

Congratulations to Jason & Johnny Crisp

2014 Texas Fiddle Hall of Fame Inductees



We are happy to announce that the 2014 Hall of Inductees are Jason and Johnny Crisp. Congratulations from the TOTFA!

Looking forward to a great year of fiddling! Our first event will be held Saturday, March 15, 2014 in Alvarado, Texas. This will be our first fundraiser of the year. The event will be held at the home of Bart Baker and will begin at 3:00 P.M. We will have plate style BBQ, a silent auction, cakewalks, and plenty of jamming. Be sure and bring items for the silent auction!

Our first contents of the year will be in Llano, Texas, on April 5th, 2014. This is always a fantastic event with tons of support from the city of Llano and John Caballero. Hope to see everyone there!

The Texas State Championship Fiddler's Frolics will be held April 24th-27th, 2014, in Hallettsville Texas.

Contest details can be found at their website, www.fiddlersfrolics.com, and will also be published in next month's newsletter.



★ We are happy to announce that Dennis & Heidi Ludiker are expecting a new little fiddler July 2014! Congratulations Ludiker Family!

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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.



Haylee Davis	March 01
Donnie Howe	March 03
Pauline Guinn	March 05
Tara Turner	March 05
Hannah Leeds	March 07
Devon McCauley	March 12
Fred Gebhardt	March 13
Shannon Hunt	March 14
Elaine Enders	March 16
Heidi Ludiker	March 16
Jan Foster	March 21
Michael Spears	March 22
Royce Franklin	March 28



New & Renewing Members

February & March

Frank Hawkins	Melinda Stockton
Mary Stockton	Wade Stockton
Marshall Stockton	

TOTFA Meeting Minutes – 01/18/2014

★ Old Business

- T-Shirt Sales
 - Permission obtained to use silhouette design by Jackie Williams.
 - Need to have T-shirts printed and sold.
- TOTFA stamp has been purchased.
- Fundraiser tentative date March 15, 2014.
 - Cook & Sell Food
 - Potato Salad, beans, brisket, baked onions, cookies, and brownines.
 - Rent port-a-potty.
 - Decide pricing.

★ New Business

- Membership – Bubba has been and will continue to maintain.
- Marketing Packets – printouts and online.
 - Contest Options
 - 4 contest size (fund based)
 - Could be mailed to organizers of events, such as Ft. Worth Stock Show, etc.
 - Fact list about TOTFA
 - Define contest organizer responsibilities
 - DVD or links on YouTube, for marketing
- Contest Packets – Tools to share with parties interested
 - Letter of intent for the organizer, “soft contract”
 - Ask for deposit and cancellation schedule
 - TOTFA budget – worksheet for expenditure/income tracking
 - TOTFA prize schedule – worksheet to manage distribution of funds
 - Announcer guide
 - Order of events
 - Sponsor list
 - List of judges
 - Pronunciation for anmes
 - Sponsors, with perhaps sponsorship levels. Such as, gold, silver, and bronze
 - Membership forms
 - Checklists
 - Score sheets
 - Tax exemption donation forms 100% tax deductible
 - Contest Schedule
 - Volunteers

Meeting Minutes – cont..

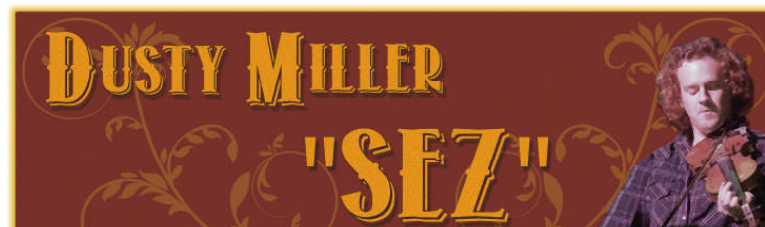
- Contests
 - One director responsible for each contest
 - Pay judges to book them in advance and have good judges. Judges perform.
 - Start contest with 30 minutes of entertainment. Stick to the schedule. Good MCs. Entertain during lunch to keep people from leaving and not coming back.
 - Provide post contest report. Pres. to review.
 - Record number of fiddlers, age ranges, audience size, length of event, etc. Use for marketing and promotion of future events. Must sell idea of contests to organizers.
 - President can make contact with organizer and thank them afterward
 - Setup reminder or that organizer for a later time and another contest.
 - Consider business cards with each director's name and phone number to promote TOTFA.
 - Consider TOTFA director name badges to ID directors
- Board Member responsibilities/titles
 - TOTFA Checkbook and finances
 - All directors title of director (Jordan – Treasurer)
 - Chase Signers (Bart, Jordan, John & Bubba)
 - TOTFA's 501 (c)(3) Status and federal tax reporting
 - File the annual report to keep our tax-exempt status. Form 802
- ★ Other Business
 - Reviewed potential contests
 - March 22, entertainment needed in Princeton. Bart would like to pay a few musicians to do this, and get paid to raise funds for TOTFA.
 - Music teachers and area. Provide this as a service to TOTFA members. TOTFA does not endorse any particular teacher. If you are a TOTFA member and would like to have your name added to this list, send your contact information to zirl.hopkins@gmail.com
 - Grants. We need someone to start working on grant money from the state of Texas. (John C.)
 - Texas folk life resources
 - Charter & official forms are needed to get these
 - Professional grant writers could be hired. Take 10% of grant.
 - Diversity is a factor
 - Texas Music Office, Texas Music grant Applicationg
 - Other fund raiser ideas
 - Tribute CD of present day champions and past & legendary champions
 - PA System for TOTFA for use at fundraisers and contests if needed. This might be a purchase goal for fundraiser.

HERE & THERE

Llano Fiddle Fest Llano, TX ~ April 4th-5th LanTex Theatre ~ Llano, TX

	<u>Anything Goes</u>	
	1st - \$150	16-64
	2nd - \$100	1st - \$700
<u>0-15</u>	3rd - \$75	2nd - \$500
Prizes & Gifts	4th - \$50	3rd - \$300
	5 th - \$25	4th - \$250
		5 th - \$200
		6 th - 10 th - \$150
<u>65+</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	11 th - 15 th - \$75
1st - \$200	1st - \$200	
2nd - \$90	2nd - \$125	
3rd - \$75	3rd - \$80	
4th - \$60	4th - \$50	

Anything Goes Contest – Friday at 6:00 P.M.
Saturday Registration is at 9:00 A.M. Contest begins at 10:00 A.M.



TOFTA Benefit & Fundraiser Alvarado, TX ~ March 15th Bart Baker's Home ~ 2017 N. County Road 810

Starting at 3:00 P.M.

\$10/plate
BBQ (Brisket & Sausage), Beans, Potato Salad & a drink

Assorted Desserts
Cake Walk
Silent Auction

In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled. Check the TOTFA website & Facebook page for updates.