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2014 IS IN FULL EFFECT!

I hope everyone is having a good holiday season. As many of you know there is not much to report this time of year. The director's meeting was held in November at the Crawford's home, and we discussed various subjects from fund raising to finding new contest venues. We have some encouraging leads for contests. Jason is working on trying to revive the Whitewright contest and Julie is checking into the possibility of a contest in Decatur. Also, I was recently contacted by the Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council about having a contest there. We also have heard from a woman in Winnsboro about starting a contest. I think it is very encouraging to have this many leads to pursue this time of year.

We also discussed a fundraiser/jam for this winter, a TOTFA t-shirt design, judging, MCs, bylaws, etc. One subject that was brought up was the way our members present themselves to the audience. We are putting on a show for people, and for the folks that put up the money for the contest and the directors, we feel like presentation is important. We can't tell you how to dress, but we ask that you wear what you might wear to Sunday dinner at your grandmother's house, rather than dressing for Sunday at the lake or an afternoon nap. Our older audience in particular likes to see a little more conservative dress, and their support is what funds our contests in a large degree.

E.J. Hopkins recently called me to report that long time member and supporter of fiddle music, Richard Puckett, has passed away. Richard was born August 30, 1943, and died December 10, 2013. He had served our country in the USMC and was retired from the Houston Police Department. Funeral services were held at Carnes Funeral Home in his home city of Texas City, Texas, on December 16, 2013. Richard was responsible for creating the official logo used by TOTFA, when formed back in 1973.

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That's a pretty cool legacy to leave behind. Our condolences to his family.

On a positive note, membership is up 30%! Hopefully, next month, we'll report the addition of some new contests. Speaking of new additions, congratulations to Clayton and Jordan!

Happy Holidays to All,



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\$30 Musician (A contest fiddler/accompanist)

\$30 Associate (Supporter, Sponsor, Etc.)

New Member

Renewal

Change of Address

COST-EFFECTIVE ASSOCIATION OPTIONS

We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only (1) issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.

Please save paper and postage by sending me "The Texas Fiddler" via full color instant email, rather than in black and white via the USPS.

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

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Keep in mind, you can also renew online at www.totfa.org

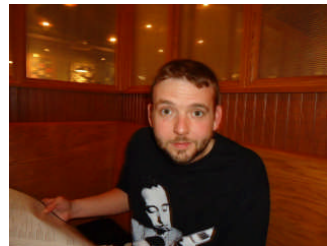
2013 Annual Convention ~ Membership Changes

★ All fiddler, out-of-state fiddler, and accompanist memberships will be combined to form one type of membership (Musician).

★ Associate members will now be the same cost as musician memberships.



Micah Wallace	January 01
Bobby Scruggs	January 03
John T. Hudson	January 11
Linda Zimmerman	January 12
Chris Marshall	January 14
Abby Morris	January 15
Reagan Newberry	January 16
Karissa Nugent	January 18
Jesse Mears	January 19
David Looper	January 21
Morgan Norris	January 26
Sheryl Sultenfuss	January 27
Steve Bing	January 29
Parker Curtis	January 29
Lewis Brandin	February 03
Matt Wills	February 04
Jennifer Nugent	February 06
Matt Wyatt	February 07
Annie Reinke	February 21
Hyatt Hopkins	February 25
Wade Stockton	February 25
Mary Stockton	February 26
Brad Riley	February 28



