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District 2

Fran Caward awarded Elray Woerman award at State Convention in Moscow

I want to extend our thanks to Skip and Carol Frink and all the troops in Moscow for a great job hosting the State Convention. Attending from our District were Joyce Hazelbaker, Bob and Marian Wikoff, John and Mary Purdy, Francis and Netta Ellsworth, Fran Caward, Gary and Patty Solberg.

A note to all from Marian Wikoff, who wants to express her thanks for supporting her in another term as state treasurer.

At the convention, Fran Caward was awarded the Elray Woerman award. I for one feel that this award was greatly deserved. Her devotion to fiddling and her untiring service to the IOTFA over the years have unselfishly served and supported our organization and its leadership. Even yet she continues to cre-

ate and nurture new fiddlers.

Coming up for us at the end of the month is the State meeting and jam at Hoots, October 28 & 29. (I would not be surprised to see some action by Thursday!)

A District get-together to play music is planned for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, November 25 at the Grangeville Senior Center. I encourage all our District players and members to join us there, so that we can get lots of fiddle playing done. I also want us to take the time to help newer fiddle players and accompanists to learn tunes and the chords to the fiddle tunes that our older members play, so that we can pass on the fiddle tradition and not totally lose it.

—GMS

District 1A

E.C.F. residents enjoy the good food-tapping music at barn dance

Five of our District kept the engagement we had to play for the Barn Dance the Extended Care Facility asked us to play for after we had mailed in our September news. We only had a small space to play, but Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard found room enough and played the hour we were asked to play. It was fun to watch the residents keep time with their feet as they ate their dinner.

We had a great turnout for our first fall jam, held at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch with over 80 in attendance. Thirteen musicians were as follows: Don and Audrey Spalding, Lee Jackson, Ruth Hoglan, Mickey Jacobson, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman,

Brad Smith, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Eleanor Erickson, Joann Erickson and Doris Howard. We really missed Janet Sapp, who was in Ireland, Zane and James Sapp who are attending the University of Idaho in Moscow, Danielle Schoonover, at a college in Boise, Issac Schoonover and his Mom Janice and Dad Roly, who were at a horse show, the Opps and Richards were missed, I don't know why they weren't there, but you were all missed. Our bass player Art Burnett wasn't there because he is very ill and we remembered him in prayer for a quick recovery. Bob Nelson we also missed you.

Playing for E.C.F. this month were Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens,



Happy Halloween

Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

Attending the yearly convention, which was held in Moscow this year, were Doris and Lester Howard and Ruth Hoglan. We did vote a dues raise of \$15 for adults, \$25 for each family and life members (if they want the Idaho Fiddler newsletter) \$10. It was also voted to split District 6 in half. District 6A, the north part of 6 and District 6B the south part of 6. Hope things work out. If it doesn't, we will have to figure out something else.

Our member, Lorna Lounsbury, who spends part of her time in Alaska, called and said she hoped to be back in Sandpoint soon. She also said she had been keeping busy fiddling up there and has been teaching several students to play.

I, Doris Howard have been teaching one little girl and have been asked if I will teach another eight year old and maybe her mom also. The last two need to purchase fiddles first.

This is more than enough this time, so in closing may I remind you that "The best thing about growing old is that it takes such a long time."

See you at Hoots the end of October.

—Doris Howard



Oct. 28-29 – State meeting and jam at Hoots.

