and Monty. Tell the Pope we said 'Hello', and learn an Italian fiddle tune. My wife came in the bathroom the other day as I was weighing myself. She said, "It doesn't do no good to hold in our stomach like that."

I said, "It does if you want to

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see them numbers!”

If the current government shutdown is effecting you- or just plain irritating you, here’s my thoughts; hopefully both sides will get together, put the needs of American people first and foremost and begin to act like the extremely well paid agents of the American people they were elected to represent.

Diapers and politicians should be changed often both for the same reason.

So, until we meet again, "May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door.”

Adios, Dave Schjeldahl