- ★ We are sad to report that a former member, Richard Puckett, passed away. Richard was a long time accompanist in the TOTFA, served in the armed forces (marine), and retired from the Houston Police Department. Services were held December 16, 2013, at Carnes Funeral Home in Texas City, TX. Many of the members may not realize, but Richard was responsible for creating the original TOTFA emblem that we still use today. Our condolences go out to his family.
- ★ We are sad to report the passing of Julie Amundson's father, Robert R. Torgrimson. He did not want a funeral, so instead, a gathering of friends with bbq, music, and laughter will be held June 28, 2014, at the Meeks Home at 23567 W. Hwy 53, Post Falls, ID 83854. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made via Facebook (Contact Julie Amundson for details).
- ★ We have 196 current members and are growing everyday. As you all know, at the convention we had only 150 current members.
- ★ Currently, the newsletter costs around \$100/month to print and send to the 90 members that receive the USPS version. Because of the amount of business we do, Staples has agreed to give us a 15% discount on all printing. Thanks Staples!
- ★ Because we are a 501(c) organization, PayPal has agreed to reduce our fees from 3.9% per transaction to 1.0% per transition. Thanks PayPal!
- ★ As some of you may know, the convention always takes the TOTFA bank account to near \$0. This year is a different story. As of November 10th, the balance was \$500. We are currently at \$2029.35. Let's keep it up!
- ★ Bart Baker's daughter, Jill, is coming home from Korea mid January for about two months. She was a members (fiddler) of the association when she was younger. She will be teaching English at a local private school.
- ★ Congratulations to Clayton & Jordan Bankston on their new addition, Leigh Ruth Bankston!

New & Renewing Members

November, December & January

Doc Blakely	London McCartney
Joann Beken	Star McMullen
Bill Cox	Joey McKenzie
Katie Crawford	Ben McPherson
Parker Curtis	Marty McPherson
Emmy Curtis	Jennifer Nugent
Haylee Davis	Christiana Nugent
Sarah Davis	Anthony Orosco
Nick Gillentine	Cooper Roberts
Cherri Fryer	Carter Roberts
Stuart Fryer	Stephen Schauer
David Harris	Isaac Stipp
Carl Hopkins	Sheryl Sultenfuss
Hyatt Hopkins	Calvin Taylor
Tonya Hopkins	Tara Turner
Aileen Horan	Myka Williams
Donnie Howe	Brent Young
Moriah Hughes	Linda Zimmerman
Jacob Johnson	Bob Zimmerman
Michelle Kuhlman	

MORE BIRTHDAY'S



HERE & THERE

12th Annual Colorado Fiddle Championships Denver, CO ~ January 11th – 12th

<u>Small Fry</u>	<u>Junior-Junior</u>	<u>Junior</u>
1st - \$250	1st - \$250	1st - \$300
2 nd - \$125	2 nd - \$125	2 nd - \$150
3 rd - \$75	3 rd - \$75	3 rd - \$75
4 th - \$50	4 th - \$50	4 th - \$50
5 th - \$25	5 th - \$25	5 th - \$50
<u>Young Adult</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Grand Senior</u>
1st - \$350	1st - \$350	1st - \$350
2 nd - \$175	2 nd - \$175	2 nd - \$175
3 rd - \$100	3 rd - \$100	3 rd - \$100
4 th - \$75	4 th - \$75	4 th - \$75
5 th - \$50	5 th - \$50	5 th - \$50
<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Youth Novice</u>	<u>Adult Novice</u>
1st - \$400	1st - \$75	1st - \$75
2 nd - \$300	2 nd - \$50	2 nd - \$50
3 rd - \$200	3 rd - \$25	3 rd - \$25
4 th - \$100		
5 th - \$75		
<u>Judges</u>	<u>State Championship</u>	<u>House Accompanists</u>
Laura Cash	1 st - \$1500	Joey McKenzie
Bubba Hopkins	2 nd - \$600	Anthony Mature
Sherry McKenzie	3 rd - \$400	
	4 th - \$300	
	5 th - \$200	

Registration at 8:00 A.M. January 11th

Contest Begins at 9:00 A.M. January 11th & 9:00 A.M. January 12th

More Info at: <http://www.coloradofiddlers.org/>



We already have five different people contacting us to help get fiddle contest started in their respective towns. We will have more information about these leads in our next newsletter. Just a reminder to the membership, keep suggesting that your hometowns entertain the idea of putting on contests. If we all work together, we can fill the year with many more contests than previously!