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District 6

Foot tapping young listener squirms out of his shoe

January came and went by quickly with our members braving the ice and cold to provide entertainment for the area care facility residents. Their days get pretty long and boring so they seem to especially look forward to our music. It does our hearts good to see them singing along with their favorites.

Our group has also been brushing up on some tunes that we haven't played for a while along with tunes with a "love theme" for February which has been fun. We are pleased to have Chris Leazer join us again with her guitar.

We miss our snowbirds and hope they are having fun making music along with getting a nice tan down South. We look forward to their returning with new tunes they have

picked up from those they met this winter.

Last evening we held our monthly jam session at the Idaho Pizza in Twin Falls. A nice crowd of both familiar and new folks attended. We noticed all age groups tapping their feet and one little guy in a booster chair squirmed right out of his shoe. Kids in general seem to like the more lively tunes and we hope that will influence them to pester their parents to buy them a fiddle. If our organization is to exist in the future, we must keep pursuing the talent in the younger generations.

Until next time, stay warm, safe and tuned up.

—Mary Baldwin

District 9

Long-time member honored

Ernie Bunch receives personal invitation to Presidential Inauguration for military service

With winter off and on, we continue to make our play dates with varying sized groups.

Jan. 6 was our first gig of the year at Bishop Place in Pullman. Several braved the strong wind that night to help entertain.

Good Sam in Moscow on the 8th must have been a busy time as we had just a few players but an enthusiastic audience.

Monday the 12th was the day that we made three locations, Avalon Care in Pullman, and then the Senior lunch in Pullman and on over to Moscow to play for the Gritman Adult center.

The 15th we entertained at Clark House in Moscow to an audience that wanted more and more tunes. It is always good when the crowd asks for more.

The last week of the month was busy as usual with Aspen Care in Moscow on the 27th then down to Kendrick Seniors the 28th where we had the pleasure of being joined

by Maxine Larson on the piano and accordion.

The following day we played at the Moscow Senior meal site. Most of these daytime gigs have been played with a small number of musicians, so if anyone in our group or any visitors can come and help out it would be appreciated

One of our long time members, Ernie Bunch was honored with a personal invitation to the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. Ernie was selected for his military honors of which include two Bronze stars and as he said "more than he can remember." However, with the timing, the weather, and a visit with his doctor, he decided that he would not make the trip although he did watch it on TV and wished that he was there. Congratulations Ernie!

Lou Stevens has been missing our play dates again and she is scheduled for back surgery on Feb. 11. So by the time you read this, we hope that all is well and Lou can come back and join us as we move into more spring-like weather.

Daphne Silha has been spending the winter in Kentucky with her daughter. When we talked to her last week, they were in the middle of that horrible ice storm and without electricity or heat. She said they had on all the clothes that they owned to stay warm. We will be glad to see her return when the days are warmer.

—Gary Bloomfield



May 28, 29, 30 - District 8 Fiddle Show, Idaho Falls, Idaho. More info coming.