

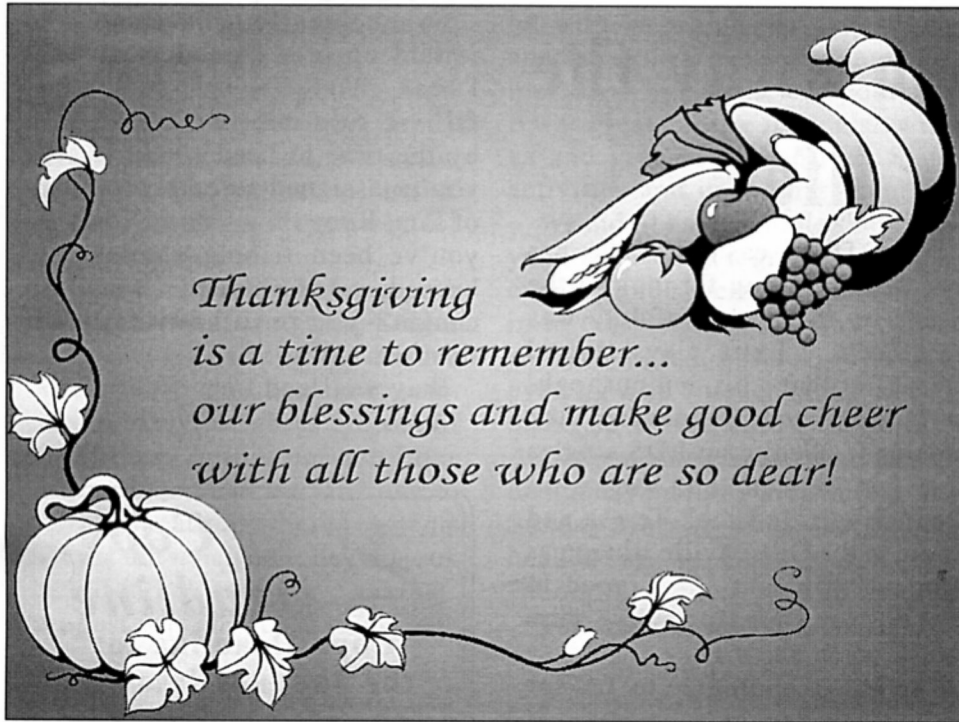


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in September with all current officers consenting to another term. Gary Huntington will continue as chairman, Margie Collins as co-chairman, Becky Bingman as secretary/treasurer and yours truly as reporter/historian.

Our monthly play at the Idaho Pizza in Twin Falls on the first Wednesday of each month seems to appeal to both the young and elderly. They can't keep their feet still, often dancing in the aisle, which all musicians do appreciate. We had one guest guitar player this month, Dean Ruhter from Twin Falls and we hope to see him again soon.

Until next time, keep that instrument tuned up and a smile on your face as you share your music with others.

-Mary Baldwin

District 6

Murals depicting Fiddling Sam and Fiddling Annie to be displayed

Our members had a busy June and July with extra plays for family reunions and community events besides our regular monthly assisted living plays. We have also added another small assisted living facility in Twin Falls, Sonoma House, for the fourth Thursday of each month to our play list.

George and Gail Philipp, have hosted a weekly jam session every Saturday this summer at their lovely home so we have enjoyed doing some extra practice and learning some new tunes.

Our District has hired a local

artist to paint two murals depicting the logos of our organization, Fiddling Sam and Fiddling Annie, and also our name to help advertise our music services and to give back to our community which has been so supportive throughout the years. One mural is on an inside wall at the airport terminal and the other is on the outside wall of the store in Hansen located on the road leading to the South Hills so if you are in this area, check them out. The paintings have both been started but not yet complete.

We held our annual elections



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Music helps wash away the dust of everyday life

Howdy All.

Yesterday was a particularly stressful day for this mostly laid back, retired, senior citizen. Then I got to go play a summer picnic/family party at The Garden Senior Living Center in Rigby. It was exactly what I needed. Looking out at those smiling faces and seeing lips mouth the words to the tunes we played made my day right – one more time. It was a bit chilly and breezy but warm on the fun meter. And then I came across this quote – and it fit.

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life” – Berthold Auerbach.

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The OTF in eastern Idaho has been busy. Getting through to the parade on the Fourth of July was most hectic. Extra plays slowed down after that a bit, but our regular Monday and Wednesday visit remained. We did an LDS singles party last weekend and were a bit stressed; cuz Ted took Teresa and Monte to the Gibsonville Bluegrass campout with him. It is good to have a strong leader and we miss Teresa when she's gone.

I've got to apologize to Ted for mislabeling his golf course. It is Cedar Park Golf and RV Park. Sorry Ted.

I missed the Leadore campout but heard all the stories. It sounded like too much fun. Well, more fun than I was having at my wife's 50th high school reunion. I guess the down side was that it was a little cold, and windy, oh and buggy. Maybe the stories were the best part.

We are missing Dick and Sonja Sanders. Sonja is recovering from knee reconstruction surgery and Dick is her nursemaid. We're all hoping it goes well and they are both back real soon.

We did hold our annual meeting this month and got down to electing officers. The good news is that Teresa Tomita is still our chairperson. Monte Mortensen is vice chair; Val Crow is the new treasurer. Barb Albert is secretary and, the bad news is I'm still the

reporter.

We owe a big thanks to Charlie Lahm, who has served many years as our treasurer. He's fighting some chronic pain and nerve issues that make playing his 5-string banjo not fun. No banjo jokes please.

I was wondering, why do you have to “put your two cents in”... but it's only a “penny for your thoughts”? Where's that extra penny going?

Sympathies to Tom Bonn who is laid up pretty good from what I hear. Word has it he took a bad fall. I sure hope he's healed up by the time to head south. Katie, you're assigned to take good care of him. Keep this in mind Tom. So you've been fishing all day, sun burned, out of beer and not one fish caught – you're still way better off than the worm.

Stay well and keep fiddlin'
Adios,

–David



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