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## Greetings from the president

Hope all is going well with our fiddling family. We are closing in on another year of fun and music with all of us striving to learn a little more and play a little better. My Goal is still to get around to as many districts as possible within the next year and help in any way I can. There are many fiddlers in the State that I have not met yet and look forward to meeting as many as I can. I always enjoy seeing people display their talents and contribute to the IOTFA at the campouts and the semi-annual meetings we now hold at HOOTS.

Several of the fiddlers attended the fiddle contests at Weiser this year and helped with the entertainment. Our help was greatly appreciated by the folks at Weiser as they expressed their thanks for our contributions.

The IOTFA will be hosting a contest this year in southeast Idaho. District 8 chairman Teresa Mortensen is taking the lead and I'm sure she would appreciate anyone who would like to participate and help with the event. More information will be forthcoming as she finalizes the exact location, it will most likely be held in Iona Idaho.

Please encourage and invite others to come and play with your groups and make them feel welcome. We are working on a little higher visibility and attracting new

people into the IOTFA, especially our younger players.

If you have suggestions for the organization please don't hesitate to contact any of the IOTFA leadership.

Hope all is well and that you have a happy and warm holiday season.

Fremont G. Mortensen  
President IOTFA

District 12 Newsletter – November 2013.

Well—what can I say—Forgot to do my job last month so have two months to relay. We did have our play for the Frazee birthday party on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> with Ralph's family and friends on a lovely day. We were on a deck high on the bar hill overlooking town and our beautiful mountains and river. It felt like serenading the

valley below.

Our play at the Lemhi Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> was patriotic and gospel music. Our group took turns with individuals who had also been invited. It turned out to be an ecumenical event for the tiny Methodist Church. Musicians and audience were impressed. Jerry Eastman also invited us to his home at Tendoy for a jam and finger food on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Enjoyed visiting with his neighbors and friends who were there also. Ed Jenkins gave us a report on the State Meeting at Hoots in October. Our members attending that were Katie and Tom Bonn, Ed and Liz

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Jenkins and Rosalie Hawley. They had a good time playing with their friends from throughout Idaho. We had our regular plays in October including one where Ed Jenkins' sons came to listen and we enjoyed their comments during the evening. We enjoyed our last play of Oct. on Halloween. At 6:00 p.m. that evening, on Main St., a surprise visit from three headless horsewomen was witnessed by some trick or treaters, business people, shoppers and drivers. It was a traffic stopper and I missed it by one hour. The girls had black capes with white necklines for peepholes and each held a pumpkin head, riding side by side. It made it in the Idaho Falls Post Register and I imagine I will see it again today in our weekly Recorder Herald.

November came so quickly that it is proof that time flies as you get older! Speaking of getting older, Susan Stout turns ?? on Nov. 6th and Susan Harris will be ?? on the 30th. On to Discovery Care Centre the 7<sup>th</sup> and The Meadows on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Regular plays Thurs. evenings at Imperial Apts. Rec. Room all month.

Kay Smith, Dist. 12 (Salmon)

Howdy From District 8  
November 3rd, 2013

Well, It's happened. We knew it would, and it's finally here! Daylight savings time has ended, the leaves are off the trees (mostly), and the forecast is telling of snow. Summers over! But the cooling of the weather hasn't cooled the warm receptions we get when we go to play. We've had good audiences at all of our regular plays as well as a couple of special plays, most recently at one of the Roberts, ID Wards for their Fall Harvest dinner. The highlight for me was the Prime Rib dinner they shared with us before we played. Yum-um!

Teresa reported some of the news from the recent OTF meeting at Hoots. Specifically, that we would be hosting a fiddle contest next spring. Details will be coming as they materialize, but start planning now for your entries. On a side note- Thanks to Hoots for hosting the fall OTF meetings all these years, but Dang! It's a long ways up there from anywhere. It's hard to get there, hard to stay there and harder to get home after a weekend of fun and fiddling.

My wife was sipping her wine the other day as we sat on the porch. I heard her say, "I love you so much. I don't know how I could ever live without you"... So I asked her, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She replied, "It's me talking to the wine."

Hats off to our Calendar Keeper, Harold Sorenson. He used to be our A1 rhythm guitar man but has taken up the Dobro and he's really coming along with it. He played a beautiful break on "Maiden's Prayer" recently that added a lot to our

overall sound.

My rant of this month is that we are playing at the annual Festival of Trees, Christmas fund raiser- on November 19th! Christmas before Thanksgiving!!! I don't think so!!! I come by this rant naturally. I got it from my Mother. Any body that started singing Christmas Carol before Thanksgiving would be in big trouble with her. We're brushing up on "Over the River and Through the Woods," to try to keep some perspective.

Four surgeons were discussing their favorite patients to operate on. The first surgeon says, "I like to operate on electricians, because when you open them up everything is color coded."

The second surgeon says, "I prefer to operate on accountants, because when you open them up everything is numbered."

The third surgeon says, "I think librarians are the easiest to operate on because everything inside them is in alphabetic order."

The fourth surgeon says, "I've got you all beat. I like to operate on politicians best. They are by far the easiest because they have no guts, no heart, no spine and their head and behind are interchangeable."

Thanksgiving Wishes to you.

May your stuffing be tasty,

May your turkey be plump.

May your potatoes 'n gravy

Have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious?

May your pies take the prize,

May your Thanks giving dinner

Stay off of your thighs.

Adios, Dave Schjeldahl