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## ***District 12***

“Howdy Fiddlers:”

From those of us from District 12.

Some of our group has gone south for the winter. Tom and Katie left home on January 3rd. They are fiddling around and having lots of fun. Squeak also went down there for a week and she had plenty of fun, too. She was able to play with the Bonns at Salome and also visit her mother, Nancy, at Brenda. Katie won a couple of fiddle prizes at Yuma, I need to find out if she took more. After all these years, Dianne has sold her flower shop. She has traded all the headaches of the business for a pay check; as she is now working for the new owners. She seems very happy about it. Congratulations Dianne! January was very calm for us. We just played at Discovery Care, then our regular Thursday night jams. In February our

schedule is as follows: Feb. 2nd we play at Discovery at 7 PM and at the Imperial Apartments at 8 PM. On February 9th we will be playing at the MEADOWS, a new nursing home at the same location as the old Casabello. This is just a trial run but we may add it on our schedule. On Saturday, February 11th, we will play at the Chocolate Tasting at the Elks Hall, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. February 16th we will be at the Imperial Rec. Hall again at 7 PM. On February 23rd we will be at the Imperial again at 7 PM. Also, we are planning a cabin fever party on March 3rd at 2 PM. Our weather has been so nice, so far, that we really haven't gotten “cabin fever” yet. But it's a good reason to play music. Anyone that would like to come and take advantage of this good weather and make a road trip, we would be happy to have you come and join us-----anytime.

## ***District 9***

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**All Has Been Calm, All Has Been Bright!**

Happy New Year to all! Greetings from the Palouse. Hope all your holidays and happenings including those where fiddling was on the agenda, were the best and that the New Year will find a lot of opportunities to enjoy music together. I am laughing because I just read my last report and I noted that the temperature outside was 40 degrees and that was in early October. Today is January 3rd and the temperature outside at 6:00 pm is --- you guessed it, 40 degrees. This is unreal for January. But at any rate, we are enjoying the opportunities to play and not having to fight the snow to get there. We breezed through October with all the scheduled plays covered even though some members were still finishing up on miscellaneous vacation spots.

We always want to be sure we make the senior sites as the Residents do look forward to us coming.

November found us covering the usual sites, but we also played at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown which is an artisan site where a lot of entertainment is enjoyed. We were joined by the Jr. Jammers which is a youth group that Mabel Vogt, one of our fiddlers, has been teaching and working with for many years. The weather that night did turn out to be a very nasty snow storm which made it a bit difficult to venture through, but we had a good turn-out of players, at least, even though attendance for the event turned out to be very low from what was expected. The OTF members played some songs and then the Jr. Jammers did the same and then we combined forces and continued for several hours of enjoyment. The snow did finally quit and the roads were much better on the way home.

Then came festive December. At our practice/meeting date in November we started practice on the Christmas music and thought we were pretty ready, but our first play in December was a bit rough. We did get the kinks worked out and were ready to go for the next play. We had our yearly Christmas party potluck with ham, turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and a variety of salads and desserts. What a great meal

and the music was really festive. We enjoyed sharing music, singing and lots of smiles. Christmas can bring out the best when it comes to music.

Tonight is our usual play date at one of the senior sites in Pullman, but unfortunately, the residents are fighting a battle with flu and all activities were cancelled for the week. So we will look forward to seeing them next month. Do miss the Christmas music, but we can look forward to those favorite old time tunes again.

I didn't mention last newsletter that we did have election of officers for 2012 and the same officers are

still in place. They are Skip Frink as Chairman, Dave Bezdicek as Vice Chairman, Marge Nelson as Secretary, and Tom Schotzko as Treasurer. And we welcomed a new member, Scott Hallett, who plays the ukulele and has added an additional touch to the music.

So with that we again hope the coming year will be a great time of enjoyment and music playing. Best wishes from our district.

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## *District 5*

January weather tried to slow us down and we did have one snow day. Bonnie's Evening Players, however, never miss a beat each Monday, snow or ice. Never less than ten or twelve turn out to play. Jerry's Day Players sometimes number in the eighteen and twenty. We get at least one song each.

Patty has offered her home for a fiddle practice each month. She has about nine fiddlers trying out songs. Our general practice is at the Garden City Senior Center when close to eighteen or twenty offer songs to be played for the coming month. We also have a regular jam and meeting at the Eagle Senior Center when we entertain to a great audience. We encourage volunteers to come up and offer a song. Our great piano player offers 12th Street Rag and In The Mood. Shirley brings her big bass. A great foot-

stomping, clapping time is had by all.

The Day Players are never sure who is going to be there at plays. Some members are spending the winter getting parts replaced, getting fixups, treatments. There is a general plan to get it done now because Hoots is coming up in May.

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