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A note from the president

Another year is approaching its end and is now part of good times and memories and in some cases trials and tribulations. As we look forward to a new year and all of the promise that it brings, I look forward to getting to know each of you better and learning your hopes and aspirations for the IOTFA.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jerry for the long tenure that he served as the president. A decade of service to the IOFTA with all of the challenges that he faced is very commendable. I would encourage each of us in our own way to express our thanks to Jerry and Marian.

As we all know the ranks of the IOTFA have been steadily shrinking, mostly due to members aging and some passing to the great beyond where I'm sure music is still part of their existence. We all have fond memories of the joy they brought to all of us by sharing their talent.

As we look forward to the future and where we want to go with the IOTFA we have some choices and possibly some adjustments to make if we are going to maintain or grow the organization. I have a few ideas that we can discuss at the next meeting of the board. In preparation for that meeting I would encourage all of the board members to discuss ideas with your members and come prepared to bring positive ideas for discussion.

The service provided to our communities which for the most part goes unnoticed, brings much joy to residents of care facilities that we visit. One of my greatest joys is to see the faces light up and watch people sing along with some of the music they listened to in their day if only for a few moments.

Thanks for all of the good work that you are doing. Keep it up and hope to see you fiddling around. As the holiday season is upon us I hope all of you have a great season and that your days are merry and bright.

Monty Mortensen
President IOTFA

12/03/2012
District 6

Hi Everyone,

Well the holiday season is upon us and it is time to dust the cobwebs off those Christmas songs. We had a practice session at Mary's house last Saturday and went over the regular list of songs for Christmas. We actually played pretty good and the tunes sounded great. We then added a few new ones to the list, which us vocalists are wanting to sing. I think we are ready for the coming season and the merriment we bring to those we play for. We will be playing for one Christmas party, outside of our monthly plays, this holiday season.

We have planned to have our own Christmas party at a local Mexican restaurant. It should be a fun time with good food and great company. So I guess it will be Feliz Navidad for us this year.

A few of us will be heading south, looking for warmer weather. So with part of the group gone, we have to cancel our monthly plays until March. That doesn't stop us from playing music though, Mary has us over on occasion and we jam. It is a good time to go over those songs we have questions on. We can play them twenty times until it is right. Also it is a good time to resurrect some tunes we have not played for awhile.

So until our group gets back together there won't be much to report on.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

District 6 reporter

Chris Leazer

Howdy From District 8
December 10th, 2012

From Teresa- "May the sweet magic of the Christmas season conspire to gladden your heart and fulfill every desire".

As you might guess we are busy trying to remember all those Christmas season songs that we knew so well just eleven months ago. The older I get the better my memory was! Anyway we're enjoying playing and our audiences are sure smiling as they sing along. We had a couple of special plays this month, not

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the least of which was at Teresa and Monty's open house. It was a celebration of their recent marriage as well as an initiation of their beautiful log home. Good friends and good jamming. Gary & Mary Lee Huntington, from Buhl, made the drive over as well as Kathy Trenkle, Margie Collins, from Twin Falls.

We'll be playing at the Idaho Falls Senior Citizen's Center luncheon on December 14th for their annual Holiday party. It's always a fun play. This crowd dances to our music and that makes it very special for us.

I'm so glad to have the election over with once more. It's too bad more politician's don't have that special blood type most fiddler's have. You know, "Be Positive". And I can't resist one more jab, but it is seasonal.

"Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus got into an elevator at a posh hotel. Just before the elevator stopped at their floor they all noticed a five-dollar bill on the floor. Which one picked it up? Santa, of course! The other two don't exist."

A great big Happy Birthday to Harold Sorensen, Charlie Lahm and Monty Mortensen, who are turning another year wiser this month.

The Fiddler's and families will be celebrating with a Christmas party on Dec. 27th at Teresa and Monty's house. Any fiddlers in the area are welcome. Food and Jammin'! What could be better.

My wife and I will be leaving for the 'land of the warm' soon, but not before we say, as the song says, "Have a holly, jolly Christmas this year". We'll be back when it warms up a bunch.

Dave